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WEATHER

MAX: 32.0°C
MIN:24.3°C
RH: 84%
RAINFALL 7.5 MM
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MAX/MIN
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Modi To Visit Canada on Dec. 11-12 For Talks

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Canada on December 11-12 for bilateral talks with his counterpart Mark Carney. Carney confirmed the visit. Modi is expected to visit Ottawa and Toronto and interact with the Indian diaspora.
The announcement follows a telephone conversation between the two leaders this week. Canadian foreign minister Anita Anand, who met Modi on Thursday, welcomed progress on the bilateral roadmap and the recent security dialogue between the two countries.
"Minister Anand and Prime Minister Modi discussed the importance of concluding a comprehensive economic partnership agreement by the end of the year," the Canadian government said.

Tiranga Protest Sparks Political Storm in Delhi

Delhi Police Detain 150 Protesters After Tiranga March Denied Permission

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Hundreds of supporters of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) and student organisations staged flash protests across central Delhi on Friday after police denied permission for the party's 'Lehra Do Tiranga' march at Connaught Place. Around 150 protesters, including CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke and All India Students' Association (AISA) president Neha Bora, were detained by Delhi Police.
Carrying the national flag and raising slogans such as 'Jai Hind', protesters moved through Connaught Place before dispersing and regrouping at different locations. Some also sang the national anthem. Students and AISA members demonstrated at Mandi House, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, withdrawal of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and repeal of the 2023 Election Commissioner Appointment Act.
Police detained Dipke at his Jhandewalan residence and Bora at Mandi House. Authorities cited concerns over law and order, while security personnel cordoned off Central Park and restricted public access on Friday and Saturday under prohibitory orders.
The detentions triggered sharp political reactions. Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee termed Dipke's detention an "undeclared Emergency", arguing that young people were being detained for peacefully exercising their democratic rights.
Congress and Samajwadi Party leaders criticised the BJP-led government for defending the Chief Election Commissioner. SP MP Iqra Hasan questioned why young people were facing difficulties to protect one individual and called for Kumar's resignation.
However, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh accused the Congress and its allies of using young people to spread "anarchy" and attempting regime change similar to Bangladesh's 2024 political uprising.
He maintained that democratic freedoms did not permit disorder or undermine constitutional institutions.
BJP leader Dilip Ghosh also criticised the demonstrations, alleging that political protests during Navratri and Durga Puja were creating tension.
The protests raised concerns among traders and businesses in central Delhi. Restaurant operators reported significant losses during repeated demonstrations, while the Federation Lajpat Nagar Traders Association sought compensation for losses allegedly suffered during an October 10 protest.
Delhi Traffic Police issued an advisory warning of possible congestion around Connaught Place from 3 pm, urging commuters to avoid affected routes.

Security Tightened Across Jharkhand Ahead of Durga Puja

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Security has been tightened across Jharkhand ahead of the four-day Durga Puja festival to avoid any untoward incident and maintain law and order, a senior official said on Friday. Additional forces, drones and CCTV cameras have been deployed in major cities, including Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Dhanbad, he said.
In Ranchi, more than 2,000 police forces comprising Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and Rapid Action Forces (RAFs) have been deployed across the city.
Monitoring will be done through CCTV and drone cameras. Besides, a comprehensive control room has been established to manage crowds at around 30 major puja pandals, Superintendent of Police (City), Paras Rana, said.
Routes for the idol immersion procession have been identified, and cranes will be used this time for immersion

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Revanth Asks Hyundai to Set Up Car Making Unit



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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday invited Hyundai Motors to set up a car manufacturing facility in Hyderabad, assuring the company of the state government's full support.
A delegation of Hyundai Motors India Engineering (HMIE), led by its managing director Changyeon Cho, met the Chief Minister at the MCRHRDI and informed him that the company was preparing to lay the foundation for its proposed Global Innovation Research and Development (R&D) Centre at the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) in Zaheerabad in the next few months.
The proposed integrated R&D facility involves an investment of `8,528 crore and an employment commitment of 4,276 jobs. Spread over 678 acres, the project will be developed in phases and will include a major research and development facility and a mega test centre.
Revanth Reddy highlighted Telangana's strategic location, availability of skilled manpower, dedicated mobility clusters and expanding road, rail and air connectivity. He also outlined plans to improve high-speed connectivity with ports to facilitate industrial production and exports. "Telangana is centrally located in the country, and Hyderabad is known for being cosmopolitan, safe and among the most liveable cities among the six major metropolitan cities in India," Revanth Reddy said.

Air India Extends Cancellation of Saudi Arabia Flights till Oct 20

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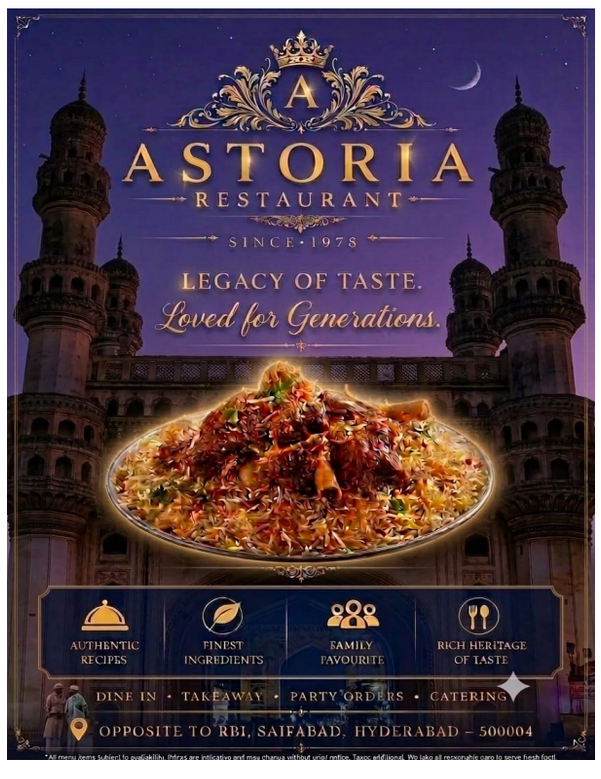
Air India on Friday said it has extended the cancellation of flights to Saudi Arabia till October 20 amid escalating tensions in the region due to the attacks on the Gulf country by Houthis. Earlier, the airline as well as Air India Express had cancelled flights to Saudi Arabia till October 17. "In view of the evolving situation in Saudi Arabia, all Air India flights to and from Riyadh, Dammam and Jeddah stand cancelled until 20 October 2026," Air India said in a post on X.
The airline also said it was closely monitoring developments and continuously assessing the situation to ensure the safe resumption of operations. "Passengers affected by these cancellations are being offered a full refund," it added. IndiGo, on Thursday, announced extending the cancellation of flights to Saudi Arabia till October 24. On Thursday, Akasa Air said that in view of the prevailing security situation in the Middle East, it has extended the suspension of all flights to and from Riyadh until October 24 and Jeddah until October 21.
Tensions have escalated in recent days following drone and missile attacks targeting civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia by Yemen's Houthis.

Graduates will teach Congress a lesson in MLC polls: KTR

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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has expressed confidence that graduates, educated youth and unemployed people will teach the ruling Congress a fitting lesson in the upcoming Graduate MLC elections, alleging that the government has failed to fulfil its electoral promises.
Rama Rao accused the Congress government of betraying students and unemployed youth by delaying recruitment notifications, failing to deliver on employment assurances and allowing job opportunities to decline. He alleged that the government's policies had pushed the education sector into a crisis and intensified dissatisfaction among young people across Telangana.
He made these remarks during a review meeting with BRS MLAs and senior leaders from the erstwhile Warangal district at Telangana Bhavan on Friday. The meeting focused on the party's organisational preparedness, election strategy and measures to strengthen its position ahead of the forthcoming Graduate MLC polls.
Rama Rao reportedly told party leaders that graduates and unemployed youth were increasingly frustrated with the Congress government over its failure to implement promises made before the Assembly elections. He expressed confidence that this dissatisfaction would translate into electoral support for the BRS.
Emphasising the importance of voter enrolment, the BRS working president instructed party leaders and workers to prioritise the registration of eligible graduates. He stressed that every eligible voter should be encouraged to complete the enrolment process to ensure maximum participation in the elections.
He also called for coordinated efforts among party representatives, local leaders and grassroots workers to strengthen the BRS campaign. He urged cadres to work collectively, reach out to graduates across the constituency and highlight what the party described as the Congress government's failures.



Jaishankar To Meet Rubio in Mumbai

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External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar will hold talks with the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Mr Marco Rubio, in Mumbai on October 20.
The discussions are expected to cover key areas of bilateral cooperation, including energy, trade and investment, defence, and critical and emerging technologies. The two sides will also exchange views on regional and global developments. Besides, EAM will attend the celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the Independence of the US as a Guest of Honour.
Dr Jaishankar will also hold meetings with the Deputy Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in Mumbai on October 19.
"On October 19-20, the EAM will host in Mumbai the deputy prime minister and the foreign minister of the UAE, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, for an official visit. On October 20, the EAM will hold talks with US Secre-

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Clashes Between TD, YSRC Workers In Punganur; Several Injured

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Tension prevailed in Punganur in Annamayya district on Friday after workers of the Telugu Desam (TD) and YSR Congress clashed on the first day of nominations for urban local body elections. Several people, including police personnel, were injured, and vehicles were damaged in the violence. The clashes erupted when YSR Congress MP P.V. Mithun Reddy accompanied the party's chairman nominee and eight ward-member nominees to the nomination centre at Basavaraja Government Junior College. A large rally of party workers followed the candidates amid apprehensions of obstruction. Rival groups confronted each other and pelted stones. Mithun Reddy's convoy was allegedly attacked with stones, sticks and iron rods.
The MP entered the nomination centre under police protection and remained there for over an hour. As tensions escalated, police escorted him away. TD leader Madhu Royal sustained serious injuries. The injured were shifted to hospital, and additional police forces were deployed to control the situation. Police reportedly fired a round in the air to disperse the groups. Former minister and Punganur MLA Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy alleged that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and IT Minister Nara Lokesh were behind the attack. He accused TD workers of obstructing YSRC candidates and demanded action against those responsible.
Mithun Reddy alleged that around 1,000 people had attacked him and party workers. He said he had accompanied the chairman candidate to file a nomination, but the returning officer cited pressure from higher authorities not to accept

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Severe Drought Hits 101 Mandals, Moderate Drought in 214, Says Telangana

Deficient rainfall cuts cultivation; officials warn of crop losses and Hyderabad water shortages.

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The state government has identified preliminary drought conditions in 315 mandals, including 101 facing severe drought and 214 experiencing moderate drought, and proposed a Rs 1,986.89-crore assistance package for farmers affected by deficient rainfall and crop losses. Officials presented the assessment at an informal Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Thursday to review the impact of El Niño and the emerging drought situation.

