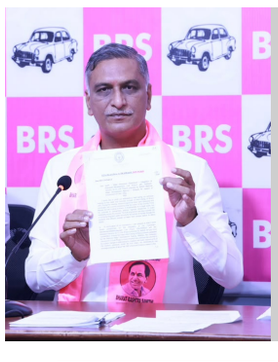
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'Protesting Is Now a Crime': Sibal Slams Government

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Lashing out at the Modi government for denotifying Jantar Mantar as a protest site, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Saturday claimed that the situation in the country is such that protesting has become a "crime" and expressed confidence that the Supreme Court will ensure that people's right to protest is protected. The Independent MP and senior advocate claimed that people had lost faith in the government due to "huge unemployment, economic troubles, and reduced public investment", and said the sooner it left office, the better it would be for the country.

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19 Killed, 25 Hurt in Kolkata Puja Pandal Stampede

Survivors described chaotic scenes as people struggled to free relatives trapped beneath others who had fallen

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At least 19 people were killed and 25 injured in a stampede at an overcrowded Durga Puja pandal in north Kolkata on Saturday evening after heavy rain triggered panic among hundreds of revellers gathered for Saptami celebrations. The toll could rise. The tragedy struck near the Chorebagan Sarbojonin Durgotsob mandap at Radha Madhab Saha Lane in Girish Park after a downpour began around 7 pm. The pandal, themed Orob (Beyond Sound), had attracted huge crowds for its elaborate decorations.

According to preliminary accounts, hundreds of visitors had been waiting in long queues for hours when the rain began. Many rushed to find shelter, triggering a commotion in the narrow approach to the pandal. Several people fell and were trampled as the crowd surged. Survivors described chaotic scenes as people struggled to free relatives trapped beneath others who had fallen. Some alleged that rescue assistance was delayed, leaving them struggling for nearly half an hour to pull out their loved ones.

Police, fire brigade and disaster management personnel subsequently launched rescue operations, shifting victims, many of them unconscious, to Calcutta Medical College and Hospital. West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, state health minister Sharadwat Mukherjee and Kolkata Police Commissioner Ajay Nand visited the site and the hospital to assess the situation. He said, "So far 17 people died while 25 others were injured. Among the injured, condition of two is critical. The stampede happened after a microphone announcement by the organisers. In view of the tragedy, we have decided not to get into any festivity at the government to stand by the affected."

Police closed the pandal to visitors following the tragedy. The state government launched a toll-free helpline, 18003455678, to assist affected families. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the stampede in Kolkata is extremely distressing and announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured. "The stampede in Kolkata is extremely distressing. My thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones. May the injured recover at the earliest," Modi said in a post on X.

Meanwhile, Union home minister Amit Shah had his programmes in West Bengal rescheduled for Sunday in the wake of the stampede. He will visit the hospital to meet the injured on Sunday. In a message posted on X, Shah said,"I have just received the extremely distressing news of multiple casualties after the stampede at the Chorbagan Sarbojanin Durga Puja pandal. I have spoken with Chief Minister Shri Suvendu Adhikari about this matter." He prayed for the peace of the departed souls and extended deepest condolences to the bereaved families. Shah said the administration is making arrangements to ensure best possible medical treatment for the injured.

Fear Grips Indian Diaspora After US Temple Attack

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Wakeup telangana

Indians living in the United States have expressed fear that growing hatred towards their community on social media is spilling into real-world violence, following a mass shooting attempt at a Hindu temple in Illinois. They warned the incident could be a sign of more attacks to come. The accused, 19-year-old Alexandros Paporakis, attempted to attack the temple with a firearm.

The incident has left members of the Indian-American community questioning whether they are still welcome in a country they once considered a land of opportunity.

An Indian resident of Kansas, who requested anonymity, said Indians were increasingly being blamed for unemployment, rising prices and the real estate market. "It is a very scary situation for Indians in the United States, irrespective of which state or city one is in. Indians are being targeted for almost everything.

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1 Dead at College Fest, Toll May Rise



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One student was confirmed dead and another was feared to have succumbed to her injuries when a heavy truss holding lights fell on them during a Dandiya night event organised by the Maturi Venkata Subba Rao (MVSR) Engineering College on its campus at Nadergul on Saturday night. More than 15 others were injured, and four of them were in a serious condition. The victim was identified as 19-year-old Sona, also identifed as Soni, a resident of Wanaparthy and a second-year engineering student.

Another girl student is suspected to have succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment at another hospital, but this was not officially confirmed. Sona's sister was stated among the injured. The injured were taken to two hospitals, one in LB Nagar and another in Nadergul.

A video of the event showed the aluminium truss used to suspend lights and loudspeaker boxes crashed to the ground during the event while students were dancing.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy conveyed his condolences to the student's family, and urged that the best possible medical care be provided to the injured students. He ordered authorities to identify those responsible for the accident, and ensure strict action against them.

A report said more than 600 people were at the ground when the truss fell. Shamshabad zone DCP B. Rajesh said the 22-foot-tall truss collapsed under a high wind. Those underneath the structure had no chance of escaping. Once the truss fell, staff and

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PM Modi mourns death of Morbi's Rajmata Vijaykunwarba

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed grief over the death of Vijaykunwarba, known as the Rajmata of Morbi, remembering her spirit of service and close association with the people of the Gujarat town.

In a message posted on social media platform X, PM Modi said her personality, commitment to public service and bond with Morbi's residents would always be remembered.

He also prayed for peace for the departed soul and strength for her family members and admirers to cope with the loss.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the demise of Morbi's revered Rajmata Vijaykunwarba. Her personality, spirit of service and bond with the people of Morbi will always be remembered," PM Modi wrote in Gujarati.

He added: "May the most compassionate Almighty grant peace to the departed soul and give her family members and admirers the strength to bear this grief. Heartfelt tribute. Om Shanti."

Vijaykunwarba was associated with Morbi's erstwhile royal family, which has historical links to the Jadeja dynasty. Morbi was formerly a princely state in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat and is known for its royal heritage.

Rahul seeks evidence to file cases over alleged police brutality

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday accused the Delhi Police of using brutality against students and women protesters, alleging that the actions were part of a conspiracy to silence dissent and discourage people from questioning those in power.

In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi condemned the alleged treatment of demonstrators, claiming that the conduct of police personnel had crossed shameful limits.

He referred to allegations of sexual harassment, clothes being dragged and assaults on private parts, saying such incidents involving students and women raising their voices for democracy were unacceptable.

Gandhi alleged that the actions were intended to create fear and humiliation among protesters so that they would hesitate to raise questions or participate in demonstrations in the future.

Criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the Congress leader



claimed that political concerns about losing power were contributing to the treatment of young people and women by the police.

His remarks were part of a broader criticism of the government's handling of protests and dissent.

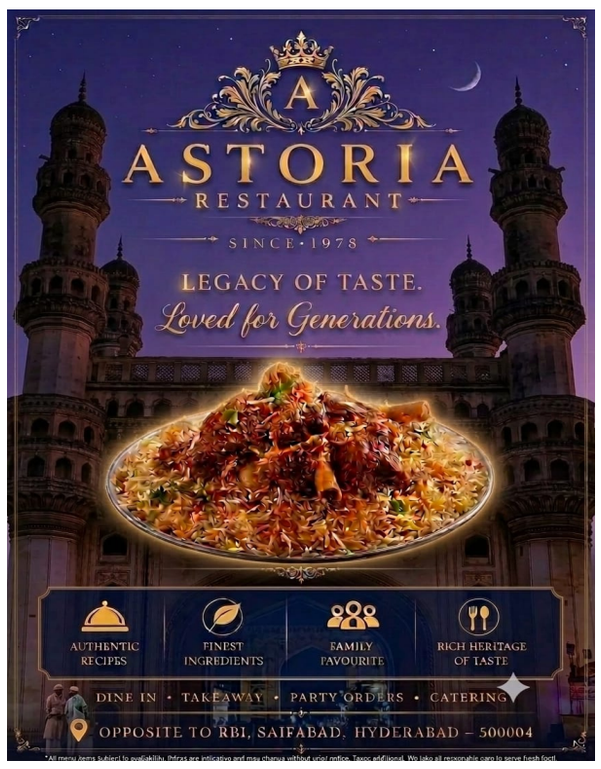
Alongside his post, Gandhi shared a video of approximately 10 minutes featuring conversations with several young women who participated in recent protests. In the video, the women alleged that they had experienced police brutality and inappropriate physical contact during the demonstrations.

The women further claimed that police personnel had targeted their private parts and alleged that officers had instructed subordinates to engage in sexually inappropriate touching. They called for action against the personnel allegedly involved in the incidents.

Gandhi asked the women to provide additional evidence, including photographs and videos, to help initiate legal proceedings against the police personnel concerned.

The allegations have raised concerns about the treatment of women protesters and the need for accountability in cases involving alleged misconduct by law enforcement personnel.

However, the claims made by the protesters and Gandhi have not been independently established in the information provided. Any investigation would need to examine the available evidence and statements from those involved to determine the facts and responsibility.



'Manipur Needed This Security': Mamata Banerjee Slams Delhi Police

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

TMC MLA Kunal Ghosh, aligned with the party's Mamata Banerjee faction, questioned the huge deployment of security to quell anti-SIR protests in Delhi, asking why as many personnel were not deployed in Manipur that has been afflicted by ethnic violence for more than three years. Responding to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's accusation that the opposition was seeking a regime change along the lines of Bangladesh and using the energy of youth to spread "anarchy", Ghosh hit back, saying the deployment of security at strength against young protesters reflected the government's inability to answer their questions.

