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Delhi Police Denies Permission for Oct 2 Protest at Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Delhi Police on Thursday denied permission for a proposed protest at Jantar Mantar on Gandhi Jayanti against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and beefed up security in and around New Delhi, with Central Armed Police Forces personnel deployed in anticipation of a gathering, officials said. Police sources estimated that around 3,000 to 4,000 people could turn up for the protest, prompting heightened security measures across the area.

The protest, called by the All India Students' Associa-

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Rahul Gandhi Flags Tribal Healthcare Education Issues; Alleges MP Govt Failure

The Congress leader said several children had died due to illness and malnutrition and alleged that government support in healthcare, education and employment was “completely absent” in the area.

BALAGHAT
Wakeup telangana

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged that tribal communities in Balaghat were facing a lack of healthcare, education and employment opportunities, and accused the Madhya Pradesh government of failing to fulfil its responsibilities. The Congress leader said several children had died due to illness and malnutrition and alleged that government support in healthcare, education and employment was “completely absent” in the area.

He also called for better healthcare and educational facilities for the tribal population. Addressing the press conference in Balaghat, Congress MP said, "Many children here have died due to illness and malnutrition. Furthermore, the support the



government ought to provide, whether regarding healthcare, education, or employment, is completely absent here. It feels as though they have been abandoned in the heart of India, as if neither the central government nor the Madhya Pradesh government exists for them. There are unresolved issues concerning their land, MGNREGA, the Forest Rights Act, and land rights; yet, no support is being provided. I urge the government to fulfill its responsibilities.”

“You must also provide the hospitals and schools these people deserve. I do not know what world you are living in. You talk about 'development' around the clock, even while corruption runs rampant 24/7; yet, when our tribal brothers and sisters are in need, you are nowhere to be found. On behalf of the Opposition and the Congress Party, I want to send this message: do your job. Provide educational facilities and hospitals here, and ensure these people receive what is rightfully theirs...We have assured them that as soon as our government comes to power, we will assist them,” he further said.

He alleged that the situation amounted to a complete government failure in Madhya Pradesh and said he would raise the issue in Parliament. "This is a complete government failure in Madhya Pradesh. Wherever you go, you see it; it is a total, 100 per cent government failure. I will raise this issue in the Lok Sabha. I will raise in the Lok Sabha not just their case, but the issue of what is being done to all the tribals across the country,” the Congress leader said.

The visit comes after reports of more than 30 deaths among tribal children in Balaghat’s tribal-dominated areas. The exact toll and medical circumstances surrounding the deaths have been subject to evolving official assessments.

Home Minister Amit Shah To Visit Karimnagar On October 4



KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to attend the silver jubilee celebrations of a medical college in Karimnagar and take part in other events in Telangana on October 4.Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar inspected arrangements ahead of Shah's visit to the Pratima Medical College in Karimnagar. Sanjay Kumar, Lok Sabha member from Karimnagar, told reporters that the college was inaugurated 25 years ago by the then Union Home Minister L K Advani, in the presence of N Chandrababu Naidu, who was then Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh. Shah would also lay the foundation stone for the building of Pratima Deemed University and later address the students.

Telangana Cabinet Approves 2 DAs to State Staff, Pensioners

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The state Cabinet on Thursday approved the payment of two dearness allowances (DAs) to state government employees and pensioners pending since 2024, imposing an additional annual burden of around Rs 2,500 crore on the state exchequer, while expressing serious concern over El Nino conditions, deficit rainfall, rising power consumption, drinking water shortages and the need to protect standing crops in the state.

The Cabinet also appealed to the Centre to declare drought-hit mandals and extend appropriate financial assistance to Telangana to overcome the impact of El Nino. A team of ministers would soon visit Delhi to meet Union ministers and explain the situation in the state. The Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at Secretariat, decided to immediately release two of the pending DAs to employees and corresponding dearness relief (DR) to pensioners. The arrears accumulated since 2024 would be paid in instal-



ments with their salaries and pensions.

Briefing the Cabinet decision to the media, I&PR minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said despite the financial burden, the Chief Minister decided to implement the DAs in line with the assurance given during recent discussions with employee associations. The Cabinet held a detailed discussion on the El Nino situation and its impact on the state. Telangana has recorded around 17 per cent deficit rainfall during the current monsoon season, which ended on Wednesday, with about 235 mandals facing severe rainfall deficiency and drought-like conditions. It decided that immediate relief measures in drought-hit mandals would be discussed by the Cabinet sub-committee.

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Unauthorised Pak-origin Cosmetic Products Seized In Hyderabad

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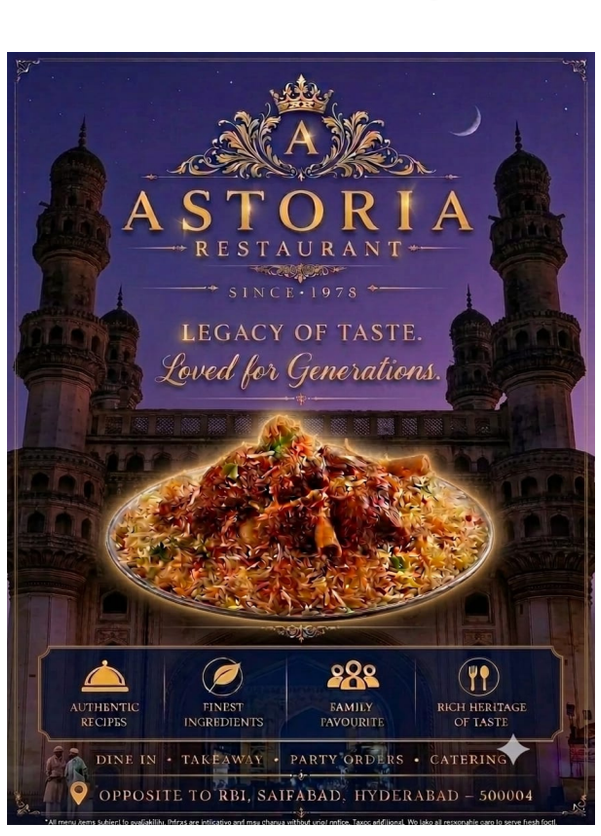
Cosmetic products allegedly imported from Pakistan into India without required authorisation/registration, and valued at Rs seven lakh, were seized here, police said on Thursday. Cases were registered against five persons for their "unauthorised sale." On receiving credible in-



formation regarding sale and distribution of unauthorised cosmetic products suspected to have been imported from Pakistan, police conducted a raid and inspection in coordination with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) at shops here on September 30, a release from Hyderabad Police said.

