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Gandhi joined the Congress's 'Goy Rakhon Yatra' in Margao, walking two kilometres with workers and leaders

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Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar of being involved in alleged electoral malpractice, asserting that they would face justice and be held accountable for what he described as "vote chori".

Gandhi made the remarks while participating in the Congress's 'Goy Rakhon Yatra' in Margao, Goa. He walked around two kilometres alongside party workers and senior leaders before addressing a public meeting.

"The entire country knows that CEC Gyanesh Kumar implements 'vote chori' and Amit Shah and PM Modi back him," Gandhi alleged. He further asserted that the Congress would continue its fight to protect the Constitution and ensure accountability for alleged electoral irregularities.

"PM Modi, Amit Shah and CEC Gyanesh Kumar will face justice and pay the price for what they have done," he said.

Gandhi also expressed concern over the treatment of student protesters, contrasting India's earlier reputation for a world-class education system with the alleged use of pellet guns against students.

He reiterated the Congress's commitment to defending constitutional values and democratic rights.

The Congress leader arrived at Dabolim airport on Sunday afternoon to participate in the outreach programme. He was accompanied during the yatra by AICC Goa desk in-charge Manikrao Thakare, co-in-charge Dr Anjali Nimbalkar, Goa Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao and Goa Pradesh Congress Committee president Girish Chodankar, among other leaders.

The 27-day 'Goy Rakhon Yatra', led by Alemao and Chodankar, began on September 22 and concluded on Sunday after covering all 40 Assembly constituencies in Goa.

The campaign focused on protecting Goa's land, environment, cultural heritage and identity. The Congress also highlighted concerns over land conversion, alleged land grabbing, unemployment, corruption and public safety.

With the 2027 Goa Assembly elections approaching, the party aims to strengthen its grassroots network, mobilise public support and bring local development concerns into the political debate.

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Tiger Shroff Escapes Unhurt After Firing in Mumbai



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Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff escaped unhurt after three motorcycle-borne assailants allegedly fired three rounds at his car in Juhu. His driver sustained injuries and was hospitalised. Police launched an investigation, while an unverified social media video claimed responsibility on behalf of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang.

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Maharashtra CEO Seeks Changes to Form 6

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Maharashtra's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) has urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to modify Form 6 so that voters whose names were deleted during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) can re-register without declaring themselves "first-time voters". A letter to the ECI states that officials on the ground are facing difficulties in persuading voters to sign Form 6, which contains a legal provision for punitive action if the information provided by applicants is found to be false.

Last week, the Maharashtra CEO's office sent a letter to the ECI highlighting the difficulties faced by election officials in persuading previously registered voters to use Form 6, which is prescribed for new voters. The form requires applicants to declare that they are seeking inclusion in the electoral roll for the first time and that their names are not included in any Assembly

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Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia Issues Safety Advisory Amid Attacks

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The Indian Embassy in Riyadh on Sunday asked its nationals to take note of and follow updated directives issued by Saudi authorities for people receiving emergency warnings through the National Early Warning Platform for Emergencies amid heightened security concerns following strikes by Iran-backed Houthi rebels. The instructions – which were shared through social media platforms – ask people to remain calm, follow official directions and immediately move to the nearest safe place inside a building, preferably an interior room away from windows, until the danger has passed.

People have been advised not to leave their homes or buildings until the danger has passed, stay away from open areas, windows and glass, and avoid standing on balconies or rooftops. Those outdoors have been asked to enter the nearest building or take shelter behind a solid barrier. The instructions also advise people to avoid crowds and dangerous areas and refrain from taking photographs.

People who receive an alert while driving have been advised to pull over to the side of the road, away from bridges and high-rise buildings.

The instructions say people can call emergency number 911 in the regions of Makkah, Madinah, Riyadh and the Eastern Province in case of any threat or danger, and 998 in the rest of Saudi Arabia. People have also been asked to follow instructions issued by the competent authorities through official channels.

Indian nationals are urged to follow emergency alerts, seek shelter indoors and adhere to Saudi authorities' instructions amid heightened security concerns

The directives come amid heightened security concerns following drone and missile attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels on Saudi Arabia, including a deadly strike on Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport on October 10. The attack killed an Indian national and injured several others, prompting the Indian Embassy to reiterate its safety advisory.

Jammu Police Charge Woman for Sharing Secrets with Foreign Agents

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Police in Jammu have launched a formal investigation after registering a case against a woman, a Telangana native and wife of an Army officer, accused of collecting and sharing sensitive information with foreign intelligence operatives, including individuals believed to have links to China. According to PTI, the accused allegedly used artificial intelligence tools including ChatGPT and Claude to write analytical papers on sensitive national security issues for Chinese intelligence operatives. The agency reported that she undertook an IT internship with the United Nations in 2023 and was working as a freelance researcher. According to official sources, the woman — whose identity was withheld for security reasons — was booked following allegations that she had been in contact with foreign handlers and had passed on classified or strategically relevant information. She was not arrested but questioned following the registration of the FIR and was cooperating with the investigating agencies, officials said.

A report stated that the accused was currently living in Jammu with her husband.

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Two Students Critical After MVSR Truss Collapse

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Besides Sonu Narayan Das of MVSR Engineering College, Nadergul, who died in the truss collapse on Sunday, two other students remained in critical condition on Monday. Doctors said they were being treated in the ICU of a private hospital for lung and abdominal injuries. The condition of Meena Narayan Das, Sona's sister and one among the 23 students hospitalised, was improving, doctors added. Police identified the event organiser as PS Truss & Lighting. The firm's office has been shut and its personnel are absconding. The owner, Mallela Saket, has been listed as absconding. Police also booked the MVSR College management in the case.

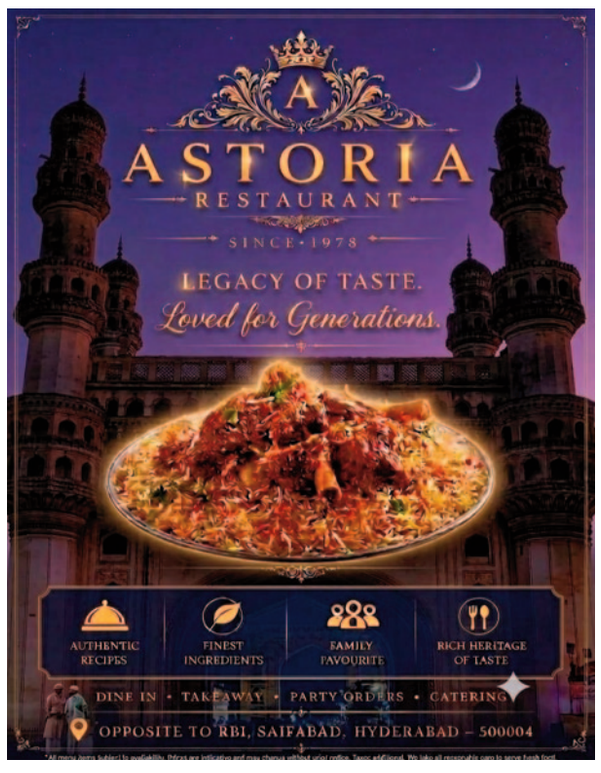
The case was registered for culpable homicide and causing death due to negligence under Sections 105 and 125(A) of the BNS. Four workers who installed the structure and lighting have been detained for questioning.

"We received a complaint against the organiser and college management for negligence when the incident occurred within the college premises. We will take action as per law. A special team has been formed to arrest those responsible for death due to negligence," said Adibatla station house officer M. Ramesh.

Over 60 girl students were injured when a truss set up without safety measures collapsed during Dandiya celebrations at MVSR College around 7.30 pm on Saturday. The college had outsourced the event to PS Truss & Lighting and Electrical.

Of the 60 injured, 23 were shifted to hospital while others received first aid. Though no arrests have been made yet, police booked a culpable homicide case against the organiser and college management. Saket, described as a freelance event organiser, closed his shop and is absconding.

Out of the 23 hospitalised students — all girls — two are critical with blood accumulation in the lungs and abdomen, spinal cord and rib injuries, and multiple other injuries. They are undergoing treatment in the ICU at Yashoda Hospital, Malakpet, District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Ranga Reddy, Dr. Kalyan Chakravarthi, told. The two students are being treated for complications including pneumothorax, haemothorax and hemoperitoneum. Of the nine female students admitted to Yashoda Hospital, Malakpet, four are likely to be discharged soon, while three others require another two days of treatment.



Jagan Regrets Supporting Law on Election Commissioners' Appointment

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October 18: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Sunday expressed regret over supporting the 2023 law governing the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners.

Speaking to the media after meeting State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha, Reddy demanded restoring the earlier appointment system, including the Chief Justice of India in the selection panel.

He alleged that the existing process favours the ruling government and called for similar reforms in appointing State Election Commissioners. He also accused the TDP-led coalition government of obstructing YSRCP candidates from filing nominations for upcoming local body elections.

No State Tag for Ladakh, Says Centre

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The Centre has flatly rejected a key demand from Ladakh's two principal representative bodies—the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA)—to designate the proposed Union Territory–level elected institution as the Government of Ladakh or the Legislature of the Government of Ladakh. The refusal sends an unmistakable signal that despite sustained public mobilisation and repeated appeals, the landlocked Himalayan region is not being considered for Statehood or a Union Territory with a Legislature. Instead, the Centre appears intent on steering Ladakh toward a sui generis administrative model, stopping short of granting full democratic powers.

