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Every trace of Naxalism must be erased: HM Amit Shah

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that every trace of Naxalism must be erased. Affirming that the Modi government's determination to create a Naxal-free India has been realised, he stressed that it is now time to heal the wounds inflicted upon the nation by Naxalism and ensure that every victim can lead a life of dignity.

Just as Naxalism has been brought to an end, every remaining vestige of it must also be wiped out, he emphasised, adding that Bastar must once

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Delhi Park Closure Casts Shadow Over Tiranga March

CJP Calls for Tiranga March in Delhi Amid Restrictions, All India Students' Association (AISA), Students' Federation of India (SFI) and All India Students' Federation (AISF), were expected to join the protest.

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The proposed "Lehra Do Tiranga" march organised by the Campaign for Judicial and Political (CJP) reformists faced uncertainty on Friday after the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) announced the closure of Connaught Place's Central Park for two days, despite the Delhi High Court declining to restrain the protest.

The closure was announced late Thursday, hours after the court took note of the police assurance that appropriate measures would be taken to regulate the gathering.

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke had called on supporters to assemble at Central Park at 5 pm on Friday with the national flag.

Delhi Police warned of legal action against unauthorised gatherings, citing prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in Connaught Place and adjoining areas. Police spokesperson Neha Yadav said authorities might consider permitting a limited group to assemble at a designated location, subject to compliance with national flag and anthem protocols.

Reacting to the park closure, Dipke questioned the restrictions and alleged that the government was attempting to shield Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar from criticism. He warned that shutting down public spaces would not stop the protests.

The proposed march follows demonstrations and detentions over allegations of electoral malpractice and demands for Kumar's resignation. Student organisations, including the All India Students' Association (AISA), Students' Federation of India (SFI) and All India Students' Federation (AISF), were expected to join the protest.

Senior advocate Prashant Bhushan, actor Prakash Raj and student leaders also criticised the police action against demonstrators. Bhushan described regime change as a democratic right, while Prakash Raj alleged that Form 7 was being used to target Muslim voters during electoral-roll revision.

AISA president Neha Bora accused police of detaining journalists covering the protests and using force against demonstrators. SFI leader Aishe Ghosh urged citizens to unite in defence of democracy.

Meanwhile, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi met representatives of the NSUI, Indian Youth Congress and Seva Dal to discuss the party's next course of action.

The developments heightened political tensions in the capital, with authorities closely monitoring the situation and warning that strict measures would be taken to prevent disturbances to public order.

Past Govts Ignored Ladakh: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday accused previous governments of neglecting Ladakh's development despite the region's difficult terrain and harsh climatic conditions, asserting that his government had accorded priority to the Union Territory since its formation in 2019. Addressing a programme virtually to inaugurate development projects in Ladakh, Modi said successive governments had failed to give the region the attention it deserved.

He said Ladakh's geographical challenges had long made life difficult for its people, but earlier governments had not treated its development as a priority. The situation had changed since it became a Union Territory, he claimed. "Today, for the Central Government, the development of Ladakh is a top priority," Modi said. The Prime Minister said his government was working to create educa-

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Centre Inks Rs 4,106-Cr Deals for IAF, Navy



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The defence ministry on Thursday signed contracts worth Rs 4,106 crore for an indigenous communication satellite for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Varunastra heavyweight torpedoes for the Navy.

The Rs 2,563-crore contract for the GSAT-7C communication satellite was signed with Bengaluru-based New Space India Limited. The indigenously designed and manufactured satellite will strengthen secure and uninterrupted communications among IAF assets, improving operational effectiveness.

The second contract, worth Rs 1,543 crore, was signed with Hyderabad-based Bharat Dynamics Limited for the supply of Varunastra heavyweight torpedoes. Developed by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Varunastra is an indigenous ship-launched anti-submarine torpedo capable of engaging enemy submarines at long ranges. Its advanced manoeuvring capabilities are expected to strengthen the Navy's anti-submarine warfare operations. The contracts were signed in New Delhi in the presence of Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition) A. Anbarasu. The ministry said the agreements would strengthen domestic defence manufacturing and promote self-reliance in critical technologies under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

'Opposition wants coup, not electoral reform': BJP MP targets Rahul Gandhi over SIR

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BJP MP Sambit Patra on Thursday came down heavily on the Opposition over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, claiming that senior Supreme Court advocate Prashant Bhushan has exposed its real agenda by stating that the ongoing fight was aimed at a change of government.

Patra said Bhushan's remarks made it clear that the Opposition was not fighting over "SIR or the future of children" but is seeking to capture power at any cost.

"This country is not anyone's private property. It belongs to 140 crore people. The people of the country have been saying for a long time that Rahul Gandhi and his associates are not concerned about SIR. They are not even fighting for the future of children. Their only objective is to bring about a coup, capture power at any cost and form their own government," Patra asserted.

Accusing the Opposition of attempting to come to power without contesting elections or without putting in the required political effort, the BJP MP said the electorate had repeatedly rejected its leadership.

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MEA Flags Rising Anti-India Hate in US After Temple Shooting Plot

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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Wednesday expressed concern over an alleged plot to carry out a mass shooting at a Hindu temple in Aurora, Illinois, saying the incident adds to growing concerns over "racist hostility and anti-India hate" in the United States and calling for decisive action to ensure the safety of the Indian community there.

In response to media queries regarding the alleged incident, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the reported anti-Hindu and racist nature of the plot, including references to violence against people of Indian origin, was particularly disturbing.

"We are deeply concerned by reports of an alleged plot to carry out a mass shooting targeting a Hindu temple in the Aurora area of Illinois. The reported anti-Hindu and racist nature of the alleged plot, including references to violence against people of Indian origin, is particularly disturbing," Jaiswal said. The spokesperson said India had taken note of the action taken by US law enforcement authorities, including the arrest and detention of the suspect and the charges brought against him.



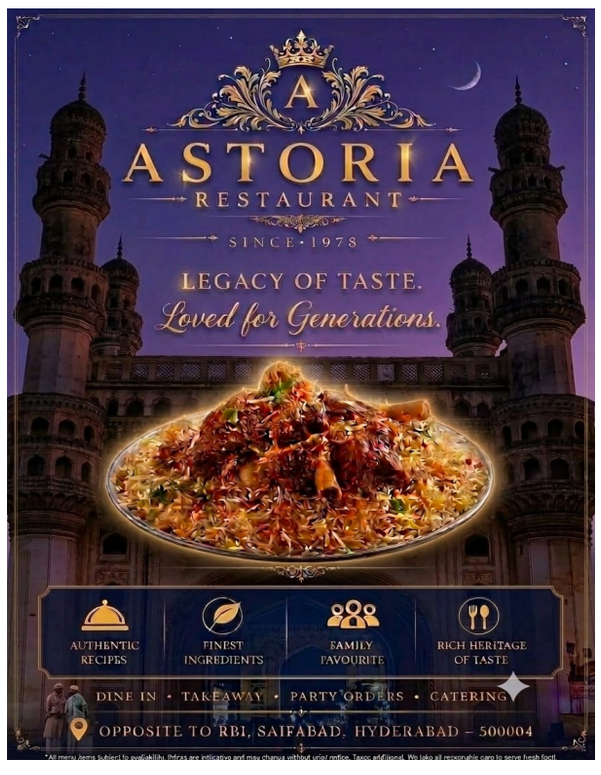
"This incident adds to growing concerns over racist hostility and anti-India hate in the US. There is a need for greater vigilance, zero tolerance for hate-motivated violence, and decisive action to ensure the safety and security of the Indian community," he added.

The MEA also called on US authorities to conduct a thorough investigation, bring those responsible to justice and take all necessary measures to prevent similar incidents.

"We expect US authorities to thoroughly investigate the matter, bring those responsible to justice, and take all necessary measures to prevent such incidents," Jaiswal added. The statement comes after the arrest of 19-year-old Alexandros Paporakis in connection with an alleged plan to carry out a mass shooting targeting a Hindu place of worship in Illinois. According to the Palatine Police Department, the investigation began on October 11 after the Mount Prospect Police Department shared information about a potential mass shooting. The information originated from an individual who reported receiving concerning electronic communications from Paporakis.

Investigators said the suspect had shared a document outlining an

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Lady Don Koneti Sulochana Arrested In Madanapalle

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Rowdysheet Lady Don Koneti Sulochana involved in land encroachments and disputes in Madanapalle and surrounding areas was taken into custody. According to the police, Sulochana, belonging to Neerugattupalle in Madanapalle, was booked in 14 cases in different police stations. She is accused of cheating the gullible, resorting to irregularities in land cases and even attempt to murder.

Cases were registered against her in Madanapalle I and II town, taluk police stations. Police initiated action against Lady Don following orders from Annamaiah SP Dheeraj, Additional SP Venkatadri, DSP Prasad. Police is interrogating Sulochana about all the cases.

Displaying Caller's Name and Phone Number in All Incoming Calls Mandatory From Nov. 1

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In a move to curb fraudulent callers across the country, the government on Thursday has made it mandatory for displaying the caller's name and phone number in all incoming calls, even when the number is not saved in a user's contacts. Users will soon not have any unknown callers, as the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) under the Ministry of Telecommunications has also directed all telecom operators to introduce the Calling Name Presentation (CNAP) services from November 1, 2026.



This service will be enabled by default for users on 4G and newer networks, including 5G. As a result, when someone calls you, your phone will display both their name and phone number through the CNAP system, according to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), which has ordered all access service providers to introduce CNAP across every service area. Under the DoT circular, the caller's number will appear as it does today, with a second field showing the name. "If the number is saved in the recipient's contacts, the contact name takes precedence. If it is not, a domestic call will show the name on record with the caller's telecom operator, and an international call will show only the words "International Call". Users who have opted for calling line identification restriction (CLIR) will not have their names displayed," it said.

The DoT further said that each caller's operator must maintain a database mapping names to numbers, which the recipient's operator will query when a call comes in. The circular requires a "security-by-design" approach under which the query itself ensures the name is not retained once the call ends.

Niti Aayog Asks Telangana To Verify And Approve Data Centres

NITI Aayog has urged Telangana to verify power, water, land and connectivity readiness before approving data-centre projects, linking incentives to measurable outcomes.

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Telangana will have to verify power, water, land and connectivity readiness before clearing new data-centre projects, according to a data centre evaluation framework released by NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub. The framework calls on states attracting large data-centre investments, including Telangana, to validate grid capacity, prepare long-term water balances, identify infrastructure-ready zones and link incentives to measurable outcomes.