During the raid, officials of the CDSCO Zonal Office, Hyderabad, reported that the cosmetic products found at the premises were among the unauthorised/banned ones identified in the CDSCO/DCGI Public Notice dated September 8, 2026 and that the products had not been issued the required Registration Certificate for import into India by the competent authority, it said. The products included beauty creams and soaps marketed for skin-whitening purposes, which were found to be manufactured in Pakistan and allegedly imported into India without the required authorisation/registration, it further said.

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UAE Probes Possible Terror Link in Attack on Flight to Israel

DUBAI
Wakeup telangana

The United Arab Emirates announced on Thursday it was probing a possible "terrorist" link to an apparent attack by a pilot on board a flight to Israel that saw passengers reroute the plane to stop it from crashing. The dramatic events on Wednesday ended with passengers being given a hero's welcome by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu back home in Israel as they arrived from Saudi Arabia, where the plane made an emergency landing hours earlier.

Netanyahu credited the flydubai pilot, Indian national Smit Machchhar, as well as passengers with averting catastrophe, after a co-pilot allegedly stabbed him and tried to crash the plane. Passengers described rushing the cockpit after the plane suddenly plummeted, losing around 17,000 feet of altitude in the span of a minute, according to the Flightradar24 website. The UAE's chief prosecutor said an investigation

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Form-7s Will Be Scrutinised, if Received in Bulk: CEO

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarshan Reddy on Thursday said Form-7 applications filed in bulk would be properly verified and deletions from electoral rolls would be made only on the basis of verified field information.

Addressing a press conference at BRKR Bhavan, the CEO said deletions must be carried out transparently, particularly when Form-7 applications are submitted in bulk. "If Form-7 applications are received in bulk, say from a political party, they have to be properly enquired into and properly verified and speaking-order and type-order has to be given," he clarified.

As of Thursday, 28,753 Form-7 applications had been submitted in Telangana. Of the 65 lakh voters who completed the hearing process, 54 lakh were found eligible for inclusion in the final rolls. Of nearly 93 lakh notices issued, about three lakh remained pending. The CEO said that though October 7 was the date for 'claims and objections', the process would continue until November 5, when the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Telangana concludes. The final electoral roll will be published on November 9.

Responding to former MLA Danam Nagender's allegations of large-scale voter deletions in the Khairatabad



Assembly constituency, the CEO said 80,000 votes had been removed during the enumeration phase and another 80,000 voters had received notices. Of those issued notices, 40,000 had already made it to the final roll. Providing an update on the voter list verification exercise, he said Booth Level Officers (BLOs) had been instructed to rigorously collect enumeration forms. More than 46 lakh voters had already cleared the SIR scrutiny.

Responding to a question from Media, the CEO said Telangana, unlike Andhra Pradesh, would not extend the dates further. "We have already extended the dates by three weeks. The Election Commission of India has already considered our request for extension by three weeks," the official clarified. On the preparation of de-novo electoral rolls for the MLC elections, the CEO said the rolls would be prepared strictly in accordance with Election Commission instructions. "Even if a person was already enrolled in the electoral roll of the concerned Graduates' Constituency during the previous election, a fresh application must be submitted for inclusion in the de-novo electoral roll," the official clarified. He said applicants must have acquired their degree at least three years before the qualifying date of November 1, 2026. Accordingly, the cut-off date for acquiring the prescribed educational qualification is October 31, 2023.

Paddy Procurement Centre Row

MP, MLA Seek Restoration of Bokkagam Society Centre in Sangareddy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a move aimed at addressing farmers' difficulties during the paddy procurement season, Zaheerabad MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar and Narayankhed MLA Dr. Patlolla Sanjeeva Reddy have urged the district administration to restore the paddy procurement centre at Bokkagam PACS in Sirgapur Mandal and facilitate the procurement of both fine and coarse varieties of paddy.

In a representation dated September 29, MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar requested the Additional Collector of Sangareddy District to establish a paddy procurement centre through Bokkagam Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS). He highlighted the difficulties faced by farmers from Anthargaon and surrounding villages in transporting their produce to distant procurement centres, resulting in additional expenses, delays and inconvenience, particularly for small and marginal farmers.

Separately, in a letter dated October 1, Narayankhed MLA Dr. Patlolla Sanjeeva Reddy appealed to the District Collector to restore the procurement centre to Bokkagam Society and permit it to procure both fine and coarse paddy.

According to the MLA's representation, Bokkagam Society had previously been conducting paddy procurement, enabling farmers within its jurisdiction to sell their produce locally. However, following reported irregularities in financial transactions involving the society's secretary, the procurement centre was allotted to IKP last year. The MLA stated that the concerned secretary had since been suspended and requested the administration to reconsider the arrangement in the interests of farmers.

Both representatives stressed the importance of accessible procurement facilities to reduce transportation costs and ensure convenient, timely procurement during the current season.

The district administration's decision on restoring the centre and granting permission for the procurement of both varieties of paddy is awaited. Farmers in Anthargaon and neighbouring villages are likely to benefit from a local procurement facility if the request is approved.

Retired Sales Tax Department Employee Battipalli Ramdas Passes Away at 75 in Bhongir



Battipalli Ramdas, a retired Sales Tax Department employee and a member of a well-known family in Bhongir, passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the age of around 75. His demise has brought grief to his family members, relatives and acquaintances in Bhongir and the surrounding areas.Ramdas was a native of Baharpet in Bhongir. He had been suffering from health problems for some time and had undergone treatment at several private hospitals, incurring considerable medical expenses.

Despite his health challenges, he was remembered by those who knew him as an active and enthusiastic person.After retiring from the Sales Tax Department, Ramdas maintained close ties with his family and the local community. The Battipalli family is widely known in and around Bhongir, particularly for its longstanding association with music and band performances.

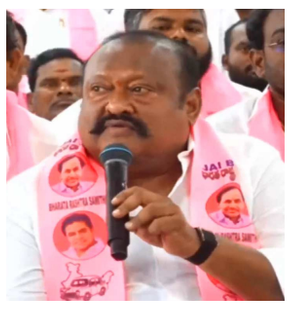
The Battipalli family has a long history of participating in local band performances. The family band troupe reportedly comprised around 15 to 20 members, many of them belonging to the same family.Ramdas played the drums as part of the family's musical activities. His late father, Battipalli Nagaiah, was also known for his musical skills, particularly for playing a traditional percussion instrument consisting of a drum played with two sticks. Other members of the family contributed to the troupe by playing different musical instruments. Battipalli Arjun Kumar, who passed away earlier, played the clarinet. Narsaiah and Rangiah were also associated with the family's musical tradition, while Ratnam played the peeka, a traditional wind instrument.