The political standoff between Ladakh's leadership and the Union government widened this week after the LAB and the KDA rejected a 32-page draft proposal shared by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The document, handed over during a Sub-Committee meeting in Leh on October 15, outlines a new governance framework for Ladakh—but falls far short of the constitutional safeguards and legislative powers demanded by local representatives.

According to the document, the Centre has ruled out granting Statehood or a UT with Legislature, instead proposing a Sui Generis model—an entirely unique administrative structure tailored for Ladakh. One of the key flashpoints is the Centre's refusal to accept LAB's proposal to name the new elected institution the Government of Ladakh or Legislature of the Government of Ladakh. The MHA has also rejected LAB's demand that the head of the proposed body write the Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) of the Chief Secretary.

Instead, the draft introduces a new bureaucratic post—Chief Executive Secretary (CES)—to serve under the head of the UT-level body. "We were told that the CES will be an officer not below the rank of Secretary," LAB chairman Chering Dorjay Lakruk was quoted as saying by Jammu newspaper Daily

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Hyderabad water supply: HMWSSB plans 10 MGD Manjeera cut from December

HMWSSB plans to reduce Manjeera water supply by 10 MGD from December as reservoir levels decline ahead of summer. The Board is monitoring Singur and Manjeera storage, operating emergency pumps and advising institutions to use alternative water sources where available

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The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) is planning to reduce water supply from the Manjeera source by 10 million gallons per day (MGD) from December to conserve available resources and prepare for peak summer demand.
According to HMWSSB officials, the Water Board is currently drawing 71 MGD from Singur against its scheduled allocation of 75 MGD, resulting in a shortfall of 4 MGD. From Manjeera, it is drawing 44 MGD against the allocated 45 MGD, leaving a deficit of 1 MGD.
Water levels in both reservoirs have raised concerns over their ability to meet the city's growing demand in the coming months. Singur's water level stood at 1,689 feet against its full tank level (FTL) of 1,717 feet. Manjeera's level was recorded at 1,642 feet against its FTL of 1,651 feet.
"We expect water levels in both sources to dip significantly in about a month. Keeping this in view, there is a proposal to reduce supply by 10 MGD from the Manjeera source," an HMWSSB official said.
The proposed reduction could affect several localities across Hyderabad's western, northwestern and northern suburbs, along with defence establishments, industrial areas and Secunderabad Cantonment, which depend on the Manjeera supply network.
Areas served by the network include Kukatpally, KPHB Colony, Pragathi Nagar, Miyapur, Hyder Nagar, Gangaram, Madinaguda and Chanda Nagar. Erragadda, SR Nagar, Ameerpet, Sanath Nagar, Moosapet and parts of Begumpet also receive water through the network.
Industrial and peripheral areas, including Patancheru, Ramachandrapuram, Lingampally, Beeramguda and Ameenpur, are among the other localities covered. Secunderabad Cantonment, Ferozguda, Bowenpally, Hasmathpet and Alwal are also served by the system.
Meanwhile, HMWSSB has advised resident welfare associations, defence establishments and other institutions not to depend entirely on the Board's supply. Officials have urged them to utilise alternative water sources, including rainwater harvesting systems.
The Board has been operating two pumps at emergency pumping stations since the last week of September. Additional pumps will be deployed as reservoir levels decline, officials said.
The proposed measures are aimed at managing available water resources and ensuring supplies during the summer months.

BRS seeks Rs 1 crore compensation for victims of Dandiya fest accident

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The BRS demanded Rs 1 crore compensation each for the family of a student who died and for another who was critically injured in an accident during a Dandiya night at MVSR Engineering College in Nadergul on Saturday night. The party also sought criminal action against those responsible and an inquiry into alleged safety lapses.
Questioning the permissions granted for the event, for which entry tickets were reportedly priced at Rs 350, BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan asked how the Education Department and police had allowed a commercial programme without adequate safety arrangements. He demanded that the government make public the written permissions issued by the departments and identify the officials who approved the event.
In a representation to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the BRS leader alleged that the college had failed to ensure fire safety, crowd control, first aid and emergency medical facilities despite thousands of students attending the event.
Sravan demanded an impartial inquiry by a senior IAS or IPS officer and criminal cases against the college correspondent, principal and event organisers. He also sought action against officials found responsible for granting permissions. The demands include Rs 1 crore compensation from the college for the deceased student's family, government ex gratia and free advanced medical treatment for the injured student.
He called for a review of the college's approvals and recognition, penalties for institutions violating safety norms, and standard operating procedures for cultural events in educational institutions. He said those responsible for the alleged negligence must be held accountable and justice must be delivered to the affected families.

Avula Ravinder Reddy Thanks Women, Leaders for Bathukamma Success



The Saddula Bathukamma celebrations organized by Balanagar Division Former Corporator Sri Avula Ravinder Reddy garu near the Balanagar Durga Mata Temple are going on in full swing. Ravinder Reddy participated in the Bathukamma celebrations, which are a symbol of Telangana culture and traditions, and impressed everyone by lifting the Bathukamma. Women participated in large numbers and celebrated the celebrations enthusiastically.Speaking on the occasion, former Corporator Sri Avula Ravinder Reddy garu expressed special gratitude to the women, BRS women leaders, local leaders, activists and the people who helped in making the Bathukamma celebrations a success. He said that it is commendable to collectively organize such festivals to preserve the culture and traditions of Telangana and convey their importance to future generations.

Huge Arrangements for Dasara Festival

In the shandy market in Navipet, sales of sheep and goats reached around Rs 7 crores.

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Arrangements made for Dasara celebrations in Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts. Special arrangements were made in several temples, expecting a huge crowd of devotees on the auspicious day. The Dasara festival will be conducted on October 20, and people have almost completed arrangements for the festival. For the festival celebration, liquor and meat sales will reach the peak stage in both the districts.
Wine shops and restaurants make liquor available. Interestingly, in the shandy market in Navipet, sales of sheep and goats reached around Rs 7 crores. Every Saturday, Navipet shandy will be conducted, and in view of Dasara festival, around 12,000 sheep and goats are sold out. The consumers, traders and purchasers from Hyderabad, undivided Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, and Medak districts, and neighbouring Maharashtra state arrived in Navipet in Nizamabad district for Dasara festival needs.
B. Mohan, meat shop owner, said that a 10 kg weight goat price touched `16,000 in view of Dasara demand. 'We are hopeful that people will purchase meat in large quantities during the festival', he said. Meanwhile, readymade cloth shops and saree centres witnessed huge crowds on the occasion. People from rural and urban areas rushed to the shops to purchase festival materials. Interestingly, the families who settled elsewhere in the country are reaching their native places to celebrate Dasara festival. Trains, TGSRTC buses and private vehicles witnessed huge crowds of passengers.

Kota Neelima Participates in Saddula Bathukamma Celebrations at Balkampet Temple

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PCC Vice President and Sanath Nagar Constituency Congress Party In-charge Dr. Kota Neelima participated in the Saddula Bathukamma celebrations organized by the government at the Balkampet Yellamma Pochamma Temple in Hyderabad on Sunday.
Upon arriving at the temple, Dr. Neelima offered special prayers to Goddess Yellamma Pochamma. Temple Executive Officer Vinod and the chief priests welcomed her according to temple traditions.
She later joined local women and Congress women leaders in the



Bathukamma celebrations held on the temple premises. The venue came alive with colourful floral arrangements, traditional songs and energetic dances as women enthusiastically celebrated Telangana's iconic flower festival.
Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kota Neelima described Bathukamma as a powerful symbol of Telangana's culture, traditions, self-respect and the unity of women. She emphasized the importance of preserving the festival's rich heritage and passing its traditions on to future generations.
She noted that Bathukamma strengthens bonds among women, promotes family happiness and fosters social harmony. She also extended her festive greetings to all participants and called upon people to celebrate Telangana's cultural identity with joy and enthusiasm.
Dr. Neelima prayed for the happiness, good health and prosperity of all people with the blessings of Goddess Yellamma Pochamma.

Rotary Club Distributes ₹25,000 Worth of Prizes at Bhongir Navaratri Celebrations

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he Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central distributed prizes worth ₹25,000 to winners of sports competitions, quizzes and cultural programmes organised by Veera Shivaji Youth at Meena Nagar in Bhongir during the Sri Devi Navaratri celebrations.Gaddam Gyan Prakash Reddy, Chairman of Social Media, Kakatiya Region, participated in the programme, which encouraged youth participation and promoted cultural traditions.The prizes were sponsored by Dr. M. Buchi Reddy, head of K.P. Bones Setting Centre, Aushapur, and Chairman of Membership for the Kakatiya Region. The prizes were presented by Dr. Buchi Reddy, Assistant Governor Fakir Kondal Reddy, local councillor Sudagani Saritha and Veera Shivaji Youth leader Sudagani Raju.Former Rotary Club presidents Jilalla Kondal Reddy and M.D. Hanif Memon, Club Secretary Baddam Srinivas Reddy, Gummula Mallesh, Nalla Satyanarayana Reddy, youth members and local residents attended the event.



Little Devotee Celebrates Saddula Bathukamma with Traditional Festive Spirit



A heartwarming glimpse of Telangana's cultural heritage emerged during the Saddula Bathukamma celebrations, as a little girl offered prayers beside a beautifully decorated Bathukamma floral arrangement.Surrounded by colourful flowers, traditional lamps
and festive offerings, the young devotee reflected the spirit of devotion and the rich traditions of Telangana. The celebration highlighted the importance of passing cultural values and festival traditions on to the next generation.
Saddula Bathukamma is more than a festival—it is a celebration of Telangana's identity, nature and womanhood.