The recommendations come against the backdrop of recent S&P Global reports highlighting a global infrastructure and energy boom driven by artificial intelligence (AI), along with growing risks to power grids and water resources. NITI Aayog said data centres offered opportunities to attract investment and strengthen India's AI economy, but their demand for electricity, water, land and supporting infrastructure required structured assessment. It advised states to focus on investment readiness, infrastructure quality and sustainable economic value rather than competing for investment announcements.

For Telangana, the framework called on developers, power distribution companies (discoms) and the state transmission utilities to jointly validate a power readiness and ramp-up plan. This should cover total campus demand, sanctioned megawatts, year-wise energisation, substation and transmission upgrades, lead times and responsibility for each upgrade. It also recommended load-flow studies to assess feeder limits, voltage sag, power factor, contingency resilience, transformer loading and available transmission capacity at relevant substations.

The state has been asked to assess existing and committed power loads at proposed locations and corridors, identify long-term transmission constraints and publish a power-infrastructure roadmap with indicative energisation timelines. For facilities exceeding 20 MW, the framework recommended automated demand-response readiness and integration with the state load dispatch centre's telemetry and control systems, subject to grid-code requirements.

On water availability, the report advised Telangana to prepare a 20 or 30-year seasonal catchment water balance covering surface water, groundwater, municipal supply, treated wastewater and competing demand, particularly from agriculture. The framework said water allocation for data centres should not reduce dependable supplies to existing users. Recycled or treated water should be included in project assessments only if it was contracted, connected and available when the facility is commissioned. It recommended an agreement among water resources, urban local bodies, drinking-water, irrigation and industry authorities before project approval. The agreement should specify water allocation, protection of existing users, drought-related restrictions and responsibility for infrastructure. NITI Aayog also recommended that states designate "data-centre-ready zones" after verifying land titles, permitted use, zoning, expansion capacity, grid connectivity, water availability and substation readiness. Priority should be given to areas with renewable-energy availability and adequate connectivity.

Polytechnic Faculty Seek Longer Bathukamma, Dasara Break

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Government polytechnic faculty and students are seeking longer Bathukamma and Dasara holidays, saying the curtailed break left little time for students staying in hostels or travelling to their hometowns to celebrate with their families, from October 18 to 21. The issue has prompted faculty representations to the authorities, with lecturers arguing that the state's major festivals deserve consideration while finalising the academic calendar.

Vidya Sagar Rao Podicheti, faculty member, who is one of the people leading the appeal for festival holidays, said students and lecturers should not have to choose between academic responsibilities and celebrating important occasions with their families. "Students deserve festivals. Lecturers deserve rest to be able to spend quality time with family," he said, arguing that education must account for people's cultural and emotional needs as well as classroom schedules.

The concern was particularly for students who live far from their colleges and depend on welfare hostels. "A short break can make travelling home and returning to college difficult, limiting their opportunity to take part in Bathukamma and Dasara celebrations," Podicheti told DC. "One of the four holidays is on a Sunday, meaning it's no extra holiday, so we get a told of only 3 days," Vanshith Bhargav, a student told DC.

Students said festival holidays were not a luxury but an opportunity for students and teachers to reconnect with their families and cultural traditions. They also argued that academic requirements could be met through proper planning, additional classes and adjustments to the schedule. Faculty members maintain that recognising the importance of festivals need not come at the cost of academic standards.

"We want the authorities to consider students' travel needs and lecturers' workloads while deciding the holiday schedule," said Aruna K, a student. Students and faculty are seeking a decision that balances working days and syllabus completion with the needs of students and teachers to celebrate the festivals with their families.

Nalgonda Collector Asks Parties To Boost Enrolment

NALGONDA:
District collector Badugu Chandrasekhar on Thursday sought the cooperation of political parties to increase the enrolment of graduates as voters of the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduates MLC constituency. Holding a meeting with the representatives of different political parties in his chamber in the district collectorate, he has requested all the political parties to cooperate in accelerating the voter registration process for the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' MLC constituency. The tahsildars and booth level officers (BLOs) have been instructed to conduct door-to-door verifications of applications of the graduates and complete the process by Friday. Modifications and deletions to the electoral roll are being carried out in accordance with the directions of the Election Commission. Special camps were being organised at polling stations on October 15 and 16 for enrolment of graduate voters.

He requested all political parties to identify eligible graduates at the booth level and raise awareness about submitting applications, i.e., Form-18. He emphasised that officials and political parties should work in coordination to ensure that every eligible person is granted the right to vote.

He also asked the graduates residing in erstwhile Nalgonda, Warangal and Khammam districts to enrol as voters of Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduate MLC constituency.

DGP Anand Directs Malkajgiri Police To Strengthen Patrolling, Improve Investigations

Anand appreciated Malkajgiri police for detecting all 17 sensational and important cases reported in the commissionerate during the current year.



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Director General of Police C.V. Aannd directed officers of the Malkajgiri police commissionerate to strengthen patrolling, improve investigation standards and effectively use technology for crime prevention, during a meeting to review policing, crime investigation and law enforcement measures. The DGP examined the progress of reported cases, the effectiveness of night patrolling and beat systems, and the functioning of specialised wings. He stressed the need for enhanced vigilance during night hours and directed officers to deploy adequate personnel for beat patrolling to improve public safety. Malkajgiri police commissioner B. Sumathi, and senior officials were present.

Anand appreciated Malkajgiri police for detecting all 17 sensational and important cases reported in the commissionerate during the current year. He particularly commended the officers for solving the recent child kidnapping and murder case within 24 hours. He also lauded the commissionerate for securing convictions in important criminal cases, including those resulting in capital punishment, and stressed that effective investigation and diligent follow-up were crucial to securing convictions and ensuring justice.

DGP Anand emphasised the importance of technology in crime prevention and investigation. He instructed station house officers and assistant commissioners of police to effectively utilise the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS), update records promptly and closely monitor the progress of cases and other policing activities.

The DGP also underscored the need for continuous training, capacity building and the adoption of modern technology in day-to-day policing. Officers were directed to remain proactive, strengthen their investigative skills and maintain high standards of professionalism and accountability.

Nizamabad Municipal Corporation Celebrates Bathukamma Festival

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Bathukamma celebrations were held with traditional fervour and enthusiasm under the aegis of the Nizamabad Municipal Corporation, showcasing Telangana's rich cultural heritage through colourful floral arrangements, traditional songs, dances and cultural performances. Nizamabad Mayor Koorragayala Uma Rani Ramesh attended the celebrations as the chief guest. The Mayor, corporators and municipal staff jointly worshipped Bathukamma and conveyed festive greetings to the people of Nizamabad.

Addressing the gathering, Mayor Uma Rani Ramesh highlighted the cultural and social significance of Bathukamma, describing it as a proud symbol of Telangana's traditions, cultural identity and the strength of women.

She said the festival played an important role in bringing people together, promoting unity and spreading happiness among communities. She also emphasised that Bathukamma celebrations provided an opportunity for women to preserve and pass on Telangana's cultural traditions to future generations.

The event was marked by vibrant floral displays and enthusiastic participation from corporators representing various municipal divisions and corporation staff. Women participated in traditional Bathukamma songs and dances, creating a festive atmosphere throughout the venue.

The celebrations reflected the collective spirit of Telangana's iconic floral festival and highlighted the municipal corporation's efforts to promote and preserve the state's cultural heritage.

The programme concluded amid festive cheer, with participants exchanging greetings and celebrating the traditions that make Bathukamma an integral part of Telangana's cultural identity.

R. Itikyal Takes Pride in Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Statue Project

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R. Itikyal: Marking a significant moment of pride and unity for the village, Bhumi Pooja was performed for the installation of a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at R. Itikyal village in Regode Mandal, Medak district.The programme was organised under the leadership of Shivaji Youth, with the participation and collective support of village elders and local residents. The ceremony was conducted in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and respect for the legendary warrior and founder of the Maratha kingdom.Villagers highlighted the enduring legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, particularly his courage, leadership, self-respect and determination in the pursuit of Swarajya (self-rule). They said his life and achievements continue to inspire young people to uphold patriotism, discipline, courage and a sense of responsibility towards society.Residents expressed that the proposed statue would serve as more than a memorial. It would stand as a symbol of the village's respect for a great historical figure and help introduce future generations to his life, ideals and contributions.

Bathukamma Audio Song Released with a Message of Communal Harmony



BHONGIR:
Emphasising the values of communal harmony, women's empowerment and Telangana's cultural heritage, the People's Cultural Movement (PNM) and the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) released an audio song titled "Bathukamma – A Song of Harmony" as part of the Bathukamma festival celebrations.Speaking on the occasion, Battupalli Anuradha, AIDWA District Secretary, and Avvaru Govardhan, PNM State Treasurer, highlighted the cultural significance of Bathukamma and called upon women to unite against communal hatred, violence against women and rising prices of essential commodities.The leaders described Bathukamma as a vibrant celebration of Telangana's culture and traditions, in which women arrange colourful seasonal flowers into beautiful floral stacks and celebrate togetherness. They said the festival should also serve as a platform to promote social harmony, equality and unity among people of different communities.

Telangana Govt Constitutes CURE Apex Governance Council

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The Telangana government has constituted a Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) apex governance council, with the Chief Minister as its chairperson, to strengthen coordinated urban administration and guide the strategic development of the region extending up to the Outer Ring Road (ORR).The newly formed council will establish the overall vision, policy direction, development agenda and strategic priorities for the CURE region. It will also oversee frameworks, plans and programmes aimed at ensuring coordinated urban governance across departments and civic authorities.According to the government's framework, the Principal Secretary or Special Chief Secretary of the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) department will serve as the convener of the apex council.A key responsibility of the council will be to ensure the convergence of policies, government schemes and investments across various sectors and departments. It will also focus on promoting integrated and effective governance to address the region's growing urban development requirements.The initiative is expected to strengthen coordination among municipal corporations, urban development authorities and essential public service agencies operating across the Hyderabad metropolitan region.Separate executive committee constitutedAlongside the apex governance council, the government has established a separate CURE executive committee to oversee implementation and inter-departmental coordination.The Principal Secretary or Special Chief Secretary will chair the executive committee, which will include the Metropolitan Commissioner of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), along with the heads of the Greater Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri municipal corporations and the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA).The managing directors of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB), Hyderabad Metro Rail, Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) and Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) will also be members.The executive committee must meet at least once every three months to implement decisions and directives issued by the apex council.It will identify issues requiring policy intervention or resolution between departments and submit them to the council for consideration. The committee will also coordinate activities among departments, authorities and corporations, monitor the implementation of projects and schemes, and ensure compliance with directives issued under the CURE framework.Additionally, it will undertake responsibilities assigned by the apex council or the state government.