BRS leaders hit back at Revanth Reddy over Sircilla speech

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

BRS leaders from the erstwhile Karimnagar district hit back at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his Sircilla speech, accusing him of focusing on personal attacks against BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao and working president KT Rama Rao instead of addressing farmers, weavers, irrigation, employment and development.

Speaking on the occasion on Thursday, former Minister Gangula Kamalakar said people expected major development announcements during the Chief Minister's visit but were disappointed. He pointed out that projects like the cable bridge, riverfront and the collectorate in Karimnagar city, were sanctioned



during the previous BRS government.

He asked Revanth Reddy to identify a major new project sanctioned for Karimnagar by the Congress government and sought clarity on the pending railway bridge works. He also demanded evidence for allegations against KT Rama Rao, including those concerning 8,000 acres.

BRS general secretary and former Minister T Jeevan Reddy said the government should explain why the Worker-to-Owner scheme for weavers had been stopped and what it had done for Sircilla's handloom workers in last three years.

Former MP B Vinod Kumar stated that several projects now being credited to the ruling Congress, were actually initiated during the BRS regime. In response to the Chief Minister's allegations against BRS working president KT Rama Rao, he sought details of the alleged 8,000-acre land issue under the RTI Act and asked the government to make its evidence public.

BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy demanded the release of the second instalment of Dalit Bandhu funds for Huzurabad and Rs 1,000 crore for constituency development.

The BRS leaders also sought revival of the Worker-to-Owner scheme, acceleration of pending railway works and a white paper on the handloom sector.

Telangana State Arekatika Association President Election

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The elections for the President of the Telangana State Arekatika Association, scheduled to be held on October 2, have been temporarily postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, announced their Election Committee Chairman Jamalpur Balaraj*and Secretary Chandrasekhar.

The Arekatika Election Committee appealed to all members of the community to extend their cooperation and support to ensure the smooth conduct of the election process. Arekatika Election



Committee Secretary Chandrasekhar announced that the existing voter list will be completely cancelled and a new voter list will be prepared.

The preparation of the new voter list is expected to take approximately *four months. During this period, eligible voters will be identified from all mandals, towns, Assembly constituencies and districts* across Telangana, along with voters from *Greater Hyderabad.

The Arekatika Election Committee stated that the new voter list will be prepared in a transparent and systematic manner, following which the election for the State President will be conducted in a fair and transparent manner. Arekatika Election Committee further clarified that a decision on the new election schedule will be taken and announced after the preparation of the new voter list.

Members of the Arekatika Election Committee, candidates contesting for the President's post, and senior community leaders were present on the occasion.

Engineers Day Celebrations Highlight Engineering Excellence and Nation-Building Contributions

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Engineers Day celebrations were held in a grand manner at SVM Grand Hotel, Medipally, under the aegis of the Municipal Licensed Engineers Welfare Association, commemorating the birth anniversary of legendary engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.The programme was organised with the support of Radha TMT, The DNA of a Stronger Nation, and brought together a large



number of engineering professionals.The celebrations began with floral tributes to the portrait of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, followed by the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp.Engineer Bhimrao Jaligam, Chairman of ACCE(I), Hyderabad, attended the programme as the chief guest, while Dr. Srinivasa Reddy, CEO of Rehab Technologies, participated as the guest of honour.

MA Journalism Friends Extend Heartfelt Wishes to Ashok on His Recognition



Ashok, an MA Journalism graduate, has received warm wishes and congratulations from his MA Journalism friends following his recognition and association with BJP social media activities.His friends from the journalism fraternity conveyed their heartfelt greetings and expressed happiness over his progress. They wished him continued success in his professional journey and encouraged him to move forward with dedication and commitment.Ashok's association with media and journalism reflects his interest in communication, public outreach and social media activities. The greetings from his former classmates and friends highlight the strong bonds of friendship and mutual encouragement shared by members of the journalism fraternity.

TGSRTC, Hyderabad Metro introduce common travel pass for commuters

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), in association with Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL), has introduced an integrated common travel pass enabling commuters to travel on both city buses and Hyderabad Metro Rail using a single pass.

The new facility is aimed at benefiting passengers who use TGSRTC buses to reach Metro stations before continuing their journey by rail. The common pass will be available at all Hyderabad Metro stations and can be used on all categories of TGSRTC city bus services operating within the Outer Ring Road (ORR), except Pushpak services. It will also be valid for travel on Hyderabad Metro services.

The initiative is expected to make multimodal travel more convenient by simplifying transfers between buses and Metro trains. Officials said the facility will strengthen last-mile connectivity and make it easier for commuters to travel between Metro stations and residential, commercial and other areas covered by the RTC city bus network.



TGSRTC currently operates an extensive urban bus network across Greater Hyderabad, carrying around 25 lakh passengers every day. Hyderabad Metro Rail, meanwhile, caters to approximately 4.5 lakh passengers daily across its three operational corridors. The integration of the two transport systems is expected to provide commuters with a more convenient public transport option.

TGSRTC has also introduced the MeeTicket mobile application, offering passengers an open-ticketing facility for city bus travel. The app allows users to select their boarding point, destination and preferred ticket type before making a digital payment.

Once the transaction is completed, passengers receive a digital ticket directly on their mobile phones. The ticket contains a dynamic QR code, which can be shown to bus staff for verification during travel.

Besides regular ticketing, the MeeTicket application also provides options for purchasing daily, weekly and monthly bus passes. The paperless system is aimed at making ticket purchase faster and more convenient while reducing the need for physical tickets.

Together, the common travel pass and MeeTicket app mark further steps towards integrated and technology-enabled public transportation in Hyderabad.

Thalka Family Congratulates Er. Chandragiri Srinivas on New Tourism EE Post



The Thalka Family Members of Matoor village extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Er. Chandragiri Srinivas on assuming charge as Executive Engineer (EE) in the Telangana Tourism Development Corporation (TGTDC), Hyderabad.The family members warmly congratulated Srinivas on taking up his new responsibilities and expressed confidence in his experience, dedication and commitment to public service. They hoped that his efforts would contribute to the development of tourism infrastructure and the effective implementation of various departmental programmes.

106 Beneficiaries Receive Indiramma Housing Sanctions in Kamareddy

Government Adviser Mohammed Ali Shabbir Distributes Indiramma House Proceedings to 106 Beneficiaries in Kamareddy

KAMAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana government is committed to fulfilling the dream of owning a house for poor and middle-class families, Government Adviser Mohammed Ali Shabbir said on Thursday.

He was speaking at a programme held at the Kamareddy Municipal Office, where proceedings were distributed to around 106 beneficiaries selected under the second phase of the Indiramma Indlu housing scheme.