Brace for alternate-day drinking water supply as Telangana crisis deepens

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Telangana could face drinking water shortages in the coming months as reservoir levels fall and groundwater reserves deplete, prompting the government to prepare contingency measures for the period from October 2026 to October 2027. Parts of the State may face alternate-day supply if the situation worsens, while shortages have already been reported in some areas.
The government has drawn up an operational plan to reserve available reservoir water for drinking purposes, regulate irrigation releases and arrange emergency pumping if water levels decline further.
The plan comes amid concerns that an El Niño-related rainfall deficit could intensify water stress. The emerging situation has also raised questions about the preparedness of the authorities despite earlier warnings about declining water availability.
Official assessments cited in the report indicate a 71 per cent deficit in Krishna basin reservoirs, with 78.5 TMCft available against a capacity of 270 TMCft. Godavari basin projects reportedly hold 96 TMCft against a capacity of 145.7



TMCft, representing a deficit of about 34 per cent. Singur reservoir, which has a capacity of 29.91 TMCft, is also critically low. The report estimates that water levels in 40 per cent of the State's tanks are below 25 per cent of their capacity.
Hyderabad faces potential supply pressures as well. Of the 14.5 lakh water connections serving an estimated 1.3 crore people in the metropolitan area, around three lakh connections could face shortages by December in areas dependent on the Singur and Manjeera reservoirs, according to the report.
The government is preparing nine alternative measures at an estimated cost of Rs 57.55 crore. A separate proposal worth Rs 84.14 crore envisages additional pumping arrangements at Singur to sustain supplies under Mission Bhagiratha.
The State has prepared a project-wise allocation plan to meet drinking water requirements for the next 339 days through gravity-fed and lift schemes. Reservoir water will be prioritised for people and livestock, while irrigation canal outlets will be regulated.
If water levels fall below dead storage, officials are considering emergency motors and special off-take arrangements to draw water where technically feasible. Authorities have also been warned of strict action in cases of negligence, leakage or interruptions at Mission Bhagiratha pumping stations and power substations.
The plan covers 62 reservoirs linked to Mission Bhagiratha and rural water supply systems, including 36 in the Krishna basin and 26 in the Godavari basin. Monthly withdrawal schedules are being prepared.

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.

Cyberabad Police Organise Cyber Dandiya to Promote Cyber Safety Awareness

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Cyberabad Police organised "Cyber Dandiya", an innovative initiative combining traditional cultural celebrations with cybercrime awareness to promote safe digital practices and strengthen police-public relations.

The programme was organised under the leadership of Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr M. Ramesh, in coordination with the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) and Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner Srujana. DCP, Cyber Crimes, Pushpa coordinated the event under the guidance of senior officers.

Around 1,500 participants, including police personnel, government officials, IT professionals, women, youth and families, attended the celebrations.

Addressing the gathering, Commissioner Dr M. Ramesh said the initiative aimed to bring cyber safety awareness closer to the public through popular cultural festivities. AI tools, digital presentations, videos and practical demonstrations were used to explain cybercrime methods and preventive measures.

He cautioned citizens against digital arrest scams, investment and trading frauds, phishing, smishing, OTP frauds, fake links and part-time job scams. He advised people never to share OTPs, passwords, PINs or banking details and to verify suspicious investment offers before transferring money.

The Commissioner urged victims of cyber fraud to immediately call the national cybercrime helpline 1930 and report incidents through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal for timely action.

DCP, Cyber Crimes, Pushpa said fraudsters often exploited fear, greed and trust to deceive unsuspecting people. She warned against suspicious calls and video calls, fraudulent investment schemes, dubious links, malicious APK files and fake job offers. "Think before you click and verify before you trust," she advised.

The celebrations witnessed enthusiastic participation, with energetic Dandiya performances complementing practical cyber safety messages.

CMC Commissioner Srujana, DCP (Administration) Annapurna, DCP Lavanya, Kukatpally DCP Rithi Raj, IPS, Traffic-II DCP S. Seshadrini Reddy, IPS, Serilingampally Zone DCP Ch. Srinivas, IPS, CAR Headquarters DCP P. Sanjeev, other senior police officers, SCSC representatives, government officials, IT company representatives and members of the public attended the programme.

Cyber Dandiya successfully combined cultural celebration with digital awareness, reinforcing the message: Celebrate safely and stay safe in cyberspace.

Bathukamma Celebrations Fill Kalakruti Apartments with Floral Splendour

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The vibrant spirit of Telangana's cultural heritage came alive at Kalakruti Apartments in Tarnaka, where residents and guests celebrated Bathukamma with devotion, enthusiasm and traditional fervour.

The celebrations showcased the beauty of Telangana's iconic floral festival, with women gathering around colourful Bathukammas, offering prayers and participating in traditional songs, dances and kolatam, creating a festive atmosphere filled with joy and cultural pride.

Bathukamma, celebrated over nine days, is one of Telangana's most cherished cultural festivals. Each day has its own traditional significance, with women preparing floral arrangements using seasonal flowers and offering prayers to Goddess Gauri for the well-being, happiness and prosperity of their families.

The festival culminates in Saddula Bathukamma, when women assemble with beautifully arranged floral stacks to celebrate their cultural heritage through devotional songs, rhythmic clapping and traditional dances.

At Kalakruti Apartments, women dressed in vibrant traditional sarees enthusiastically participated in the celebrations. Beautiful floral arrangements, devotional singing and coordinated kolatam dances added colour and energy to the occasion.

Residents and guests joined the festivities wholeheartedly, making the celebration a memorable gathering of families and neighbours.

Bathukamma holds a special place in Telangana's identity, celebrating the relationship between women, nature, flowers and spirituality. Beyond its religious significance, the festival strengthens community bonds and helps preserve folk traditions for future generations.

The celebrations at Kalakruti Apartments reflected this spirit, bringing women, families and residents together in a shared expression of devotion and cultural pride.

The enthusiastic participation of residents and guests made the Bathukamma celebrations at Kalakruti Apartments a colourful and memorable occasion. The event highlighted how Telangana's rich traditions continue to flourish in urban communities. Bathukamma is more than a festival of flowers—it is a celebration of Telangana's identity, womanhood, nature and togetherness.

Towering Bathukamma Celebrations Mark Saddula Bathukamma Festival in Lenin Nagar

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The vibrant spirit of Telangana's cultural heritage was reflected in the Saddula Bathukamma celebrations at Lenin Nagar village in Komuravelli Mandal of Siddipet district, where Dasari Pedda Narsing Rao Inti bathukmma celebrated the traditional floral festival with devotion and enthusiasm.A beautifully arranged Bathukamma, decorated with colourful seasonal flowers in multiple tiers, stood as a symbol of Telangana's rich traditions, women's devotion and the community's deep connection with nature.Bathukamma, celebrated over nine days, is one of Telangana's most cherished cultural festivals. Women arrange flowers in attractive tiers, sing traditional Bathukamma songs and participate in celebrations that honour nature and the importance of flowers and water. Saddula Bathukamma, observed on the final day, marks the culmination of the festivities, traditionally followed by immersion.

Pargi MLA TRR Pays Tribute to Banjara Leader Nenavath Dasya Naik

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Pargi MLA Dr. T. Ram Mohan Reddy (TRR), Chairman of the TPCC Training Committee (SIR), attended the statue unveiling ceremony of late Nenavath Dasya Naik, a respected Banjara community leader, at Dasya Naik Tanda in Kulcharla Mandal of Vikarabad district.

The MLA participated as the chief guest and unveiled the statue along with local leaders and public representatives. He offered floral tributes to the late leader, commemorating his memory and acknowledging his place in the community.

The programme was organised to honour Nenavath Dasya Naik and preserve his legacy for future generations. The ceremony brought together Congress leaders, village elders, public representatives, organisers and members of the Banjara community.

Following the unveiling, the organisers and village elders felicitated Dr. Ram Mohan Reddy with a traditional shawl as a mark of respect and appreciation for his participation. They expressed their gratitude to the MLA for joining the community in paying tribute to the late leader.

The gathering highlighted the community's commitment to honouring its prominent figures, preserving cultural traditions and passing on their heritage to future generations.

Thalka Usha Shree Celebrates Saddula Bathukamma

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Thalka Usha Shree, Executive Committee Member of KK Apartments, celebrated Saddula Bathukamma, the grand finale of Telangana's traditional floral festival, on the ninth day of Bathukamma. She showcased beautifully arranged Bathukamma flowers, reflecting her enthusiasm for Telangana's rich cultural heritage and the celebration of womanhood.

Saddula Bathukamma Celebrated with Grandeur in R. Itikyala Village

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R. Itikyala, Regode Mandal: The spirit of Telangana's cultural heritage came alive in R. Itikyala village of Regode Mandal, Medak district, as women and local residents celebrated the traditional Saddula Bathukamma festival with devotion, colourful floral arrangements and festive enthusiasm.Women and girls gathered in large numbers, creating beautiful Bathukammas with vibrant seasonal flowers. Dressed in traditional attire, they sang folk songs, clapped rhythmically and celebrated the occasion with traditional dances, filling the village with joy and festive spirit.The celebrations highlighted Bathukamma's significance as one of Telangana's most cherished cultural festivals. The floral festival symbolises women's unity, togetherness, devotion to nature and the preservation of the state's rich traditions.The beautifully arranged Bathukammas and enthusiastic participation of village women added colour and grandeur to the celebrations. The gathering also provided an opportunity for women to strengthen community bonds and pass traditional customs on to younger generations.Residents exchanged festive greetings and extended their warm wishes to all women and families on the occasion of Saddula Bathukamma.