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.

FlySakhi Graduates First Batch of 25 Women Drone Entrepreneurs at IIT Hyderabad

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Twenty-five rural women graduated from the first cohort of FlySakhi – Drone Queens of Bharat at IIT Hyderabad on Thursday, marking a significant step towards empowering women entrepreneurs through agricultural drone technology.

The graduates received certificates at a valedictory session held at TiHAN, IIT Hyderabad, under the theme "Empowering Women Entrepreneurs through Agricultural Drone Technology."

The initiative aims to equip rural women with technical skills and entrepreneurial capabilities to establish drone-based service businesses.

The programme is led by the World Cooperation Economic Forum (WCOOPEF) and the Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI), with TiHAN–IIT Hyderabad as the technology partner and Syngenta India Pvt. Ltd. as the CSR partner. It is a flagship activity of the Civil Society Resilience and National Awareness Mission (CSRNAM) 2026, aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Shri Dileep Shanghani, Chairman of WCOOPEF, delivered the inaugural address, while Dr. C. Tara Satyavathi, Director General of ICAR–National Institute of Plant Health Management and Director of ICAR–Indian Institute of Millets Research, attended as the chief guest. Ms. Meenal Maheshwari, CFO of Syngenta India, delivered the presidential address.

The training began on October 5 with virtual theoretical modules, followed by practical flight training at TiHAN. Participants received instruction in drone operation, flight safety, agricultural applications and the Drone-as-a-Service business model. The certificates are designed to support credit linkage, helping graduates explore financing opportunities to acquire drones and establish independent enterprises.

Beyond crop spraying, the initiative envisions women-led services in crop health monitoring, precision nutrient application, farm mapping, crop-loss assessment, irrigation planning and disaster response. Certain specialised applications will require additional training, equipment and regulatory permissions.

Sangeeta Dawar, Head of Business Sustainability and Corporate Affairs at Syngenta India, said the company's sustainability initiatives focus on strengthening rural livelihoods, promoting responsible agricultural practices and building community capabilities through partnerships.

The programme also commemorates the United Nations' International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026, highlighting the need to expand women's access to technology, finance and agricultural markets.

During the event, representatives from TiHAN, NABARD, ICAR, Syngenta India and CNRI addressed participants. Dr. Nirupam Mehrotra, Director of BIRD, NABARD, delivered the keynote address online, while trainees shared their experiences before receiving certificates.

The partners plan to organise further batches and connect graduates with cooperatives, Self-Help Groups, Farmer Producer Organisations and credit facilities. The long-term objective is to establish a network of women-led drone-service enterprises across rural India, generating livelihoods while advancing technology-driven and inclusive agricultural growth.

V Srinivas Goud Backs NHM Employees, Slams Congress Govt

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud extended his full support to National Health Mission (NHM) employees protesting at TTD Kalyana Mandapam in Mahabubnagar district headquarters, demanding fair wages, job security and the fulfilment of election promises made to contract and outsourcing employees.

Addressing the dharna organised by the NHM Joint Action Committee (JAC), Srinivas Goud strongly criticised the Congress government for allegedly reducing the salaries of NHM employees while claiming to improve employee wages in other sectors. He termed the move humiliating and unjust towards healthcare workers who have dedicated years of service to the public.

He said nearly 17,000 NHM doctors, paramedical staff, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), staff nurses and other support personnel across Telangana were working tirelessly to protect the health of approximately 4.5 crore people.

Highlighting their contribution to the healthcare system, the former minister said NHM employees played a crucial role in reducing infant mortality, providing medical care to pregnant women and delivering essential health services. He recalled their dedicated service during the COVID-19 pandemic, when healthcare workers risked their lives to treat patients and provide reassurance to affected families.

Srinivas Goud expressed concern over reports of salary reductions and the dismissal of employees who had served for nearly two decades. He said such actions could push long-serving workers into severe financial hardship and demanded recognition of their services and adequate job protection.

He urged the government to honour the Congress party's election promise of regularising contract and outsourcing employees.

He also demanded the establishment of a dedicated corporation to manage employee salaries, arguing that payments through private agencies were inappropriate.

Recalling the previous BRS government's measures, Srinivas Goud said former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had extended Pay Revision Commission (PRC) benefits to contract employees and doubled their salaries to improve their financial security.

Bathukamma Celebrations Held Grandly at Serilingampally Zonal Office



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Bathukamma celebrations were held grandly at the Serilingampally Zonal Office on October 15 under the leadership of Zonal Commissioner Narayana Amit, IAS.The event was jointly organised by the Urban Community Development (UCD) and Urban Biodiversity (UBD) departments of the CMC.The Zonal Commissioner, departmental officials, women employees and staff participated enthusiastically. Beautifully decorated Bathukammas featuring colourful flowers and traditional songs filled the office premises with festive spirit.

Damodar Rajanarsimha Pays Tribute to APJ Abdul Kalam

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Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha paid tribute to former President and Bharat Ratna awardee Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary on October 15, highlighting his enduring influence on India's youth and scientific progress.

Recalling Kalam's inspirational words, "Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action," the Minister urged young people to pursue their ambitions with determination, discipline and continuous hard work.

Rajanarsimha described Kalam as an exceptional scientist and statesman whose journey from humble beginnings to the highest constitutional office in India continues to inspire millions. He said Kalam's contributions to science and technology earned India international recognition and strengthened the country's pursuit of scientific advancement.

Popularly known as the "Missile Man of India," Kalam dedicated his life to national development, education, innovation and youth empowerment. His vision of a developed India remains a source of motivation for students, researchers and aspiring professionals.

The Minister emphasised that Kalam's ideals should guide future generations towards acquiring knowledge, developing scientific thinking and contributing meaningfully to society.

Paying homage to the former President, Rajanarsimha called upon young people to transform their dreams into achievements through perseverance, innovation and commitment to the nation.

He said Kalam's life and vision would continue to serve as a guiding light for generations striving to build a progressive, prosperous and technologically advanced India.

Traffic Police Educate NIEPID Students on Road Safety

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Malkajgiri Traffic Police conducted a road safety awareness programme at the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Bowenpally, on October 12, 2026, educating around 200 students about traffic rules and safe road practices.

The programme was organised under the supervision of DCP Traffic-I K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, following instructions from Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi, IPS.

ACP Traffic Trimulgherry Division G. Shankar Raju led the session, accompanied by Reserve Inspector I.V. Ramanaiah and Sub-Inspector V. Damodar.

Addressing the students, ACP Shankar Raju explained the importance of obeying traffic signals, crossing roads safely and following pedestrian safety measures. He encouraged students to develop responsible road habits and share safety messages with their families and communities.

He stressed that awareness and adherence to traffic regulations are essential to preventing accidents and protecting lives. Students were urged to motivate their parents, friends and relatives to follow traffic rules and practise responsible road behaviour.

NIEPID officials, including Deputy Director Dr. Sravan Reddy, Assistant Professor Srinivasulu, Head of Department Dr. Yathendra Kumar, Dr. Ambady, Himanshu Varma and Rajendar, attended the programme.

The institute's management appreciated the Traffic Police for their guidance and expressed its commitment to promoting road safety awareness among students.

The programme concluded with a message that road safety is a shared responsibility and that following traffic rules can help save lives.

Balanagar Traffic Police Clear Footpaths Amid Pressure

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Balanagar traffic police have cleared unauthorised fruit stalls and street vendor encroachments along the busy Balanagar–Ferozguda stretch following repeated public complaints about traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.

The stretch, part of the busy Balanagar–Kukatpally corridor, has faced persistent traffic bottlenecks due to footpath encroachments and vehicles parked in no-parking zones. The obstructions reportedly forced pedestrians to walk on the roads, increasing the risk of accidents.

Balanagar Traffic Inspector Srinivas said the clearance drive had improved traffic movement and helped reduce potential hazards for commuters. However, he alleged that he was facing pressure through frequent phone calls from individuals seeking to have the stalls reopened.

The action comes amid directions from the Telangana High Court to municipal and police authorities to conduct special drives against unauthorised structures and vendors occupying footpaths in Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Inspector Srinivas clarified that payment of property taxes or possession of local assessments does not grant permission to occupy public land illegally.

According to the information provided, the affected vendors, identified as Deepu and Sajid, reportedly approached former Balanagar corporator Avula Ravinder Reddy and later sought the intervention of AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi.

Commuters and residents have welcomed efforts to restore pedestrian access and ease congestion. Attention is now focused on whether the enforcement drive will continue despite the alleged pressure on traffic police.

Rotary Club Honours Red Cross Election Winners in Bhuvanagiri



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Rotary leaders and members during the felicitation programme organised in Bhuvanagiri to congratulate members elected to the Indian Red Cross Society, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Branch. Former Rotary president Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy was among those who participated.

Mobile Theft at Secunderabad JBS Raises Passenger Safety Concerns

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A retired senior officer of the Telangana Animal Husbandry Department reportedly lost his Realme 12X mobile phone to theft while boarding a bus to Siddipet at Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) in Secunderabad on Wednesday morning.

The incident occurred around 7:30 a.m. on October 14, when Anamalla Yadaiah, a retired Assistant Director, was travelling with a friend to attend the wedding of his childhood friend's children in Cheriyal.

According to the information provided, the mobile phone was stolen amid the morning rush as the passengers boarded the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus. The circumstances surrounding the theft remain unclear.

Following the incident, Yadaiah contacted his mobile network provider, Jio, and requested that his SIM card be blocked to prevent possible misuse.

The incident highlights the risks of mobile phone theft at crowded public transport hubs, where passengers may be vulnerable while boarding buses and trains. Stolen devices can also pose privacy and financial security risks if personal information or banking applications are accessed, although no financial fraud has been reported in this case.

The incident underscores the need for increased police patrolling, effective CCTV surveillance and prompt action on theft complaints at busy transport stations.

Passengers are advised to secure their phones and valuables in crowded areas and report thefts immediately to the police and their service providers.

BRS MLC Dasoju Shravan Slams Revanth Reddy Over Power Crisis

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BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Shravan strongly criticised the Congress government over the alleged power crisis in Telangana, accusing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of administrative failure and demanding his resignation. He was speaking at the successful Singareni Karmika Garjana Sabha held in Godavarikhani.