"We do not support anarchy. But when the new generation raises questions on an issue, it is your responsibility to convince them," the Mamata-TMC spokesperson said."You have so much police and paramilitary forces at your disposal. Why deploy them against the youth? You should have sent this many police and paramilitary to Manipur.

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Abhijeet Dipke gets conditional bail after arrest over Connaught Place rally

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder and convenor Abhijeet Dipke was granted conditional bail by a Delhi court on Saturday following his arrest in connection with the party's 'Lehra Do Tiranga' rally at Central Park in Connaught Place.

According to the Delhi Police, Dipke was granted bail by the Special Executive Magistrate court after signing a peace bond.

CJP founder Dipke and party leaders Saurav Das



and Ashutosh Ranka had signed similar bonds when they were released following their detention ahead of the October 10 protest.

CJP's head of legal affairs, Ratna Singh, confirmed Dipke's release.

In a post on X, she said, "Abhijeet Dipke released."

Earlier on Saturday, Singh had complained about delays in court proceedings.

"The hearing was supposed to happen at 12 p.m. It's 3:38 p.m. and no sign of it. If this isn't deliberate then what is? Release Saurav Das, Ashutosh Ranka and Abhijeet Dipke along with other detainees. You can't take away people's liberty by delaying the entire process," she said in an earlier post on X.

Dipke was detained on Friday while on his way to join the protest rally in Connaught Place and was later arrested.All India Students' Association (AISA) president Neha Bora was also detained near Mandi House as police tightened security across central Delhi. She was released shortly after her detention.

The CJP had called for a 'Tiranga Assembly' at Central Park in Connaught Place at 5 p.m. on Friday. However, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) denied permission for the event.

CM Revanth Reddy To Meet Top CEOs In Delhi For Invest Telangana Summit

The state government will organise a curtain-raiser event: Reports

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will meet CEOs and industrialists of leading global and national companies in Delhi on October 29 to promote the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026, scheduled from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City. The state government will organise a curtain-raiser event, where the Chief Minister will personally invite leading corporate executives to the summit, sources said on Saturday.

The government is stepping up efforts to attract global investors and position Telangana as a preferred investment destination. Companies proposed to be invited include Amazon Web Services, Google, Microsoft, Apple, Meta, Pfizer, Novartis, Tesla, the France-based aerospace and defence MNC Safran and ITC, among others. Of the 220 proposed members of the summit council, 125 have accepted the government's invitation so far. Nearly 300 representatives from 10 sectors have also agreed to participate, the sources said. Investment roadshows have been held in Chennai and Bengaluru to promote the event. Programmes are also planned in Australia, Dubai, West Asian countries and the United States by October 25. Roadshows will be held in Mumbai on November 3 and Ahmedabad on November 4.



The summit's theme is "Your Investment, Our Assurance", and its guiding concept "Pledge to Plot to Plant to Payroll to Product". These highlight the investment process from initial commitment and land allocation to industrial establishment, employment generation and production, the sources said. The three-day Invest Telangana Global Summit will be organised across four halls at the Young India Skills University premises in Bharat Future City. The government is making arrangements to accommodate delegates from India and abroad, with around 1,000 hotel rooms in Hyderabad earmarked for participants. The tendering process for the event, estimated to cost `150 crore, has been initiated. Outdoor courtyard works are targeted for completion by November 15, while indoor arrangements and works at the university are scheduled to be completed by November 30. An exhibition featuring 25 leading companies from 10 sectors will showcase industrial capabilities and investment opportunities, the sources said. The government is also planning cultural programmes showcasing Telangana's traditions, folk arts, classical dances, fashion, handicrafts, cuisine and Bathukamma celebrations to an international audience.

Revanth Reddy has written to Union external affairs minister S. Jaishankar seeking the Centre's cooperation in securing permissions for the conference. The Chief Minister said intellectuals, business leaders, policymakers, NRIs and academics from across the world were being invited. The summit will feature discussions on economic development, artificial intelligence, technology, climate protection, gender equality and peace. Revanth Reddy said the conference would help strengthen Telangana's economic and policy relations with countries across the world.

AISF, AIYF Demand Scrapping Of SIR, Impeachment Of CEC

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Activists of the All-India Students' Federation (AISF) and the All-India Youth Federation (AIYF) were detained after attempting to storm Lok Bhavan at Somajiguda on Wednesday, demanding the scrapping of the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll and the impeachment of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Carrying flags and placards, the protesters raised slogans against alleged vote theft and called for the protection of the Constitution and democracy. Their attempt to the breach barricades outside Lok Bhavan resulted in a scuffle with the police who arrested the protesters and took them to different police stations.

AISF state general secretary Putta Lakshman, along with AIYF state president Marri Sriman and state general secretary Nerlekanti Srikanth, accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the CEC of undermining electoral transparency and the democratic process. They alleged that the SIR exercise was "part of a conspiracy to manipulate votes" and demanded Kumar's impeachment. Lakshman said the organisations would continue their agitation until Kumar was impeached. Sriman also criticised the government over unemployment and the conditions of farmers and workers, alleging that dissenting voices were being suppressed. He called for nationwide student and youth movements to defend the Constitution and democracy. Srikanth alleged that the BJP was resorting to unethical means to remain in power.

Grand Bathukamma Celebrations Held at Sangareddy Collectorate



The Sangareddy District Collectorate witnessed vibrant and grand celebrations of the eighth day of Bathukamma, Telangana's iconic floral festival, with women officials and staff participating enthusiastically in the festivities.The programme was led by District Welfare Officer (DWO) Smt. Lalitha Kumari, who coordinated the celebrations. The Collector and other officials also participated in the event, adding to the festive spirit and making the occasion a memorable celebration of Telangana's rich cultural heritage.Beautifully arranged Bathukamma floral stacks, colourful traditional sarees, folk songs and energetic dances created a festive atmosphere at the Collectorate. Women participants gathered around the decorated Bathukammas and celebrated the occasion with traditional enthusiasm, reflecting the cultural pride and unity associated with the festival.The celebrations highlighted the importance of preserving Telangana's traditions and passing them on to future generations. The collective participation of officials and staff showcased the spirit of togetherness, cultural harmony and community bonding that makes Bathukamma a cherished festival across the state.Under the leadership of DWO Smt. Lalitha Kumari, the eighth-day celebrations concluded on a joyful note, bringing colour, tradition and festive enthusiasm to the Sangareddy District Collectorate.

BJYM Raises Job Calendar Demand at Hyderabad's Gun Park

Targets Government Over Youth Unemployment

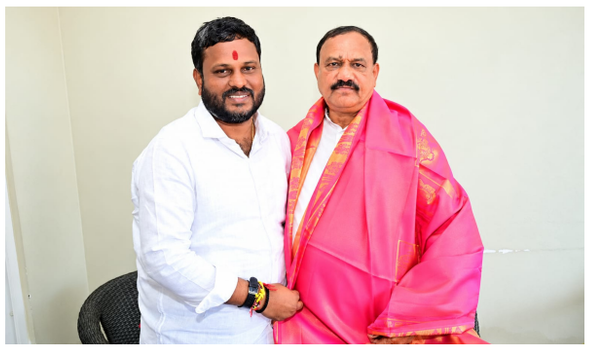
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Activists of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) staged a protest near Gun Park in Hyderabad, demanding action on the job calendar, timely recruitment notifications and employment opportunities for Telangana's unemployed youth.Carrying BJP flags and placards, the protesters questioned the government over employment promises and called for concrete measures to address the concerns of job aspirants.The BJYM activists demanded a transparent and time-bound recruitment process, the prompt release of notifications for vacant government posts, and clarity on the proposed job calendar. They said unemployed youth needed a clear roadmap for recruitment to plan their preparation for competitive examinations.The protest also highlighted broader concerns over the aspirations of young people awaiting government employment. BJYM activists urged the state government to prioritise recruitment and demonstrate its commitment through concrete action.The demonstration near Gun Park added to the political pressure on the government over youth employment and recruitment-related issues in Telangana.

Graduate MLC Elections in Focus: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Gives Key Directions to Neelam Madhu

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Medak Parliament Congress Party In-charge Neelam Madhu Mudhiraj met Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud at his residence in Narsingi on Saturday and felicitated him with a traditional shawl. During the meeting, Mahesh Kumar Goud offered key suggestions regarding preparations for the upcoming Graduate Member of Legislative Council (MLC) elections. He stressed the importance of graduate voter enrolment and advised party leaders to work diligently to ensure that eligible graduates register as voters.

The TPCC President highlighted the need for dedicated efforts, effective coordination and a strong organisational approach to strengthen the party's preparations for the forthcoming elections. Neelam Madhu Mudhiraj conveyed Dasara greetings to the TPCC President during the meeting. The interaction reflects the Congress party's focus on graduate voter enrolment and organisational preparedness ahead of the upcoming Graduate MLC elections. The voter registration process is expected to remain an important priority for party leaders as they work towards strengthening their support base among eligible graduates.

Jampana Pratap Reviews Bathukamma, Dasara Preparations at Bowenpally

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Grand preparations are underway at Bowenpally playground for Bathukamma and Dasara celebrations organised by JP Yuva Sena, with former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap reviewing the arrangements.