Congratulating the beneficiaries, Shabbir urged them to make effective use of the financial assistance provided by the government and complete construction of their houses at the earliest. He said the Indiramma housing scheme was aimed at providing eligible families



with government support to build permanent homes.

"An Indiramma house is not merely a structure; it is a symbol of dignity for every poor family. Fulfilling the dream of owning a house is a commitment of the Congress government," Shabbir said.

He said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was implementing various welfare programmes and development initiatives. These include free bus travel for women, subsidised LPG cylinders, free electricity up to 200 units, farm loan waivers, Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma houses, employment opportunities for youth and welfare programmes for students.

Shabbir said the government was focusing not only on welfare but also on infrastructure development in education, healthcare, roads, drinking water, drainage and urban development. He added that special attention was being given to the development of Kamareddy town, including roads, drainage, drinking water, sanitation, educational institutions and sports facilities.

He said the requirements of Kamareddy constituency would be brought to the attention of the Chief Minister and efforts would be made to complete necessary development works at the earliest.

Shabbir directed officials to ensure that government schemes reach all eligible beneficiaries transparently. He also advised Indiramma housing beneficiaries to follow government guidelines and ensure quality construction, while officials should provide the necessary technical assistance.

Bakki Venkatayya Reviews SC, ST Employee Issues at NIMS

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana SC, ST Welfare Commission Chairman Bakki Venkatayya visited Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad on Thursday and conducted a review meeting on various issues concerning SC and ST employees.

The visit was aimed at assessing the progress made on issues raised during his previous visit, particularly the filling of backlog vacancies, promotions, reservation-related matters and grievances of SC and ST employees. Venkatayya sought details from NIMS officials regarding the issues that had been resolved and reviewed the matters that were still pending.

Before the meeting, NIMS Director Prof. Rahul Devaraj accompanied Venkatayya to the IP



billing counter in the old NIMS building, where they garlanded the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and paid floral tributes.

A detailed review meeting was subsequently held at the Learning Centre on the first floor of the old NIMS building. Venkatayya discussed the status of SC and ST employee-related matters with NIMS Director Prof. Rahul Devaraj, Dean Prof. Chandrashekar and Executive Registrar Paranjyothi.

The officials provided updates on the steps taken to address previously identified concerns. Pending issues were also examined, with discussions focusing on their resolution and the welfare of employees.

Commission members Kusram Neeladevi, Rambabu Naik, Konkati Lakshminarayana, Jilla Shankar and Renukuntla Praveen attended the programme. NIMS Medical Superintendent Dr. Nimma Satyanarayana, Assistant Medical Superintendents Dr. Rakesh and Dr. Charan, SC/ST Employees Liaison Officer Ravikumar, association representatives and several NIMS staff members were also present.

Dr. Nahida Tarannum Promotes Health Awareness Among Girls in Sadashivanagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Dr. Nahida Tarannum, Ayush Medical Officer at Sadashivanagar, is combining health education, counselling and psychological guidance to support adolescent girls and young women. Holding an MSc in Psychology, she focuses on understanding both the physical and emotional concerns of patients. Through consultations and awareness interactions, she encourages girls to openly discuss sensitive health issues without hesitation or stigma. She stresses the



importance of timely professional advice, emotional support and healthy coping practices. Her integrated approach combines Ayush healthcare with psychological understanding, creating a supportive environment where girls can seek guidance and make informed decisions about their health.

Gattu Ravinder Participates in Yoga Programme for Senior Citizens

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An awareness and yoga training programme was organised at the Pranam Day Care Centre in Sangareddy on October 1 to mark the International Day of Older Persons 2026. The programme focused on promoting healthy, active and dignified ageing among senior citizens.

Retired Divisional Accounts Officer Gattu Ravinder participated in the programme and interacted with elderly participants. The event



highlighted the importance of regular yoga, physical activity, meditation and a balanced lifestyle for maintaining physical and mental well-being in old age.

The programme was conducted as part of Elder-Friendly Awareness Week 2026, based on the theme, "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives." Senior citizens enthusiastically took part in yoga exercises and meditation under expert guidance.

Officials and representatives, including CDPO Chandrakala, Child Protection Officer Ratnam, Senior Assistant Venkatesham, Field Response Officer Satish, Red Cross Society member Jyothi, District Women Empowerment Coordinator Pallavi, Community Educator Umera and Venkat, attended the programme.

Pranam Day Care Centre representatives Mamatha, Jayashree and Sai were also present. Organisers stressed the importance of social interaction, community support and an active lifestyle in helping senior citizens lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

DWO Lalitha Kumari Leads International Day of Older Persons Celebrations in Sangareddy



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

District Welfare Officer (DWO) K. Lalitha Kumari led the International Day of Older Persons celebrations in Sangareddy, where senior citizens were felicitated in recognition of their valuable contributions to society.

The programme was organised by the District Women and Child Welfare Department, Sangareddy, with the participation of officials from various government departments. The event highlighted the importance of ensuring dignity, respect, care and social security for elderly people.

DWO K. Lalitha Kumari participated in the celebrations and joined other officials in honouring senior citizens. As part of the programme, an elderly person was felicitated with a shawl and memento in recognition of his contributions.

The event emphasised that senior citizens deserve continued respect, affection and support from their families and society. Participants also underlined the importance of coordinated efforts by government departments and communities to promote the well-being and dignified living of older persons. Officials from various line departments and other participants attended the programme. The celebrations conveyed a message that caring for and respecting senior citizens is a collective responsibility.

Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign Held at Pallavi Model School

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A cleanliness awareness programme under the Swachhata Hi Seva–2026 campaign was conducted at Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally, under the jurisdiction of Traffic Police Station Trimulgherry. The programme was organised as per the instructions of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and under the supervision of DCP Traffic-I K. Rahul Reddy, IPS.

Addressing students and staff, G. Shankar Raju, ACP, Traffic Trimulgherry Division, stressed that



cleanliness is not only about maintaining clean homes and workplaces but also a civic responsibility and social duty.

He urged students to avoid littering on roads, footpaths, drains and other public places. He explained that improper disposal of waste, especially plastic, can clog drains, harm the environment and contribute to public health and traffic-related problems.

Under the theme "Clean Road – Safe Road," the ACP highlighted that clean and unobstructed roads help ensure safer and smoother traffic movement while providing a better environment for pedestrians and motorists.

Students were encouraged to use dustbins, reduce plastic consumption, keep their surroundings clean and motivate others to follow responsible civic practices. The programme concluded with a collective pledge: "My Home – My Responsibility, My Street – My Responsibility, My City – My Responsibility, My Country – My Responsibility."