Shravan recalled the electricity shortages and power-cut protests during united Andhra Pradesh, alleging that former Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy had warned that Telangana would face power problems if it became a separate state. He said former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) had overcome those challenges and ensured adequate power supply after Telangana's formation.

The BRS leader alleged that the Congress government had damaged the state's power sector, forcing people to depend on generators again. He accused Revanth Reddy of neglecting administration while frequently travelling to Delhi and termed the alleged disruption of electricity supply a serious failure of governance.

Shravan said farmers in several villages were staging protests at power stations over electricity shortages. He demanded compensation for farmers whose motors had been damaged and called for an immediate investigation into the alleged mismanagement of Singareni coal supplies.

He also alleged that coal consumption and power generation at Singareni had declined, raising questions about the use of nearly 40 lakh metric tonnes of coal. He demanded that the government explain the situation and clarify when the reported ₹60,000 crore dues to Singareni would be cleared.

Targeting the Congress government over irrigation, Shravan alleged that its failure to restore the Kaleshwaram project had affected farmers and groundwater levels. He claimed that repairs could be undertaken with an expenditure of ₹200 crore and accused the government of failing to protect agricultural interests.

Shravan further criticised the suspension of officials over electricity issues, arguing that accountability should extend to those responsible for policy failures. He demanded that the government provide clear answers at the proposed all-party meeting.

Former Corporation Chairman Dudimetla Balaraju Yadav, former BC Commission members K. Kishore Goud and Upendra Chari, and BRS leader Sanjay attended the meeting.

CAA does not revoke citizenship, aims to give refugees dignity: Gujarat BJP MP

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The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is not intended to revoke anyone's citizenship but to provide dignity and a sense of belonging to people who were left without support after fleeing neighbouring countries, BJP MP Parshottam Rupala said on Thursday.

Addressing a citizenship certificate distribution ceremony in Rajkot district, Rupala described the law as a "humanitarian initiative" of the Central government, saying it had brought hope to refugees who had endured years of suffering before seeking refuge in India.

"The law is not meant to revoke anyone's citizenship, but is a humanitarian law to provide a dignified place in their own country to people who were left helpless after arriving here years ago," Rupala said.

He added that the Indian citizenship law had brought light into the lives of refugees who had experienced unbearable pain and difficulties in neighbouring countries before coming to India.

Rupala congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the initiative.

His remarks came at a programme organised by the district administration at the Pramukh Swami Auditorium, where Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi distributed Indian citizenship certificates to 319 displaced people who had come from Pakistan.

The beneficiaries included 259 people from Rajkot district, 53 from Morbi, six from Kutch and one from Surendranagar.

The ceremony marked a new chapter for the recipients, many of whom were visibly emotional as they received their certificates. Sanghavi welcomed them as Indian citizens and described the occasion as a "Diwali-like celebration" for the families.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the families had endured years of suffering in Pakistan before finding refuge in Gujarat. He also referred to the difficulties faced by women in Pakistan's Tharparkar region and said the women who had migrated to Gujarat could now live with greater freedom and dignity.

Sanghavi also recalled instances in which Hindus in Pakistan had reportedly changed their names to protect themselves, saying the new citizens would be able to live in India under their real identities.

At the end of the ceremony, the beneficiaries thanked PM Modi, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Sanghavi, describing the grant of citizenship as the "end of years of struggle".

District Collector Dr Om Prakash, Mayor Dr Nehal Shukla, MP Kesaridevsinh Zala, district panchayat president Sanjay Pipaliya, MLAs and senior government and police officials were also present.

SC Seeks Centre's Reply On Shifting Protest Site From Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI
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The Supreme Court on Thursday sought responses from the Centre and Delhi Police on a petition challenging the removal of Jantar Mantar as a designated protest site and the shifting of demonstrations to three alternative venues in the national capital. Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said they would examine whether the authorities had applied their mind to the suitability and effectiveness of Jantar Mantar as a protest venue.

The petition challenges an October 11 standing order issued by Delhi Police commissioner Anurag Kumar, de-notifying Jantar Mantar and designating Ramlila Ground, Burari Ground and CBD Ground in east Delhi as alternative protest sites. Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for petitioner Swaty Singh, sought restoration of Jantar Mantar's status as a designated protest site. He pointed out that the decision to remove the designation had been attributed to an earlier Supreme Court order.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta clarified that the earlier order was not the basis for the decision. He said a committee constituted to examine the issue had submitted a report outlining the reasons. Senior advocate Mukta Gupta argued that a protest venue must allow demonstrators to effectively communicate their grievances to the authorities. Justice Bagchi observed that the issue also needed to be examined in the light of technological developments.

The court also directed Delhi Police to produce prohibitory orders issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which restricted public gatherings and demonstrations on various dates over the past fortnight. In proceedings concerning the recent protests, the court directed law enforcement agencies to preserve CCTV footage and other digital evidence. The petition contended that shifting demonstrations to distant locations would undermine the fundamental rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression. It argued that the right to protest extended beyond assembling at a designated location and included the ability to communicate grievances and draw the attention of public authorities to issues requiring redressal. The plea also challenged the standing order as arbitrary and procedurally deficient.

Every trace of Naxalism must be erased: HM Shah

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that every trace of Naxalism must be erased. Affirming that the Modi government's determination to create a Naxal-free India has been realised, he stressed that it is now time to heal the wounds inflicted upon the nation by Naxalism and ensure that every victim can lead a life of dignity.

Just as Naxalism has been brought to an end, every remaining vestige of it must also be wiped out, he emphasised, adding that Bastar must once again become a vibrant and thriving region. Significant work has already been undertaken in this direction, with major contributions from traditional tribal leadership in the region.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed a ceremony for people affected by Naxalism in Chhattisgarh via video conferencing, highlighting the Union government's commitment to heal the long-standing wounds left by left-wing extremism. In Bastar—a region that, under Congress rule, remained deprived of even basic services for five decades—every facility is now reaching the people, he said.

Shah strongly condemned the violence by Naxals, stating that by using IED blasts to further their political agenda, they have left innocent people disabled. There can be no greater violation of human rights than this, he said.

Highlighting the government's approach after eliminating Naxalism, HM Shah said service initiatives are being undertaken across the country, he said Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, organised to mark 25 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public service both as a state head and as the Prime Minister of India.

Highlighting the transformation in Bastar, the Home Minister pointed out that the region, which under Congress rule remained deprived of even basic services for five decades, is now receiving every facility. Under the Niyad Nellanar scheme, basic infrastructure is reaching the people.

He appreciated the Chhattisgarh government's efforts to make Bastar a smiling and vibrant place once again through initiatives such as the Bastar Olympics, Bastar Pandum, Niyad Nellanar and the CM Collective Bus Scheme.

He noted that the Chhattisgarh government, district administration, State Social Welfare Department, Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (Jaipur), Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana and several others were contributing to this noble endeavour of supporting persons with disabilities and victims.

By providing persons with disabilities with wheelchairs, tricycles, crutches, hearing aids, smart walking sticks, artificial limbs and other assistive devices, the government could help usher in a new era of hope and happiness in Bastar, he added.

84 BSF personnel hospitalised in Manipur over suspected food poisoning

HAJIPUR
Wakeup telangana

At least 84 Border Security Force (BSF) personnel deployed in Manipur were hospitalised on Thursday following suspected food poisoning after eating breakfast, officials said.

The personnel, who arrived in Manipur from outside the state on Wednesday, were staying at a construction site in Lamshang in Imphal West district.

They reportedly fell ill after consuming puri and aloo sabzi for breakfast around 8.30 a.m., and were subsequently taken to the government Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) for treatment, a hospital official said.

The official said the personnel received immediate medical treatment in the emergency department and their condition was stable.

A senior doctor of the RIMS told the media that there were no signs of deterioration in their health and that tests were being conducted to determine the cause of the suspected food poisoning.

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and Home Minister Konthoujam Govindas Singh expressed concern over the incident.

In a social media post, the Chief Minister said the well-being of security personnel remained a priority and wished the affected.

Over 18 lakh beneficiaries facing pension delays: K'taka BJP

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Senior BJP leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly R. Ashoka on Thursday accused the Congress government of failing to disburse social security pensions to the elderly, widows and persons with disabilities for several months, alleging that more than 18 lakh beneficiaries in the state were facing delays.

In a statement, Ashoka contrasted the Centre's decision to continue the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for the next five years at an expenditure of Rs 53,428 crore, benefiting 3.20 crore people, with the alleged delays in pension payments in Karnataka.

"On one side, the Union government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working to provide social security to 3.20 crore beneficiaries by continuing the National Social Assistance Programme for the next five years at an expenditure of Rs 53,428 crore. On the other hand, social security pensions meant to support the elderly, widows and persons with disabilities have not been reaching beneficiaries in Karnataka for several months," Ashoka said.

He alleged that more than 18 lakh beneficiaries in the state were struggling due to delays in receiving their pensions.

"On one side, there are efforts to provide security to the lives of vulnerable sections. On the other, helpless people who depend entirely on their pensions for their livelihood are being forced to wait for their money," he said.

Ashoka urged Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to ensure the immediate release of pending pension payments.

"Pension is not a favour granted by the government. It is a lifeline for eligible beneficiaries. Ensuring that pensions reach the elderly, widows and persons with disabilities on time is the government's responsibility," he said.

He demanded that the state government immediately clear the pending pension dues and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the assistance they are entitled to.

Meanwhile, BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra, praising the Centre, stated, "Empowering women farmers means strengthening the very foundation of Indian agriculture. Under PM Shri Narendra Modiji's leadership, PM-KISAN is providing direct financial support to women farmers, strengthening their livelihoods, financial independence and contribution to building a prosperous agricultural

Festival price surge strains household budgets in Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Rising prices of rice, pulses, jaggery, and chickpeas are putting pressure on household budgets in Tamil Nadu as families prepare for the festive season, prompting demands for government intervention to make essential food items more affordable.

With Deepavali approaching, families are preparing to buy new clothes, purchase fireworks, and make sweets and savouries. However, the increasing cost of ingredients is adding to their expenditure and raising concerns about the affordability of traditional celebrations.

Prices of some varieties of pulses have increased by as much as Rs 30 per kilogram, while rice prices have also continued to rise.

The increases are affecting purchases of everyday staples as well as ingredients required for special festival dishes.

Jaggery, used in preparations such as sweet pongal, has also become more expensive.

Chickpeas, commonly used to prepare sundal during Ayudha Puja celebrations, have reportedly recorded increases of up to Rs 50 per kilogram.