According to the report, Telangana received 615.5 mm of rainfall against the normal 740.6 mm between June 1 and September 30. By October 15, cumulative rainfall stood at 615.8 mm against



the normal 795.7 mm, resulting in a 23 per cent deficit. The deficient rainfall affected agricultural operations, with the cultivated area declining by 13.22 lakh acres, from 139.28 lakh acres last year to 126.06 lakh acres this year. Paddy cultivation declined from 69.19 lakh acres to 57.04 lakh acres. Officials estimated cotton crop damage across 8.93 lakh acres, with yields likely to decline by up to 50 per cent. Paddy crops were affected across 1.20 lakh acres, with an estimated yield reduction of 30 to 35 per cent. Nalgonda accounted for the largest affected area at 3.58 lakh acres, followed by Jogulamba Gadwal with 1.45 lakh acres, Nagarkurnool with 1.41 lakh acres and Rangareddy with 1.29 lakh acres.

The officials recommended prioritising drinking water requirements and restricting irrigation releases. They proposed utilising 47 tmc ft for a single watering of standing kharif crops across approximately seven lakh acres. Farmers in areas without assured water availability could be advised to observe a crop holiday. The government was also advised to reserve 85 tmc ft exclusively for drinking water requirements until July 2027. Declining water levels in the Singur and Manjeera reservoirs have raised concerns over drinking water supplies to Hyderabad. Officials said the city currently receives around 560 million gallons of water a day and shortages from the two reservoirs could require greater reliance on alternative sources. The proposed contingency measures include pumping additional water from the Krishna, modifying supplies under Mission Bhagiratha and increasing the utilisation of Godavari water to meet drinking water requirements. The officials also recommended restricting the use of drinking water and borewell water for construction and other non-essential purposes within the Hyderabad CURE limits. Depending on the severity of the shortage, water supply in some localities could be restricted to once every three days. The assessment indicated that drinking water supply to around three lakh connections in the Hyderabad metropolitan area could be affected by December. At present, around 1.3 crore people receive drinking water through 14.5 lakh connections across the metropolitan area. The officials proposed nine alternative plans involving an estimated expenditure of Rs 57.55 crore to address the anticipated shortage and minimise its impact on consumers. The government was also advised to seek Rs 30,000 crore in special financial assistance from the Centre to address drought conditions.

Rohith Vemula Telangana Bill Draft In 3 Months

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The state government directed officials to prepare the preliminary draft of the proposed 'Rohith Vemula Telangana Bill' within three months and submit it to the Committee of Senior Civil Servants (CSC). The legislation is aimed to protect students' rights in universities and higher educational institutions and eliminate discrimination on campuses based on caste and social background. The Cabinet subcommittee on Rohith Vemula Bill met on Friday and held detailed discussions on the approach to be adopted for drafting the proposed legislation, the composition of the committee, legal aspects and the consultation process with various stakeholders.

The sub-committee suggested that the Scheduled Castes Development Department (SCDD) lead the process of drafting the legislation. It emphasised the need to provide representation to all relevant departments and institutions on the committee and specifically directed that the law department be included as a member. It also called for examining the participation of the education and home departments, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and relevant institutions. It instructed officials to constitute the committee at the earliest and immediately initiate the necessary groundwork for preparing the draft legislation. It directed officials to prepare a list of stakeholders, including students, faculty members, legal experts, civil society organisations, education experts and other relevant groups, for consultations. It said the draft should take into account the problems faced by students at the grassroots level, issues relating to discrimination in higher educational institutions and the challenges likely to arise during implementation of the legislation. It also suggested that inputs from expert institutions, in addition to government officials, could be considered.

The meeting discussed obtaining assistance from Nalsar
University of Law on the legal and technical aspects of the proposed bill. Committee chairman and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Adluri Lakshman Kumar, special chief secretary Savyasachi Ghosh, senior IPS officer Devendra Singh
Chauhan, IAS officers Yogita Rana and Vijayendra Boyi, advocate Disha Wadekar and others attended the meeting.

Kishan Reddy Inspects Record Bathukamma Arrangements

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Friday inspected the arrangements for a record-setting Bathukamma celebration to be held at Amberpet Municipal Ground. The event will feature a 72-feet-tall Bathukamma, billed as India's largest, created with nearly 25 quintals of colourful flowers. Reddy said Bathukamma in its floral structure would set a new Guinness World Record, surpassing the existing 63.11-feet record set in Hyderabad in 2025.

Kishan Reddy said the celebrations, organised with the Devasena Devi Foundation and women entrepreneurs, would showcase Telangana's cultural pride on a global platform. He said thousands of women representatives would participate, making the festival a celebration of tradition, women's empowerment and community spirit. He invited people from Telangana, other Telugu-speaking states and abroad to witness the event live.

The programme will begin in the afternoon with rituals performed by 108 girls, followed by Maha Harathi. The main Bathukamma festivities, featuring folk songs and women's dances, will continue in the evening. The Governor and Telangana's First Lady are expected to participate as chief guests. Kavya Kishan Reddy said the initiative, undertaken with Devi Foundation founder Dr Neelima, aimed to secure worldwide recognition for Bathukamma and the floral traditions of Telangana's women.

Telangana Power Grid Under Strain As Heat, Fall In Hydro Power And Coal Shortage Converge

SCCL and TGGENCO have drawn up a plan to supply 75,500 tonnes of coal daily to the state's thermal power stations.

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Telangana's electricity demand crossed an unprecedented 20,000 megawatts (MW) on October 15, against the normal October requirement of about 15,000 MW, putting pressure on Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Telangana Power Generation Corporation (TGGenco) to maintain coal supplies to thermal power stations. TGGenco's closing coal stock stood at about 6.50 lakh tonnes, against an average daily consumption of 74,800 tonnes, sufficient for less than nine days. This is considerably below the mandated reserve of 21 days.

According to the Telangana State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC), peak electricity demand had reached 19,892 MW by September 30. During the first 15 days of October, the state recorded an average peak demand of 19,289 MW, indicating sustained higher consumption compared with last year. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy attributed the increased demand to El Nino-driven summer-like temperatures and the continuous operation of nearly 30 lakh agricultural pumpsets to irrigate standing crops.



He said electricity demand had increased by about 14,000 MW over the past 13 years, including 6,000 MW to 7,000 MW in the last two years. Several neighbouring states were also facing power shortages, he said. The 4,000-MW Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS), which requires about 34,000 tonnes of coal daily, reportedly had stocks sufficient for only five days. The plant requires 14 million tonnes of G-9 grade coal annually. As Singareni has limited capacity to produce this grade, the government has arranged supplies from the Naini coal block in Odisha, in addition to local coal.

Coal stocks at units V and VI of Kothagudem and at the Bhadradri and Kakatiya thermal power stations were sufficient for about 10 days, while Kothagudem unit VII had reserves for about 12 days. Singareni has been diverting a substantial portion of its coal production to thermal power plants in Telangana, reducing allocations to neighbouring states. SCCL and TGGENCO have drawn up a plan to supply 75,500 tonnes of coal daily to the state's thermal power stations.

Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy responded positively to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's request for additional coal supplies from Coal India to YTPS to address the power shortage.

Saraswati Devi Alankaram Draws Devotees to Bowenpally Nallapochamma Temple

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Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple in Bapuji Nagar, New Bowenpally, witnessed a large gathering of devotees on Friday as Goddess Nallapochamma was adorned in Saraswati Devi Alankaram during the ongoing Sri Devi Sharan Navaratri Mahotsavam.The temple reverberated with Vedic chants and devotional hymns as devotees offered prayers to the goddess of knowledge and wisdom. Special rituals and decorations marked the auspicious occasion.Jampana Pratap, former Vice President of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board, attended the celebrations as chief guest and participated in the special pujas. He highlighted the spiritual importance of Navaratri and said the goddess would appear in different traditional alankarams during the remaining festival days.

The temple committee has also strengthened arrangements to serve the growing number of devotees. Daily annadanam is being organised as part of the celebrations to provide food to worshippers.

The festivities continue to attract devotees seeking the goddess's blessings for peace, prosperity and well-being.



Darji Ramesh's Family Celebrates Sixth-Day Bathukamma with Floral Splendour

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Women in Tadkal Gram Panchayat, Kangti Mandal, Sangareddy district, are celebrating the Bathukamma festival with traditional devotion and enthusiasm. As part of the festivities, the family of Darji Ramesh prepared a beautiful floral Bathukamma on the sixth day of the festival.The Bathukamma was decorated with colourful seasonal flowers, including vibrant yellow, white and pink blossoms, arranged in traditional tiered layers. The



floral arrangement reflected the beauty of Telangana's cultural traditions and the family's participation in the festive celebrations.Bathukamma is one of Telangana's most cherished festivals, celebrating nature, flowers and the cultural identity of the state.

The festival brings families and communities together, while helping younger generations understand and preserve their traditional heritage. The celebrations by Darji Ramesh's family highlight the continued enthusiasm for Bathukamma in rural Telangana and the importance of preserving the state's rich cultural customs.

Selection Of Licensees For 41 Bars Across Telangana Concludes

Excise commissioner Harikiran said the selection of licencees for 41 bars across Telangana through a lottery was completed smoothly. A total of 4,251 applications were received for 14 bars within the CURE (Excise) jurisdiction. For the 27 bars, located in other municipal corporations and municipalities, 4,519 applications were submitted. Every applicant, who applied for the draw for the 14 bars,
under the Telangana CURE jurisdiction, was present, and the draw was conducted in the presence of all those in attendance. For the remaining bars, the selection of licencees was carried out in the presence of the respective district collectors.

The draw event was attended by prohibition and excise commissioner Syed Yaseen Qureshi, along with deputy commissioners J. Harikishan (Cyberabad), A. Srinivasa Reddy (Hyderabad) and Pranavi (Malkajgiri).

BRIC-CDFD, Oxford Nanopore Launch Genomics Centre

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The BRIC-Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (BRIC-CDFD) and Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) have launched a Genomics Centre of Excellence (CoE) to strengthen scientific collaboration between India and the United Kingdom and advance genomic research and healthcare applications.

The centre was jointly inaugurated by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and UK Minister Jonathan Reynolds during the eighth India-UK Science and Innovation Council meeting held in New Delhi this week. The initiative aims to combine India's scientific expertise with British sequencing technology to accelerate genomic research, support scientific discoveries and expand healthcare applications.

Prof. Ullas Kolthur-Seetharam, Director of BRIC-CDFD, said the collaboration would strengthen research capabilities by bringing together advanced sequencing technologies



and India's scientific talent. He noted that the centre would focus on collaborative research, training, capacity building and translating genomic discoveries into practical applications that benefit healthcare and the public.

A key objective of the initiative is to improve equitable, accessible and affordable access to sequencing technologies. The partnership is expected to explore opportunities to make genomic testing more widely available, particularly through point-of-care diagnostics that can bring testing closer to patients and healthcare facilities.

Such diagnostic approaches could help healthcare professionals obtain relevant information more efficiently and support the development of improved diagnostic strategies. By expanding access to genomic tools, the centre seeks to contribute to public health initiatives and encourage the application of scientific advances in addressing healthcare challenges.

Nick Keher, Chief Financial Officer of Oxford Nanopore Technologies, described India as an important long-term partner in genomics and health innovation. He said the collaboration would combine British technology with Indian research capabilities to address shared health challenges.

Keher also highlighted the importance of developing local expertise and supporting the wider adoption of genomic research in healthcare. The partnership is expected to create opportunities for researchers and professionals to develop specialised skills while strengthening the scientific ecosystem in both countries.