The celebrations in R. Itikyala reflected the enduring importance of Telangana's cultural identity, with the village coming together to honour its traditions in a spirit of harmony and happiness.

Towering Bathukamma Highlights Saddula Bathukamma Celebrations in Kangti Mandal

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Wakeup telangana



The spirit of Telangana's cultural heritage shone brightly in Kangti Mandal as Dugdesh and Darji Ramesh prepared a towering Bathukamma adorned with colourful seasonal flowers as part of the Saddula Bathukamma celebrations.Bathukamma,

Telangana's iconic floral festival, is celebrated over nine days with women arranging seasonal flowers in beautiful tiers, singing traditional songs and offering prayers to nature. On the ninth day, known as Saddula Bathukamma, the celebrations culminate in grand festivities, followed traditionally by the immersion of Bathukamma in local water bodies.This year, however, the celebrations are taking place amid drought-like conditions and a shortage of water in local water bodies, raising concerns about the traditional immersion rituals.

Kotagiri Aakash Yadav Offers Prayers to Goddess Durga During Navaratri

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Kotagiri Aakash Yadav offered prayers to Goddess Durga on the auspicious occasion of Navaratri, seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity and the well-being of all.

He worshipped the Goddess with devotion and reverence, reflecting the spiritual significance of the festival.Navaratri is celebrated with great devotion across Telangana, showcasing the state's rich cultural traditions and spiritual heritage.

Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Extends Saddula Bathukamma Greetings

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Telangana Medical, Health, Family Welfare and Science & Technology Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha extended heartfelt greetings to the people of Telangana on the occasion of Saddula Bathukamma, describing the festival as a proud symbol of the state's rich cultural heritage and traditions.

In his festive message, the Minister wished happiness, good health and prosperity for every household. He expressed hope that the blessings of the Goddess would bring joy, peace and well-being to people across Telangana. Highlighting the cultural significance of Bathukamma, Rajanarsimha said the festival reflects Telangana's unique identity, traditional values and strong community bonds.

He conveyed his best wishes to women and families celebrating the occasion with devotion and enthusiasm.

Saddula Bathukamma marks the grand culmination of the nine-day Bathukamma festival. Women across Telangana celebrate by arranging seasonal flowers into colourful floral formations, singing traditional folk songs and participating in community gatherings. The festival showcases the state's floral traditions and cultural richness while bringing communities together.

Telangana SIR: Over 5.25 lakh electors marked for inclusion without hearings

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Over 5.25 lakh electors have been marked for inclusion in Telangana's final electoral rolls without hearings as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Among the districts, Rangareddy recorded the highest number, with 1,17,122 electors marked for final inclusion without hearings as of Sunday. Medchal-Malkajgiri followed with 1,13,601.

According to data from the office of the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer, more than 90 per cent of the 92,65,731 electors who received SIR notices have been marked for inclusion in the final electoral rolls.

Before the SIR exercise began, Telangana had 3,38,26,448 electors. Of these, 2,64,87,213 submitted enumeration forms, while 73,39,235 were categorised under absent, shifted, dead and duplicate (ASDD) entries.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) generated notices for 92,88,188 electors who submitted enumeration forms but either could not be mapped to the 2002 SIR list or had logical discrepancies, such as spelling errors in their names and discrepancies in their age details. Of these, 92,65,731 notices had been delivered as of Sunday.

Hearings were completed for 89,75,562 electors. Of these, 84,03,355 were marked for inclusion in the final publication. This figure includes 56,86,890 electors with logical discrepancies and 27,16,465 who could not be mapped to the 2002 SIR list.

As of Sunday, the hearing dates for 3,02,925 electors had lapsed. Another 9,699 electors who had rescheduled their hearings failed to attend. Among the cases taken up for verification, District Election Officers (DEOs) verified 34,66,765 applications, while 16,534 remained pending. Of the pending applications, 4,030 had been awaiting disposal for more than five days.

Overall, 2,50,85,204 electors have been marked for addition to the final electoral rolls. More than 30,000 individuals were also found ineligible for inclusion in the final list.

Under the revised schedule, the process of issuing notices and disposing of claims and objections will conclude on November 5. The final electoral rolls will be published on November 9.

Tiger Shroff escapes unhurt as three assailants fire at his car

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Bollywood star Tiger Shroff had a narrow escape on Sunday after three men on a motorcycle opened fire at his car in Mumbai's Juhu area, leaving the actor's driver injured, the police said.
Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Zone II, Mumbai, Mohit Garg, said three rounds were fired at the 36-year-old actor's car after he was leaving a playground where he had gone for football practice.
The actor's driver, who was injured in the incident, was rushed to Nanavati Hospital for treatment, the police said, adding that some others in the area, including an autorickshaw driver, were also hurt.
There was panic at the spot of the firing incident, with people running to take shelter after hearing the gunshots. The police cordoned off the crime scene and called in the forensic team for collecting evidence.
Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Ashish Shelar spoke to Tiger's family after the incident to inquire about his well-being.
Tiger's father and actor Jackie Shroff later confirmed to media persons that his son was safe.
Within hours of the incident, a video clip was circulating on social media in which a man claiming to be Anil Pandit from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang took responsibility for the firing and claimed that it was a warning to the actor to stop working with superstar Salman Khan.
The gang has an animosity with Khan due to his alleged involvement in the 1998 blackbuck poaching case in Rajasthan.
he attack on Tiger invited condemnation from the film fraternity, with many calling it another reminder of the deep-rooted presence and interference of the underworld in the film industry.
The firing also revived memories of the 2024 murder of Baba Siddique, who was shot dead from close range by suspected members of the Bishnoi gang in Bandra East. The killing of the former Maharashtra legislator was also claimed by the gang, as it was unhappy with his close ties with Salman Khan
Though there was no official confirmation of the involvement of the Bishnoi gang in the firing on Tiger on Sunday, Lawrence Bishnoi, currently in a jail in Gujarat, is known to harbour animosity against Salman Khan due to the blackbuck poaching case.
The alleged killing of the blackbuck enraged the don's Bishnoi community, which venerates the animal.

Chennai red alert withdrawn as weather system moves east; heavy rain still likely

NEW DELHI
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The weather department on Sunday withdrew the red alert issued for extremely heavy rainfall in Chennai after the atmospheric circulation over the north Tamil Nadu coast moved eastwards.
However, it warned that isolated places in the city could still receive heavy rain. The revised forecast came after an earlier warning prompted the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority (TNSDMA) to send emergency alerts to residents and authorities to deploy additional rescue personnel as a precaution.
The northeast monsoon has brought widespread rainfall across Tamil Nadu over the past two days, following a southwest monsoon that did not deliver the rainfall expected in the state.
Chennai and several other districts have experienced heavy showers since the seasonal rains began.
The weather department had initially placed Chennai under a red alert, forecasting extremely heavy rainfall on Sunday.
The warning followed heavy rain recorded at six locations in the city on Saturday. Warnings of intense rainfall had also been issued for Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, the Nilgiris, Coimbatore and Theni districts, prompting heightened preparedness across vulnerable areas.
As concerns mounted over the forecast, TNSDMA transmitted an SOS alert to mobile phones, accompanied by a loud warning tone. The message cautioned residents about the possibility of extremely heavy rainfall in Chennai and urged them to take precautions. Residents were advised to follow official weather bulletins and safety instructions, purchase essential supplies in advance and avoid unnecessary travel.
The alert also asked the public to remain in safe locations during spells of heavy rain.
Meanwhile, three National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams were dispatched from Arakkonam to Chennai on Sunday as part of precautionary arrangements for the northeast monsoon. Each team comprises 30 personnel, taking the total deployment to 90. The teams were sent to support emergency response operations if heavy rainfall creates a need for rescue assistance.
In its subsequent update, the weather department said the atmospheric circulation affecting Chennai and adjoining stretches of the north Tamil Nadu coast had shifted eastwards, leading it to withdraw the red alert for the city.

HM Amit Shah to Meet Families of Slain Anti-Drug Activists, Targets AAP

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab of pushing the state into the "abyss of drugs", resulting in numerous families losing their children, and announced that he would meet the kin of those who recently lost their lives for speaking out against the drug trade.
In a post on his official X account, Home Minister Shah said he would meet the family members of individuals who were killed for raising their voices against drug peddlers thriving under the patronage of the AAP government.
The meetings will be held in Mansa, Sangrur and Gurdaspur on October 20.
"The AAP government has spared no effort in pushing Punjab into the abyss of drugs, as a result of which numerous families have had to lose their children," Home Minister Shah added.
"I will meet the family members of those individuals who recently lost their lives for raising their voices against the drug peddlers thriving under the patronage of the AAP government, in Mansa, Sangrur, and Gurdaspur on Tuesday (October 20). The grief these families have endured cannot be expressed in words," he said.
The Home Minister asserted that attempts to suppress voices rising against the dark drug trade would never succeed and that the people of Punjab would deliver a resounding response to it.
Home Minister Shah also said that the Union government would handpick drug peddlers and send them behind bars.
"The Government of India will handpick drug peddlers and send them behind bars, and will continue its efforts until the entire country, including Punjab, is freed from this drug trade," he added.
The statement comes amid ongoing concerns over the drug menace in Punjab, where several anti-drug activists and individuals who spoke out against the narcotics trade have been killed in recent months.
Home Minister Shah's planned visits to the three districts are expected to focus on consoling the bereaved families and reiterating the Centre's commitment to eradicating the drug network.