The price increases have been attributed to reduced supplies, changing weather conditions, and stronger seasonal demand. Together, these factors have pushed up the cost of several essential commodities at a time when household spending typically rises.

The situation has prompted calls for the Tamil Nadu government to take steps to contain prices and ensure adequate supplies.

The demands reflect concern that festival purchases are becoming increasingly difficult for families already managing regular food expenses.

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MEA Flags Rising.....

Investigators said the suspect had shared a document outlining an alleged plan to carry out a mass shooting at a Hindu temple, along with images depicting a rifle, rifle magazines, body armour and other tactical equipment. Paporakis was taken into custody as he was leaving his residence. During a subsequent search of his home, police recovered a rifle, multiple loaded rifle magazines, hundreds of additional rounds of rifle ammunition, tactical equipment and other items believed to be relevant to the investigation. Among the recovered items was a tactical vest containing body armour and a patch displaying imagery associated with white supremacist extremism. Investigators also examined electronic communications and a document attributed to Paporakis titled "Why I Fought: A.K.A.: (Aurora Shooter's Manifesto)." According to police, the document contained statements expressing white supremacist and extremist ideologies, including references to violence against people of South Asian heritage, particularly those of Indian descent.

Detectives believe the suspect may have been planning to carry out the attack on October 11, potentially targeting a Hindu place of worship in the Aurora area. Paporakis was charged with one count of Making a Terrorist Threat, a Class X felony, and one count of Unlawful Possession of Weapons. He appeared for a detention hearing on Wednesday, where a judge ordered him detained.

Past Govts Ignored.....

The Prime Minister said his government was working to create educational and employment opportunities for Ladakh's youth so that they would not have to depend on other cities. "Our special focus is on the new generation of Ladakh. The youth should receive good education, get opportunities to learn new technology, and not depend on other cities. That is why a major centre of excellence is being established in Leh," he said.

Modi said proposals to establish satellite campuses of IIT Jammu and IIM Jammu were being advanced to improve access to higher education and research. He also highlighted the expansion of tourism, digital connectivity and employment opportunities in border villages. Referring to a longstanding regional demand, Modi said the Centre had approved the establishment of a High Court Bench for Ladakh in August to improve access to justice.

His remarks came as the Centre and Ladakh representatives were scheduled to hold another round of talks on a proposed elected governance body and constitutional safeguards for the Union Territory.

LADAKH DEVELOPMENT PUSH

PROJECTS INAUGURATED BY MODI

Total project value ₹3,350 cr

Major projects 5

Leh airport New terminal; capacity of 35 lakh passengers annually

Strategic road 298-km Nimmu–Padum–Darcha road; travel time cut from 12 to 3 hours

Power 9-MW Hanu hydroelectric project and transmission line

Heritage India's first petroglyph conservation park in Leh

Water 40 reservoirs across 40 villages under Project Amrit Him Sarovar

'Opposition wants.....

He alleged that certain individuals were acting as agents of foreign interests and attempting to put the country at stake for monetary gains.

"Some people are working as agents of foreign powers. For a few rupees, attempts have been made to mortgage Bharat Mata. These people are dancing like puppets at the behest of foreign countries," he remarked.

Referring to the reported remarks of Neha Bora, who had drawn parallels between the Bangladesh movement and the participation of Gen-Z in democratic struggles worldwide, Patra questioned the comparison with India.

Bora had reportedly said that the Bangladesh movement had shown the way to Gen-Z across the world, describing the struggle there as one for democracy and voting rights.

She had also said that India's Gen-Z was fighting for democracy and the right to vote.

Responding to the remarks, Patra said that while the movement in India might have started at Jantar Mantar.

CRIME

Three govt officials caught while taking bribe

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A Deputy Tahsildar, a Village Revenue Officer and an assistant engineer of the Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) were caught by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while allegedly accepting bribes in two separate cases on Thursday.

Amanaganti Sandeep Kumar Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar, Keesara mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri district, Village Revenue Officer (VRO) Nannuri Vijay Kumar Reddy and a private person, Kavali Balakrishna, were caught in an ACB trap for allegedly demanding ₹5 lakh.

The ACB said in a press release that the Deputy Tahsildar demanded ₹5 lakh and accepted ₹2.5 lakh from the complainant through Balakrishna to remove agricultural properties belonging to a complainant's family from the prohibited list.

The anti-graft agency said the bribe was sought for processing and completing the work related to removing agricultural properties registered in the names of the complainant's mother and other family members from the prohibited list under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908.

On the direction of Deputy Tahsildar, VRO Vijay Kumar Reddy allegedly instigated Balakrishna to receive the bribe amount from the complainant. The ACB officials caught Balakrishna while accepting ₹2.5 lakh. The tainted amount was recovered from his possession at his The ACB stated that the two revenue officials had acted improperly and dishonestly to obtain an undue advantage. The Deputy Tahsildar, the VRO and Balakrishna were produced before the Principal Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases at Nampally for judicial remand.

In another case, an assistant engineer of the Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) was caught by the ACB while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹ 1.2 lakh in Hyderabad.

According to ACB officials, the accused, Pandala Sandhaya Rakesh, who works in the Madannapet section under the Santosh Nagar subdivision, demanded the money from a complainant in return for approving an application to install six new electricity meters in place of old, missing meters. The ACB said its City Range-II officials caught the assistant engineer red-handed. The alleged bribe amount was recovered from his possession at his instance.

The agency said the officer had acted improperly and dishonestly to obtain an undue advantage.

Jainad Police Seize Explosives Worth Rs 20 Lakh Without Licence

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

Jainad police seized explosives worth Rs 20 lakh without having a licence and arrested six accused on Thursday. The explosives include 20,000 electronic detonators and 90 boosters and two vehicles and six cell phones. Police arrested Chapyala Parusharam, 30, of Kanagurthy village in Odela mandal in Peddapalli; Vallepu Theja, 23, of Hanumankonda; Kadam Shravan, 36, of Veenvanka mandal; Sura Ranjith, 25, of Bheedevarapalli mandal and Kasturi Madhu Kiran, 28, and Pagala Sampath Reddy, 52, of Shankarapatnam mandal.

Giving details to the media, Adilabad SP Akhil Mahajan said the explosives were being transported to Telangana from Uttar Pradesh and added that they were intended to sell for higher prices to mines and crushers. He informed that they have seized the vehicles with explosives at the Pipparwada toll plaza, and cases have been registered against nine accused. SP said the accused are procuring explosives from Ravikumar. DSP L. Jeevan Reddy, Jainad CI G. Shravan, CCF Inspector Chandrasekhar and SI P. Goutham were present at the press conference.

Kamareddy SP Inspects Bibipet Police Station

KAMAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

Kamareddy Superintendent of Police M. Rajesh Chandra conducted a surprise inspection of Bibipet police station on Thursday and reviewed its functioning and the performance of personnel.

The SP examined roll-call records and enquired about the duties and responsibilities assigned to staff.

He instructed personnel to discharge their duties with discipline, dedication and a strong sense of responsibility.

Tata Elxsi Q2 profit largely flat at Rs 170 crore

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

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.

Youth Found Dead Under Suspicious Circumstances In Well

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A 43-year-old man, Nelli Thirupathi, was found dead under suspicious circumstances in an agricultural well at Rajapalli village in Huzurabad mandal on Thursday.According to police, Thirupathi, a native of Shankarapatnam mandal, had visited his maternal grandparents' house in Rajapalli. However, he reportedly went missing, prompting family members to search for him in the surrounding areas.During the search, his body was discovered in an agricultural well, raising concerns over the circumstances surrounding his death. The family members alerted the authorities after finding the body.Following information about the incident, police personnel and fire department staff rushed to the spot. The rescue team retrieved the body from the well and initiated the necessary procedures.Police registered a case and launched an investigation to determine the circumstances that led to Thirupathi's death. Officials are expected to examine the available evidence and gather details from family.

Kuki woman killed, two civilians missing after suspected militant ambush in Manipur

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A middle-aged Kuki tribal woman was killed and two other civilians went missing after suspected militants ambushed two motorcycles in Manipur's Kamjong district on Thursday evening, officials said.

A police official, quoting local villagers, said that four civilians travelling on two motorcycles to Phaikoh to purchase essential commodities were ambushed between Phaikoh and Molvailup.The woman, identified as Hatneimkim Haokip, died on the spot, while her husband escaped unhurt, the official added.

The two other civilians remain missing, and their whereabouts are unknown. Security personnel, along with villagers, have launched search operations to trace the missing persons.

Various organisations, including the Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), have strongly condemned the killing.

In a statement, KIM Secretary for Information and Publicity Janghaolun Haokip accused the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah) of carrying out the attack and alleged that the outfit had repeatedly targeted defenceless civilians, particularly women and children.

Describing the incident as a grave violation of humanitarian principles, he said that the alleged attacks on vulnerable civilians and villagers were unacceptable and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

The KIM also held the state and Central governments responsible for what it described as a breakdown of law and order that had allowed insurgent groups to operate with impunity.

Accusing the authorities of indecision and failure to take decisive action, Haokip demanded an immediate and comprehensive security operation to identify and apprehend those responsible for Haokip's killing and trace the two missing civilians.

He said that mere assurances were no longer sufficient and called for concrete action to ensure the safety of civilians and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The KIM expressed condolences to the bereaved family and said that the organisation stood in solidarity with them during their hour of grief. It warned that failure to take immediate and tangible steps to bring the perpetrators to justice.

EDITORIAL

INDIA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR UNDERGOES STRUCTURAL CHANGE UNDER BHAVYA SCHEME

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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.



Matrika Fertility Centre Opens in Kondapur

Senior Telangana Government Leaders and Medical Experts Grace the Grand Inauguration; Dr. Sai Shiva and Dr. Pooja Emphasise Compassionate, Patient-Centred Healthcare

KONDAPUR
Wakeup telangana

Matrika Fertility and Laparoscopic Centre was inaugurated on Thursday on Hi-Tension Road in Kondapur, Hyderabad, in the presence of senior Telangana government leaders, medical experts and distinguished guests. The centre aims to provide specialised fertility care, cosmetic gynaecology and laparoscopic healthcare services with an emphasis on compassionate, patient-centred treatment.

The inauguration was attended by Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy and Serilingampally MLA and Telangana State Public Accounts Committee Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi as chief guests.



Dr. Mallikarjuna C. Baru, Managing Director and Chief Urologist of AINU Hospitals; Dr. Navneeth Magon, Dean of the Indian College of Cosmetic Gynaecology; and former corporators Shaik Hameed Patel and Jupally Satyanarayana Rao were among the guests of honour.