ELECTION REDDY TAKES CHARGE AS KEESARA CIRCLE INSPECTOR



Election Reddy assumed charge as the new Circle Inspector of Keesara on Friday. He said maintaining law and order and preventing crime would be his top priorities. He assured strict action against anti-social activities and said he would remain accessible to the public and work to resolve their grievances.

Congress Govt Responsible For Coal, Power, Irrigation Srises: KTR

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday blamed the Congress government for the crises facing Telangana in the coal, power and irrigation sectors. Rama Rao demanded that chief minister A Revanth Reddy order an inquiry by a sitting judge into alleged irregularities in Singareni Collieries, proposed foreign coal purchases and other financial "scandals." He accused the Congress government of betraying unemployed youth, students and graduates, asserting that the party would be taught a lesson in the upcoming Graduate MLC elections.

Addressing a meeting of BRS leaders from the Narsampet assembly constituency at Telangana Bhavan on Friday, KTR challenged the government to order an inquiry into allegations of a ₹10,000-crore scam in Singareni and the solar



power agreements. He pointed out that Singareni coal was available at around ₹3,800 per tonne, while imported coal would cost between ₹10,000 and ₹12,000 per tonne. "Despite the availability of domestic coal, the government was attempting to procure coal from Australia, allegedly to take commissions," he alleged.

The BRS leader criticised the government for failing to clear dues payable to Singareni, thereby pushing the public sector company into difficulties. Describing Revanth Reddy as an 'EMI chief minister', KTR alleged that plans to purchase foreign coal were aimed at meeting the political obligations of the Congress high command. Recalling that the previous BRS government had provided 24-hour power supply, he questioned why the state was now facing power shortages.

"With nearly 30 lakh agricultural pump sets dependent on electricity, ensuring uninterrupted power supply to farmers is the government's responsibility," he said. KTR also accused the Congress government of failing to utilise water from the Kaleshwaram project effectively, alleging that nearly 1,000tmc of water had flown into the sea. He urged the government to take concrete measures to provide irrigation water to farmers instead of citing El Niño as an excuse.

"This is not a drought caused by nature, but a drought created by the Congress," he remarked.

KTR said graduates, unemployed youth and students were angry with the Congress government. He alleged that the government had betrayed young people by failing to issue the necessary job recruitment notifications and fulfill its promises. The Congress government had also pushed the education sector into a crisis, he charged. As part of preparations for the upcoming Graduate MLC elections, KTR held a review meeting with BRS MLAs and senior leaders from the erstwhile Warangal district at Telangana Bhavan. He instructed party leaders to ensure that every eligible graduate was enrolled as a voter and urged them to take the registration drive seriously. Calling for coordinated efforts by party leaders and workers, he asked them to work collectively to secure the party's victory in the elections. KTR asserted that the BRS would continue its fight to protect.

BJP Demands Resolution Of NHM Staff Issues

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BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao on Friday demanded that the Congress government immediately resolve the demands of National Health Mission (NHM) employees, who have been on dharna at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, in support of their long-pending issues. Addressing the 'Maha Dharna', Rao expressed solidarity with nearly 17,000 doctors, ANMs and paramedical staff serving in PHCs and Basti Dawakhanas across Telangana. He said it was unfortunate that employees, about 70 per cent of whom are women, had to boycott duties from October 13 after the government failed to respond to their representations.

Rao demanded paid maternity leave, health and



life insurance, job security, implementation of minimum wages under G.O. No. 60 and wage revision as per G.O. 1195. He insisted on "equal pay for equal work" for all healthcare staff, including Ayurveda, Homeopathy and AYUSH employees.

He alleged that while the Centre released NHM funds on time, the state government was showing negligence and delaying clearance of dues. He also criticised the government for relying on contract, part-time and stipend-based workers instead of making permanent recruitments.

Earlier, addressing the BJP Mahila Morcha executive meeting, Rao said NDA-led welfare schemes had empowered crores of women through Jan Dhan, Mudra Yojana, Ujjwala, Lakhpati Didi and other programmes. He accused Congress and BRS of opposing the Women's Reservation Bill and criticised the state government over rising crimes against women, citing an increase from around 20,000 cases in 2024 to 21,000 in 2025. Mahila Morcha national president Roop Kumari Choudhary said central schemes had transformed women's lives and urged party workers to take them to every household. She expressed confidence that the BJP would form the government in Telangana with women workers playing a key role in bringing the party to power.

Bridge of Promises, Traffic Nightmare for Warangal Commuters

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The Kazipet flyover remains for years as an unfulfilled dream. Its construction remains incomplete despite occasional political involvement, assurances and official reviews. The railway overbridge (ROB), a crucial link on the Warangal–Hyderabad national highway, is now expected to be completed in three months. However, commuters who have waited for years continue to endure daily traffic congestion.

The existing bridge at Kazipet was built in 1976. With a substantial rise in the number of vehicles since then, the old structure is no longer adequate to handle the traffic. RTC buses, lorries, two-wheelers and other vehicles travelling between different parts of the city, Warangal and Hyderabad use this route, resulting in severe congestion. During peak hours, vehicles crawl or remain stranded for kilometres, causing daily hardships to commuters.

Atla Bathukamma Celebrations Bring Festive Cheer to R. Itikyala Village

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The spirit of Telangana's rich cultural heritage came alive in R. Itikyala village of Regode Mandal, Medak district, as women celebrated Atla Bathukamma with joy, devotion and traditional fervour.Marking the festive occasion, women gathered in colourful traditional attire and arranged vibrant Bathukamma floral stacks, creating a beautiful festive atmosphere in the village. The celebra-



tions reflected the cultural pride, togetherness and devotion associated with Telangana's iconic floral festival.Women enthusiastically sang traditional Bathukamma songs and celebrated together around the floral arrangements. The gathering highlighted the festival's significance in bringing communities together while honouring nature, tradition and the cultural identity of Telangana.The colourful celebrations filled the village with festive cheer, as women exchanged greetings and shared the joy of the occasion. Such celebrations play an important role in preserving Telangana's age-old customs and passing them on to future generations.The Atla Bathukamma festivities in R. Itikyala stood as a vibrant symbol of women's participation, community unity and the enduring beauty of Telangana's traditions.

Ensure Transparency in Crop Procurement and Provide MSP to Farmers: Collector



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Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed officials to ensure complete transparency in the crop procurement process and take all necessary measures to provide farmers with the Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by the government. He stressed that farmers arriving at procurement centres to sell their produce must not face any inconvenience and that all essential facilities should be made available to them.

On Friday, the District Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the market yard in Bhainsa town. During the visit, he enquired with officials about the crop procurement process, weighing procedures and the facilities being provided to farmers.

The Collector instructed officials to ensure that there was no scope for irregularities in the weighing of paddy and that the entire procurement process was carried out in a fair and transparent manner. He warned that any attempt to cause losses to farmers would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Later, the Collector interacted with farmers who had arrived at the market yard to sell their produce and enquired about the difficulties they were facing during procurement. He advised farmers to immediately bring any problems to the notice of the concerned senior officials so that prompt action could be taken.

He further directed officials to give top priority to farmers' interests, work in close coordination and ensure that the crop procurement process was completed smoothly. Tahsildar Shashi Bhushan, along with concerned officials and staff members, was present during the inspection.

Aleru Voltage Fluctuations: Officials Plan Additional Equipment

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

Frequent voltage fluctuations can also affect agri-



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

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

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

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

Large Number Of Children Undergo Aksharabhyasam At Basar Temple

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A large number of children underwent Aksharabhyasam at the Basar temple on Friday on the occasion of Moola Nakshatram, considered the birth star of Goddess Saraswati. The ritual was organised as part of Sharadeeya Navaratri celebrations. Temple authorities made elaborate arrangements for devotees and began the initiation of children into learning in the early hours. Children and their parents waited in queues for the ceremony.

Hundreds of devotees from across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra visited the temple, took a holy dip and had darshan. The authorities set up three Aksharabhyasam mandapams to avoid inconvenience to children and their parents. Devotees faced hot weather conditions during the celebrations. Basar temple executive officer Katta Anjani Devi said 10 large coolers had been installed to keep temperatures under control. Milk, biscuits and cool drinking water were also provided to children waiting in queues. She said Aksharabhyasam would begin at 5 am on Saturday.

MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel Urges Sarpanches to Boost Rural Development

NIRMAL
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Mudhole MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel urged sarpanches to utilise Employment Guarantee Scheme funds effectively for village development during a review meeting with officials and local representatives at Sarva Loka Gardens in Bhainsa. Citing the possibility of reduced rainfall due to El Niño, he stressed groundwater conservation and water management.The MLA distributed Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mu-



barak cheques to 134 beneficiaries from Tanur and Mudhole mandals ahead of Dasara. He highlighted the schemes' financial support for economically weaker families.He also distributed sewing machines to 35 women under the SC Corporation, encouraging self-employment and financial independence. Later, he inaugurated an Indiramma house belonging to Gaikwad Jalab in Mudhole and assured eligible families of phased housing sanctions. He also attended Anand Rao Patel's housewarming ceremony in Vanalpad

Body-Painted as Wild Animals, Activists Urge Shift to Vegan Diet on World Food Day

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Animal rights supporters body-painted as a tiger, zebra and giraffe gathered in Hyderabad on Friday and called on people to adopt vegan diets to reduce wildlife habitat destruction, species extinction and the environmental damage caused by meat, egg and dairy production. The demonstration by supporters of PETA India, Vegans of Telangana and Citizens for Animals coincided with World Food Day on October 16 and Vegetarian Awareness Month.

Their placards read, "Eating Meat Contributes to Species Extinction - Try Vegan" and "Forests Are Destroyed for Meat Production - Go Vegan."

"Today, vast swathes of beautiful forests are being destroyed to clear land for animals raised for meat, eggs and dairy and for the crops grown to feed them," said PETA India Campaigns Coordinator Apeksha Tamane. She added that habitat destruction also worsened climate change and threatened wild species. The organisation cited figures suggesting that farmed animals account



for 59 to 62 per cent of the world's mammal biomass, compared with just 4 to 5 per cent for wild mammals. It said a third of global cropland is used to grow animal feed rather than crops for direct human consumption.