Himachal CM opens two blocks of state Secretariat

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Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday inaugurated Blocks 1 and 2 of Phase IV of the Armsdale Building at the Himachal Pradesh Secretariat, built at a cost of Rs 9 crore.
On the occasion, the Chief Minister said that infrastructure expansion was essential alongside development.
The Secretariat building had been expanded, and offices would be shifted to the new premises shortly.
Replying to a media query, Chief Minister Sukhu said the number of postgraduate (PG) medical seats across the state's six government medical colleges had been increased from 277 to 597, marking a historic addition of 320 seats.
He added that the number of PG seats at Indira Gandhi Medical College in Shimla has been increased from 139 to 230, an increase of 91 seats.
At Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College in Tanda, the number of seats had risen from 99 to 156, up by 57 seats. At Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Medical College in Mandi, the number of seats had risen from 24 to 79, an addition of 55 seats.
And at YS Parmar Government Medical College in Nahan, the PG seats has been increased from three to 35 seats.

Tiger Shroff firing incident: Abhijeet Dipke attacks police over student protest

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Cockroach Janata Party founder Abhijeet Dipke on Sunday sought to capitalise on the recent firing incident involving actor Tiger Shroff to criticise the police, and hinting that while actual crime continues, the force is busy detaining students and activists at Jantar Mantar.
In a post on X, Dipke wrote, "Instead of cracking down on students and activists, the police should focus on actual criminals. This is what happens when the Govt and police have their priorities completely misplaced."
The remark comes hours after a shooting incident linked to celluloid figure Tiger Shroff drew public attention and raised questions about security and law enforcement response.
Dipke appears to have used the high-profile incident as an opportunity to highlight what he calls the police's misplaced priorities — focusing on protesters at Jantar Mantar rather than tackling serious crime.
Reports and sources indicated that several students and activists were detained by Delhi Police during recent demonstrations at the iconic protest site. Dipke's post suggests that while such detentions take place, incidents involving real criminals, including those related to violence and security threats, do not receive adequate attention.
Critics of Dipke's statement argue that he is milking the Tiger Shroff episode for political mileage, linking an unrelated celebrity-related incident to the broader debate on policing of protests. They maintain that maintaining order at public protest sites like Jantar Mantar is a legitimate police responsibility and cannot be equated with soft-pedalling on serious crime.
However, supporters of Dipke contend that the optics of detaining young protesters while high-profile criminal incidents occur reflect a deeper problem in the way law enforcement agencies allocate their resources and attention.
The controversy has triggered fresh discussion on social media about the dual role of the police — managing public dissent while simultaneously dealing with violent crime.
Dipke's intervention, timed with the Tiger Shroff firing case still in the news, has further po-

IAF airlifts Leh patient for emergency medical care in Delhi

NEW DELHI
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An Indian Air Force (IAF) cargo aircraft flew an ailing civilian from Leh to Delhi airbase in a humanitarian action over harsh terrain and weather at the high-altitude, an official said.
Soon after the IAF plan arrived in Delhi, a waiting ambulance carried the ailing person to the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) for providing life-saving treatment, the official added on Sunday.
In a post on social media platform X, the Western Air Command shared information about the evacuation and said, "An Indian Air Force (IAF) C-130J aircraft undertook a short-notice casualty evacuation late at night, airlifting a critically-ill 30-year-old civilian patient from Leh to Palam for further medical care."
"The mission was carried out in darkness and challenging weather conditions, requiring a high degree of operational preparedness, professional coordination and timely execution," it added.
"The patient was subsequently transferred to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) for further treatment. The mission reflects the IAF's operational readiness and its ability to respond promptly to critical humanitarian requirements, including medical evacuation under challenging conditions," it said.Earlier, to commemorate
the 94th Air Force Day, Air Force Station Ambala under Western Air Command (WAC) organised a display of Air Force capability through showcasing of war waging resources and articles.

FROM FRONT PAGE

No State Tag for.....

One of the key flashpoints is the Centre's refusal to accept LAB's proposal to name the new elected institution the Government of Ladakh or Legislature of the Government of Ladakh. The MHA has also rejected LAB's demand that the head of the proposed body write the Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) of the Chief Secretary.
Instead, the draft introduces a new bureaucratic post—Chief Executive Secretary (CES)—to serve under the head of the UT-level body. "We were told that the CES will be an officer not below the rank of Secretary," LAB chairman Chering Dorjay Lakruk was quoted as saying by Jammu newspaper Daily Excelsior. He added that the Centre has neither accepted nor rejected their proposal to designate the head of the body as Chief Minister. Lakruk also accused the Centre of backtracking on an earlier in-principle agreement made on May 22, when the MHA had reportedly agreed that the head of the UT-level body would write the Chief Secretary's ACRs.
Despite these disagreements, LAB and KDA submitted a detailed document outlining their vision for a UT-level institution with legislative, financial and executive powers. At a press conference in Leh, Ladakh Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra expressed disappointment that LAB and KDA dismissed the draft within two hours of receiving it. "It was a draft proposal and they could have given suggestions instead of dismissing it," he said. Kundra clarified that the proposed body would be a UT-level Frontier Agency, with four to five names under consideration. He reiterated that Ladakh would not receive Statehood or a UT with Legislature "due to existing circumstances," but assured that the new body would be directly elected. Kundra urged Ladakh's leaders to continue negotiations "with mutual trust, patience and an open mind," stressing that the Government of India remained committed to establishing a democratically elected institution that meets Ladakh's aspirations. He explained that the MHA's proposal involves a two-stage constitutional process—first introducing a new Article 371-K specific to Ladakh, followed by a detailed regulatory framework under Article 240. The regulation would address land safeguards, cultural protections, natural resources, and other concerns raised by LAB and KDA.

Jammu Police.....

She was questioned by a deputy superintendent of police (DSP) as part of the investigation following the registration of the FIR, according to sources. Authorities confirmed that an FIR has been filed at the Gandhinagar police station under the Official Secrets Act as well as the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). These laws deal with acts that threaten national security, including espionage, unauthorised communication of confidential material, and collaboration with foreign intelligence agencies.
Police officials said the case was initiated after preliminary inputs suggested the woman may have been involved in activities that posed a potential risk to national security. Investigators were working to verify the nature of the information allegedly shared, the channels used, and the extent of foreign involvement.
The Jammu police have begun a detailed probe to establish the facts, identify possible collaborators, and determine whether the accused was part of a larger network, an official said. He noted that all allegations are being examined thoroughly, and further action will depend on the findings of the ongoing investigation.

Maharashtra CEO.....

The form requires applicants to declare that they are seeking inclusion in the electoral roll for the first time and that their names are not included in any Assembly or parliamentary constituency.
Under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, making a false declaration in connection with electoral registration is punishable with imprisonment of up to one year, a fine, or both. The issue has emerged as the ECI seeks to facilitate the enrolment of voters left out of electoral rolls following the SIR. On September 29, the Commission ordered a special drive across 20 States and Union Territories where the revision process had been completed, directing eligible voter.

CRIME

Hyderabad Police arrest two accused in digital arrest targeting senior citizen

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Hyderabad Police have arrested two accused in connection with a digital arrest scam in which a retired employee lost over Rs 29 lakh.
The Cybercrime Police apprehended the two accused involved in arranging mule bank accounts, withdrawing fraudulently obtained funds, and depositing the amounts into various bank accounts to conceal the money trail. They also allegedly facilitated transactions involving USDT (digital currency) in coordination with cyber fraudsters and earned commissions for their involvement.
The accused have been identified as Mohd Ashfaq Hussain and Ahmed Najeeb Uddin, both residents of Hyderabad.
The third accused, Sachin, a resident of Bengaluru, is absconding, police said in a release on Sunday.
Giving details of the case, Additional Commissioner of Police, Crimes & SIT, Hyderabad City, M. Srinivasulu, said that a 63-year-old retired employee had received calls from unknown persons impersonating officials of the Delhi Police, CBI, and Enforcement Directorate (ED) on March 3, 2025
The fraudsters falsely alleged that he was involved in a money laundering case involving Rs 68 million and threatened him with arrest. To make their claims appear genuine, the fraudsters sent forged official documents and falsely stated that the complainant's Aadhaar details and fingerprints had been misused in the alleged crime. They obtained his personal and banking details and induced him and his daughter to transfer money under the pretext of verification, assuring them that the amount would be refunded.
The fraudsters further threatened them with arrest and instructed them to maintain secrecy in the name of national security. Believing their claims, the complainant and his daughter transferred a total amount of Rs 29,17,668-. When the amount was not refunded, the complainant realised that he had been cheated and approached the police for necessary legal action. Based on his complaint, a case was registered under sections 66(C) and 66(D) of the IT Act and sections 111(2)(b), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338, and 340(2) of the BNS.
According to police, the two accused were facing financial difficulties and had come into contact with Sachin through WhatsApp. Sachin devised a plan to route money obtained from victims of digital arrest fraud through multiple bank accounts using Cash Deposit Machines (CDMs) to conceal the money trail and make it difficult for investigating agencies to trace the transactions. As part of the plan, Ashfaq collected the bank account details from Najeeb and shared them with Sachin. Subsequently, Sachin transferred the fraudulently obtained funds into the bank account provided by Najeeb. Subsequently, Ashfaq and Najeeb withdrew the money through cheques and deposited the cash into various bank accounts using CDMs. Sachin allegedly used the deposited funds to purchase USDT cryptocurrency and subsequently sold it online in exchange for Indian rupees.