Managed by Managing Director Dr. Sai Shiva and Clinical Director Dr. Pooja, the centre seeks to provide individuals and families with access to specialised medical services in a supportive and professional environment.

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Sai Shiva said the centre was established with a commitment to responsible healthcare, dignity and empathy. He noted that fertility-related concerns can be emotionally challenging and stressed the importance of confidentiality, personalised attention and informed treatment decisions.

Dr. Pooja said the inauguration marked the realisation of a vision built on dedication and responsibility towards the community. She emphasised that fertility care requires not only medical expertise but also sensitivity, patience and an understanding of each patient's circumstances.

She added that the centre would prioritise patient education, transparent communication and individualised medical guidance, enabling patients to understand available treatment options and make informed decisions in consultation with qualified professionals.

The management reiterated its commitment to ethical medical practices, patient safety and quality healthcare across its fertility, cosmetic gynaecology and laparoscopic services. The centre also aims to encourage greater awareness of fertility-related concerns and the importance of seeking appropriate professional medical advice.

The inauguration brought together public representatives, healthcare professionals, well-wishers and media representatives to mark the beginning of the centre's operations in Kondapur, a rapidly developing residential and healthcare destination in Hyderabad.

The management thanked the dignitaries, medical professionals, staff members and supporters who contributed to the event.

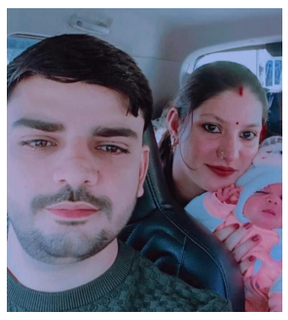
Normal Sperm Count, Low Motility May Delay Pregnancy: Doctors

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Low sperm motility can contribute to difficulties in conception even when sperm count is normal, highlighting the importance of comprehensive fertility testing, according to experts at Aasha Ayurveda.

The clinic has advised couples experiencing delays in conception to undergo a complete semen analysis that evaluates sperm concentration, movement and other parameters instead of focusing exclusively on sperm count.

According to a case reported by the clinic, a male patient who had been trying to conceive with his partner for two years was found to have a normal sperm count but zero sperm motility. Following a personalised Ayurvedic treatment programme, a repeat semen analysis after three



months reportedly showed significant improvement. The couple subsequently reported a positive pregnancy test after eight months of treatment.

Dr. Chanchal Sharma, Director of Aasha Ayurveda, emphasised that sperm development takes approximately three months and that improvements in sperm quality require time and consistent care. She said the couple received counselling after becoming anxious about the absence of visible improvement during the first month.

The treatment programme reportedly included Kaunch Beej (Mucuna pruriens), an Ayurvedic herb traditionally used in fertility-related treatments. However, individual outcomes may vary, and further clinical evidence is required to establish the effectiveness of specific treatments.

Sperm motility refers to the ability of sperm to move effectively towards the egg. Reduced motility may lower the chances of natural conception, although fertility depends on several factors affecting both partners.

Experts recommend consulting qualified medical professionals when pregnancy does not occur despite regular, unprotected intercourse. A comprehensive fertility evaluation can help identify potential causes and determine appropriate treatment options.

The case highlights the importance of evaluating sperm quality alongside sperm count to support informed fertility decisions.

Ampere Opens New Electric Scooter Experience Centre in Nalgonda

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Ampere has expanded its retail and service network in Telangana with the inauguration of SN Motors on Hyderabad Road in Nalgonda. The new Ampere Experience Centre aims to make electric scooters, sales assistance and after-sales services more accessible to customers in the region.

The dealership will showcase Ampere's electric scooter portfolio, catering to different customer requirements, including daily commuters, families and younger riders. The range includes the Ampere Nexus EX+, Magnus GMax, Magnus Neo and the recently launched Reo Vyb.

The Nexus EX+ features a 5 kW motor, with the company highlighting its performance through records and challenging-terrain rides. The Magnus GMax combines everyday practicality with connected technology, while the Magnus Neo focuses on ergonomics and comfort for urban commuting.



The Reo Vyb extends the portfolio to younger customers, including students and college-goers.

The Nexus EX+ and Magnus GMax are also available in variants offering more than 30 intelligent features powered by Intellipack. Ampere's portfolio incorporates next-generation lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery technology, supported by a standard battery warranty of up to five years or 75,000 km, as stated by the company.

Highlighting the brand's endurance capabilities, Ampere said the Magnus GMax with Intellipack recently completed an approximately 4,000-km ride in 15 days, travelling from Dong Valley in Arunachal Pradesh to Guhar Moti in Gujarat. The Nexus platform has also traversed the 70 hairpin bends of Kolli Hills and reached Shipki La Pass at an altitude of 13,200 feet.

The new Experience Centre has been designed to offer an interactive retail environment where customers can explore available models, consult trained product specialists and understand the benefits of electric mobility before making purchasing decisions.

The expansion forms part of Greaves Electric Mobility's efforts to strengthen Ampere's dealership and service network across key markets. With the Nalgonda outlet, the company aims to improve local customer engagement and provide convenient access to electric mobility solutions and ownership support.

SunScope, Sri Infra Partner to Expand Solar Energy in South India



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SunScope Group, a Dubai-based conglomerate, has partnered with Sri Infra to expand solar energy solutions across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka under its "Har Ghar Solar" mission.

The partnership was showcased at the Samakhya Global Business Meet held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), HITEX, where their joint stall attracted significant attention.

Sri Infra Managing Director Salla Srinivas Rao said the business meet aims to encourage youth to become entrepreneurs in trade, commerce and industry. He noted that Sri Infra, which offers residential construction, interior design, renovation and waterproofing services, had entered the solar energy sector through this partnership.

The collaboration aims to install solar panels in households and explore solar solutions for vertical glass buildings, expanding access to renewable energy.

SunScope Group CEO Sanjeev Kumar highlighted India's rising electricity demand amid rapid development. He stressed the importance of harnessing renewable energy to meet future power requirements and reduce dependence on conventional energy sources.

Kumar said the company intends to provide affordable solar installations for middle-class households and expand across southern India through its association with Sri Infra and its sister concern, Jai Kisaan Solar Pvt. Ltd.

According to the company, SunScope Group has nine years of experience in solar project development, construction, operations and maintenance, with a global portfolio exceeding 500 MW.

The partnership seeks to accelerate solar adoption and make clean energy solutions more accessible across the three southern states.

2 bn Barrels Of Crude Lost In West Asia Since War

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Around 2 billion barrels of crude oil and condensate production have been lost in the past seven months of the West Asia crisis, and 5 million barrels per day remain offline compared to the levels in February when the crisis started. While the West Asia war continues unabated and shows no signs of slowing, tensions between Saudi Arabia and the Houthis in Yemen escalated in recent weeks. Middle East crude and condensate outages continue to reshape global crude markets and cumulative Middle East production outages surpassed 2 billion barrels, finds Kpler.

As of 6 October, roughly 5 mbd of Middle Eastern crude and condensate production remained offline against February 2026 levels, with a large share coming from Iran. However, total Middle East crude and condensate exports have temporarily returned to pre-war levels in recent weeks, helped by UAE output above its pre-war level and a likely temporary Saudi crude supply ramp-up to near its 12 Mbd capacity at the end of last month.

A rise in Saudi supply comes as East-West pipeline flows have recovered strongly. Saudi officials have said that the operations resumed five to six days after the pipeline was hit and that flows are back at 5.8 Mbd. However, the threat of further attacks on Saudi oil infrastructure continues to cloud the outlook for sustained high output in the coming weeks, so Kpler expects the kingdom's crude supply to average around 9 Mbd this month. A large portion of the ongoing supply outages continue to stem from Iran, which is currently producing at levels that largely reflect domestic demand, with onshore crude inventories only having limited amounts of additional spare capacity remaining.

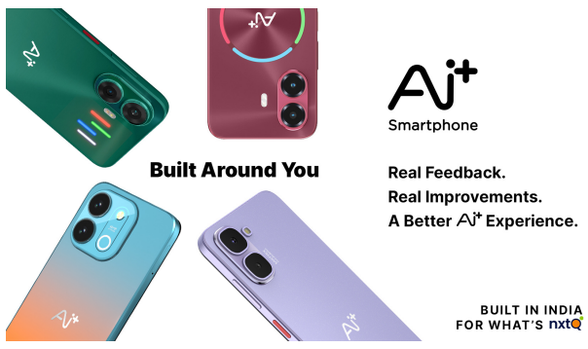
Ai+ Smartphone Uses Customer Feedback to Improve Devices and Services

From software enhancements to more responsive after-sales support, Ai+ Smartphone is using real customer experiences to shape better products and a more seamless ownership journey.

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Ai+ Smartphone is strengthening its customer-focused strategy by using real-world feedback to improve device performance, software reliability and after-sales support. The company is incorporating customer reviews and service experiences into product development, with particular attention to camera stability, connectivity and overall performance.

The brand has received positive feedback across its smartphone portfolio for design, battery life, photography, display quality and value for money. The Nova 2 Neo 5G has been appreciated for its battery performance, while the Nova 2 Power 5G has attracted attention for its dual-tone Blue Fusion



design. The Nova 2 Ultra 5G has received recognition for its camera capabilities, performance and AMOLED display. Other models, including the Nova 2 5G, Nova 2 Pro 5G and Ai+ Pulse 2, have also received encouraging responses.

To address reported concerns, Ai+ Smartphone is introducing targeted over-the-air (OTA) updates and product refinements. Software updates for the Nova 2 Ultra 5G, for instance, aim to improve camera stability. Customer insights are also informing product reviews and pre-launch testing.

Through Project Open Review, the company has received more than 1,000 registrations from reviewers, creators, journalists, technology enthusiasts and ethical hackers to independently evaluate devices before launch.

Archi Gogoi, Head of Brand, Marketing and Growth at Ai+ Smartphone, said customer feedback helps the company identify strengths and areas requiring improvement. The brand aims to translate these insights into meaningful changes through software enhancements, stronger testing and improved support.

The company is also strengthening after-sales operations through daily feedback collection, better case tracking and closer coordination between customer service and technical teams. Where spare parts shortages delay repairs, handset replacements are arranged wherever necessary and feasible. Ai+ Smartphone aims to resolve most service concerns within three to four days, depending on the issue and parts availability.

The company plans to introduce post-service customer experience videos to assess satisfaction and identify further improvements, keeping customer feedback central to its future products and services.