BJP plans nationwide campaign to counter Congress on SIR

NEW DELHI,
Wakeup telangana



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is preparing to launch a nationwide campaign next week to counter what it describes as misleading claims by the Congress party regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and the Election Commission of India (ECI).Through the proposed campaign, the BJP aims to present facts to the public and address questions and allegations raised by the opposition concerning the SIR exercise and the functioning of the Election Commission.Party MPs, MLAs and other leaders are likely to be assigned responsibilities to take the campaign to the people in their respective constituencies. The initiative is expected to involve public outreach activities across the country to explain the party's position on the issue.As part of its preparations, the BJP is developing a detailed 24-page document containing responses to questions and allegations raised by opposition parties. The document is expected to serve as reference material for party leaders and workers during public interactions and outreach programmes.The party also plans to use social media and other communication platforms to reach a wider audience and communicate its arguments regarding the SIR and the Election Commission.
In addition to addressing the Congress's current allegations, the BJP intends to highlight what it alleges were instances of the misuse of the Election Commission and other institutions during previous Congress-led governments.Party leaders are expected to use these examples to counter the opposition's criticism and present the BJP's account of the functioning of constitutional institutions under successive governments.The proposed campaign comes amid a political debate over the SIR process and the role of the Election Commission. The BJP intends to use the initiative to explain its position on the issue and respond to the concerns and accusations raised by the Congress. The campaign is expected to involve leaders and party workers at various levels, with constituency-level outreach forming a key part of the strategy. Through both direct public engagement and digital communication, the party aims to disseminate its arguments nationwide.The BJP is also expected to highlight its arguments on electoral reforms, the responsibilities of the Election Commission and the importance of maintaining public confidence in the electoral process. Party leaders may use public meetings, press briefings and social media platforms to communicate their position and reach a wider audience. The initiative is likely to intensify the political exchange between the BJP and the Congress, with both parties seeking to influence public opinion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. While the BJP is expected to defend the process, the opposition has raised concerns over its implementation and its potential impact on voters.

Delhi Police detain CJP leader Dipke, AISA chief Neha Bohra

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leader Abhijeet Dipke and All India Students' Association (AISA) chief Neha Bohra were detained by Delhi Police on Friday while on their way to participate in the 'Lehra Do Tiranga' protest at Connaught Place.While Dipke was picked up from his residence in Jhandewalan, Bohra was detained at Mandi House, both in central Delhi. There was chaos, with crowds jostling, camera crews gathering and security personnel swarming the area as the two were detained.Earlier in the day, more than 20 Delhi Police personnel visited Dipke's residence in Jhandewalan and served him a notice directing him to refrain from any action that could prejudice the rights of citizens, traders, commuters, patients and others.
The police action came amid heightened security arrangements in the national capital ahead of the protest scheduled for Friday evening.Police personnel were deployed at several locations in central Delhi to maintain law and order and prevent any disruption during the proposed demonstration. The detentions drew attention from supporters and media personnel, with the movement of police teams and the gathering of onlookers creating tense scenes in the area. The 'Lehra Do Tiranga' protest was expected to bring participants together at Connaught Place, a prominent commercial and public gathering area in the capital. Authorities appeared to be taking precautionary measures to manage crowds and ensure the smooth movement of traffic and pedestrians. The notice served at Dipke's residence referred to the potential impact of the proposed activities on the public and various sections of society. However, further details regarding the specific legal provisions invoked in the police action were not immediately available. The detentions are likely to draw further political and public attention, particularly over the balance between maintaining public order and protecting the right to peaceful assembly. Further details regarding the police action and the status of those detained were awaited.The incident also brought renewed focus on the arrangements made by Delhi Police to regulate demonstrations in busy public areas. Officials are expected to assess the situation and take further steps in accordance with applicable law, while the organisers and supporters of the protest may seek clarification over the detentions and the restrictions imposed ahead of the planned gathering.

India-UK CETA to deliver substantial long-term gains for both economies: Report

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Three months after the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) entered into force, the pact is already reshaping commercial ties and could deliver substantial long-term gains for their economies, a new report has said. A high-level British trade mission of over 100–200 companies, three cabinet ministers, and seven northern English mayors arrived in India within three months of agreement entering force, proving that the deal is already reshaping commercial realities, the report from India Narrative said.
Official UK modelling projects a long-run annual boost to bilateral trade of 25.5 billion pounds and GDP gains of 4.8 billion pounds for the UK and 5.1 billion pounds for India, while real wages in the UK are expected to rise by nearly $2.9 billion due to the effect of the pact, the publication said.
CETA offers the United Kingdom a growth anchor outside the European Union and preferential access to one of the world's fastest-expanding large economies. Further, the UK gains a platform for services, finance, and high-value manufacturing. India gains immediate export competitiveness in labour-intensive goods, deeper services integration, professional mobility relief, and a template for ambitious FTAs with other advanced economies.The deal's early commercial impact was visible on the first day of implementation, when Indian exporters shipped over 50 consignments worth about $140 million under zero-duty terms. In August, bilateral goods trade rose nearly 15 per cent year-on-year to nearly $2 billion, with Indian exports up about 10 per cent and UK imports into India rising faster by 24 per cent.Tariff-free Scottish salmon arrived within a fortnight; Scotch whisky began clearing at the new reduced rate; and the first cars under the automotive tariff-rate quota entered India," the report noted.
The report cited Bank of Baroda estimates that Indian goods exports to the UK could rise from nearly $13.5–14 billion toward $24 billion by FY31 at a 12.5 per cent CAGR, against a $900 billion UK import market.Implemented on July 15, 2026, the deal is the most comprehensive trade agreement India has ever concluded and the United Kingdom's largest bilateral pact since Brexit.
The agreement eliminates duties on 96.8 per cent of tariff lines from day one and phases out further tariffs over time, immediately benefiting sectors such as textiles, leather, footwear, gems and jewellery, and processed foods.India has also opened up services and procurement markets, including a central-government procurement market estimated.

Israeli settlers beat Palestinians, set cars ablaze in West Bank

ISRAEL
Wakeup telangana

Israeli settlers attacked Palestinians and journalists across several villages in the occupied West Bank on Friday, October 16, beating residents and setting cars and olive trees on fire, according to media reports.
The attacks also disrupted the annual olive harvest, a vital source of income for thousands of Palestinian families.The violence was reported in Abu Falah, Turmus Ayya, Burqa and other areas near Ramallah, where farmers had gathered to collect olives.In Abu Falah, around 80 masked settlers dressed in black descended on an olive grove, Reuters reported. Some carried gas canisters, while others used slings to throw stones at Palestinians. A Reuters photographer witnessed at least one armed settler firing a gun.Israeli military jeeps arrived during the attack, but the violence continued, with soldiers firing tear gas towards Palestinians.Heidi Levine, a photojournalist with The Washington Post, was among those injured. Speaking from hospital, she told Reuters that settlers had pushed her to the ground and repeatedly kicked her. Her Palestinian colleagues intervened before medics took her to a local clinic and then to a hospital in Ramallah..The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said a 63-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man were taken to hospital .

INDIA bloc plans statewide protests, calls for CEC's resignation

BENGALUR
Wakeup telangana

The INDIA bloc parties in Karnataka have decided to launch a coordinated statewide campaign under the slogan 'Save Votes, Save the Country', opposing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.The decision was taken at a state-level meeting held at the Legislators' Home in Bengaluru on Friday under the leadership of KPCC president BK Hariprasad. The meeting discussed concerns over the deletion of eligible voters' names and the functioning of the Election Commission. Hariprasad said voting was the foundation of democracy and that the exclusion of genuine voters from electoral rolls could not be accepted under any circumstances. He demanded the complete withdrawal of the SIR exercise and the restoration of eligible voters' names. He also claimed that around 13 crore voters had been removed from electoral rolls across the country.Accusing the Union government of pursuing an anti-democratic approach, Hariprasad alleged that the Election Commission, which should function as an independent constitutional body, was acting in favour of a political party. He called on democratic forces to unite beyond political differences to protect citizens' voting rights. The meeting decided to establish a coordination committee comprising representatives of the Congress, CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML) Liberation, Samajwadi Party and Forward Bloc to organise the campaign across Karnataka.The INDIA bloc will participate in a major protest at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on November 1. A large demonstration will subsequently be held in Bengaluru on November 5, followed by protests at district and taluk levels.Hariprasad said peaceful protest was a democratic right and that restrictions could not silence public voices. He described the campaign as a movement to safeguard constitutional rights and the foundations of democracy.Leaders at the meeting also called for mobilising farmers, workers, women, students, youth and progressive organisations to strengthen the statewide movement.The participating parties are expected to coordinate their activities to ensure that the campaign reaches voters across urban and rural areas of Karnataka.

Reliance breaks silence on Musk's satcom row

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Reliance Industries Ltd on Friday, October 16, broke its silence on Elon Musk's public criticism of India's satellite communications landscape, saying it sees a competitive market as the true test of who serves customers best, and welcomes competition, including from Starlink, but asserted that every player must obey Indian laws.In its first direct response to Musk's recent barbs, the company said it was placing "the facts on record." Musk had criticised Reliance and argued that more competition would benefit consumers in satcom.
At Reliance, we have never feared competition. We see it as the truest test of who serves the customer best," the Mukesh Ambani–led company said in a statement.The company backed its stance citing Jio's own record. Jio entered India's crowded telecom market in 2016 as the newest player, with not a single customer, and in a matter of just ten years, earned the trust of over 530 million customers, offering Indians some of the best digital infrastructure and most affordable data in the world, it said.We welcome competition in satellite communications, including Starlink. Every player, Jio included, must serve the people of India and abide by the laws and policies of the land," the statement said.Reliance said India's openness to investment and innovation, homegrown or international,

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SC issues notice.....

Former minister and Punganur MLA Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy alleged that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and IT Minister Nara Lokesh were behind the attack. He accused TD workers of obstructing YSRC candidates and demanded action against those responsible.
Mithun Reddy alleged that around 1,000 people had attacked him and party workers. He said he had accompanied the chairman candidate to file a nomination, but the returning officer cited pressure from higher authorities not to accept it. Accusing officials of bias, he said the party would initiate legal action against the government. YSRC leader Bhumana Karunakar Reddy alleged that outsiders had been brought to Punganur and Tirupati to attack party leaders. He accused the government of encouraging violence and demanded that opposition candidates be allowed to file nominations and contest the elections.
The TD, however, alleged that Mithun Reddy had arrived with a large convoy despite police restrictions and that YSRC workers pelted stones when TD leaders protested. Following the clash, TD workers staged a protest demanding the MP's arrest and holding him responsible for the violence. Punganur TD in-charge Madhusudhan Naidu and SAAP chairman A. Ravi Naidu visited the government hospital to meet injured party workers. They accused YSRC leaders of instigating violence and alleged that Mithun Reddy's followers had assaulted TD leaders. They demanded criminal action against the MP and his followers.
Meanwhile, a confrontation occurred in Tirupati between TD and YSRC constituency in-charges J.B. Srinivas and Bhumana Abhinay Reddy as candidates from both parties arrived to file nominations. The YSRC alleged that TD leaders obstructed a woman candidate, dragged her by the hair and tore her nomination papers. Abhinay Reddy condemned the incident and urged officials to ensure that candidates could file nominations without obstruction. Tirupati MP Dr M. Gurumurthy also condemned the alleged attacks on YSRC leaders and workers and urged the State Election Commission to intervene to ensure free and fair elections.

Jaishankar To Meet....

"On October 19-20, the EAM will host in Mumbai the deputy prime minister and the foreign minister of the UAE, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, for an official visit. On October 20, the EAM will hold talks with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and attend the celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the Independence of the United States as a Guest of Honour," MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Friday.
Mr Jaiswal added that the meeting between Dr Jaishankar and Mr Rubio will allow both sides to discuss ways to bolster the Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership. "Discussions are expected to cover key areas of bilateral cooperation, including energy, trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, and other areas of mutual interest. The visit will provide an opportunity to sustain the high-level engagement between the two countries and advance our shared priorities," Mr Jaiswal added.Mr Rubio will also travel to Jamnagar during his visit to India next week.