BRS Leaders Criticise CM Revanth Over Siricilla Public Meeting

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

MLC L. Ramana, former MLAs Chinta Prabhakar and Manik Rao, former MLA Dr. Metuku Anand, former BC Commission member K. Kishore Goud, and BRS leaders Gautham Prasad and Sridhar addressed a press conference at Telangana Bhavan and criticised the Congress government and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his recent public meeting in Siricilla.They alleged that Congress leaders had been creating expectations among the people for the past ten days, claiming that something significant would be announced at the



Siricilla meeting. However, they said the Chief Minister spoke in the same manner as before and did not make any major announcement for the people.

The BRS leaders said Siricilla has a large population belonging to the BC community, particularly families associated with the handloom sector. They recalled that the previous BRS government had entrusted the production and distribution of Bathukamma sarees to Siricilla weavers.

Rotary Club Inaugurates Boys' Toilet at Rajapet ZP School

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central inaugurated a newly constructed boys' toilet block at Zilla Parishad High School, Rajapet, to improve sanitation facilities for students.

The facility, built at an estimated cost of ₹2.5 lakh, was supported by Dr. Yempalla Buchi Reddy, proprietor of Kepal Bones Setting Centre, Aushapur.

Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Chairman–Social Media, Kakatiya Region, participated in the programme along with Ro-



tary representatives, local leaders, school staff and community members.

Those present included Rotarian Pakeer Kondal Reddy, M.A. Rahim, Sarpanch Koya Madhu, Rotary Secretary Baddam Srinivas Reddy, former president Jillala Kondal Reddy and PACS Chairman Nemili Mahender Goud.

Sarpanch Koya Madhu appreciated the Rotary Club and donor for supporting essential school infrastructure and promoting hygiene among students. The Rotary Club reaffirmed its commitment to community welfare.

" Participants also expressed their commitment to strengthening unity and taking Jagiryal village towards further development through collective participation.

No Patient Should Be Denied or Delayed Treatment Due to Blood Shortage": Minister Damodar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha has called for greater public participation in voluntary blood donation, emphasising that no patient should face a delay in treatment due to the unavailability of blood.

On the occasion of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, the Minister, along with Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav, inaugurated a mega blood donation camp at Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Telangana Institute of Medi-



cal Sciences (MCR TIMS), Sanath Nagar. He congratulated the donors who came forward to contribute to the life-saving initiative and expressed his gratitude to everyone who participated.

Speaking at the programme, Rajanarsimha highlighted the critical role of blood donation in saving the lives of accident victims, women facing emergencies during childbirth, children suffering from thalassemia, cancer patients and people undergoing major surgeries.

He appealed to healthy individuals to make voluntary blood donation a regular practice, stressing that a consistent supply of donated blood is essential for hospitals to provide timely emergency and critical care.

The Minister urged *educational institutions, industries, youth groups, NGOs and other organisations* to organise regular blood donation camps and encourage more people to become voluntary donors. He observed that greater participation by young people could help prevent situations in which patients and their families struggle to arrange blood during medical emergencies.

Rajanarsimha also instructed officials to expand public awareness programmes and organise blood donation camps on a wider scale to strengthen the availability of blood for patients in need.

The Minister appreciated the Telangana Pharmacy Council, Telangana State AIDS Control Society and the Dr. MCR TIMS team for organising the mega blood donation camp. He thanked all the donors for their contribution and reiterated that voluntary blood donation is a noble humanitarian act that can save lives.

The programme highlighted the importance of building a culture of regular, voluntary blood donation to ensure that hospitals have adequate blood supplies and patients receive timely treatment, particularly during emer-

SIR schedule extended in Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday extended the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Andhra Pradesh and Meghalaya, fixing October 16 and October 26, respectively, for the publication of the final voter lists.

Earlier, the date for the publication of the final voter lists was October 9 for Andhra Pradesh and October 21 for Meghalaya.

The decision was taken at a meeting attended by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi at Nirvachan Sadan, the poll panel said in a statement.

In Andhra Pradesh, the notice phase and disposal of claims and objections, which began on July 31.

MEA Warns Indians Against Giving Up Citizenship to Join Russian Military

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The Ministry of External Affairs has cautioned Indian nationals against surrendering their Indian citizenship and taking up Russian passports to enlist in the Russian armed forces for temporary monetary benefits, identifying the practice as a major concern. The latest caution comes after repeated government advisories over the past two years urging job seekers to exercise vigilance when pursuing overseas employment opportunities through unknown channels.

According to the advisory shared by MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal in a post on X, several individuals have willingly approached Indian authorities to renounce their nationality or have obtained Russian passports without prior consultation, lured primarily by short-term monetary incentives. The government warned that signing military contracts under these circumstances exposes citizens to severe, life-threatening risks and creates complex legal hurdles for state intervention.

The MEA also addressed a widespread misconception among recruits that they can voluntarily join the Russian military for financial gain and later rely on diplomatic channels to secure an early release. Refuting this assumption, the Ministry emphasised that enlisting through such routes is an extremely dangerous course of action that severely complicates repatriation efforts. "We are continuing to see reports about Indian nationals recruited into the Russian armed forces. Government has on several occasions over the past two years underlined the risks and dangers inherent in this course of action and advised Indian citizens from time to time to be cautious while pursuing job opportunities abroad and not get lured by any job offers from unverified individuals," the advisory read.

"We have also come across numerous instances wherein individuals are willingly seeking out offers to join the Russian armed forces with an understanding that they would be able to avail concomitant monetary benefits, and later secure release by approaching the Indian Government. It is reiterated that this is a dangerous path and is strongly discouraged by the Government," it added. The government further pointed out that private agents and unregistered non-public entities, including voluntary groups, are actively recruiting foreign nationals into combat roles. Indian job seekers have been advised to exercise due diligence and verify that any recruitment agency operating in the region is formally registered with the MEA before accepting overseas offers.

"There have also been numerous instances wherein individuals have approached Indian authorities to willingly give up their Indian citizenship, avail a Russian passport and then get recruited in Russian armed forces. Some have already done so without consulting Indian authorities, having been lured by temporary monetary benefits.

Karnataka FDA Investigation Finds Hospitals Charging Up to 52 Times The Actual Drug Cost

BENGALURU
Wakeup telangana



The Karnataka Government has flagged a massive disparity between the landing cost and Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of high-cost drugs and medical consumables supplied to hospitals and has sought Central Government intervention. In a press note issued by the Office of the Commissioner, Food Safety and Drug Administration on October 1, the government said recent inspections in hospitals treating cancer, where high-cost drugs are used, have revealed alarming pricing anomalies.