Pratap inspected preparations for the Bathukamma festivities and the Ravana Dahana programme scheduled for Dasara, stating that both festivals would be celebrated on a grand scale. Dafedhar Ganesh, Yadagiri, Sai Baba Yadav, Vasu Goud, Satyanarayana and Suresh participated in the review.

Meanwhile, Pratap and his wife, former board member Jampana Vidyavati, offered special prayers during Sharannavaratri at Mutyalamma Temple in Bapujinagar and other Goddess temples in Hasmatpet. Temple committee members Durgayya and Dandugula Yadagiri joined the couple in performing traditional rituals and seeking blessings for local residents.

Pargi MLA Facilitates ₹1.60 Lakh CMRF Aid for Patient



Pargi MLA Dr. T. Ram Mohan Reddy has facilitated ₹1.60 lakh in financial assistance through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for the medical treatment of Abdul Raheem, a resident of NTR Nagar Colony in the 11th Ward of Pargi town.Of the total amount, ₹1 lakh was sanctioned earlier, while an additional ₹60,000 has now been approved to meet the patient's medical expenses.

The request for financial assistance was brought to the MLA's attention by 11th Ward Councillor Sri Ejaz, who appealed for support for Abdul Raheem's treatment. Responding to the request, Dr. Ram Mohan Reddy took steps to secure additional assistance through the CMRF.

The MLA stressed the importance of extending government welfare support to economically weaker families facing high medical expenses. He reiterated his commitment to helping eligible patients access financial assistance under government schemes.

Low Water Levels in Karchal Tank Raise Concerns Over Sadula Bathukamma

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Preparations for the grand celebration of Sadula Bathukamma are progressing at Karchal village in Raikode mandal of Sangareddy district. However, the shortage of water in the village tank has emerged as a concern ahead of the traditional Bathukamma immersion ceremony.

Village Sarpanch Kaapu Urmila and her husband, former Sarpanch Srinivas Reddy, are taking the initiative to prepare the venue and facilitate the participation of women in the celebrations.

As part of the preparations, cleaning and land-clearing works are being undertaken around the village tank, where women traditionally gather to celebrate Bathukamma with floral arrangements, folk songs and dances. Although preparations are progressing, the village tank currently has only a limited quantity of water. The shortage has raised concerns about conducting the traditional Bathukamma immersion ceremony, which is an important part of the concluding day's celebrations.

Normally, village tanks and ponds serve as immersion points for Bathukamma floral



arrangements. However, the low water levels at Karchal have highlighted the challenge of ensuring suitable conditions for the traditional ritual.

Sarpanch Kaapu Urmila and former Sarpanch Srinivas Reddy are coordinating local efforts to prepare the venue for the celebrations. The cleaning works aim to provide a suitable space for women to gather, sing traditional Bathukamma songs and participate in the festivities.

Villagers are hopeful that the necessary arrangements will be completed in time for the celebrations. The water shortage, however, remains an important issue to be addressed to facilitate the immersion ceremony.

Bathukamma, celebrated over nine days, is one of Telangana's most cherished cultural traditions. Women arrange seasonal flowers in colourful tiers, celebrate together through traditional songs and dances, and conclude the festival with the Sadula Bathukamma immersion ceremony.

The preparations at Karchal reflect the community's efforts to preserve this cultural heritage while addressing the practical challenges surrounding the celebrations. The key concern remains whether the available water in the village tank will be sufficient for the traditional Bathukamma immersion.

Heritage Walk Organised For 175 Trainee Officers

Around 170 trainee civil services officers took part in a heritage walk organised by the department of tourism and heritage on Saturday coveriing the two historical landmarks in city. The walk began at the iconic Charminar and concluded at the Chowmahalla Palace offering the trainees insights into the historical importance of the monuments and their role in shaping the cultural identity of Hyderabad.

Prof. Arjun Rao Kuthadi, director, department of heritage, stated that Charminar and Qutb Shahi Tombs were precious jewels of Telangana, representing the glorious history, architectural achievements and cultural traditions of the region. He stated that protecting and preserving these monuments for future generations is the collective responsibility of government departments, heritage institutions and every citizen.

Harish Rao Accuses Revanth of Betraying Telangana's Water Rights

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Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Sunday accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of compromising Telangana's water rights by supporting the proposed Godavari–Cauvery river-linking project through Polavaram in Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao alleged that the proposal would divert Godavari water through Polavaram, Bollapalli, Nagarjuna Sagar and Somasila, leaving Telangana at a disadvantage. He demanded the immediate withdrawal of the revised proposal and urged the state government to protect its water allocations.

Harish Rao referred to an October 7 letter from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu seeking changes to the project's proposed route. He said the matter had been included in the National Water Development Agency's November 3 meeting agenda and alleged that the revised plan would undermine Telangana's interests.

He argued that the link should instead originate from Ichampally or Sammakka Sagar and pass through Nagarjuna Sagar, ensuring Telangana's water requirements are protected. He also cited the proposed allocation of 148 TMC of water among Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Puducherry, questioning how Telangana's share and existing project requirements would be safeguarded.

The BRS leader further criticised the Congress government over irrigation management, alleging that insufficient operation of pumps at Devadula, Kalvakurthy and Kannepally had contributed to water shortages. He claimed that greater utilisation of available water could have helped fill reservoirs and protect farmers from drought conditions.

Harish Rao also questioned the government's preparedness for the El Niño impact, alleging that advance measures had not been taken despite warnings. He contrasted Telangana's agricultural distress with irrigation initiatives in Andhra Pradesh and demanded an all-party delegation visit to pump houses to assess water-lifting operations.

He called on the Centre, Telangana's MPs and BJP leaders, including Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, to respond to the issue.

Clarifying that the BRS had no hostility towards Andhra Pradesh or Tamil Nadu, Harish Rao said Telangana's interests must not be sacrificed in the name of a national project. He warned that the party would intensify its political agitation if the proposed changes threatened the state's drinking water, irrigation and industrial requirements.

Bathukamma Celebrations Held Grandly at Panchayat Raj Engineering Department

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The eighth-day Bathukamma celebrations were held with traditional fervour and enthusiasm at the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, bringing together women staff members to celebrate Telangana's iconic floral festival.

Bhukya Monika, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), actively participated in the celebrations along with fellow staff members. The programme was organised in a befitting manner, reflecting the cultural pride, unity and festive spirit associated with Bathukamma.

The celebrations featured a beautifully arranged Bathukamma adorned with colourful seasonal flowers, symbolising Telangana's rich cultural heritage and the close relationship between nature and tradition.

Bhukya Monika's participation, along with the department's women employees, added to the festive atmosphere. The gathering provided an opportunity for the staff to come together beyond their routine official responsibilities and celebrate the traditions that hold a special place in Telangana's cultural identity.

Bathukamma, celebrated with devotion and joy across Telangana, is a symbol of women's cultural heritage, community bonding and respect for nature. The eighth-day celebrations at the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department reflected the enduring spirit of this cherished festival. The celebrations concluded on a joyful note, showcasing the unity, cultural pride and enthusiasm of the department's staff.

DUSSEHRA GIFTS DISTRIBUTED TO SANITATION WORKERS



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Clothes were distributed as Dussehra gifts to sanitation workers as part of a programme organised to mark the birthday of BRS leader Regalla Satish Reddy.Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attended the programme as the chief guest, distributed the gifts and cut a cake to mark Satish Reddy's birthday. He appreciated Satish Reddy's efforts in organising service activities, including tree plantation and a blood donation camp.The MLA said recognising sanitation workers for their continuous efforts to maintain public health and cleanliness was commendable.

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 celebrations 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.

Devotion to Goddess Lakshmi: Ravi Sagar Offers Special Prayers for Public Welfare at Rapollu Village

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In an atmosphere filled with devotion and spiritual fervour, Ravi Sagar, associated with the Sagara Sangam as its Vikarabad District president, offered special prayers to Goddess Lakshmi at Rapollu village in Pargi constituency, along with his family members. Seeking the divine blessings of Goddess Lakshmi, Ravi Sagar prayed for wealth, good health, happiness and prosperity for every family. He expressed his wish that all members of society lead peaceful and healthy lives and that prosperity reach every household.

The family participated in the special prayers with devotion, seeking the Goddess's blessings for the welfare of the public and the well-being of society. Goddess Lakshmi is widely worshipped as the symbol of wealth, fortune, abundance and prosperity. The special prayers reflected the importance of faith, family values and concern for the welfare of others.

Ravi Sagar's prayer carried a message of goodwill, with wishes for good health, financial well-being and happiness for all people, irrespective of their background. The occasion highlighted the spirit of devotion and the hope for a prosperous future for the people of Rapollu village, Pargi constituency and the wider Vikarabad district.

Message of the Occasion: May Goddess Lakshmi bless every household with wealth, good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

Aleru Voltage Fluctuations: Officials Plan Additional Equipment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



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

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

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

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

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

Agriculture Secretary Inspects Cotton Crops in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District



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Telangana Agriculture Production Commissioner and Agriculture Department Secretary K. Surendra Mohan, IAS, inspected cotton crops in Are Gudem village of Choutuppal mandal on Saturday. He interacted with farmers and enquired about crop conditions and cultivation-related challenges.During his field visit to Suryapet and Nalgonda districts, he also inspected cauliflower cultivation and a shade-net house. He advised officials to promote crop diversification, water-efficient irrigation methods and vegetable cultivation while creating awareness among farmers about El Niño conditions.