Security Tightened.....

Routes for the idol immersion procession have been identified, and cranes will be used this time for immersion at major water bodies, he said. Rakesh Singh, Superintendent of Police (Traffic), said, "We have deployed around 1,400 traffic police personnel, half of them women, who will manage traffic during the festival."
Besides, drop gates have been made at 161 locations across the city to control vehicle movement, and 23 locations have been identified for parking vehicles, he said, adding that entry of heavy vehicles will be restricted till October 21. In Dhanbad, security forces conducted a flag march on Friday to instil confidence among residents and maintain peace, a police officer said. Adequate security personnel have been deployed across the district to maintain the law and order situation during the four days of Durga Puja. Movement of heavy vehicles has been curbed during the festival, Dhanbad City SP Ritvik Srivastav said.

CRIME

Two arrested, Future City police cracks security guard's murder

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: With the arrest of two persons, the Future City police claim to have solved the murder of an 18-year-old security guard at the Dream Meadows Venture near Theegapur village in Kothur Mandal on October 14.The men were arrested for the murder over a Rs 20,000 loan dispute. Bodike Prem Kumar was allegedly stabbed to death by prime suspect Mohammed Irfan, with the assistance of Mohammed Nawazuddin, police said. The suspects were produced before a court on Friday, October 16, and remanded to judicial custody.According to police, Irfan had demanded repayment of Rs 20,000 from Prem Kumar and later invited him to the venture for drinks. An argument reportedly broke out over the money, following which Irfan allegedly stabbed Prem Kumar multiple times with a knife. Nawazuddin allegedly held the victim during the attack. Prem Kumar died on the spot. Kothur police examined the crime scene, collected evidence and analysed the deceased's mobile phone records to identify the suspects. Both were apprehended during vehicle checking at Thimmapur X Roads on October 15. Police seized a knife, clothes, two mobile phones, a Honda Activa scooter and an autorickshaw.Police said the investigation is continuing to establish the sequence of events leading to the murder and determine whether any other circumstances were involved. The seized articles have been taken into custody as part of the investigation and will be examined as required. The incident has raised concerns over violent disputes arising from financial disagreements. Police urged people to resolve monetary disputes through lawful means and avoid confrontations that could lead to serious consequences. The police reiterated that evidence collected from the crime scene, witness statements and technical analysis would form part of the investigation. The accused have been remanded to judicial custody, and further legal proceedings will follow as the case progresses.Police officials said that coordinated efforts by the investigation team helped trace the suspects within a day of the incident. The examination of mobile phone records, physical evidence and other available clues played a key role in identifying and apprehending the accused. The vehicle-checking operation at Thimmapur X Roads led to their detention on October 15. Investigators are also examining the circumstances under which the victim was allegedly taken to the Dream Meadows Venture and the events that preceded the fatal attack. The seized knife, clothing and other articles may help establish the sequence of events and corroborate the evidence gathered during the investigation. The murder of the young security guard has highlighted the tragic consequences of disputes that turn violent. At just 18 years of age, Prem Kumar lost his life in an alleged confrontation over a relatively small sum of money, leaving the case to be pursued through the criminal jus-

Telangana doctor held for cheating Dalit woman over marriage

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 39-year-old orthopaedic doctor was arrested by Chunchupalli Police in Bhadradri Kothagudem district for allegedly cheating a woman on false promise of marriage.According to local reports, the woman had approached the accused, Dr Nadikudi Shailesh Kumar, in June 2022 for treatment while he worked at a private hospital. In October of the same year, Kumar started working at Sri Krishna Multi-Specialty Hospital in Vidyanagar Colony and the woman continued her treatment there.The woman has alleged that the doctor took advantage of her dependence on him as a patient and sexually assaulted her multiple times over the course of four years. She claimed that she underwent spinal surgery at his hospital in April 2023, and the doctor forced her to have intercourse even though she was suffering from pain after the surgery.The woman has alleged that the doctor had promised to marry her after his

Malkajgiri sees 29 pc rise in crime cases, 365 kidnapping cases

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The crime barometer under the Malkajgiri Commissionerate has increased significantly, with property offences and road accident fatalities topping the list. So far this year, 23,747 cases were registered, marking a 29 per cent increase over 2024 and a 28.5 per cent rise over 2025.Theft cases surged 48 per cent to 2,196 in 2026, compared with 2024 (1,484 cases). Cheating cases rose 16 per cent to 2,789. Cases involving injuries increased by 37 per cent to 1,797.

NIMS Additional Superintendent Returns to Jail

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) Additional Superintendent Nori Lakshmi Bhaskar was sent back to the Chanchalguda Jail on Friday, October 16, following the end of the three-day Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) custody.Bhaskar was in ACB custody since October 13 for questioning in a disproportionate assets (DA) case worth Rs 6.13 crore.On September 29, the ACB raided the houses of five NIMS employees as part of its ongoing investigation into the DA case against Bhaskar.During the searches, ACB officials reportedly recovered Rs 7 lakh in cash from Dhanraj, a barber working at NIMS. Officials are also examining land documents and tracing the money trail at all five locations to determine whether the assets and financial transactions are linked to the DA case. Following his arrest, Bhaskar was suspended from NIMS. NIMS Director Rahul Devraj said the ACB had informed the hospital that a disproportionate assets case had been registered against Bhaskar and

One killed, three injured in car accident in Karimnagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

One person was killed, and three others were injured when a car crashed into a bus stand in Telangana's Karimnagar district on Thursday, October 15.The accident occurred at Shalpally bus stand in Huzurabad mandal when a speeding car lost control and crashed into the structure before overturning. CCTV footage captured the incident, showing the car taking a sharp turn moments before the crash. According to the police, the deceased was identified as Sai Kiran, who was driving the car. The injured were identified as Ravi Teja and Deepak, while Santosh, who was also in the car, sustained minor injuries.The injured were shifted to Jammikunta Government Hospital for treatment. The victims are reportedly from Jammikunta town and Reddipalli village in Veenavanka mandal. Speaking to Siasat.com, Huzurabad Town Police Circle Inspector T Karunakar said the accident occurred at 5:40 pm. A case was registered under Section 106(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

Pregnant Hyderabad woman faces abuse in UAE, father seeks help

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A Hyderabad man has written to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar seeking urgent intervention over alleged domestic violence against his eight-month-pregnant daughter in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (UAE).In a letter dated Thursday, October 15, 2026, Mohammed Abdul Nayeem Shakeel alleged that his daughter, Sumayya Siddiqua, had faced repeated physical abuse by her husband. She has three children.Shakeel urged Jaishankar to direct the Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the Consulate General of India in Dubai to assist his daughter and coordinate with UAE authorities.According to the letter, Sumayya lives in Sharjah with her husband, Khaja Rafiuddin Ahmed Ansari, who is employed in the UAE, and their children. Shakeel alleged that the harassment continued despite repeated attempts by family members to resolve the matter through counselling.The letter states that Sumayya was severely assaulted on Wednesday, October 7, and Thursday, October 8, 2026. Her head was allegedly hit against a wall, causing bleeding from her ear and nose before she lost consciousness. Her mother-in-law reportedly tried to intervene but was allegedly pushed by her son. Neighbours subsequently came to Sumayya's assistance, the letter states.Shakeel has also requested arrangements for his daughter and children to return to India if Sumayya wishes to do so and the authorities consider repatriation appropriate under applicable procedures.The matter was brought to public attention by Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) leader Amjedullah Khan, who shared the family's appeal on X.

EDITORIAL

KIDS ARE TURNING TO AI CHATBOTS. HOW CAN PARENTS KEEP THEM SAFE?

CANBERRA
Wakeup telangana

Last week, Australian Federal Police commissioner Krissy Barrett warned artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots are not a sufficient replacement for human support for children.The comment was in response to a recent Adelaide University study that found more than one in three Australian children turn to AI chatbots for support when they are sexually victimised online, or otherwise tell nobody at all. While there can be benefits to children using AI, such as help with learning, or practising social skills, there is also a risk they will go to AI chatbots and assistants for emotional support over parents and other trusted adults.In Australia, around half of children aged between 10 and 17 who use AI are turning to it for personal and social reasons. This includes seeking advice on sensitive topics, talking about their feelings, and just "hanging out".
So how can parents help their children to use AI safely?Why are kids turning to AI chatbots over people?
One practical reason why young people are using the tech is it can provide them with answers around the clock. This means a chatbot might be a natural go-to when a child wants a quick answer and a trusted adult or friend isn't available.Another reason is pure curiousity. Like adults, young people are experimenting with AI and trying to understand what it does and how it can make their lives better.
Seeking deeper connections
Sometimes the reason for talking to chatbots is deeper though.It might be that a young person wants information about something they feel embarrassed about raising with their parents or friends. As teens explore their identity, they begin to ask more sensitive questions. This may make them more likely to use AI for personal reasons than younger children.For others, the reason is an unmet need for connection. Reaching out to chatbots for personal reasons is more common for those who are already vulnerable.
A 2025 Danish study found loneliness may be a precursor for high school students seeking AI companionship. Other studies suggest a lack of connection to parental figures may also lead to teens talking to chatbots.What do kids miss out on when they choose chatbots over people?
A major concern is that, if AI use becomes excessive, it may displace real-world interactions and create unrealistic expectations of human relationships.
Another concern is the quality of the advice AI provides. And it's not just its capacity to spread convincing misinformation that's a problem.AI lacks the full context of a child's life. Parents and carers are often much better placed to provide the nuanced and age-appropriate guidance their child needs.There are also more subtle impacts. When a child poses questions to an AI chatbot over a parent, they are missing out on day-to-day moments of connection with family. While each miss may be small, the accumulation over time can truly matter.This is especially important for children. Research shows strong and secure bonds with parents in the preteen years support kids as they navigate the challenges of adolescence. Here's how can parents and carers can help their child experiment with AI and stay safe.
1. Explore AI together
Find a moment to sit down and explore AI tools on a device with your child. You might: engage in brainstorming ideas with the software test a chatbot's ability to correctly source information ask the AI about itself with questions such as "do you have feelings?" and "can you think?"
Ask AI to generate and edit a short story with your child as the lead character.Ask AI to tell a joke.
Play a game with an AI chatbot, such as twenty questions.One AI game that is both fun and educational is the "catch the AI out" game. The idea is to test AI on topics that you know or can fact



India-Japan to expand cooperation in clean energy, critical minerals: FM Sitharaman