Investigations by the Karnataka Food Safety and Drug Administration found that pharmaceutical companies are supplying medicines to hospitals at heavily discounted institutional prices, while patients are being billed at or near the printed MRP. This has resulted in markups ranging from 10 times to over 52 times the actual procurement cost. Based on this, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, in his letter dated September 23, 2026, has written to the Union Health Minister seeking national action against exorbitant patient billing. During inspections, 253 drugs where extreme pricing anomalies were identified have been listed. The Karnataka government has asked the Centre to mandate transparency by requiring hospitals to display both landing cost and MRP on patient bills, expand the list of drugs under price control under the Drugs Price Control Order, regulate trade margins on essential high-value medicines and consumables, constitute an inter-ministerial expert group, direct a national data study, amend the DPCO 2013, rationalise trade margins, make cost-to-MRP transparency mandatory, expand the National List of Essential Medicines, treat all forms of back-end consideration as part of acquisition cost, and create an audit and enforcement mechanism.

At present, for scheduled drugs under DPCO, the NPPA fixes a ceiling price with a 16 per cent retailer margin. For non-scheduled drugs, there is no cap on retailer margin and the MRP printed by the manufacturer is the only limit. For medical devices and consumables, there is limited price control and most devices are not under DPCO. For hospital pharmacies, there is no specific regulation mandating pass-through of institutional discounts to patients.

Delhi Police Denies Permission for Oct 2 Protest at Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Delhi Police on Thursday denied permission for a proposed protest at Jantar Mantar on Gandhi Jayanti against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and beefed up security in and around New Delhi, with Central Armed Police Forces personnel deployed in anticipation of a gathering, officials said. Police sources estimated that around 3,000 to 4,000 people could turn up for the protest, prompting heightened security measures across the area.

The protest, called by the All India Students' Association (AISA), Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha and Supreme Court lawyer Prashant Bhushan, seeks impeachment of CEC Kumar over allegations of irregularities in electoral rolls and the conduct of elections. AAP senior leaders and workers, members of Indian Youth Congress (IYC) and others are expected to attend the protest, sources said, adding that the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) is not expected to join the protest on Friday.

Security has been intensified at Jantar Mantar and key points in New Delhi district, with CAPF personnel deployed alongside Delhi Police teams. Barricades have been put in place and additional personnel positioned at entry and exit points and other sensitive locations to regulate movement and prevent unauthorised gathering, police sources said. The Delhi Police decision comes a day after social activists and student leaders announced plans to hold a gathering at Jantar Mantar at 11 am on October 2.

The organisers have raised concerns over the Election Commission's handling of electoral rolls and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and alleged that it raised questions over the protection of citizens' voting rights. Former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia also issued a call on X urging people to join the gathering. "Come to Jantar Mantar on October 2nd to demand Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. Otherwise, the right to vote is being snatched away today, tomorrow all other rights will also be taken away," he said in the post.

On Wednesday, AISA national president Neha Bora, Bhushan and Jha had addressed a press conference announcing the protest and reiterated their demand for Kumar's resignation.

CIC Opens 4-Year Gandhi Smriti Fund and Spending Records for Inspection

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Central Information Commission (CIC) has allowed an RTI applicant to inspect four years of "voluminous" financial records of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti after he sought details of funds received from the Ministry of Culture, expenditure incurred and audit reports. The applicant had sought details of funds provided by the ministry to the samiti during the four years, year-wise and item-wise details of expenditure, and certified copies of its audit reports.

The person alleged that the information provided was incomplete, false and misleading. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) subsequently directed the CPIO to provide the information, holding that it could not be denied as third-party information since it was not personal. During the CIC hearing, the CPIO said the samiti provided a revised reply in compliance with the FAA's order. He said the relevant annual accounts are already available in the public domain and that the applicant was offered an inspection.

Dipke Demands CEC Gyanesh Kumar's Resignation, Warns of Protests

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday announced a protest in Mumbai against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, demanding his resignation, criminal action against him and a halt to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The agitation is scheduled to begin at Shivaji Park in Dadar on October 2. However, the Mumbai Police has denied permission for the proposed gathering, stating that it is not empowered to grant permission for gatherings at the venue in view of a Bombay High Court judgment in PIL 116/2009 dated January 4, 2013, and a subsequent Maharashtra government order dated January 20, 2016.

Addressing a press conference at the Mumbai Press Club, Mr. Dipke said the protest would continue until Mr. Kumar resigns. He said the CJP



would organise protests across the country before eventually staging a sit-in at Jantar Mantar in Delhi. Mr. Dipke also demanded that the 2025 SIR electoral roll be frozen, alleging that Mr. Kumar had acted against the interests of the people. Calling the CEC a "traitor", he said, "The 2025 SIR list should be frozen."

He also called for a transparent and independent process for the appointment of election commissioners, with members of civil society included in the selection process. "The process of appointment of ECE should be transparent and independent," he said. Mr. Dipke demanded the restoration of earlier electoral rolls and criticised the use of electronic voting machines (EVMs), advocating a return to ballot papers.

Urdu Festival Plan on Vidhana Soudha Steps Draws Ire of BJP, pro-Kannada Activists

BENGALURU
Wakeup telangana



The proposed Urdu festival on the steps of Vidhana Soudha has drawn sharp opposition from the BJP and pro-Kannada organisations, with Karnataka Minister U T Khader saying on Thursday that the government would seek the views of those opposed to the event and was open to reconsidering the venue. According to sources, the proposed event is scheduled for November 9, which is observed as Urdu Day.

"Every language has its own tradition and culture, and they all stand for unity. Our intention is a society filled with trust, a developed Karnataka and a strong India. With this intention, we had planned for it. Every year, the Urdu Sahitya award is given, and it used to be presented inside a hall. I, as a minister, had planned to organise the event in a better way," Khader told reporters. Noting that some people had opposed the proposal, the state minister for Waqf & Hajj said, "It is not their mistake, as they were never exposed to such an event, nor did they understand the language and what was behind it."

"The event was planned for such people and to make them understand, so that the anger and jealousy inside them can be reduced. By reducing such things, we can establish a society filled with trust and a strong India," he said. "We will speak to everyone. We want good for the state and the country through our programmes. I will never proceed with anything that may cause loss or create problems. We are not adamant on this issue. I have just shared an idea," he added.

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UAE Probes.....

The UAE's chief prosecutor said an investigation had been launched into the incident, including the possibility of "terrorist activity or intent".

Israeli officials have called the incident "an attempted terrorist attack", though in an interview with CBS News, Netanyahu did not rule out the possibility that mental health was to blame.