Minister Seethakka Reviews Drinking Water Supply Preparedness; Directs Officials to Prevent Shortages

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Panchayat Raj, Rural Development and Rural Water Supply Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka held a high-level review meeting with senior Rural Water Supply (RWS) officials at the RWS office in Erramanzil, Hyderabad, to assess drinking water availability and discuss precautionary measures to prevent shortages across Telangana.Engineer-in-Chief (ENC) Krupakar Reddy, along with Chief Engineers (CEs), Superintending Engineers (SEs) and Executive Engineers (EEs) from various regions, attended the meeting.During the review, the Minister examined the current water storage levels in reservoirs across the state and assessed the status of drinking water supply to rural areas. She sought reservoir-wise and field-level information to understand the existing situation and identify areas that may require advance intervention.In view of the potential impact of El Niño-related weather conditions on water availability, Minister Seethakka directed officials to take proactive measures to ensure that people do not face drinking water shortages in the coming days.

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

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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.

Supreme Court orders safeguards against online child sexual abuse material

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The Supreme Court has taken serious note of lapses by social media platforms in curbing sexually explicit visual content depicting minors and directed that every intermediary must ensure that no such material, which has the potential to harm children, is offered, hosted, uploaded or promoted through a paywall or subscription, either directly or indirectly.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and K Vinod Chandran said the court had repeatedly flagged non-compliance by social media intermediaries and platforms with its directions issued in 2024, but no action had been taken.

"Every intermediary must ensure that no CSEAM (Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Material), or any other material having the propensity or likelihood to harm children, is offered, hosted, uploaded, promoted or circulated through such paywall or subscription, either directly or indirectly," the bench said.

It said the court had flagged how indirect links to such harmful material were being promoted and shared through social media algorithms to bypass the rigours of the special penal provisions designed to protect children in cyberspace, namely Sections 15 of the POCSO Act and 67B of the IT Act.

"Despite more than two years having gone by since our judgment, it appears that there has been no progress worth the name. If anything, the recent news reports instead reveal an even more unsettling reality when it comes to the safety and well-being of our children," the court said on October 15, adding that it was deeply saddened by the news reports placed before it.

Issuing a slew of directions, the bench said that, owing to the lack of any earnest initiative by either the regulatory authorities or social media intermediaries over the years, the court was left with no choice but to take matters into its own hands.

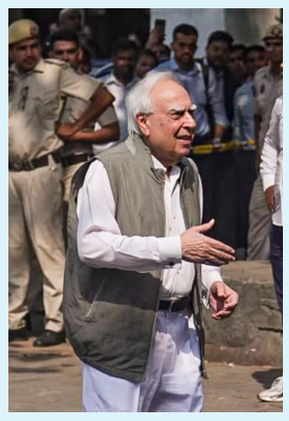
"We cannot emphasise this enough: there can be no space for non-consensual, sexually exploitative and abusive material on the internet, particularly on platforms that are readily accessible to the most impressionable and vulnerable members of our society," it said, directing that a workable framework for a safer future for children be put in place.

The top court directed the Centre to consider putting in place a framework for imposing exemplary monetary fines on intermediaries for breaches of their duties under the IT Act and the IT Rules. It said the quantum of such penalties must be determined with regard to the gravity, duration and recurrence of the default, as well as the size and turnover of the intermediary.

It said that where any CSEAM or prohibited material was found to have been hosted, uploaded, promoted or circulated, directly or indirectly, through a paywall or subscription from which an intermediary derived revenue, that revenue should be forfeited and disgorged.

'Protesting Is Now a Crime': Sibal Slams Government

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Lashing out at the Modi government for denotifying Jantar Mantar as a protest site, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Saturday claimed that the situation in the country is such that protesting has become a "crime" and expressed confidence that the Supreme Court will ensure that people's right to protest is protected.

The Independent MP and senior advocate claimed that people had lost faith in the government due to "huge unemployment, economic troubles, and reduced public investment", and said the sooner it left office, the better it would be for the country.

"We are in a situation where protest has become a crime. In other words, the right to protest has become a crime, even though the right to protest is a fundamental right in our country. But it's no longer a fundamental right," Sibal said at an online press conference.

Questioning the decision to denotify Jantar Mantar as a protest site, he said people could now protest at Ramlila Maidan, but the ongoing Dussehra festivities would make it impossible to hold demonstrations there.

"Why should I have to go to Ramlila Maidan when I had a protest site, and why should you have cancelled it?" he asked. Sibal alleged that violence during the earlier protest at Jantar Mantar had erupted due to the actions of outsiders, claiming that a truck carrying stones had been brought to the site without any explanation.

He also alleged that unidentified people and police personnel in plain clothes had perpetrated violence, and claimed that protesters were dragged and lathi-charged, with women assaulted.

Sibal further alleged that restrictions were imposed on transport services during protests, including the suspension of Metro services and restrictions on trains entering Delhi. Citing examples from other countries, he said cities such as New York, London and Paris had designated spaces in their centres where people could demonstrate near important government institutions. "Within New York City, you can protest at the Union Square or Greenwich Village. And this is at the centre of the city. If it's London and you want to protest against Parliament or any legislation, you have Parliament Square itself next to Parliament, Speaker's Corner at Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square, or outside Downing Street at Whitehall. In France, out of several sites in the centre of Paris, you have the Bastille, the Concorde, Trocadero -- all in the centre of Paris," he said.

Questioning why India should be an exception, Sibal accused the government of promoting democratic values abroad while restricting freedom of speech at home.

CBI Accountable: Victim's Father On Ex-RG Kar Principal Getting Bail

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Questioning the CBI over former RG Kar Medical College and Hospital principal Sandip Ghosh getting bail from the Supreme Court, the father of the doctor who was raped and murdered on Saturday said the agency must be held accountable for its actions.The Supreme Court on Thursday granted bail to Ghosh in a case related to alleged financial irregularities at the hospital. He was arrested amid the massive protests over the rape and murder of the doctor at the hospital on August 9, 2024.

"If an agency trusted by 147 crore people has such shortcomings, how can people continue to repose faith in it," he asked, while maintaining that the government could not be held directly responsible as the CBI was an independent investigating agency. The mother of the victim, Ratna Debnath, is now a BJP MLA. The development drew sharp criticism from doctors associated with the movement seeking justice for the victim.

Dr Utpal Bandyopadhyay demanded a public explanation from the CBI over the delay in the case. Describing the bail order as a source of deep disappointment, anguish and anger for those seeking justice, Bandyopadhyay called for the trial to be completed expeditiously in a fast-track court. He also demanded swift action against all those allegedly involved in the crime and in fostering an environment of corruption and intimidation in the state health department.

Dr Aniket Mahato, another prominent face of the movement, termed the development deeply distressing for those who had fought on the streets for justice and continued to pursue the cause. Alleging lapses in the CBI's investigation into the corruption case, Mahato told ABP Ananda that the agency had listed 147 people as witnesses but had examined only seven of them over the past two years. He accused the agency of incompetence, alleging that the prolonged proceedings had weakened the case. Ghosh had approached the apex court after a special CBI court rejected his bail pleas and the Calcutta High Court dismissed his petition. The Sealdah court granted him bail in the rape-murder case in December 2024 after the CBI failed to file a chargesheet within the mandatory 90-day period. However, he remained in custody in the financial irregularities case.

Dhruv Rathee defamation case: Court issues bailable warrant, hearing on October 31

ISRAEL
Wakeup telangana

A Delhi court has issued a bailable warrant against YouTuber Dhruv Rathee in an eight-year-old criminal defamation case filed by Vikas Pandey after being informed that a fresh summons could not be served because the premises of his residence were found locked.

The Saket Courts passed the order on Saturday after being apprised that the service of summons on Rathee remained incomplete.

The court has now listed the matter for further hearing on October 31. In an order passed earlier this month, the court had permitted fresh summons to be served on Rathee through dasti service, allowing the complainant to accompany the process server to facilitate service.

Despite these steps, the court was informed that the summons could not be served because the premises of Rathee's residence were locked, leading to the issuance of the bailable warrant.

The case pertains to a video titled 'BJP IT Cell Part 2', which allegedly defamed Pandey.

The video was also retweeted by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal in 2018, who later acknowledged before the Supreme Court.

FSSAI Notifies Draft Amendment to Infant Nutrition Regulations

NEW DELHI
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In a significant step towards strengthening nutritional safeguards for infants, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has published a draft amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020, proposing to prohibit the addition of sucrose and fructose in food products intended for infants up to six months of age, according to an official press release.

The draft Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2026 on Friday, seek to further strengthen the existing regulatory framework by ensuring that infant nutrition products are formulated in accordance with age-appropriate nutritional requirements, with particular emphasis on minimising exposure to added sugars during the earliest stages of life. The existing regulations prescribe comprehensive nutritional composition, quality and safety standards for various categories of infant nutrition products intended for children from birth up to 24 months of age. Under the current provisions, lactose and glucose polymers are the preferred sources of carbohydrates, while sucrose and/or fructose may be added only when required as a carbohydrate source, subject to prescribed limits.