Hyderabad CP Sajjanar Performs Ayudha Puja at CAR HQ

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City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, performed Ayudha and Vahana Puja at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) Headquarters in Petla Buruj on Sunday as part of the Dussehra Navratri and Durgashtami celebrations.
Special prayers were offered to weapons in the armoury and police patrol vehicles used to maintain law and order.
Speaking on the occasion, Sajjanar expressed happiness over participating in the festivities and wished police officers, staff and their families good health, happiness and prosperity with the blessings of Goddess Durga. He urged police personnel to discharge their public service duties calmly and without mental stress.
He also extended Durgashtami and Vijayadashami greetings to Hyderabad City Police personnel and their families.
DCPs R. Venkateshwarlu, S. Srinivas, Chaitanya Kumar, Ramana Reddy and Raghavendar Reddy, along with other senior officers and police personnel, attended the programme.

Cyberabad Police Nab 320 Drunk-Driving Offenders in Weekend Drive

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Cyberabad Traffic Police apprehended 320 motorists during a special weekend drunk-driving enforcement drive. The offenders included 265 two-wheeler riders, 16 three-wheeler drivers, 38 four-wheeler drivers and one heavy-vehicle driver.
According to the police, 266 offenders recorded blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels of 36–200 mg/100 ml, 38 recorded 201–300 mg/100 ml, and 16 registered 301–550 mg/100 ml. All offenders will be produced before the court.
Cyberabad Police warned that drunk driving is a serious offence and that those causing fatal accidents while intoxicated may face charges under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a maximum punishment of 10 years' imprisonment and a fine.
Meanwhile, courts disposed of 196 drunk-driving cases between October 12 and 17. Of these, 191 offenders were fined, while five were fined and ordered to perform community service. No offender received a combined fine-and-jail sentence during the period.

Fire at anti-drone equipment firm, no casualties

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A fire broke out at a firm manufacturing anti-drone testing equipment here on Sunday evening, October 18, with police saying there was no loss of life or injury.
According to local reports, the fire broke out at around 5 pm on the premises of Unistring Tech Solutions in an area under the jurisdiction of the Madhapur police station. Three fire tenders reached the spot and brought the blaze under control, police said.
The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, and the extent of property damage is yet to be assessed, they added.Preliminary investigations suggest that the power supply had been shut down to carry out transformer repair work. The interruption may have affected the cooling system, potentially causing the batteries to overheat and catch fire, police said. The exact cause will be confirmed after a detailed inspection and investigation.

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

HYDERABAD
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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.

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



L&T Finance Posts Record ₹975 Crore Q2 Profit, Up 33% YoY

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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.

ICICI Life Insurance to Recruit 20,000 Women Advisors by FY27

MUMBAI
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ICICI Life Insurance Limited has announced plans to recruit 20,000 women advisors across India by the end of FY2027 under its Narishakti initiative, marking the second anniversary of the programme during Navratri.
As of September 30, 2026, the company had more than 78,000 women advisors, who contributed approximately 45% of its agency business.
Women account for around 32% of its total advisors, with their contribution exceeding 50% in regions including Bengaluru, Kerala and Mumbai.
Amish Banker, Chief Distribution Officer of ICICI Life Insurance, said the company believes talent has no gender. He highlighted women advisors' understanding of customer needs, problem-solving abilities and relationship-building skills as important strengths in the insurance sector.
He added that the Narishakti initiative aims to equip women with essential training and support, enabling them to develop careers in financial planning and contribute to the government's vision of Insurance for All by 2047.
The company reported that 47% of its women advisors had been associated with ICICI Life Insurance for more than 10 years as of September 30, 2026. Additionally, over 500 women advisors had qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), an international association for leading life insurance and financial services professionals.
Launched in 2024, Narishakti seeks to empower women by offering flexible career opportunities as financial advisors without upfront investment. The initiative aims to help women achieve financial independence while balancing professional responsibilities with family commitments.
Through the recruitment drive, ICICI Life Insurance aims to expand women's participation in the insurance sector and strengthen its nationwide advisory network.

Jio eyes growth from 2G upgrades, broadband, AI ahead of Rs 30,213-cr IPO

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Jio Platforms Limited (JPL) is already India's largest digital connectivity company. Brokerage research suggests its next phase of growth may be bigger still. Ahead of the Rs 30,213 crore JPL IPO, which opens on October 21, IPO notes from GEPL Capital, Ventura Securities and SMC Global point to several growth engines: 2G-to-4G/5G upgrades, home broadband, enterprise cloud and AI, and the sale of Jio's own technology to overseas telecom operators.
Jio's subscriber base reached 533.3 million in June 2026, and a large pool of potential customers remains. GEPL Capital notes: "With 261.0 million users still on 2G networks as of June 30, 2026, the Company has a substantial opportunity to drive subscriber additions through affordable offerings such as the Rs 799 JioBharat phone, bundled with digital services."
Customers are also spending more. Average revenue per user (ARPU) rose from Rs181.7 in FY24 to Rs 215.6 in Q1FY27, and monthly data use per customer climbed to 43.7 GB. GEPL says the company "plans to improve average revenue per user (ARPU) through periodic tariff rationalisation, greater adoption of premium plans and the bundling of OTT entertainment, cloud storage, gaming and AI-based services."
As for home broadband headroom, Jio had 28.6 million JioFiber and JioAirFiber subscribers as of June 2026, and analysts see plenty of room to grow.
According to GEPL, "Home broadband is another key growth driver, with JioFiber and JioAirFiber positioned to capitalise on India's low fixed broadband penetration of approximately 21 per cent in FY26, which is projected to reach around 46% by FY31."
SMC Global adds that "the expansion of JioAirFiber, its fixed wireless access service, is expected to support broadband adoption in locations where conventional fibre deployment may be difficult or costly. Increasing penetration in underserved markets could broaden Jio's addressable customer base."
Further, analysts repeatedly describe JPL as a technology platform as well as a telecom operator. Ventura Securities, which rates the issue "Subscribe", notes that "Jio has developed an end-to-end proprietary 5G standalone stack and filed 7,220 patent applications across 4G, 5G, 6G, AI and digital technologies. Its proprietary AI platform, JioBrain, is being deployed across network operations and forms part of its broader technology monetization strategy."
JPL also plans to sell its home-grown technology to other countries. GEPL notes that "international expansion through partnerships with telecom operators and the monetisation of its proprietary 5G core, cloud-native RAN, OSS/BSS and fixed wireless access technologies could create additional revenue streams beyond domestic connectivity services." It further states that "Jio Platforms plans to extend its JioBrain AI platform and autonomous network.

KBCA Durgotsav Saptami Draws 7,000 People in Hyderabad

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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.

Top official confirms over Rs 1 lakh crore fresh investment made in Uttarakhand

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Uttarakhand's Secretary Industries and Secretary to the Chief Minister, Vinay Shankar Pandey, on Sunday said the state government has consistently worked to translate investment proposals into reality, resulting in the grounding of investments worth more than Rs 1.01 lakh crore so far, as he dismissed social media reports questioning the Global Investors Summit-2023.
He informed that MoUs worth approximately Rs 3.56 lakh crore were signed during the Global Investors Summit held in December 2023. Groundbreaking ceremonies have been organised from time to time to translate these proposals into reality.
He said that all investment-related figures in the state are publicly available, and details of every project can be accessed on the relevant government websites.
The top official said that forming misleading perceptions about investment without examining the complete facts is inappropriate.
To assist investors, the government introduced the system of Nivesh Mitras (investment facilitators), who maintained regular communication with investors, helped resolve issues related to government procedures and played an important role in moving projects forward.
Pandey said that investment-related data is available on the portals of the Industries Department, UK SPICE and the Single Window System. Details of projects, the departments concerned and their locations have been recorded transparently, along with other essential information.
The Secretary Industries said that Uttarakhand's geographical conditions are different from those of other states. Nearly 70 per cent of the state's geographical area is forested, while the potential for establishing large industries is concentrated mainly in Dehradun,
Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar and certain parts of Nainital.
Accordingly, industrial policies have been formulated in line with the vision of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, with the objective of maintaining a balance between ecology and the economy while generating maximum employment opportunities.

Namo Bharat ridership crosses 4.5 crore as rapid rail system completes 3 years

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar said on Sunday that the Namo Bharat rapid rail transit system on the 82-km-long Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut corridor has recorded over 4.5 crore passenger journeys since its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October 2023.
Addressing the Namo Bharat Diwas 2026 celebration to mark three successful years of Namo Bharat operations, the minister said, "This achievement reflects the growing trust of the people in modern, safe and seamless transportation."
Namo Bharat currently serves over 1.1 lakh commuters daily and has recorded its highest-ever single-day ridership of around 1.68 lakh.
"Namo Bharat rapid rail is ushering in a new era of regional connectivity in India, giving a new dimension to the future of urban transportation. Better transportation does not merely reduce distances between cities but also connects people with new opportunities, thereby accelerating regional development and economic progress," the minister further stated.