Netanyahu said he expected the United Arab Emirates to take the lead in the investigation, but that Israel would join. "He'll be, I assume, moved very quickly to Dubai," Netanyahu told CBS News of the alleged attacker, who was being questioned in Saudi Arabia.

Israel's far-right national security minister, Itamar Ben Gvir, called it a "jihadist" attack, while Defence Minister Israel Katz also described the incident as "an attempted jihadist terror attack". Airline flydubai has said all the passengers -- of whom 166 out of 174 were Israeli, according to media reports -- were safe, but that the reasons for the altercation were unknown. "During the flight, as they approached the country, one of the pilots stabbed the other pilot, and apparently tried to crash the plane with everyone on board," Netanyahu said in a video message.

"I salute these heroes," he said of the passengers, adding "they prevented a major disaster". He later hailed the wounded pilot, Machchhar, "for his extraordinary bravery", saying he prevented a "catastrophic mid-air disaster". In a Fox News interview, Netanyahu also praised an Israeli passenger who helped overpower the attacker, identifying him only as Yanik and describing him as a plumber. "An amazing act of heroism -- of his, of the Indian pilot, of the people who helped them. They stopped a disaster that could have been global," he said. India's embassy in Saudi Arabia said Machchhar was being treated at a hospital in the country and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi described him as a "HERO". "His valour helped save hundreds of lives," Modi said.

Unauthorised Pak.....-

During the preliminary enquiry, it emerged that the cosmetic products were being procured through a Mumbai-based dealer/supplier, who is suspected of receiving or arranging the products from outside India and supplying them to dealers in Hyderabad. It was further revealed that the local sellers were not maintaining proper purchase bills/invoices or supporting documents relating to procurement of the Pakistan-origin cosmetic products and were found to be allegedly selling the products.

The approximate value of the cosmetic products identified during the inspection/verification was Rs seven lakh and they were seized.Two cases were registered against five persons under relevant sections of BNS and Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. Among the seized brands, Goree, Chandni, Faiz, Navia, Golden Pearl, and Sadaf, many were reportedly manufactured in Pakistan. According to CDSCO, some products contained dangerous levels of heavy metals, posing serious health risks. Investigation is underway to identify the Mumbai-based supplier/dealer and other persons involved in the supply chain, tracing the source and mode of import of the cosmetic products, and verifying the purchase bills, invoices and transportation records, police added.

Telangana Cabinet.....

The Chief Minister directed officials to convene an all-party meeting soon and hold consultations with farmers' organisations and experts from different sectors to obtain suggestions on El Niño mitigation measures.The Cabinet also directed officials to make arrangements for procurement of kharif paddy, with procurement centres to be opened shortly. The civil supplies department has estimated that around 65 lakh metric tonnes of paddy would have to be procured during the season. Officials were asked to take all necessary measures to ensure smooth procurement.

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CRIME

NHRC Summons Telangana Higher Education Principal Secretary Over Sai Teja Death Case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed the issuance of conditional summons to the Principal Secretary of the Telangana Higher Education Department in connection with the alleged ragging and death of Sai Teja, a B.Tech student of Siddhartha Engineering College in Hyderabad. The Commission has asked the senior official to appear before it on October 28, 2026, at 2:00 PM in New Delhi, along with the requisite reports.

The proceedings follow a complaint filed by Sabavath Kalyan, a law student at the University of Delhi, alleging that Sai Teja was subjected to severe ragging and harassment by senior students while staying at a private hostel.

According to the complaint, Sai Teja had reportedly recorded a selfie video before his death, describing the ordeal he allegedly experienced. The complainant raised concerns over the alleged failure of the college administration to effectively implement anti-ragging measures and the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, citing potential violations of students' rights to life, dignity and education.

The NHRC had previously directed the Principal Secretary of the Telangana Higher Education Department to take appropriate action and submit an Action Taken Report (ATR) on the matter.

However, the Commission reportedly observed that more than four months had passed without a response or intervention from the concerned authorities. Taking note of the continued non-response, the NHRC directed its Registry to issue conditional summons under Section 13 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

The Principal Secretary has been directed to appear before the Commission on October 28, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Manav Adhikar Bhawan, New Delhi, with the required reports and information concerning the case.

A copy of the proceedings has also been forwarded to the Chief Secretary of the Telangana Government for information and necessary action.

The matter has been registered as NHRC Case No. 69/36/2/2026.

The complainant has urged the Commission to ensure a comprehensive examination of the circumstances surrounding Sai Teja's death, establish accountability wherever warranted and strengthen the implementation of anti-ragging safeguards in educational institutions.

The case has once again brought attention to the importance of effective anti-ragging mechanisms, institutional accountability and timely intervention by the authorities to protect students from harassment and ensure a safe educational environment.

The allegations and the circumstances surrounding Sai Teja's death remain matters for examination by the competent authorities. Further developments are expected as the proceedings continue.

Modified Silencers Crushed Under Road Roller

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Warangal traffic police have cracked down on modified silencers fitted to vehicles, citing their contribution to noise pollution and public inconvenience. Around 350 silencers seized from vehicles were crushed under a road roller at the Pochamma Maidan Circle here on Thursday. The drive was carried out on the direction of police commissioner N. Shwetha, IPS, under the supervision of traffic additional DCP Rayala Prabhakar Rao. traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, inspectors and other personnel participated in the programme.

The traffic police had seized the silencers during vehicle inspections after finding that they had been altered in violation of prescribed standards to produce excessive noise. The seized silencers were subsequently destroyed using a road roller.

Speaking on the occasion, Prabhakar Rao said the use of modified silencers resulted in excessive noise pollution and caused considerable inconvenience to the public. Students, elderly persons and those suffering from health problems were particularly affected by such noise, he said. He advised motorists to use only the original silencers fitted by vehicle manufacturers and warned that legal action would be taken against those who modify silencers to produce excessive noise. Traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, inspectors including Sujatha and other.

Hyderabad court sentences man to life imprisonment for 2020 SR Nagar murder

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A local court on Thursday sentenced a man identified as Raju Naik to life imprisonment and imposed a total fine of Rs 16,000 for the murder of P. Ramesh (50) in SR Nagar in 2020.

Ramesh had gone missing after leaving his Vikaspuri Colony home on February 1, 2020.

Though a WhatsApp message was later sent from his phone, subsequent calls went unanswered and the phone was switched off.The SR Nagar lolice investigated

4 Unauthorised Clinics Identified

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana State Medical Council (TGMC) identified four unauthorised clinics, allegedly providing allopathic treatment without recognised medical qualifications during surprise inspections in Kamareddy town. The inspections were conducted by a team led by TGMC chairman Dr K. Mahesh Kumar and vice-chairman Dr T. Kiran Kumar as part of checks against unqualified practitioners and unauthorised clinics.