Building upon these provisions, the draft amendment proposes a specific restriction on the addition of sucrose and fructose in products intended for infants up to six months of age. The proposed provision states that "sucrose and fructose shall not be added in the products intended for infants up to the age of 6 months". The first six months of life represent a critical period for healthy growth and development, making appropriate nutrition particularly important. The proposed restriction seeks to ensure that infant nutrition products meet the nutritional needs of this age group without unnecessary addition of sucrose and fructose. The measure is also intended to support broader public health efforts to address concerns associated with early exposure to added sugars, including dietary risk factors linked to childhood obesity and related health challenges, the release stated.

Air India, AI Express Cancel Saudi Arabia Flights

NEW DELHI
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Air India and Air India Express on Saturday announced the extension of its flight cancellations to Saudi Arabia until October 24 due to escalating geopolitical tensions in the region. Other Indian carriers IndiGo and Akasa Air had also announced the cancellation of their services to Saudi Arabian cities this week. "In view of the prevailing situation, Air India and Air India Express have temporarily suspended flights to and from Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam until 24 October 2026. We understand that these disruptions may affect our guests' travel plans and we are committed to providing as much flexibility as possible during this period," Air India said in a post on X. The airline added that passengers holding confirmed bookings issued on or before 15 October 2026, with travel dates between 9 October and 25 October 2026, are eligible for a one-time complimentary date change on their respective airline up to 10 November 2026. Passengers who do not wish to rebook on the originally preferred sector for a future date may, instead, choose to rebook from an alternative station in the GCC region served by their respective airline, subject to availability, the airline added.

"We continue to closely monitor the situation and will keep guests informed of any further updates. Our priority remains to support affected guests, minimise inconvenience, and help them continue their journeys with suitable travel options," said Air India.

FROM FRONT PAGE

1 Dead at College.....

Those underneath the structure had no chance of escaping. Once the truss fell, staff and other students lifted it up and took the students to hospitals in their personal vehicles. "There was a huge sound after the lighting system collapsed, said a student, Vivek. He said he and his friend Jitin had gone to the washroom when the incident occurred. "We alerted the college management," he said. The local police rushed to the scene. Disaster response teams along with the students managed to rescue those trapped under the truss and rushed them to a hospital, according to Srinivas, another student.

Adibatla station house officer M. Ramesh, the investigation officer, said a case of death due to negligence had been registered against the organisers and also those who had set up the lighting system. The event, organised under the "Shourya 2026" banner by the MVSR Engineering College management, was a ticketed event open only to the students of the college. Sources said the event was the first dandiya dance organised by the college and was to end at 7.30 pm according to the college notification of the event. It had also organised buses for students to return at 7.45 pm.

Contacted by this reporter, college principal Dr M. Kameshwar Rao said in a message that he was at the cremation of his brother who had passed away. He gave a contact number for details but there was no response on that number. Heartbreaking scenes outside Kamineni Hospital as the devastated family and supporters of Sona Narayan Das protest, raising slogans of "We Want Justice"! The student lost her life in the horrific lighting structure collapse at MVSR College's Dandiya night. The grief-stricken parents demand immediate arrests and strict punishment for event negligence.

Fear Grips Indian.....

The hatred was online for a long time, with right-wing trolls doxing Indians and accusing us of stealing jobs and scamming our way into universities. But the hatred is now creeping into the real world," the resident said.

According to Krishnamoorthi, the accused fired one shot at a passer-by before his gun jammed. He left the scene and later told a co-worker he intended to return to finish the attack. The co-worker alerted police, leading to his arrest. Court documents showed the accused had described Indians, Jews, Black people and other minorities as "sub-human" in a manifesto. Krishnamoorthi cited a report that more than 50% of South Asian adults had experienced at least one act of racial discrimination.

Mohammed Mohsin, a Hyderabad-based student in Chicago, told Deccan Chronicle: "I was returning home from my university and went to a corner store to get some snacks. The owner said he doesn't sell to 'curry mongerers' and asked me to leave. This was just after a month in the United States. I assumed I'd work here after graduation, but it feels less and less safe now." Krishnamoorthi said he too faced race-induced discrimination. "A Florida elected official, two weeks ago, called for me to be deported and said 'Take your curry and go home'." "The shooter was radicalised by hate and his environment. He was radicalised by social media. He told his co-worker, 'I cannot wait to kill Indians.' We need to put an end to this hate," the Congressman said.

'Manipur Needed.....

"You have so much police and paramilitary forces at your disposal. Why deploy them against the youth? You should have sent this many police and paramilitary to Manipur. If you had sent them to Manipur at the right time, the problem there would have been solved," he said.

Manipur's ethnic conflict between the valley-based Meitei and hill-based Kuki communities, which erupted in May 2023, has claimed at least 306 lives while several remain missing. Around 50 people have been killed in clashes between Kukis and Nagas in the state since February this year. Ghosh's remarks came amid protests by opposition parties and youth groups in the national capital demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) had called for a 'Lehra Do Tiranga' march.

CRIME

High Court Upholds 30% Quota For D.Ed Candidates In 2008 Teacher Recruitment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



After a 17-year-long dispute over the District Selection Committee (DSC) recruitment, the Telangana High Court has dismissed a batch of petitions challenging the reservation of 30 per cent of secondary grade teacher (SGT) posts for candidates possessing a Diploma in Education (DEd) qualification. A division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice P. Sam Koshy and Justice Suddala Chalapathi Rao ruled that the government's decision to earmark 30 per cent of SGT vacancies for DEd-qualified candidates was not an impermissible change in the rules of recruitment midway through the selection process.

The case of the petitioners was that they possessed BEd qualification. The government issued a notification dated 06.12.2008 notifying various categories of posts, namely school assistants, secondary grade teachers, language pandits and physical education teachers, aggregating 52,655 posts across the undivided state. While the process was underway, the authorities issued an amendment to the notification through GO 28, dated January 29, 2009, stating that 30 per cent of SGT posts would be reserved exclusively for candidates possessing DEd. qualification, with both BEd. and DEd. candidates being eligible for the remaining 70 per cent of posts on the basis of common merit in the DSC, subject to the other applicable rules of recruitment.

The petitions were filed in 2009 by BEd-qualified candidates who challenged the amendment introduced through GO 28, contending that the government had altered the recruitment rules after issuing the original notification on December 6, 2008. Rejecting these arguments, the High Court distinguished the present case from those in which selection criteria were altered after candidates had undergone the examination or evaluation process. It noted that the amendment was introduced before issuing of hall tickets and the written examination, and candidates were given additional time to apply or reconsider their participation in light of the revised rules.

Telangana doctor held for cheating Dalit woman over marriage

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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

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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

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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

Gambhiraopet SI Suspended Over Alleged Third-Degree Treatment Of Scribes

HYDERABAD
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Gambhiraopet sub-inspector Ch. Srikanth was suspended on Saturday over allegations of dereliction of duty and subjecting two scribes to third-degree treatment. Inspector general of police, Multi Zone-I,
S. Chandrashekhar Reddy issued the suspension orders. The SI allegedly subjected Pothuri Shekhar and Rathipalli Sampath, who work for a vernacular newspaper, to third-degree treatment. Based on the allegations, superintendent of police Mahesh B. Gite attached Srikanth to the Armed
Reserve (AR) headquarters and ordered an inquiry. The IG issued the suspension orders on Saturday.

Man from Assam dies by suicide 'over theft charge'

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 19-year-old man from Assam died allegedly by suicide in his rented room in Siddiq Nagar, Madhapur, on Friday, October 16, after he was reportedly questioned over suspected theft of pesticide chemicals from the company where he worked.

The deceased, Anzar Hussain Balooch Ria, a native of Katlicherra village in Hailakandi district of Assam, had moved to Hyderabad about five months ago in search of a livelihood. He was working as a housekeeping staff member at Ansel Pest Care and sharing a rented room with his friend, Fayazuddin Laskar, who is also from Assam.

According to the Madhapur police, Laskar left the room around 4 pm on October 16 to buy vegetables. When he returned around 6.30 pm, he found the doors and windows locked from inside. With the help of locals, he opened the door and found Anzar hanging from a ceiling fan. He was brought down but was found unresponsive.

In his complaint, Laskar told the police that the pest control company owner, Gautam, along with two employees from Assam, Tanam and Sharif, had visited the room on October 15 and questioned Anzar over suspicions that he had stolen pesticide chemicals from the company.

Laskar suspected that the incident and the alleged accusation might have caused Anzar distress, prompting him to take the extreme step.

The Madhapur police registered a case based on the complaint and shifted the body to Osmania General Hospital for post-mortem examination. Further investigation is underway.