Chinese Export Boom Really Has legs And Wings

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In an office reeking of cigarettes, Dang Yangyang slouches on a black leather sofa in exhaustion. The general manager at Wintop Food has spent recent days chaperoning clients from Ghana, Iraq, Jordan, Russia and Senegal. They all want the same thing: Chinese chicken. Wintop processes 60 million chickens annually, selling breasts, nuggets, meatballs and dumplings to more than 20 countries. Exports accounted for half of its profits last year and are underwriting 33 acres of expansion.

"International clients used to distrust the quality," Dang, 44, told Reuters during a tour of his facilities in August. "But when the meat is $1,000 cheaper per ton than Brazilian and Thai competitors, they have to either buy from China or lose out." The company is part of a wave of Chinese protein producers overcoming the country's patchy food-safety record and leveraging additional capacity to seize space on global supermarket shelves. Changing diets at home and Beijing's emphasis on food security.

Madhuri Dixit opens up about her food cravings during second pregnancy

Bollywood superstar Madhuri Dixit revealed that she developed a liking for spicy and flavourful food during her second pregnancy.

She shared an interesting detail that she said she appeared to have found its way into her younger son Ryan's food preferences.

The actress shared the anecdote on her wuoz based reality show, Kon Honar Crorepati, where she is currently seen as the host.

Known for her warmth and spontaneity, Madhuri recently engaged in a candid conversation with actors Yami Gautam and Adinath Kothare.

During the interaction, Yami spoke about her pregnancy cravings and recalled celebrating the announcement of her first pregnancy with traditional Maharashtrian delicacies.



She revealed that after announcing the news at the trailer launch of Article 370, she immediately called her cook and asked for puran poli and ukadiche modak to mark the occasion.

The mention of the traditional sweet prompted Madhuri to share her own experience of pregnancy.

While the actor said she did not experience any specific cravings during either of her pregnancies, she recalled enjoying spicy food when she was expecting her younger son.

"I love ukadiche modak! But I never really had any cravings during my pregnancies. When I was pregnant with my younger son, though, I enjoyed eating spicy, flavourful food. And now, he eats the spiciest food in our family!" she shared.

Drawing a parallels between pregnancy cravings and a child's food preferences, Madhuri then asked Yami whether her son had developed a liking for sweets, wondering if he had a sweet tooth.

Madhuri's revelation offered a rare glimpse into a relatively private chapter of her life. For the uninitiated, after marrying Dr Shriram Nene in 1999, the actor shifted and spent many years living in the United States. Her younger son, Ryan, was born in Denver in March 2005, where the family was based at the time.

Unlike many Bollywood celebrities whose pregnancy journeys have unfolded in the public eye, Madhuri largely kept this phase of her life away from the spotlight.

Parachute Advansed Gold Taps Gautham Menon for Telugu Brand Film



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Parachute Advansed Gold has assembled an impressive lineup of creative talents from South Indian cinema, music and dance for its latest brand film, led by acclaimed filmmaker Gautham Vasudev Menon. The campaign, created specifically for audiences in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, combines cinematic storytelling, original music and choreography to deliver an engaging brand experience.

Centred on the theme 'Feel Like a Girl Again', the film celebrates carefree happiness and encourages women to reconnect with their inner child through music, movement and self-expression. The campaign seeks to highlight the importance of embracing joy and rediscovering the simple pleasures of life.

Gautham Vasudev Menon, widely recognised for his distinctive storytelling style and portrayal of emotions and relationships, directs the film. His involvement brings a cinematic dimension to the campaign, blending nostalgia and heartfelt storytelling with the brand's message.

Renowned choreographer Brinda Master adds vibrancy through her signature choreography. A specially designed hook step is expected to become a memorable feature of the film, encouraging audiences to engage with the campaign through dance and social media.

Music forms a central element of the production. Popular singer-composer Karthik has created an original composition, while celebrated lyricist Anantha Sriram has written the lyrics. Playback singer Swetha Mohan brings the soundtrack to life with her expressive vocals, enhancing the emotional depth of the narrative.

The project also features acclaimed cinematographer Manush Nandan, whose visual expertise contributes to the film's cinematic appeal. Celebrity editor Anthony has been brought on board to shape the narrative and ensure a compelling viewing experience.

Through this collaboration, Parachute Advansed Gold aims to create more than a conventional advertisement by combining music, dance and storytelling in a format that resonates with Telugu-speaking audiences.

The brand film is scheduled to premiere soon across television, digital and social media platforms in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. A dedicated lyrical music video will also be released, allowing audiences to enjoy the original soundtrack separately.

The campaign brings together entertainment and brand messaging to celebrate women's confidence, happiness and individuality.

Tennis: Ferrer to quit as captain of Spain's Davis Cup team after 2026 finals

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



David Ferrer announced on Thursday that he will step down as captain of Spain's Davis Cup team at the end of the season, citing "purely personal" reasons for his decision.

The 44-year-old, who won the Davis Cup three times as a player in 2008, 2009, and 2011, has spent three years leading the national team but has yet to win the competition as captain.

Ferrer confirmed his decision in a statement posted on social media, saying he would not continue in the role in 2027.

"I want to announce that this will be my last year as Davis Cup captain, and I will not be continuing into 2027," he wrote.

He thanked the Royal Spanish Tennis Federation (RFET) for giving him the opportunity to fulfil a long-held ambition, reports Xinhua. "I want to thank the RFET for the chance to fulfil one of my dreams - serving as the Davis Cup captain for my country," Ferrer said.

He also expressed gratitude to the players and staff who had worked alongside him during his tenure. "It has been a privilege to share this path with them all," he added.

Ferrer will have one final opportunity to lift the trophy as captain when Spain competes in the Davis Cup Finals in Bologna, Italy, from November 24 to 28.

Despite announcing his departure, Ferrer insisted his attention remained firmly on the upcoming tournament.

"My sole focus and excitement are directed toward helping the Spanish team secure the trophy," he said. "We have a wonderful challenge ahead in Bologna, where, as always, the players themselves will be the true protagonists."

Ferrer, who was once ranked world No. 3 in men's singles, has won 27 ATP Tour singles titles, including a Masters 1000 event at the 2012 Paris Masters. He was also the runner-up at the 2013 French Open, the 2007 Tennis Masters Cup, and six Masters events.

With 734 career match wins, Ferrer holds the distinction of winning the most matches on the ATP Tour without having won a major; he is widely considered one of the best players not to have won a major.

Free entry for female spectators for India-Zimbabwe women's T20Is in Raipur

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Female spectators will be allowed free entry to the three women's T20Is between India and Zimbabwe, starting at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium here, following a suggestion from the state's Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

The matches will be played on October 16, 18 and 20, with all three games starting at 7 pm. A Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) source said to IANS on Thursday that the decision was taken after the chief minister floated the idea when office-bearers of the association invited him to watch the T20I series.

"The Chhattisgarh CM suggested free ticketing for female spectators yesterday when he was invited to watch the T20I games by the state association. This happened because of the CM's suggestion, as one cannot refuse the CM's suggestion.

"Navratri is also going on, and having as many female spectators as possible in the T20I matches will add more spark to the festive season in Raipur," further said the source.

The invitation was extended to Sai by CSCS president Mohan Das, director Vijay Shah, former president Mukul Tiwari, secretary Vintesh Agrawal, along with G S Murthy, Vinay Bajaj and other office-bearers.

The association announced the initiative on its social media accounts on Thursday and urged female fans to turn up in large numbers and fill the stands in support of the Indian team. The series marks the start of Smriti Mandhana's tenure as India's full-time captain and is Zimbabwe's first bilateral series against India.

It will also be the first time Raipur hosts a women's international match. After the T20Is, the two teams will move to Vadodara for a three-match ODI series from October 23 to 28. Meanwhile, Surat will host Elite Group A games in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy, which New Delhi was to stage originally.

But with Arun Jaitley Stadium set to undergo drainage and pitch upgrades, and Palam Grounds occupied with the Ranji Trophy, there weren't sufficient grounds to stage the games. CK Pithawala Ground and Lalbhai Contractor Stadium in Surat will now host Elite Group A games starting on October 26.

"Delhi did not have the grounds due to red ball games also running simultaneously. Surat will host the group games and the change is also visible on the BCCI website," said a source aware of the development to IANS.

Elite Group A comprises reigning champions Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Bengal, Goa, Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Assam.

KTR alleges Rs 3,000-crore coal import scam, seeks white paper on power crisis

KTR Alleges Coal Import Deal Irregularities Amid Telangana Power Crisis, Demands White Paper and Independent Probe Into Singareni Dues

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Putting the Congress government in the dock, BRS working president KT Rama Rao described the ongoing power crisis in Telangana as a deliberate attempt to create an artificial coal shortage and facilitate foreign coal imports at inflated prices. He accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and the Congress government of being involved in an alleged Rs 3,000-crore scam by signing a prior agreement with a logistics company.

He demanded a white paper on the proposed imports and an independent investigation into the entire affair. He warned that the BRS would oppose any move that weakened Singareni or burdened the State with expensive imports, and demanded that the government publish a comprehensive report on the coal and power crisis.

In an open letter addressed to Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy, Rama Rao questioned the rationale for turning to expensive imported coal when Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and other domestic sources could potentially meet the re-



quirement. He said a prior agreement with Bothra Logistics for coal imports had raised suspicions about the company's selection and the transparency of the procurement process.

He said the move could benefit private interests at the cost of SCCL and impose an unnecessary financial burden on Telangana.

The BRS working president stated that the proposed arrangement could involve a commission of Rs 1,500 per tonne, potentially amounting to Rs 3,000 crore. He demanded disclosure of all discussions, tenders, agreements, proposed purchase quantities, prices, logistics costs and payments involving Bothra Logistics, the State government and Singareni.

Questioning the government's claim of a shortage of suitable coal for the Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS), he cited a February 15, 2018, Union Coal Ministry allocation for 14 million tonnes per annum of G9-grade coal from Singareni mines and a supply agreement dated April 27, 2022. He sought details of actual supplies and the reasons for the alleged shortfall.

Rama Rao also pointed to Singareni's coal production declining from 70.02 million tonnes in 2023-24 to about 58 million tonnes in 2025-26. He questioned the failure to maximise domestic production, including supplies from the Naini block in Odisha and the Mahanadi region. He demanded an institution-wise account of nearly Rs 60,000 crore in outstanding dues reportedly owed to Singareni, including the amounts due, payments received and pending liabilities.