BANGKOK
Wakeup telangana

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday met Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) Governor Kazuhiko Amakawa on the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings here and discussed expanding cooperation in clean energy, semiconductors and critical minerals.
Taking to the social media platform X, the finance ministry said their discussions focused on expanding cooperation in clean energy, energy transition, advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, critical minerals, electric mobility and resilient



supply chains, including through the $600 million India-Japan Fund and Japanese participation in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).Meanwhile, Amakawa highlighted the success of the India-Japan Fund with investments in e-mobility and bioethanol and expressed hope for a follow-on fund, the ministry said.
He noted JBIC's stake in the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) and growing Japanese interest in semiconductors, including opportunities at Dholera, and in AI and data centres.Moreover, FM Sitharaman encouraged Japanese investment in data centres in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities such as Visakhapatnam, to support balanced urban growth.Both sides noted the potential to deepen India-Japan economic and financial cooperation and learn from each other's experiences.Earlier in the day, FM Sitharaman delivered the keynote address on India's ambitious Urban Development Programmes under the theme of "Working Together to Make Cities Investable - Mobilising Private Capital for Urban and Water Infrastructure", at the sidelines of the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings.In an interaction with the Atlantic Council, the Finance Minister stated that countries which were in the middle-income group are suddenly dropping into desperate balance-of-payments struggles and need the IMF's help."The response can't come years afterwards. They approach you in desperation for help and for nearly three or four years, no solution is given," she said."These kinds of things are getting corrected now," she added.India and Japan are seeking to strengthen their economic partnership amid growing global demand for clean energy technologies, advanced manufacturing capabilities and secure supply chains. Cooperation in critical minerals and semiconductors is particularly significant as countries work to reduce supply-chain vulnerabilities and expand domestic industrial ca-

India on track to leapfrog Japan in global GDP rankings: Report

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

India is poised to become the world's fourth-largest economy in 2027, overtaking Japan in nominal GDP terms, a report has said. According to an analysis by The Star, the IMF report underscored the diverging economic trajectories of Asia's two largest democracies.The report's forecasts indicate that Japan is expected to retain the fourth position this year but India is projected to move ahead by 2027 with an economy valued at about $4.5 trillion. The shift would push Japan down to sixth place, behind both India and the United Kingdom, it said.
The projected change comes as India continues to post robust economic growth despite an uncertain global backdrop.
Moreover, the highlighted growth forecast for India in 2026 to 7 per cent, highlighting the country's resilience amid geopolitical tensions and external economic shocks.

Earlier in October, speaking during the release of the IMF's Asia-Pacific regional economic outlook, a senior IMF official said India entered the recent surge in global energy prices from a position of strength, supported by solid growth, fiscal discipline and substantial foreign exchange reserves.According to the IMF, these strong macroeconomic fundamentals have enabled India to navigate the impact of higher energy costs more effectively than many other economies.Meanwhile, Japan continues to grapple with a range of structural challenges, including an ageing population, weak domestic demand and sluggish long-term growth. The IMF has expected that Japan's economy to expand by only 0.7 per cent in 2026.Higher energy costs and broader inflationary pressures have also weighed on the Japanese economy.

The country has witnessed sustained increases in consumer prices since 2022 with recent geopolitical developments adding to inflationary pressures through elevated fuel and energy costs.The fall of the yen, which hit its lowest level in 40 years against the dollar over the summer, is further driving up the cost of imports," says The Star.It further noted that Japan's ageing population is also weighing on economic activity. The projected rise also reflects India's expanding domestic market, growing services sector, infrastructure investment and increasing role in global manufacturing and digital services. Continued growth in these areas could further strengthen the country's position among the world's leading economies.India's large working-age population is another potential advantage, provided the country can generate sufficient

Woxsen University Signs MoU with XPO for Experiential Learning

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Woxsen University, Hyderabad, has signed a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with XPO, a leading North American asset-based less-than-truckload (LTL) freight transportation provider, to strengthen industry-academia collaboration and expand experiential learning opportunities for students.
The partnership aims to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and workplace requirements through trainee programmes, live industry projects, internships, industrial visits, expert interactions and recruitment-related initiatives. It will provide students with opportunities to gain practical exposure to business operations and develop skills aligned with evolving industry demands.
Under the agreement, Woxsen students will be eligible for merit-based trainee programmes, relevant internships and live projects. XPO will also conduct pre-placement talks, facilitate interactions with industry professionals and offer a preferred recruitment slot during the university's placement season.



The collaboration will extend to curriculum development, with XPO contributing industry insights and helping design specialised learning modules through Woxsen's 12 Value-Added Credits under its Applied Learning and Industry Interface pathway.
Faculty development and executive education will also form key components of the partnership. Woxsen faculty members will have opportunities to undertake four-to-six-week industry engagements or projects at XPO in India, gaining exposure to emerging technologies and business practices.
The university and XPO will additionally explore management development programmes, customised executive education and certification courses.
XPO experts will participate in guest lectures and knowledge-sharing sessions, while representatives from both organisations will coordinate activities and identify further avenues for cooperation.
Dr V. J. Byra Reddy, Vice Chancellor of Woxsen University, said the partnership reflected the institution's commitment to industry-integrated education, equipping students with practical skills and preparing them for evolving professional requirements.
Sameer Shaikh, Head of XPO India and Senior Director, Financial Shared Services and Technology, said the collaboration would help connect classroom learning with real-world business challenges while supporting the development of future-ready talent.

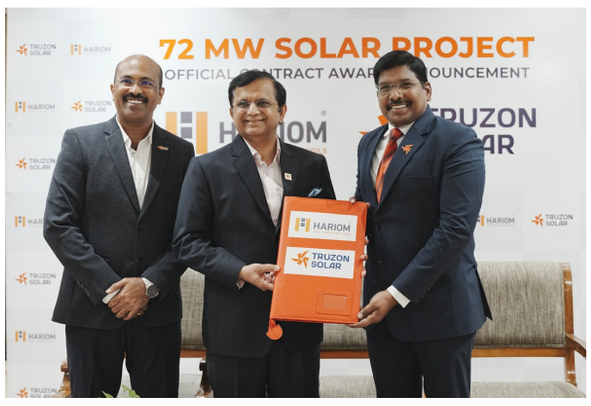
KLH Aziznagar Students Win AI Category at National Hackathon



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A student team from KLH Aziznagar campus has won the Artificial Intelligence (AI) domain at the national-level hackathon Hackvibes 2.0, organised recently at Vignan Institute of Technology & Science in Telangana. The team was recognised for developing VeriMind, a platform designed to verify AI-generated information and improve its reliability.
The winning team comprises B.Tech students Kuppala Jasmitha, Gorugantula Gayathri and Vuppala Rithvik. Their project addresses a major challenge in artificial intelligence, where systems may produce convincing but inaccurate, contradictory or unsupported information.
VeriMind integrates information retrieval and natural language processing (NLP) into an evidence-based verification workflow, helping users assess the credibility of AI-generated responses and encouraging more responsible AI adoption. The achievement stood out among 234 teams participating in the national competition.
Er. Koneru Lakshman Havish, Vice President of KL Deemed to be University, congratulated the students, highlighting the institution's commitment to developing future-ready professionals through practical learning, creativity and mentorship.
He emphasised the importance of applying technical knowledge to real-world challenges and creating solutions that benefit society.
Dr. A. Ramakrishna, Principal of KLH Aziznagar, along with faculty members and staff, also congratulated the team on its accomplishment.
KLH Aziznagar continues to emphasise industry-oriented education, technical excellence and hands-on learning, encouraging students to address emerging technological challenges and strengthen their problem-solving and innovation skills.

TRUZON Secures ₹236 Cr Order for 72 MW Solar Projects in Maharashtra



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Truzon Clean Energies Pvt. Ltd., formerly Suntek Energy Systems Pvt. Ltd., has secured a ₹236 crore engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) order from Hariom Power & Energy Private Limited for 72 MW of ground-mounted solar projects across Maharashtra.Under the PM-KUSUM Component C scheme, the projects are spread across Hingoli, Latur, Parbhani and Beed districts.
Truzon has already executed 15 MW of the total capacity, supporting agricultural solarisation and expanding its utility-scale solar portfolio.
The company will undertake turnkey execution, covering design, engineering, procurement, construction, installation, testing, commissioning and performance demonstration. Once operational, the projects are expected to generate approximately 89.89 million units of electricity annually, subject to final specifications and operating conditions.
Truzon Managing Director Charugundla Bhavani Suresh described the order as a significant milestone, crediting the continued partnership with Hariom Power & Energy. He said the company would focus on engineering quality, timely execution and proactive after-sales service to ensure long-term plant performance.
Chief Executive Officer Srinivas Jakkula said execution across four districts would require coordinated procurement, site mobilisation, construction and quality assurance, with safety and dependable performance remaining priorities.

Haryana signs Rs 4,000-crore letters of intent with Swedish companies

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Haryana signs Rs 4,000-crore letters of intent with Swedish companies Chandigarh, Oct 16 (IANS) Haryana has signed letters of intent (LoIs) of Rs 4,000 crore with Swedish companies during Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's historic visit to Sweden, opening up new opportunities for trade, investment, economic cooperation and employment for the state's youth. Urban Local Bodies Minister Vipul Goel also accompanied the Chief Minister during the visit.
As part of the visit, Gurugram and Stockholm signed a city-to-city collaboration agreement to strengthen cooperation in technological innovation, smart city solutions, sustainable urban development, knowledge exchange and investment promotion.
The partnership is expected to foster long-term collaboration between the two cities, a statement by the state government said on Friday. In line with the vision of a strong and self-reliant India, the Haryana government signed a major LoI of Rs 3,000 crore. In addition, agreements of Rs 1,000 crore were reached in the retail and warehousing sectors. The proposed investments are expected to support the development of modern warehousing infrastructure, expansion of retail chains and fresh investment in logistics, giving a boost to the state's industrial and commercial ecosystem. The visit also saw an agreement aimed at expanding trade and strengthening economic cooperation between Haryana and Sweden.
Swedish companies have assured the state of employment opportunities for skilled young people from Haryana, potentially opening new avenues for international-standard skill development, training and jobs. Chief Minister Saini said the visit marked an important step towards strengthening Haryana's position on the global investment map. He added that the state would leverage Sweden's advanced technology, innovation and sustainable development models by combining them with Haryana's dynamic economy and young workforce to accelerate progress towards the goal of a self-reliant India.



The agreements are expected to give fresh momentum to employment generation, industrial development, export growth and urban modernisation in Haryana.
The state government will provide the necessary facilities and support to ensure that the proposed investments are implemented on the ground at the earliest, according to the statement.The Haryana government said the partnerships would also help attract further foreign investment by strengthening links between international businesses and local industries. The proposed projects are expected to create opportunities for small and medium enterprises, suppliers and service providers associated with retail, warehousing and logistics. The collaboration with Swedish companies is also expected to encourage the exchange of expertise in advanced technologies, sustainable business practices and efficient urban planning. Such cooperation could help Haryana improve its infrastructure and strengthen its competitiveness as a destination for global investors. The Gurugram-Stockholm partnership is expected to provide a platform for sharing best practices in smart city management, digital solutions and sustainable urban services. Both cities could benefit from closer institutional ties and cooperation in developing innovative solutions.

Pak to chair IMF, World Bank boards for first time since 1953

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Pakistan was named the incoming chair of the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WBG) for 2027, returning to the position for the first time since 1953, the country's ministry of economic affairs said on Friday, October 16.Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, who is also Pakistan's governor to the World Bank, was formally announced as the incoming chair during the plenary session of the 2026 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings in Bangkok.The ministry termed the development a "historic milestone" and said the chairmanship would provide Islamabad an opportunity to contribute to global economic and development discussions and facilitate constructive dialogue among member countries.