EDITORIAL

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

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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



PL Capital Sets NIFTY Target at 27,589 Amid Inflation and Global Risks

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Indian equity markets may face further weakness before stabilising, as rising inflation, deficient monsoon rainfall, a potential strong El Niño and escalating geopolitical tensions weigh on investor sentiment, according to PL Capital's latest India Strategy Report.
Titled "The Perfect Storm: Rising Macro and Geopolitical Risks," the report highlights growing concerns over corporate earnings, consumption and foreign institutional investor (FII) inflows. PL Capital has revised its 12-month NIFTY target to 27,589 from 27,133 earlier, while cautioning that a sharp V-shaped recovery is unlikely.
The NIFTY has declined 8.2% over the past six weeks and 6% year-to-date, reflecting sustained foreign investor selling amid concerns over crude oil prices, agricultural commodities, elevated bond yields and geopolitical tensions involving Iran and the US.
PL Capital expects 16.2% year-on-year sales growth and 14.7% EBITDA growth in the second quarter of FY27, excluding Oil and Gas. However, rising input costs are squeezing profitability, with 16 of the 27 industry segments covered by the brokerage reporting lower EBITDA margins.
The report identifies deficient monsoon rainfall as a major risk to rural demand and inflation. India recorded a 13% rainfall deficit, while reservoir levels were 21% below those of the previous year. The possibility of a strong El Niño could further disrupt agricultural production and increase prices of commodities such as coffee, cocoa, soybeans and palm oil.
Monetary conditions are also becoming less favourable, with the Reserve Bank of India raising the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50% and revising its FY27 inflation forecast to 5.2%.
Persistently high commodity prices and supply-chain disruptions could increase pressure on household spending and corporate margins.
Meanwhile, higher global bond yields and relatively subdued returns from Indian equities may limit foreign investment inflows.
Although valuations have become more attractive following the market correction, PL Capital warns that earnings downgrades and weakening demand could trigger further downside. Its bear-case NIFTY target stands at 22,044.
The brokerage remains overweight on Capital Goods, Healthcare, Banks, Metals, Diversified Financials, Telecom and Ports, while maintaining an underweight stance on Automobiles, IT Services, Consumer and Oil and Gas. It recommends selective stock-picking, focusing on companies with strong fundamentals and exposure to domestic investment and structural growth opportunities.
Amnish Aggarwal, Co-Head – Institutional Equities at PL Capital, said inflation, geopolitical uncertainty and tighter financial conditions were creating a challenging environment for Indian equities. He cautioned that deficient monsoons, elevated commodity prices and weaker foreign investor flows could weigh on markets before consolidation.
Despite near-term uncertainty, PL Capital believes opportunities remain in sectors supported by domestic investment and credit growth, provided investors remain selective and prioritise earnings resilience.

Infrastructure and Power Sectors to Attract Funding in H2FY27: BWR

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Infrastructure and power sectors are expected to attract increased funding in the second half of FY27, supported by project execution and timely payments, according to Brickwork Ratings (BWR). Commercial real estate is likely to drive funding in the services sector, while gold loans and loans against property will support non-banking financial company (NBFC) lending.
India Inc's credit profile remained resilient during the first half of FY27 despite elevated crude oil prices, deficient monsoon rainfall and tighter global monetary conditions. Data from major Indian rating agencies showed 2.7 upgrades for every downgrade between April and September 2026, compared with 2.4 during the corresponding period last year. Downgrades declined 11%, while upgrades remained steady.
Infrastructure, power, capital goods, auto components and secondary steel led rating upgrades, backed by public spending and steady domestic demand. However, textiles, ceramics, diamonds and specialty chemicals faced pressure from weak exports and competition from cheaper imports, said K. H. Patnaik, Chief Ratings Officer at BWR.
BWR-rated companies recorded 3.3 upgrades for every downgrade, with upgrades accounting for 35% of rating reviews.
Corporate debt relative to equity declined to approximately 0.7 times in FY25 from 1.1 times in FY20, strengthening borrowing capacity.
Non-food bank credit grew 18.8% year-on-year in August 2026, compared with 10.2% a year earlier. However, corporate bond fundraising fell 34% during April-June. Services credit expanded 24.3%, with commercial real estate emerging as a key driver. Hyderabad could benefit from record first-half office leasing.
Meanwhile, US tariff risks threaten exporters, and below-normal rainfall could weaken rural and discretionary demand, particularly in southern India, where rainfall was 24% below normal.
BWR cautioned that smaller NBFCs with significant microfinance exposure remain stressed. Patnaik said the second half of FY27 would test corporate resilience as financing costs rise, making strong balance sheets and creditworthiness increasingly important.

Hyderabad Hosts International Orthopaedic Trauma Summit 2026

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The Orthopaedic Trauma Summit (OTS) 2026 is bringing together more than 1,000 delegates and 120 faculty members in Hyderabad to discuss advancements in complex fracture management, trauma surgery and emerging medical technologies. The three-day international conference features experts from the United Kingdom, Israel, Thailand and South Korea, alongside leading orthopaedic specialists from across India.
The summit focuses on evidence-based treatment approaches, advanced surgical techniques and the potential applications of robotic systems in orthopaedic trauma care, aiming to improve clinical practices and patient outcomes.
OTS 2026 Organising President Dr. Srinivas Kasha said treating multiple fractures, complex joint injuries and pelvic trauma required advanced surgical expertise, sound clinical judgement and appropriate use of modern imaging, navigation and emerging robotic technologies.



He said the summit aimed to strengthen professional knowledge, facilitate clinical experience-sharing and familiarise doctors with contemporary approaches to trauma management.
The academic programme includes pre-conference dry labs, expert discussions, interactive sessions, case-based analyses and demonstrations focused on complex fracture treatment. Four international experts and more than 75 leading Indian orthopaedic specialists are participating in the discussions.
Live demonstrations of robotic systems are a key attraction, offering participants insights into emerging applications in trauma surgery. Experts are also examining the potential benefits and limitations of these technologies, emphasising scientific evaluation and patient-specific treatment decisions before their wider clinical adoption.
Senior Mumbai-based orthopaedic specialist Dr. D.D. Tanna is being honoured for his contributions to orthopaedics, clinical guidance and mentoring future generations of doctors. Dr. Mandeep Dhillon, Chair of AO Trauma Asia Pacific, delivered a special lecture during the summit.
The summit has introduced the 'OTS Pinnacle' initiative, offering international fellowship opportunities to doctors presenting outstanding research papers. The programme seeks to encourage research, academic excellence and exposure to advanced clinical training. Held under the theme "Three Days.

Lakhotia College Celebrates Navratri with Garba, Dandiya and Telugu Dances



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Lakhotia College of Design, Tarnaka, celebrated Navratri with vibrant Garba, Dandiya and Telugu dance performances, bringing students and faculty together in a festive atmosphere.
Students and faculty members dressed in traditional Indian attire participated enthusiastically in the celebrations. The programme featured energetic Garba and Dandiya performances, followed by dances to popular Telugu songs, showcasing students' creativity and cultural talents.
The event was attended by Chairman Azharuddin Mujahid, Managing Director Affan Mujahid and Ms. Bhanupriya. Mr. Rahil congratulated the students and faculty on their efforts, appreciating their teamwork, enthusiasm and performances. He also extended Dussehra greetings, wishing everyone happiness and prosperity.
The celebrations concluded on a joyful note, promoting cultural traditions, creativity and unity among students and faculty.

P N RAO Unveils Kanjivaram-Inspired Menswear Collection for AW 2026



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P N RAO Fine Suits has unveiled "Weaves of Legacy: Timeless Art of the Kanjivaram," a collection blending South Indian cultural heritage with contemporary menswear.
Inspired by Kanchipuram's celebrated silk-weaving tradition, temple architecture and intricate sculptures, the collection reinterprets traditional Dravidian motifs through modern power-suiting.
The launch featured a curated fashion show accompanied by a live Carnatic music performance.
Founded in Bengaluru in 1923 by the late Pishe Narayan Rao, P N RAO is managed by its third generation. The brand has grown from a modest M.G. Road store into a recognised name in bespoke suiting, renowned for precision, quality and craftsmanship.
The collection incorporates vibrant colours, geometric patterns and traditional motifs, including the Yazhi, peacock, lotus and elephant, inspired by historic temple carvings.
Ketan Pishe, Partner at P N RAO Fine Suits, said the collection reflected the brand's commitment to craftsmanship and innovation. He described Autumn Winter 2026 as a defining shift towards experimental, design-led fashion rooted in tradition.
With outlets across Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Hubli, Coimbatore and Chennai, P N RAO continues to honour its century-long legacy while exploring contemporary design.

Mettapalli's Bathukamma Song Celebrates Telangana Culture in Dubai

Mangli's Voice Brings Telangana's Bathukamma Spirit to Gulf Workers

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A special Bathukamma song celebrating Telangana's cultural heritage and the emotional struggles of Gulf migrant workers was grandly launched in Dubai, bringing the spirit of the floral festival closer to Telanganites living abroad.
The song, beginning with the evocative line "Edarilo Thangedu Vaname Moliseno" (A Thangedu flower grove blossomed in the desert), reflects the longing of migrant workers to celebrate Bathukamma in their native villages alongside their families and loved ones.
Kota Kumar (KK), Chairman of Akshara Gold & Diamonds Jewellery Group of Companies, produced the song. Renowned Telangana folk poet and singer Mettapalli Surender penned the lyrics, popular singer Mangli lent her voice, and Madeen SK composed the background music. The song was produced under Mettapalli Studios.