BJP Alleges Large-Scale Corruption in 22-A Land List

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BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday alleged that large-scale corruption was taking place under the guise of the 22-A prohibited land list, with lakhs of acres — including agricultural land — being placed under restrictions. Addressing the media, Rao said people who had possessed land for 20 to 30 years were suddenly finding their assets included under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, leaving them uncertain about their ownership rights. He alleged that the process of removing land from the list had created scope for bribery, and pointed to the ACB arrests of revenue officials allegedly demanding bribes. He said affected persons were making repeated rounds of collector offices to seek clarification and



relief. He said farmers in Bomraspet of Shamirpet mandal were anxious after about 1,500 acres were reportedly included in the prohibited list. Similar problems, he claimed, were being reported in Banjara Hills and Jubilee Hills, where the presence of even one government plot in a survey number was leading to the entire survey number being restricted.

Rao alleged that the poor and middle classes were suffering losses, while influential persons and builders were benefiting. He demanded transparency in adding or removing lands from the 22-A list and said justice must be done to affected landowners. The Congress government, he said, must answer for the issue. The BJP leader also criticised the state government over irrigation water and power supply, claiming that farmers dependent on borewells were receiving barely two to three hours of quality electricity, leading to crop damage and drought-like conditions. He alleged that power cuts were affecting towns as well and accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of shifting responsibility onto officials. Rao mocked Congress leaders for raising "vote chori" allegations in Delhi, and described Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi as "fake Gandhis." He also alleged that foreign funds were being used to create internal unrest and accused the Congress of supporting anti-national forces during the anti-CAA agitation.

Hyderabad police warn against mobile phone use while driving

HYDERABAD
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For passengers travelling in an auto-rickshaw or cab, a routine journey could turn dangerous when the person behind the wheel is distracted by a mobile phone.

City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar has raised concern over the growing practice of auto and cab drivers watching videos, scrolling through reels and attending calls while driving, warning that such behaviour puts the lives of passengers and other road users at serious risk.

In an appeal to citizens, Sajjanar highlighted a disturbing incident in which an auto driver was allegedly transporting passengers late at night with two mobile phones placed in front of him. While one phone displayed navigation, the other was playing videos. The driver was also wearing large headphones with illuminated lights, further raising concerns about his attention to the road. Appealing to commuters, the Commissioner urged passengers to question drivers who engage in such conduct and ask them to stop using distracting devices. If a driver ignores the warning or continues to drive dangerously, commuters should report the matter by calling Dial 112, the emergency response number. However, police officials said passengers should avoid physical confrontations with drivers while a vehicle is moving. Where possible, they should ask the driver to stop at a safe location before raising the issue and report immediate dangers to the authorities concerned.

Revanth Urges Farmers To Avoid Rabi Crops To Save Water, Power

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday appealed to farmers to avoid rabi cultivation, particularly paddy, in view of the impending water and power crisis triggered by deficient rainfall under the impact of the El Niño weather system. Urging people to conserve water and electricity for eight to 10 months, he said he would lead an all-party delegation to Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in the first week of November to



seek Central assistance to tackle the drought situation in the state.

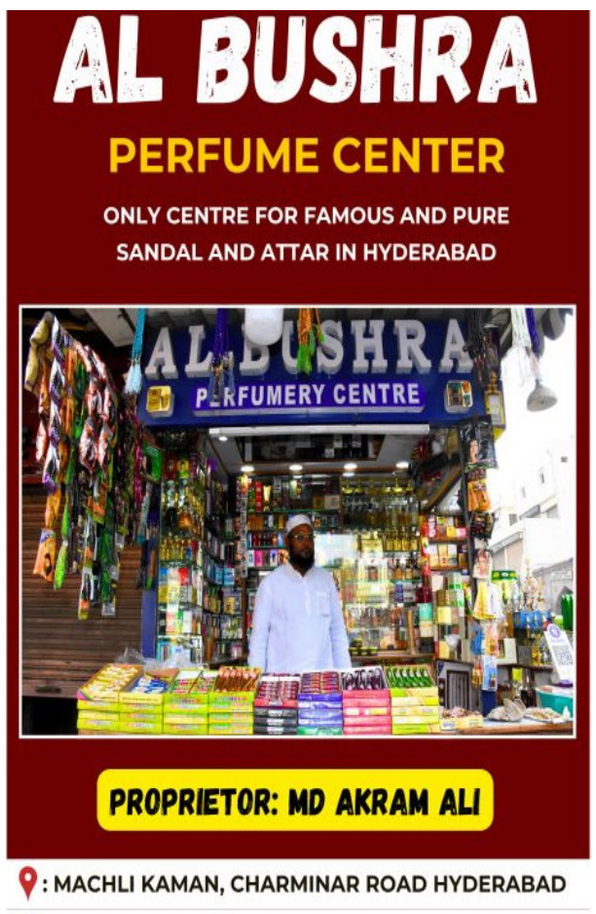
Addressing a press conference here after an informal Cabinet meeting, Revanth Reddy compared the impending crisis to the Covid-19 pandemic and warned of severe heat, drinking water shortages and agricultural distress. The government had prepared an action plan, he said and called for collective efforts to tackle the natural disaster. Telangana had recorded a 23 per cent rainfall deficit, with water availability in the Krishna basin 72 per cent lower and in the Godavari basin 40 per cent lower. Reservoirs held just 209 tmc ft of water against 460 tmc ft in October last year. With drinking water to be supplied to state, the government had to conserve existing water, he said.

"Water cannot be purchased like other commodities. We must save every drop," Revanth Reddy said, warning that paddy nurseries could dry up if farmers sowed without adequate water. He urged them to postpone rabi cultivation and avoid water-intensive crops. Reports indicated the possibility of kharif crop losses across 10 lakh acres. Officials had been directed to protect standing crops, with the government purchasing electricity from the market at prevailing prices to save crops nearing harvest, expected in about 20 days. Non-paddy crops were cultivated on 13 lakh acres during the kharif season, against paddy on 56 lakh acres, he said.

Power demand had surged to 20,003 MW on Thursday against the normal October requirement of 15,000 MW. Around 30 lakh agricultural pump sets were operating amid unusually high temperatures. Electricity demand had increased by 14,000 MW in 13 years, including 6,000 to 7,000 MW in the last two years. Several neighbouring states were also facing shortages, he said. The government was expanding employment under the VB-G RAM G scheme to support rural households. Participation had risen from 25,000 people during the corresponding period last year to 2.5 lakh now.



AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Distributes 76 Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi Scheme Cheques Worth ₹76.08 Lakh to Asif Nagar Mandal Beneficiaries at Darussalam



Aadhaar Enrolment, Biometric Update Services To Be Available At MEO Offices, Junior Colleges During Dasara Holidays

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The school education department and Samagra Shiksha have directed officials to make Aadhaar enrolment and biometric update services available at mandal educational officer (MEO) offices and junior colleges during the Dasara holidays. The facilities are meant for students and the general public, with strict instructions against excess charges. The arrangement covers the holidays beginning October 12, according to Samagra Shiksha state project director Dr E. Naveen Nicolas. Children without Aadhaar numbers can register at the camps, while students with pending mandatory biometric updates (MBU) can get them completed. Other applicable Aadhaar services will also be available to the public, subject to UIDAI guidelines.

MEOs have been instructed to inform headmasters about camp schedules and venues. Headmasters must then pass these details to students and parents or guardians, particularly those whose biometric updates are pending, and encourage them to use the facilities.

The department has prohibited unauthorised charges. Fees must follow UIDAI-prescribed rates, and services exempted from charges must be provided free of cost.

Hydraa Holds Review Meeting for Removing Encroachments on Kukatpally Nala

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath discussed the clean-up and encroachment removal works along the Kukatpally Nala in Balanagar and Fatehnagar during a review meeting with officials from the Cyberabad and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) and representatives of the industrial cooperative societies. Stormwater from Pariki Cheruvu and IDL lakes, along with stormwater from Foxsagar, converges into the Kukatpally nala, which flows towards the Hussainsagar.

Officials stated that in



order to restrict flooding at the industrial areas, removing the silt and debris within the drain and removing encroachments raised on the drain line was important. The width of the 40-metre drain had shrunk to nine metres due to encroachments in several areas. About 2.2 kilometers of the drain fells under the CMC limits, and another 2 km under MMC limits at the industrial area. Representatives of the industrial cooperative societies stated that they would cooperate with the authorities in clearing the encroachments. They urged officials to begin work at extremely flood-prone areas, and bring a permanent solution to the problem.

Water Board Seizes 12 Illegal Motors In Kukatpally

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

HMWS&SB vigilance officials seized 12 illegal motors installed on drinking water pipelines in Vivekanandanagar Colony under the Kukatpally zone on Thursdaym during a special inspection was conducted in Division 22, Gayathrinagar ward, between 8 am and 10 am.

The board, the use of unauthorised motors to draw water directly from supply pipelines could reduce water pressure and affect the supply to other consumers.

The board said it would continue inspections to curb the use of illegal motors and ensure equitable distribution of drinking water.

It warned that action would be taken against those violating the prescribed rules.

UoH Secures Patent For High-Throughput Molecular Diagnostics

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The University of Hyderabad (UoH) and Mumbai-based miBiome Therapeutics LLP secured an Indian patent for a molecular indexing method designed to scale up DNA/RNA sample processing while reducing sequencing costs.

Granted on October 12, the patent covered the invention titled "Method of Pooling Multiple Reverse Indexed DNA/RNA Samples and Adding Single Indexed Forward Primer and Application Thereof". The application was filed on July 16, 2020.

The inventors, Prof. Sreenivasulu Kurukuti of the department of animal biology, School of Life Sciences, UoH, and Dr Gautam Das of miBiome Therapeutics, whose collaborative research initiative emerged during the Covid-19 pandemic to develop scalable, efficient and cost-effective molecular diagnostic technologies. Prof. Kurukuti explained that the method used unique molecular barcodes to identify individual DNA/RNA samples, which were pooled and assigned an additional pool-specific barcode for processing through next-generation sequencing (NGS). "This allows individual sample identities to be retained while enabling large numbers of samples to be sequenced together."

By reusing sample-specific indexing primers across differently indexed pools, the technology has a theoretical capacity to distinguish samples from 92,160 individuals, calculated as 96 × 960, with scope for further scaling to millions of samples, he added. UoH believes the approach could reduce library preparation requirements, processing time and sequencing costs. Potential applications include population-scale molecular diagnostics, infectious disease surveillance, mass screening and genomic research.

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