He commended all the officers, engineers, technical experts, employees and workers of the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) for their dedicated and committed contribution towards realising this ambitious project.
With its fast, frequent and reliable services, Namo Bharat is helping people travel more efficiently, bringing workplaces, educational institutions and economic centres within easier reach and giving commuters greater convenience and more time in their daily lives.
Two more priority Namo Bharat corridors, i.e. Delhi-Panipat-Karnal and Delhi-Gurugram-Behror, are likely to receive the approval soon. Two other corridors, Ghaziabad-Jewar and Noida-Faridabad-Gurgaon, are also in the DPR stage.
As part of the celebration event, NCRTC reflected on the remarkable journey of Namo Bharat, highlighting key milestones, initiatives to strengthen multimodal connectivity, first- and last-mile connectivity to enhance the commuter experience, and initiatives such as Solar on Track and the development of a 110 MW captive solar power plant to promote the environmental and financial sustainability of the project.
Addressing the gathering, Managing Director, NCRTC, Shalabh Goel said, "NCRTC was established with a vision to develop a modern, safe, reliable and environmentally friendly regional transport system in the country. The journey of Namo Bharat stands as a testament to the power of modern public transport to bring people closer to opportunities and contribute to a more connected, accessible and sustainable region."
The occasion also featured the Annual NCRTC Awards, where employees were felicitated for their outstanding performance during the year.

Instamart Festive Sale Offers Up to 90% Off Kitchen Essentials

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As households prepare for Dussehra and Diwali, Instamart's Quick India Movement (QIM) Sale offers discounts on kitchen appliances, cookware, dinner sets and storage essentials to help consumers prepare for festive cooking and family gatherings.
Available through the Swiggy and Instamart apps, the sale features selected products from participating brands and sellers, with advertised discounts ranging from 50% to 90%.
Among the cookware deals, the Bergner Earth Black Non-Stick Concave Tawa is priced at ₹299 against an MRP of ₹1,035.
The Tramontina Stella Kadhai is available for ₹1,299, while the Bergner Sorrento 3-litre Stainless Steel Pressure Cooker is priced at ₹999.
Kitchen appliance offers include the Lifelong two-burner gas stove at ₹999 and the Philips HL7505 Mixer Grinder at ₹1,899.
The Bosch TrueMixx 750W Mixer Grinder, featuring three jars, is available for ₹2,499. The Philips 4.2-litre Air Fryer is priced at ₹4,699, while the Philips induction cooktop costs ₹2,479.
For festive dining, the La Opala Novo 21-piece Opalware Dinner Set is available at ₹799. The Cello Sapphire 1.5-litre insulated serving casserole is priced at ₹199.
Storage and serving options include a Tupperware storage container set at ₹349 and a glassware snack set at ₹199.
The sale is scheduled to run until October 18, 2026, according to the announcement. However, as the stated end date has passed, shoppers should check the app for current availability and offers.
Instamart, launched in August 2020, operates across more than 130 cities, offering groceries, daily essentials and products across multiple categories.
Prices and availability vary by location, with terms and conditions applying."

Kareena Kapoor's Sunday Jam includes, 'Thoda ghee thoda health thoda wealth'

Mumbai:

It seems like Ghee has become an integral part of actress Kareena Kapoor Khan's life. In her latest social media post, Bebo shared that her Sunday jam includes some ghee, along with some health and wealth.

She took to the Stories section of her Insta handle and dropped her 'KKK SUNDAY GOALS' for this week. She uploaded a picture of the whiteboard that revealed that the 'K3G' actor will complete 10 rounds, 10 plate shatches, 10 KB Pendulays, 10 Hinge Oblique Pullovers, 10 Sommersault Squats and 150 mts Ski as part of her ambitious workout regime.

The pic was accompanied by the text, "Thoda ghee thoda health thoda wealth...My Sunday Jam @happy_healthy_holy".



Meanwhile, in what became a viral moment, Kareena's husband, actor Saif Ali Khan, recently won 2 years' worth of free ghee on Amitabh Bachchan-hosted 'Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 18'.

Later, as the couple appeared together on 'The Great Indian Kapil Sharma Show', host Kapil Sharma asked the power couple about the secret of them looking "young and fresh" even after 14 years of marriage.

In a hilarious manner, Saif gave all the credit to the constant consumption of desi ghee. Kareena revealed that it is a staple in their household, with their children - Taimur and Jeh also having it on a regular basis.

Saif shared a massive secret of Bebo during the episode, saying, "She doesn't only eat it but even rub it on her feet at night". Confirming this, Bebo said, "It helps you sleep well."

During the episode, Bebo also shared 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'".

Reacting to this with his unique sense of humor, Saif added, "If you had just said yes in Mumbai, I would have saved a lot of money."

'Jailer 2' maker Nelson Dilipkumar poses with Rajinikanth: Thalaivar magic hits different

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Basking in the success of 'Jailer 2', director Nelson Dilipkumar shared a memorable click with superstar Rajinikanth on Sunday. Nelson expressed his gratitude to the audience for an overwhelming response to the action entertainer with a new post on X. The filmmaker dropped a picture with Rajinikanth and acclaimed music composer Anirudh Ravichander.

Spilling his excitement about the success of his latest release, Nelson wrote on the microblogging site, "Theatres are going bonkers! Thalaivar magic hits different. Thank you, dear audience, for the phenomenal love and reception for #Jailer2. Nothing beats seeing the audience celebrate it like this! Thank you all for the love and support (sic)."

Backed by Kalanithi Maran under the banner of Sun Pictures, 'Jailer 2' also features Ramya Krishnan, Yogi Babu, Mirnaa, Rithvik, Mohanlal, Shiva Rajkumar and Jackie Shroff reprising their roles from the original flick. Joining them in the cast this time were SJ Suryah, Mithun Chakraborty, Suraj Venjaramoodu, and Vidya Balan.

Many members from the fraternity also used social media to congratulate Rajinikanth and Nelson on another cinematic gem.

Kamal Haasan tweeted, "News has come in that Jailer 2, starring my dear friend Rajinikanth, which released today has emerged a superhit worldwide. Heartfelt congratulations to my friend Rajinikanth, director @Nelsondilpkumar, music composer @anirudhofficial, and the @sunpictures team."

Dhanush, who watched the first day first show of the movie, also congratulated team 'Jailer 2' saying, "JAILER 2 is a MUST MUST MUST watch. BLOCKBUSTER (followed by a number of fire symbols). A FEAST for every Thalaivar fan."

Director Karthik Subbaraj, added, "Thalaivar sets the screen on Wild Wild Fire. Can't take my eyes off him.... Love you Thalaivaaaa. Goosebumps Overloaded Mass Blast.... #Jailer2.@Nelsondilpkumar writing and execution(Excellent symbol).@anirudhofficial breathes high octane energy in every frame. Whattey wonderful moment to see @mithunda_off sir, @Mohanlal sir @NimmaShivanna sir @bindasbhidu sir @vidya_balan madam @iHrithik sir @iam_SJSuryah sir all in one film. Entertainment max. Thank you @sunpictures and whole cast n crew for giving us Blockbuster feast in Theatres."

Hyderabad Hosts Second National Qualifier of 2026 Show Jumping Season



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Waheed Uddin

The second National Qualifier (NQ) of the 2026 season concluded at the Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club (HPRC) on October 18, following five days of competitive show jumping events held from October 14.

The competition featured riders across Under-18, Under-12 and Open categories, with participants showcasing their equestrian skills and horsemanship.

In the 100–105 cm Under-18 Show Jumping category, Sauryaram Indukuri, riding Happyness, secured first place, followed by Eeshaan Bharadwaj on Salerno in second place and Prabhnoor Singh on Monet Carlos in third place. Aarnav Reddy, riding Valensky, received a Highly Recommended recognition.

In the 40 cm Under-12 Show Jumping category, Naag Hridhaan Mulugu, riding King, claimed first place. Luv Manne, riding Duke, finished second, while Aanya Rathi, riding Mitchell Pride, secured third place. Khaja Kashifuddin on Star and Kori Vivaan on My Star received Highly Recommended recognitions.

In the 40 cm Open Show Jumping category, Jagadeesh Archi, riding Power, won first place. K. Thirumal, riding Good Luck, secured second place, while N. Pundarikaksha, riding Glory, finished third. L. Samara Reddy, riding Veeru, received a Highly Recommended recognition.

The prize distribution ceremonies were attended by prominent equestrian officials. TSEA Secretary Raghu Panchakarla and HPRC official Shaik Shiraj Ahmed joined the winners of the Under-18 100–105 cm category. HPRC President Chaitania R. Kumar and Shaik Shiraj Ahmed joined the winners of the 40 cm Open category.

The event highlighted Hyderabad's growing role in equestrian sports and provided a competitive platform for riders across age groups to demonstrate their talent.

'That was a batting masterclass'

Zimbabwe captain Nkomo on India's chase

RAIPUR
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Zimbabwe captain Josephine Nkomo praised India's batting dominance in the second T20I of the three-match women's series, describing the performance as a "batting masterclass" after the Women in Blue registered a comprehensive nine-wicket victory at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium on Sunday.

India chased down Zimbabwe's modest target of 103 with remarkable ease, reaching the required total after losing just one wicket.

The victory gave India an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series ahead of the final match.

India captain Smriti Mandhana and vice-captain Shafali Verma produced a spectacular opening partnership, adding 96 runs off just 47 balls. Shafali scored 55 runs from 25 deliveries, while Mandhana remained unbeaten on 47 off 25 balls, powering India to victory with an aggressive display of stroke play.

Speaking during the post-match presentation, Nkomo acknowledged the gulf between the two sides' batting performances and described the experience as an important learning opportunity for Zimbabwe.