The composition captures the nostalgia, loneliness and emotional challenges experienced by Telangana men and women who have travelled to Gulf countries in search of livelihoods. It seeks to reconnect them with their roots and the traditions they cherish back home.
Beyond its cultural significance, the song conveys a powerful message of communal harmony and brotherhood. References to doodh semiya, sattu bellam, dates and Bathukamma bring together the culinary and cultural traditions associated with different communities.
Through the message "Hindu-Muslim Bhai Bhai," the song promotes mutual respect, unity and peaceful coexistence, using the spirit of Bathukamma to spread a message of togetherness from Dubai to the world.
The event symbolically connected seven countries through the seven colours of Bathukamma, highlighting the global presence of Telangana's cultural traditions. The concept traced a symbolic journey from the historic Golconda Fort to Dubai's iconic Burj Khalifa.
Kota Kumar dedicated the song to the women of Telangana, both in their homeland and across Gulf countries, recognising their role in preserving the festival's traditions.
Traditional Dappu and Oggu Dolu performances by Telangana folk troupes added colour and vibrancy to the celebrations. A large number of migrant workers and their family members from Dubai and Abu Dhabi attended the event.
The programme was organised by Suthari Satyam and Mallesh Goud of Spark Media, celebrating Telangana's heritage while strengthening the emotional bond between the state and its overseas community.

MP Asaduddin Owaisi Inaugurates Nilufer's Third Store

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Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi , Member of Parliament, inaugurated the third store of Nilufer, a premium ethnic and bridal fashion boutique, in Road No.1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.
Founded by Ms. Nilofur Sohail and Mr. Mohammed Sohail, Nilufer has established its presence in Hyderabad with existing outlets in Masab Tank and Abids. The new store marks another milestone in the brand's expansion, bringing its collections closer to customers in the city.
Nilufer offers a curated range of bridal couture, traditional ethnic wear, Indo-western ensembles and contemporary occasion wear. Its collections include lehengas, shararas, anarkalis, sarees, gowns and salwar suits designed for weddings, receptions, engagements, festive celebrations and other special occasions.
Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Nilofur Sohail, Founder, said, "The launch of our third store in Hyderabad is an important milestone for us. With our presence in Masab Tank, Abids and now Banjara Hills, we aim to reach more customers with collections that celebrate heritage, craftsmanship and contemporary elegance."

Neha Sharma Warns Legal Action Over AI Content Without Consent



Mumbai:Actress Neha Sharma is the latest celebrity to raise her voice against the misuse of AI to created fake photos and videos.

She shared a post on her official handle on Saturday and warned those creating AI-generated content using her face.

Neha took to her official X (Formerly known as Twitter) timeline, and wrote, “Anyone using my face or likeness to create AI-generated videos or images without my consent is hereby warned to STOP IMMEDIATELY (sic).”

The 'Crook' actress made it clear that she has not permitted anyone to use her face or likeness to generate AI content. She further asked all to take down any such content and refrain from doing anything like that in the future.

"Take down all such content already posted and refrain from creating, editing, or circulating any further AI-generated videos or images using my identity. Using my face in this manner to misrepresent me or malign my reputation is completely unacceptable. I DO NOT CONSENT TO THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MY FACE OR LIKENESS", she further penned.

Neha also warned of legal action against anyone creating, posting, or circulating such content.

"Consider this a formal warning: I WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST EVERY INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING, POSTING, OR CIRCULATING SUCH CONTENT. No one should assume that hiding behind a fake account or the use of AI will protect them from accountability. TAKE IT DOWN NOW. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED," concluded the post.

In the recent past, many members of the film fraternity have expressed their concern about how AI can be used to manipulate content.

As a protective measure, many of them, including Akshay Kumar, Varun Dhawan, Anil Kapoor, Shilpa Shetty, Preity Zinta, Kartik Aaryan, Mrunal Thakur, and Suniel Shetty, have even approached the court to protect their identity, image, and personality rights from AI-generated misuse.

Meanwhile, recently, a morphed video of actress Janhvi Kapoor from the 'Devara' song 'Chuttamalle' surfaced on social media, raising some new concerns.

to an era when their films were a regular feature of Hindi cinema.

Kareena Kapoor calls Kapil Sharma an 'absolute star'



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Actress Kareena Kapoor called actor and comedian Kapil Sharma an 'absolute star' during a fun exchange between the two on social media on Saturday.

Bebo appeared on the latest episode of 'The Great Indian Kapil Sharma Show' with husband Saif Ali Khan. Kapil took to his official Instagram Stories and uploaded a selfie with Kareena, Saif and the rest of the crew.

He admitted that he never could have imagined having so much fun with the power couple.

"Dear @kareenakapoorkhan n @saifalikhanpataudi never knew you guys n so much fun together...thank you for the beautiful fun episode...Love you both (sic)," read the text accompanying the pic.

Resharing Kapil's post on her official account, Kareena expressed her admiration for Kapil, saying, "Kapil you are an absolute star and we love you lots too (sic)".

Kareena and Saif spilled a lot of fun secrets during the entertaining episode.

Bebo revealed that Saif proposed to her not once, not twice, but thrice, in Mumbai, Greece, and Paris, only after which she agreed to marry him.

Bebo said, "He proposed to me in Mumbai, he proposed to me in Greece and he proposed to me in Paris, and that's when I finally said 'Yes'".

Saif reacted to the revelation with his unique sense of humor. He said, "If you had just said yes in Mumbai, I would have saved a lot of money."

When asked about their secret for looking "young and fresh" even after 14 years of marriage, Saif gave the credit to the constant consumption of desi ghee. Kareena added that it is a staple in their household and that their children, Taimur and Jeh, also consume it on a regular basis.

Divulging some more secrets, Saif added, "She doesn't only eat it but even rub it on her feet at night". Agreeing with him, Bebo said, "It helps you so well."

Khelo Telangana Bandhan Gains Momentum Across State

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The Khelo Telangana Bandhan initiative launched by the Telangana State Sports Department is receiving an encouraging response from people and sportspersons across the state, Government Advisor (Sports) A.P. Jithender Reddy said on Saturday, calling for greater public participation in sports and fitness activities.

Participating in the Khelo Telangana Fitness Challenge, Jithender Reddy extended the challenge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of State Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Telangana Sports and Youth Services Minister Vakiti Srihari, Sports Authority of Telangana Vice Chairperson and Managing Director Dr. A. Sonibala Devi, Mahabubnagar District Collector and other officials.

Jithender Reddy urged people of all age groups and backgrounds to make sports, exercise and physical fitness an integral part of their daily lives. He emphasised that regular activities such as walking, jogging, yoga and exercise could improve physical health, enhance overall well-being and encourage healthier lifestyles.

He observed that the Telangana government's continued focus on sports development over the past three years had created a favourable environment for sporting activities and greater public engagement.

According to him, Khelo Telangana Bandhan is helping promote awareness about health, fitness and sportsmanship while motivating citizens to adopt active lifestyles. He expressed hope that the initiative would grow into a sustained people's movement, inspiring communities across Telangana to embrace physical activity.

The Sports Advisor also appealed to media organisations to give wide publicity to the programme and spread awareness about the importance of regular exercise and fitness.

He called upon citizens to participate enthusiastically in the initiative and work collectively towards building a healthier, fitter and more sports-conscious Telangana.

Telangana Equestrian Championship Opens at HPRC; Dutta, Sujanaani Win Dressage Titles

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The second Telangana State Equestrian Championship, presented by Phoenix Group, commenced at the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC), Gandipet, on Saturday, with seven classes decided across Hacks, Dressage and Show Jumping. The championship is being conducted in association with the Telangana State Equestrian Association (TSEA).

Siddharth Dutta emerged as the top performer in the Children I Dressage category, securing first place with Wilbur after scoring 60.658%. He also finished second on Burning Arrow with 59.632%, while Janampally Hitesh Reddy claimed third place on Centaur with 54.342%.

In the Junior Dressage category, HPRC rider Gautam Sanjay Sujanaani won the state title with a score of 60.200% on Airstrike. Anet Castilino secured second place on Bella with 59.100%, followed by Kumbham Sai Tanvi Reddy on Centaur with 50.800%.

The evening's Show Jumping competition witnessed an impressive performance by Abdul Manan, who won the 100–105 cm Open category riding Dilano. Four combinations shared joint second place: Eeshaan Bharadwaj on Salerno, S. Mahesh on Handsome Boy, and Sanjay Rama Raju on Condero and Cornelius.

In the Under-18 section of the same class, Sauryaram Indukuri riding Happyness secured the title, finishing ahead of Eeshaan Bharadwaj and Prabhnoor Singh.

The 40 cm competitions encouraged participation among beginners, with Naag Hridhaan Mulugu winning the Under-12 class on King. HPRC's Luv Manne finished second on Duke.

In the Open category, Jagadeesh Archi claimed victory riding Power.

The Under-12 Hacks event, designed for riders not participating in other disciplines, was won by Catherine on Prithvi. Rianshi Agarwal secured second place, while HPRC riders Vir Reddy on Trustful and Akira Manne on Baretta shared third place.

With Gautam Sujanaani's Junior Dressage victory, HPRC recorded four riders on the podium on the opening day, highlighting the host club's strong performance across disciplines.

The medals were presented by TSEA Vice President Siraj Attari and Honorary Secretary Raghu Panchakarla, along with HPRC President Chaitania R. Kumar and Vice President Vijender Singh.

Cash prizes for the championship's Open classes will be presented by a Phoenix Group representative during the closing ceremony on Sunday. The competition showcases emerging equestrian talent in Telangana while providing opportunities for riders across age groups and skill levels.



Congress Holds Tiranga Rally in Hyderabad Over Voter Roll Irregularities

Led by V. Hanumantha Rao, over 200 Congress workers march from Madina Market to Charminar, demanding a probe into alleged electoral roll irregularities and transparency in voter deletion applications.