Salman Khan, Karisma Kapoor's cute KWK moments win fans over



Mumbai: Some Bollywood pairings need neither a new film nor a romantic song to get fans talking. Salman Khan and Karisma Kapoor simply sharing a couch seems to do the trick! Their moments on Koffee With Karan 9 have fans revisiting their chemistry, with some playing matchmaker for the longtime friends.Karisma joined Salman for a special appearance in the opening episode of Karan Johar's chat show, which premiered on October 14. While Salman's conversation with the host offered plenty to discuss, his reunion with Karisma brought a dose of nostalgia for viewers.

Their cute moments together have prompted fans to ship them, taking the conversation beyond their much-loved screen pairing. For audiences who grew up watching the two, seeing them together again is reason enough to wish for another collaboration.The affection for this jodi has a long history. Salman and Karisma starred together in films including Biwi No. 1, Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge and Chal Mere Bhai. Their latest appearance brings that familiar pairing back into the spotlight, this time away from a film set.During the episode, Karisma also revisited their shooting days, recalling an occasion when Salman objected to her outfit for a song and asked her to change before continuing the shoot. The anecdote added another glimpse into their longstanding equation.For now, the matchmaking remains a fan wish. But their KWK reunion does leave a question for filmmakers: is it time to bring Salman and Karisma together on the big screen again?more than simply bring back memories of their popular films; it has also reignited conversations about one of Bollywood's much-loved on-screen pairings.

Social media users have been sharing clips and reactions from the episode, with many expressing their excitement at seeing the actors together again. Their easy rapport and playful exchanges have reminded viewers of the charm that made their collaborations memorable. For longtime fans, the reunion offers a welcome throwback.

Anirudh Ravichander, Kavya Maran catch Jailer 2 screening



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Hyderabad: The music, the movie and a little romance buzz! Anirudh Ravichander has more than one reason to grab attention as Jailer 2 hits theatres. While fans are appreciating his work in the Rajinikanth film, his appearance at the same screening as rumoured girlfriend Kavya Maran has also set social media talking.The composer and Kavya attended a show at Chennai's Vetri Theatre on October 15. According to reports, Kavya reached the venue first, with Anirudh arriving shortly afterwards. Pictures from their theatre visit soon circulated online, bringing their rumoured relationship back into the spotlight. Neither has publicly confirmed the dating speculation.A theatre outing amid dating rumours

For readers catching up, Anirudh and Kavya have faced relationship speculation for some time. Earlier reports even suggested a November wedding in Greece. However, the reported date and venue remain unconfirmed, with neither making a public announcement about those claims.Kavya also has a connection to Jailer 2 beyond the speculation surrounding her personal life. She is the daughter of Kalanithi Maran, whose Sun Pictures has backed the film. Her presence at the screening therefore comes with a family connection to the production.Anirudh's music adds to the celebrations

Meanwhile, Anirudh's music has found appreciation among sections of the audience as reactions to Jailer 2 pour in. The composer returns for the sequel alongside director Nelson Dilipkumar and leading man Rajinikanth, continuing the team's association from the 2023 film.With the film now in cinemas, Anirudh's work and his theatre appearance with Kavya have given fans plenty to discuss. For now, though, the screening is confirmed; a relationship announcement is still awaited.With the film now in cinemas, Anirudh's work and his theatre appearance with Kavya have given fans plenty to discuss. For now, though, the screening is confirmed; a relationship announcement is still awaited.

Terminus CCPL Hyderabad Season 2 Kicks Off October 18 with Eight Teams

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The second season of the Terminus Centre Court Pickleball League (CCPL) Hyderabad will begin on October 18, featuring eight franchises, 80 players and seven league match days before the playoffs and championship final in December.

The opening day will feature four matches across two courts at the Centre Court Pickleball Arena in The League, Financial District. Defending champions Mavericks will face Titans at 4 PM on Centre Court, while Dasos Dynamos meet The Raptors on the second court. At 8 PM, Chargers will take on Starry Smashers, alongside All Stars versus Keerthi Warriors.Eight captains will lead the teams this season. Sreekar Mothukuri will captain Mavericks, Sameer Varma All Stars, Nikhil Tummalapalli Titans, Nikit M Reddy Chargers, Karunesh Reddy The Raptors, Vivek Reddy Dasos Dynamos, Abhaya Vemuri Starry Smashers and Gopinath Reddy Keerthi Warriors.The squads were assembled following the September player auction in Phuket. More than 200 players registered, with 73 selected at auction and seven signed before it. The 80-player field comprises 53 men and 27 women.

Franchise purses have doubled from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, while teams could sign one player before the auction for ₹3 lakh.Opening-day attractions will include a live performance by drummer and percussionist Aamir Ismail, formerly associated with Mumbai-based progressive-fusion band Paradigm Shift. Hyderabad acts Roch, Melt, Alter Ego and The Project Patty will also feature in the entertainment line-up.

The league has attracted prominent personalities from sport and cinema. Olympic bronze medallist Saina Nehwal joined Keerthi Warriors as co-owner, while badminton star Kidambi Srikanth became an investor and partner in Nandi Chargers.

Actor Sushanth Anumolu owns All Stars, while filmmaker-actor Tharun Bhascker Dhaassyam joined The Raptors as co-owner.Mavericks enter the season after defeating All Stars 4–3 in a seventh-set tiebreaker in last season's final, which drew nearly 2,000 spectators.Balaji Jewellers and Optimus Capital have joined Season 2 as co-sponsors, alongside existing partners supporting the league.League matches are scheduled for October 18, 24 and 31, and November 7, 14, 21 and 28.

The playoffs will take place on December 5, followed by the championship final at 8 PM on December 12.Passes are available at https://centrecourthyd.com/ccpl-passes.

Anet Salomi Castilino Tops HPRC National Qualifier With 71.61% Dressage Score

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The second National Qualifier of the 2026 equestrian season concluded at the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC), Gandipet, with 18 qualifying performances recorded over two days, paving the way for riders to compete in the Junior National Equestrian Championships.

Anet Salomi Castilino delivered the standout performance of the competition, scoring 71.61% on Bella in the Children I Dressage category, the highest dressage score of the qualifier. Siddharth Dutta and HPRC's Ananya Gupta also emerged among the notable performers, qualifying in both dressage and show jumping.

The two-day event featured 58 starts across multiple categories and was organised in association with the Telangana State Equestrian Association (TSEA), under the aegis of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI).

On the final day, Siddharth Dutta secured qualification in Children II Dressage with 70% on Wilbur, while Ananya Gupta qualified with 60.625% on Sky. Janampally Hitesh Reddy also qualified in Children I Dressage, scoring 61.55% on Centaur.



In the Junior Show Jumping category, Chris Jonathan Castilino and Prabhnoor Singh Madan qualified with four penalties each, riding Premier Handsome Boy and Monte Carlos, respectively. Mohammed Amaan Ali, the sole participant in the Young Rider Show Jumping category, finished with 12 penalties on Flying Champ.

Over the two days, Siddharth Dutta and Ananya Gupta each secured three qualifying performances across dressage and show jumping. Anet Salomi Castilino achieved two qualifications, combining her leading dressage score with a successful Children I show jumping performance. HPRC rider Gautam Sanjay Sujanaani had earlier recorded the only qualifying score above 60% in Junior Dressage on the opening day.

The qualifier recorded 18 successful performances across the competition. Show jumping accounted for 13 qualifications, including eight in Children II, three in Children I and two in the Junior category. Dressage contributed five qualifications, with one in Junior, two in Children II and two in Children I. Seven clear show jumping rounds were recorded, including six in Children II and one in Children I.

Dressage events were judged by Col. S.L. Reddy (Retd.) and Dr. KCS Reddy, while Kishore Futnani and Dr. KCS Reddy officiated in show jumping.

HPRC President Chaitania R. Kumar congratulated the qualifying riders and thanked the judges, TSEA and EFI for their support. He said the performances reflected the growing competitive standard of young equestrian athletes and expressed confidence in their prospects at the Junior National Equestrian Championships.

Meanwhile, the 2nd Telangana State Equestrian Championship, presented by Phoenix Group, is set to begin at HPRC on Friday evening with a practice round at 5 pm. The championship will continue through the weekend, featuring hacks and dressage from 7.30 am on Saturday, followed by floodlit show jumping at 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The show jumping programme includes 40 cm and 90 cm events on Saturday, followed by 80 cm and the 105–110 cm two-phase event on Sunday. Prize distribution ceremonies are scheduled for approximately 7 pm each evening, with the championship dinner planned for Sunday. Cash prizes worth ₹1,02,500 will be presented by Phoenix Group, and spectator entry will be free.

Established in 2005, Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club is a prominent equestrian and polo institution located on a ten-acre estate at Gandipet. The club hosts national equestrian qualifiers, the Telangana State Equestrian Championship and international arena polo events.

Expert questions CM Revanth's claims on Yadadri thermal power project

Irrigation expert V Prakash rebutted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's remarks on Yadadri Thermal Power Station, defending its location, supercritical technology, G9-grade coal arrangements and land use. He alleged the Chief Minister omitted details about coal linkages and supply constraints.

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A day after Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy made critical observations about the location, coal imports and other aspects of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS), irrigation expert V Prakash challenged his claims, alleging that the Chief Minister had suppressed facts and presented half-truths.

In a point-by-point rebuttal, Prakash explained the factors considered by the previous BRS government while finalising the location, technology and coal supply arrangements for the 4,000-MW power project.

At a press conference on Thursday, Revanth Reddy said the previous government had chosen Damaracherla for YTPS despite the availability of water and coal at other locations. He maintained that the project cost would have been significantly lower had it been established at Manuguru.

Prakash, however, said former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao had chosen Damaracherla to promote economic development in South Telangana. The location was also selected with a view to facilitating coal imports through the Krishnapatnam and Bandar ports, as the plant was designed to use imported G9-grade coal or blend it with other coal, if necessary, he explained.

Supercritical technology

The Chief Minister had also questioned the technology adopted for YTPS.

Prakash said the plant was designed using supercritical technology, in line with the requirements applicable to new coal-based thermal power projects. He questioned how the previous government could have secured loans from Central government corporations had it failed to comply with the relevant national power policy requirements.

The 4,000-MW plant was designed to use supercritical technology suited to G9-grade coal, with a gross calorific value (GCV) of 4,601–4,900 kcal per kg. Su-



percritical technology improves efficiency and can reduce carbon dioxide emissions by around 10–15 per cent compared with older subcritical units, he said.

Why G9-grade coal?

Prakash said the coal available from Singareni included lower grades such as G11, G13, G14 and G15, with limited availability of higher grades.

G13-grade coal has a GCV of 3,401–3,700 kcal per kg, while G14-grade coal has a GCV of 3,100–3,400 kcal per kg. As these grades generate less heat per unit of weight, power plants need to burn larger quantities to produce the same amount of electricity, he explained.

Lower-grade coal also contains higher ash levels, typically ranging from 35 to 50 per cent, increasing wear on boilers and other equipment and raising maintenance requirements. Transporting larger quantities of low-calorific-value coal over long distances also increases railway freight costs, he said.

According to Prakash, using more consistent, higher-calorific-value G9-grade coal would help maintain the operating conditions required for efficient power generation at YTPS.