"I thought that was a batting masterclass by the Indian team. We just stood there and had to watch and learn, and there's no better way to learn than actually experiencing the carnage that happened out there," Nkomo said.

The partnership also produced significant milestones in women's T20 international cricket. Mandhana and Shafali became the first pair to aggregate more than 1,000 runs together for any wicket in a single calendar year in the format.

Shafali also reached a historic individual landmark, becoming the first women's cricketer to score more than 900 runs in T20 internationals in a calendar year. Her tally for 2026 rose to 922 runs, putting her ahead of South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt, who has scored 824 runs this year.

Earlier, India's bowlers had restricted Zimbabwe to a modest total, putting their batters under pressure from the outset. Zimbabwe managed only 20 runs for one wicket during the powerplay and played 29 dot balls in the first six overs, highlighting their struggles against India's bowling attack.

The 29 dot balls represented the second-highest tally by a team in the first six overs of a women's T20 international played in India. India had recorded 30 dot balls against Pakistan in Delhi in 2016 and against South Africa in Surat in 2019.

Reflecting on Zimbabwe's batting difficulties, Nkomo admitted that the team needed a stronger start during the powerplay to build a competitive foundation.

"The main difference today was we didn't have a good start in the powerplay," she said, adding that a better beginning would help the middle order finish the innings without exposing the bowlers.

Despite the defeat, Nkomo remained focused on learning from India's approach and improving her team's performance in the final T20I.

She said Zimbabwe hoped to adopt some of India's aggressive batting methods and translate those lessons into a stronger performance in the concluding match of the series.

Tank Bund Dazzles as Thousands Celebrate Saddula Bathukamma in Hyderabad

flowers folk art fireworks mark saddula bathukamma











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Tank Bund transformed into a vibrant spectacle on Sunday evening as thousands of women celebrated Saddula Bathukamma, the grand finale of Telangana's nine-day floral festival, with colourful floral arrangements, traditional dances and cultural performances.

Women carried beautifully decorated Bathukammas in a procession from the Martyrs' Memorial to Bathukamma Ghat, where the celebrations culminated in the traditional immersion ceremony. Around 1,000 Bathukammas participated in the procession. Nearly 700 folk artistes entertained the gathering with traditional performances, including Perini, Gusadi, Oggu Dolu and Dappu. A laser show and fireworks added to the festive atmosphere.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) organised a Bathukamma Carnival featuring stalls showcasing Telangana's cuisine, handicrafts, handlooms, jewellery and traditional products. Cultural programmes, including Oggu Katha and Chindu Bhagavatam, were among the major attractions.

The festive spirit extended across the city. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy unveiled a 72-foot floral Bathukamma at Amberpet Municipal Grounds on Saturday in the presence of Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla.

Earlier, Malla Reddy Group of Universities organised celebrations featuring a 65-foot Bathukamma, attracting more than 25,000 girl students.

Telangana's cultural pride also resonated internationally, with Telugu communities in Dubai and Malaysia celebrating the festival through events organised by diaspora associations.

Traffic diversions and designated parking arrangements were implemented around Tank Bund and Necklace Road to manage the large crowds.

Hyderabad zoo sees record turnout as families throng during Dasara break

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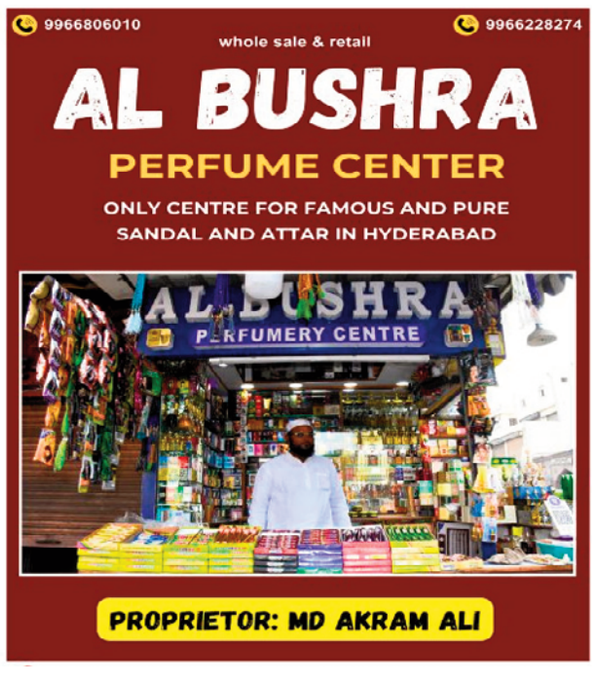
With the Dasara vacation underway, families are flocking to Nehru Zoological Park here to see their favourite animals. The zoo recorded 20,483 visitors on Sunday, marking the highest footfall of the current holiday season. It usually attracts large crowds during the summer vacation.

To manage the rush, the zoo has opened additional ticket counters to facilitate bookings. Extra security guards have also been deployed across the premises to prevent any untoward incidents.

According to zoo officials, the frequency of train rides, safaris and battery-operated vehicle services has been increased to improve the visitor experience.

The zoo currently houses 2,178 animals across four groups, including 498 mammals, 1,352 birds, 320 reptiles and eight amphibians. It recently added mandrills to its collection under an animal exchange programme with Jamshedpur Zoo. In exchange, Nehru Zoological Park gave a pair of African lions to the Jamshedpur zoo.

Last year, the zoo introduced three zebras brought from the Radha Krishna Trust in Jamnagar, Gujarat. The animals returned to Hyderabad zoo after a gap of 37 years.



BRS serves legal notices on Velugu over KCR-farmhouse report

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has served legal notices on the management and editor of Telugu daily Velugu, demanding the withdrawal of a report linking the diversion of water from Kondapochamma Sagar to the Erravelli farm of BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao.

The party alleged that the report was politically motivated and intended to damage the reputation of its leader and create doubts among the public about irrigation projects developed during the previous BRS government.

The notices, issued by BRS general secretary and legal cell in-charge Soma Bharat Kumar, sought an unconditional apology within 24 hours over the report titled 'KCR farmhouse-ku mallina Kondapochamma', published on the newspaper's front page on October 17.

Questioning the basis of the report, the BRS asked whether official Irrigation Department records had been examined, canal routes verified and the officials concerned contacted before linking Kondapochamma Sagar and its canal network to KCR's agricultural land.

"Publishing sensational allegations without verifying facts or obtaining official explanations is contrary to journalistic standards," the party said.

The BRS accused the newspaper of attempting to discredit irrigation projects undertaken by the previous government for political gain. It also warned against using the press as a platform for political propaganda under the guise of press freedom.

The party said it respected press freedom and the media's right to question governments and political leaders, but maintained that such freedom carried responsibility and that allegations affecting a person's reputation must be supported by evidence.

The legal notices demanded that Velugu withdraw the report, provide an explanation supported by evidence and publish an unconditional apology to Chandrashekhar Rao and the BRS.

HYDRAA, CMC, MMC cancel Monday's Prajavani citing administrative reasons

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) and Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) have announced the cancellation of the Prajavani public grievance programme scheduled for Monday, October 19.

According to separate official statements issued by the three agencies on Sunday, the programme has been cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Prajavani provides a platform for members of the public to submit grievances, petitions and representations to the concerned authorities regarding civic issues and other public concerns.

With the cancellation, residents who planned to attend the programme have been advised to reschedule their visits and plan their submissions accordingly.

Officials clarified that the next Prajavani programme is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 26, as per the regular schedule.

The announcement applies to the programmes conducted by CMC, MMC and HYDRAA.

Harish Rao alleges TOMCOM cheated unemployed youth in name of German jobs

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BRS Legislature Party (BRSLP) deputy leader T Harish Rao on Sunday accused the Congress government of turning the State-run Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM) into a racket by allegedly exploiting unemployed youth with promises of jobs in Germany.

He demanded a full refund of the money collected by TOMCOM and Fairstreet India, compensation for candidates' financial losses, interest burden and mental agony, and alternative employment for every affected candidate.

He also sought an immediate CID or judicial inquiry, criminal cases against those responsible, and a white paper detailing the fees collected and the number of actual overseas placements.

Citing multiple media reports, the former Minister said 70 to 75 candidates from 15 districts had paid Rs 4.10 lakh each. Their



total expenditure had reportedly approached Rs 4.5 lakh per candidate after examination, insurance and visa costs. Yet, more than two years later, none of the 24 candidates who spoke to the media could name a German employer who had interviewed them, he claimed.

Harish Rao said farming families had exhausted years of savings, pledged the gold of their mothers and wives, and borrowed money to meet the expenses, relying on the government's promise of overseas employment. The families continued to face interest payments, he added.

He alleged that candidates who cleared the B1-level German language examination were subsequently asked to clear the B2 level. Meanwhile, the programme had publicised that nine candidates were ready to fly to Germany, but none had left, he claimed.

The BRSLP deputy leader also questioned a clause in the agreement requiring disputes to be pursued in a court in Lucknow, more than 1,000 km away. He said responses to Right to Information (RTI) queries seeking TOMCOM's actual placement figures had not been provided within the statutory deadline.

Harish Rao criticised Labour Minister G Vivek Venkataswamy for inaugurating a fresh TOMCOM batch in June while, he said, cases relating to the programme remained pending. He also questioned the Congress government's promises of two lakh jobs and a job calendar.

"BRS will stand by the affected families until every rupee is returned and those responsible are held accountable," he said.

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