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The Congress Party organised a Tiranga rally from Madina Market to Charminar in Hyderabad, led by senior Congress leader and Telangana Government Adviser V. Hanumantha Rao, protesting alleged irregularities in the electoral roll revision process and demanding accountability from the Election Commission.

More than 200 Congress workers participated in the march, raising slogans against the Narendra Modi-led Union Government and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The protesters demanded the resignations of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the CEC.

Congress leaders expressed concern over the alleged misuse of computer-generated Form-7 applications seeking voter deletions and demanded a thorough investigation into their origin. They



called for greater transparency and strict verification of deletion requests to ensure that eligible citizens were not deprived of their voting rights.

Addressing the gathering, V. Hanumantha Rao said the Congress would continue its agitation against any attempt to undermine democratic rights. He stressed the need to protect electoral integrity and ensure that every eligible voter remained on the electoral rolls.

Hyderabad District Congress Committee President Khalid Saifullah said the party would pursue the issue before election authorities and other appropriate forums, including through legal channels wherever necessary.

"This is not merely a Congress-versus-BJP issue. This is about the right of every eligible citizen to remain on the electoral roll and exercise the right to vote," Saifullah said.

He warned that the agitation would intensify if the alleged source of the computer-generated Form-7 applications was not investigated. He also highlighted concerns that minorities, migrant workers, economically weaker sections and other vulnerable groups could be affected by wrongful voter deletions.

The rally was attended by TPCC Secretary Aijaz Khan, Charminar Constituency In-charge Mujeeb Ullah Shareef, Bahadurpura Constituency In-charge Rajesh Kumar, Mir Hyder Ali Jaffery, Mohd. Aijaz, Syed Dilawar Hussain, Aslam Shareef, Agha Raza Tabatabai and Muzammil Quadri, among others.

The rally concluded with Congress leaders reiterating their demand for a transparent investigation and pledging to continue their campaign to safeguard voting rights and democratic institutions.

Charlotte Telugu Sambaralu Celebrates Culture and Community Service

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Charlotte Telugu Sambaralu 2026 was celebrated with great enthusiasm, bringing together the Telugu community for cultural performances, educational activities and community engagement.

The event featured classical music, classical dance, freestyle dance and other programmes showcasing the talents of children, youth and adults.

A major attraction was the Science Fest, which introduced children to nine scientific concepts through interactive experiments and demonstrations involving dry ice, a plasma ball and other innovative activities. Representatives of Telugu organizations, including TANA, GTA and APTA, participated in the celebrations. NATS President Raj Allada attended the event, which recorded an impressive



800 new registrations.

Meanwhile, the North American Telugu Society (NATS) inaugurated its Michigan chapter in Farmington Hills to strengthen community service, promote Telugu culture and encourage youth participation.

Sridevi Manepalli was appointed chapter coordinator, with Mahi Bollavaram as joint coordinator. Other office-bearers include Ravi Chalanti for events and logistics, Hema Suraparaju as treasurer, Jyothi Javvadi for membership, and Anupama Divakarla for public relations and media.

NATS Chairman Kishore Kancherla highlighted the organization's helpline and support for Telugu people in need, while Raj Allada reaffirmed its commitment to community welfare.

The programme honoured community contributors and featured Kuchipudi performances by local students. Representatives of APTA, the Detroit Telugu Association, the Detroit Telangana Community and the Indian Overseas Congress attended.

SBTET's SV Bhavan Hosts Grand Durga Puja Celebrations in Hyderabad

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Durga Puja celebrations were held with devotion and enthusiasm at the State Board of Technical Education and Training (SBTET), SV Bhavan, Masab Tank, Hyderabad, bringing together leaders of various employees' associations and education department representatives to seek the blessings of Goddess Durga.

SBTET Secretary Pullaiah, TGO's State President Eluri Srinivasa Rao, TGO's State General Secretary B. Shyam, TGO



Hyderabad District President M.B. Krishna Yadav, Joint Secretary D. Venkateshwarlu, Manohar, Rama Rao, Venkateshwarlu, Paramesh Goud, and Government Polytechnic College, Masab Tank, Principal K. Chandrasekhar attended the celebrations. TGPALA State President B. Shravan Kumar and TNGO leaders Krishna and Narendra were also present.

The participants offered prayers to Goddess Durga and exchanged festive greetings, wishing one another happiness, prosperity, good health and success. The leaders emphasised that spiritual gatherings of this kind play an important role in promoting unity, mutual respect and friendly relations among government employees.

They expressed their hope that the blessings of Goddess Durga would bring peace, prosperity and professional progress to all employees and their families. The celebrations reflected the spirit of togetherness and camaraderie among representatives of different employees' organisations.

Following the puja, a meal was organised for the participants, marking the occasion with a sense of fellowship and shared celebration.

TSUTF Teachers Demand Scrapping of NEP 2020

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The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 must be scrapped as it is weakening public education and making schooling increasingly inaccessible to economically disadvantaged sections, Chava Ravi, National General Secretary of the School Teachers Federation of India (STFI) and State President of TSUTF, demanded.

Teachers organised a mass hunger strike at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad on Saturday under the leadership of the Telangana State United Teachers Federation (TSUTF), protesting what they described as anti-education policies of the Central and State governments. TSUTF State General Secretary A. Venkat presided over the protest



camp.

Chava Ravi called for the withdrawal of NEP 2020 provisions that, according to the federation, adversely affect public education. He demanded an end to school mergers and closures, immediate recruitment to vacant posts, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), exemption from the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for eligible teachers, and relief from non-teaching duties.

The federation also sought regularisation of contract teachers, equal pay for equal work, release of pending dearness allowance (DA) and bills, implementation of Pay Revision Commission (PRC) recommendations, and extension of the employees' health scheme to teachers working under all managements.

Muzammil Quadri Meets Sachin Sawant to Strengthen Congress

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Hyderabad District Congress Committee (HDCC) Secretary Muzammil Quadri met AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant during the Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan (SSA) to discuss strengthening the Congress Party's organisational structure at the grassroots level in Hyderabad district.

During the meeting, Quadri emphasised his commitment to implementing the party leadership's directives and improving organisational coordination across all levels. He assured the leadership that he would work towards



strengthening the party from the booth level to district-level committees, focusing on grassroots engagement and organisational development.

The interaction highlighted the importance of strengthening the party cadre and building a more effective organisational network to enhance the Congress Party's presence across Hyderabad district.

Tank Bund Set For Grand Saddula Bathukamma Celebrations

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Tank Bund is all set to host grand Saddula Bathukamma celebrations on Sunday, with the Telangana government making elaborate arrangements to showcase the state's rich cultural heritage, folk traditions and indigenous art forms.

The celebrations will be held from 5 pm to 10 pm, featuring a series of cultural programmes designed to highlight Telangana's traditional art and festive spirit. Around 700 artistes are expected to perform, presenting a vibrant mix of folk performances and cultural programmes that reflect the state's unique identity and traditions.

A laser show and a spectacular fireworks display have also been planned to add to the festive atmosphere and attract visitors to the venue. The participation of film stars Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna is expected to further enhance the excitement surrounding the celebrations.

Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has reviewed the arrangements with officials from the Tourism, Language and Culture departments to ensure the successful conduct of the event.

During the review, he stressed the importance of meticulous planning, effective coordination and timely completion of all preparatory works.

The minister directed officials to make all necessary logistical arrangements in advance and ensure that visitors do not face any inconvenience during the festivities. He also emphasised the need for coordinated efforts among the departments concerned to manage the event smoothly.

The Saddula Bathukamma celebrations at Tank Bund are expected to draw large crowds, offering people an opportunity to participate in the festivities and experience the cultural richness of Telangana.

With traditional performances, modern attractions and elaborate arrangements, the event is set to provide a colourful and memorable celebration of Bathukamma, one of the state's most cherished festivals.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Welcomes Madhu Yaskhi Goud to Gandhi Bhavan

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud warmly welcomed All India Professionals Congress (AIPC) Chairman Madhu Yaskhi Goud during his first visit to Gandhi Bhavan after assuming charge.

On the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud felicitated Madhu Yaskhi Goud with a shawl and conveyed his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for his new responsibility. He expressed confidence that Madhu Yaskhi Goud would work towards



strengthening the All India Professionals Congress, expanding its reach among professionals and enhancing its role within the Congress Party. The meeting reflected the party leadership's support for his new assignment and commitment to organisational development.

Heavy Rush at Hyderabad Bus Stations Ahead of Dussehra Holidays

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A heavy rush of passengers was witnessed at Hyderabad's major bus stations on Saturday as schools across Telangana began their Dussehra holidays, with thousands of people heading to their native places to celebrate the festival with their families.

The Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) and Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) witnessed a significant increase in passenger traffic as people arrived in large numbers to board buses to their hometowns. The rush is expected to continue during the festive holiday period.

To meet the increased demand, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has announced the operation of 7,000 special buses across the state from Saturday until October 18. The additional services are aimed at ensuring convenient travel for passengers during the festive season.

Women will continue to enjoy free travel under the state government's Mahalakshmi scheme on eligible RTC buses, as usual.

The RTC has also made arrangements for the return journey after the holidays, with additional buses scheduled to operate from October 20 to 26. The corporation is taking steps to accommodate the expected rush and facilitate the smooth movement of passengers.

With Dussehra approaching, the increased bus services are expected to help thousands of people travel to their hometowns and return to Hyderabad with greater convenience.



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