Coal supply agreement

Revanth Reddy had said the previous BRS government entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with SCCL in December 2016 for the import of seven million tonnes of G9-grade coal for YTPS.

Prakash countered that the coal linkage granted by the Ministry of Coal covered 14 MTPA of G9-grade coal from SCCL. He further cited an April 2022 MoU under which SCCL was to supply the entire 14 MTPA requirement, alleging that the Chief Minister had omitted this detail.

He claimed that SCCL's actual production of G9-grade coal had remained substantially below the plant's requirement, averaging between 1 and 4 MTPA.

Prakash put the selling price of SCCL's G9-grade coal at around Rs 5,000 per tonne, compared with approximately Rs 2,050 per tonne for domestic coal from sources such as SECL and MCL. Imported coal from Indonesia and South Africa, he said, cost around Rs 4,500–5,000 per tonne and offered a higher calorific value.

He added that investments for the project had been mobilised by TGGENCO through Central government corporations under both the BRS and Congress governments. He said SCCL had agreed to supply 14 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of G9-grade coal to YTPS. However, the company's extraction capacity for this grade was limited, and it had supplied only 0.52 million tonnes during the current year, he claimed.

Vehicle Fitness Tests To Go Automatic at 37 Centres

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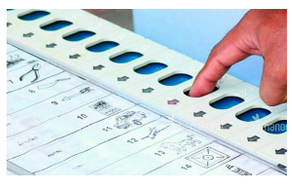
Vehicle fitness tests in Telangana are set to become largely automated, with the state government approving 425.50 crore to establish 37 automated testing stations (ATS), reducing human intervention and improving transparency in the certification process. The stations will use computerised equipment and sensors to assess the roadworthiness of vehicles by checking braking efficiency, steering, suspension, headlight alignment, exhaust emissions, speedometers and other safety parameters. The results will be generated electronically.

Suryapet regional transport officer Purshotam Reddy said vehicle fitness inspections were being conducted manually by Road Transport Authority (RTA) officials. "The ATS will be totally computerised. This will avoid any kind of tampering with the results," he said, adding that the system would also reduce manpower requirements. Under the new system, vehicles will undergo tests using specialised equipment, with results generated electronically. This is expected to minimise human discretion, ensure uniform testing standards and prevent mechanically unfit vehicles from obtaining fitness certificates.

The transport, roads and buildings department has revised the project's administrative sanction from 296 crore to 425.50 crore, increasing the cost of each station from 8 crore to 11.50 crore. According to the transport minister's office, the project will be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, 15 stations will be established at a cost of 172.50 crore, including facilities at erstwhile district headquarters and four additional centres in the Greater Hyderabad and HMDA areas. The remaining 22 stations will be established in the second phase at an estimated cost of 253 crore. Vehicles failing the prescribed fitness tests will have to undergo repairs and clear the required tests before obtaining certification.

Special Voter Enrolment Camps Draw Poor Response

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The two-day special voter enrolment camps ended on Friday with a lukewarm response in the city. Though booth level officers (BLOs) were stationed at polling stations on Friday — after many had played truant on Thursday — electors did not turn up, reflecting the low polling percentage in Hyderabad over the years. Even politicial parties' booth level agents (BLAs) were absent from many polling stations.

While BLOs blamed electors for showing little interest, electors said the camps were held on working days. "Such camps should be held on holidays or Saturday–Sunday," said one elector. Election authorities had instructed BLOs to conduct house-to-house visits, but such visits were not carried out in several parts of the city during the two days. Enrolling new and left-out electors was the primary task of BLOs during the camp. However, the few people who visited polling stations also raised other issues, including change of address. According to data from the State Election authorities, enumeration forms from 2,64,87,213 electors were received and their names included in the draft electoral roll.

Free Data Engineering Course for Unemployed Graduates in Hyderabad

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The Sri Sathya Sai Dakshata Program has announced a free 90-day Data Engineering course for unemployed graduates in Telangana, aiming to improve their technical skills and employment prospects in the growing data engineering sector.The programme is open to graduates who completed their studies between 2022 and 2026 and hold qualifications such as MSc, B.Tech, M.Tech or MCA. Classes will be conducted offline near Khairatabad Metro Station in Hyderabad, with experienced faculty bringing three decades of teaching expertise.The intensive training programme will cover basic and advanced Python, SQL, artificial intelligence tools, soft skills and career counselling. Through practical sessions and hands-on learning, participants will gain industry-relevant knowledge to prepare for professional opportunities in data engineering.The initiative aims to bridge the gap between academic qualifications and industry requirements, particularly for graduates from underprivileged backgrounds who face barriers to accessing specialised technical training.

Successful participants will also receive placement assistance after completing the course, helping them pursue employment opportunities in the corporate sector.According to the programme organisers, the previous batch included more than 350 underprivileged graduates, of whom over 100 secured placements in reputed corporate organisations.The initiative seeks to strengthen youth employability by providing accessible technical education and career guidance, while supporting the development of a skilled, future-ready workforce in Telangana.Interested candidates can register through www.dakshata.ai or contact 9052372023 for further details about the course and admission process.



The book 'Bathukamma: Traditional Songs and Culture' authored by the historial Dr Satyanarayana Dyavanapalli was released on Friday

Restoration Work To Begin At Machli Kaman

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The Machli Kaman, one of the gateways near historic Charminar, will undergo restoration at an estimated cost of `1.3 crore, with work scheduled to begin on November 1 as part of the Pathergatti facelift programme. Deccan Terrain Heritage will undertake the restoration under the supervision of the Quli Qutb Shah Urban Development Authority. The project follows the collapse of a portion of the historic structure's facade a few months ago.

Mir Khan, founder of Deccan Terrain Heritage, said the work would focus on structural strengthening, conservation and repairs using traditional techniques, including lime mortar, to preserve the structure's original character. Heritage activists said Sher-e-Batil Kaman, another historic gateway located to the west of Charminar, was also in a severely deteriorated condition and required immediate restoration. Machli Kaman dates back to the Qutb Shahi period. The four gateways near Charminar were constructed around 1594. Machli Kaman is associated with the traditional display of a large fish-shaped structure during the lunar year.

Over 400 Fraud Cases Pending at CCS

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More than 400 fraud cases are pending with the Central Crime Station (CCS), with complaints involving real estate investments, financial schemes and promises of high returns posing challenges for investigators. Police are receiving complaints from people who invested in real estate ventures promising to double their money within six months, as well as from victims of stock market investment schemes, unauthorised money-lending operations and other financial frauds.

In one case, individuals allegedly handed over 100 kg of gold worth crores of rupees to persons who promised to organise a gold exhibition. Real estate fraud cases account for a significant number of complaints reaching the CCS. Victims have reported losing amounts ranging from thousands to crores of rupees after investing in projects without verifying the developers' land holdings or their ability to execute the proposed ventures.

According to police, between one and three real estate fraud cases are registered every month. Investigations often take several months because of the multiple transactions and individuals involved. A senior police officer said investigations into real estate fraud frequently uncover several interconnected transactions, making it difficult to complete inquiries quickly. Pre-launch offers have emerged as a recurring feature in such complaints. Developers allegedly collect substantial amounts from investors by promising apartments, villas or residential plots at attractive prices.

Some schemes involve the proposed conversion of agricultural land into residential plots, while others offer returns on investments in housing projects.In a recent case, CCS police arrested Pasupuleti Sudhakar, head of Tripura Constructions, following complaints alleging that the firm had defrauded investors of crores of rupees. He was remanded to judicial custody.

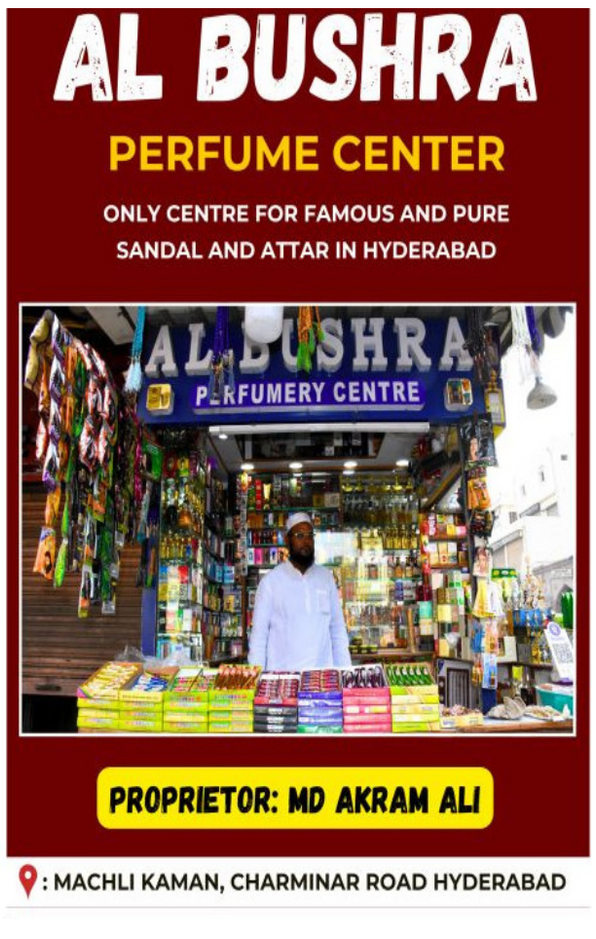
GHMC Identifies 473 Illegal Constructions; Carries Out Demolition Drives in Hyderabad

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The GHMC has identified 473 ongoing constructions as being allegedly unauthorised or deviating from sanctioned building plans across its limits. As part of its enforcement drive, demolition operations were carried out at three locations in Feelkhana, Red Hills and Chikkadpally on Friday.

In Feelkhana, Begum Bazaar, officials took action against an unauthorised cellar, ground floor and six upper floors on a 70-square-yard plot near Aziz Plaza. At Red Hills, the GHMC brought down unauthorised third, fourth and fifth floors on a 90-square-yard plot. In Chikkadpally, an unauthorised fourth floor on a 357-square-yard plot was demolished.

The GHMC said it was issuing notices and passing speaking orders under the CURE Act. It was also preparing an action plan to demolish or seal the structures found to be in violation of building regulations. The corporation said enforcement operations would continue across all zones to prevent unauthorised constructions.



Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Urges Water Conservation and Wastewater Reuse Amid El Niño Concerns

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has urged residents, builders and commercial establishments to conserve water and reuse treated wastewater in view of the potential impact of El Nino conditions on rainfall and water availability. The corporation has asked sewage treatment plant (STP) operators to ensure proper functioning and maintenance of treatment facilities and promote the reuse of treated wastewater for non-drinking purposes, including landscaping, park maintenance and construction activities wherever technically feasible.<The corporation has also advised apartment complexes and commercial establishments to adopt water-efficient landscaping, use native plants, install efficient irrigation systems and maintain rainwater-harvesting structures. Residents have been urged to repair leaking taps and pipelines promptly and avoid unnecessary water wastage in their daily activities. The corporation said water conservation measures and the reuse of treated wastewater could help reduce dependence on fresh water and ease pressure on available resources. Any mandatory restrictions, it added, would be implemented in accordance with applicable regulations and directions from the competent authorities.

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