The council identified Popular First Aid Centre, run by MD Ghulam Dastagiri near the old bus stand; Naresh First Aid Centre, run by Naresh near Shanti Talkies; Sri Sai First Aid Clinic, run by M. Srinivas opposite Shanti Talkies; and Sri Sai First Aid Centre, run by A. Shivaji Rao on Sircilla Road. According to the council, the centres were found providing injections and antibiotics to patients without the required medical qualifications and authorisation.

The TGMC said criminal cases and legal action were being initiated against those involved under TMPR Act and National Medical Commission Act.

Two Killed After DU Student's Car Hits Workers on Dwarka Expressway

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Two labourers were killed, while three others, including the driver of a speeding hatchback, were injured after the car went out of control and hit the workers near Shri Ram Chowk along the Dwarka Expressway early Thursday, police said.The accident occurred when the labourers were installing iron grilles to secure the divider near Shriram Chowk. After positioning the grille, two of them were tightening the screws while the other two stood holding it in place when they saw a white Chevrolet Beat approaching from Delhi direction and going out of control.

The car, allegedly driven by a 20-year-old Delhi University student, ploughed straight into the youths who were standing by the crash barrier, leaving two youths dead on the spot, police said.

The other two workers leapt towards the green belt along the middle of the expressway to save their lives. The car then came to a halt after crashing into a wall.

Police Arrest Youth For Nursing Student's Murder

NALGONDA
Wakeup telangana

Julurupadu police on Thursday arrested a person in the case of brutal killing of a nursing student at Vengannapalem of Julurupadu mandal in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district. The accused was identified as Devarakonda Praveen Kumar. A 18-year-old B.Sc. (Nursing) Indravelli Harini was found dead on the premises of her house at Vengannapalem on September 22. Presenting the arrested youth at a media conference in Julurupad police station, Kothagudem DSP L. Adinarayana informed that the police were primarily filed a case under Section 194 (suspicious death) of the BNSS and converted into a murder case under Section 103(1) of the BNS after receiving the post-mortem report. Praveen Kumar strangulated Harini. Pawan Kumar, had been absconding since death of Harini. He was residing in the house beside to Harini's home and addicted to alcohol. He developed enmity against Harini for rejecting his love proposal.

After killing her, Praveen fled from the place and hided his motorcycle in the bushes near Sitarama Project canal.

He spent nine days by visiting Visakhapatnam and Thirupathi. He came to Ontigudese Road to take his motorcycle and eke livelihood by using it for Rapido in Visakhapatnam.

On a tip off, the police arrested Praveen Kumar at Sitarama Project canal near the Ontigudese Road, the police said.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court's position that a "conscientious objector" should not be punished for refusing to sing 'Vande Mataram' has come as a welcome relief for those who believe that India belongs to all Indians; it has also struck a body blow to the propensity of the BJP, which leads the Union government, to push its divisive agenda even on matters of national importance. The court has reminded the government of its position in 1986 when it decided that a citizen can respectfully decline to sing even the national anthem and that the state is not going to subject him to criminal action. The court stopped short of sending notice to the Union government in deference to the request of its law officer and limited itself to seeking its response on the subject.

The contention of Carnatic vocalist and author T.M. Krishna before the court was that mandating the singing of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram' violated the country's secular character. Extending penal provisions to the national song, coupled with directions for rendition of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram', raises fundamental questions concerning freedom of speech and expression, freedom of conscience, equality, religious freedom and secularism as enshrined in Articles 19, 25 and 26. The court appeared to have agreed with him in the larger point and has said it will examine whether the rights of one who declines to sing on religious grounds are protected under the law.

'Vande Mataram', the national song, has been a venerated symbol of India's national movement, passed down by generations of patriots. The song in Bengali was sung by freedom fighters across the country, as they found it a means to unite them in the fight for a noble and legitimate cause. When the nation's political climate changed, the context of the song and its meaning also underwent a change, which resulted in the leaders of the movement restricting the rendition of the song to its first two stanzas. Dr Rajendra Prasad's announcement in the Constituent Assembly that 'Vande Mataram' will be the national song of India and will be venerated at par with the national anthem was received with cheers.

Three quarters of a century later, the BJP has suddenly woken up to those forgotten stanzas and made it part of the national song. It also got a piece of legislation passed providing for the same protection to 'Vande Mataram' that the national anthem and the national flag command. It is not that there is a national emergency and people have revolted against all those symbols.

The party knows that this move has the potential to divide people on religious lines and that it can spread the message of hate through those fault lines.

From the Preamble to the last Article, the Constitution talks about discarding the old baggage of bigotry and creating a new world for all Indians premised on the best of human attributes. Those ideals have stood the test of time. The Supreme Court's stand on the issue reaffirms the belief that it will stand in the way of attempts to undo all those values, and is hence reassuring.



PIB debunks fake order claiming all saturdays are public holidays for public sector banks

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Press Information Bureau (PIB) Fact Check unit has dismissed as fake a purported government gazette notification circulating on social media that claims the Centre has declared every Saturday a public holiday for all public sector banks, including the State Bank of India (SBI).In a post on X, PIB Fact Check clarified that the Ministry of Finance's Department of Financial Services has not issued any such notification.

The document being circulated online is not an official government order.The purported gazette claimed that the Central Government had approved a decision to make every Saturday a public holiday for public sector banks. However, PIB Fact Check categorically rejected the claim and urged citizens not to trust or share unverified government-related documents.The fact-checking agency said no notification has been issued by the Finance Ministry declaring every Saturday a public holiday for public sector banks. It also advised people to verify such information through official government channels before forwarding it on social media or messaging platforms.

PIB Fact Check further encouraged citizens to report suspicious content concerning the Central Government to its fact-checking team. The move is aimed at preventing the circulation of misleading or fabricated information online.The clarification assumes significance as the issue of bank holidays has recently drawn attention amid developments involving bank employees and unions.

The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) had recently deferred a proposed three-day nationwide bank strike following discussions with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA).According to a statement issued by the bank unions, representatives of the IBA and UFBU held discussions on Sunday, following which both sides agreed to defer the proposed nationwide strike.The latest PIB clarification makes it clear that the viral gazette regarding an additional Saturday holiday for public sector banks has no official basis. Customers and bank employees have been advised to rely only on verified announcements from the Finance Ministry, Department of Financial Services, individual banks and other authorised government



7Seas Entertainment Bags Two FICCI BAF Awards 2026

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Hyderabad-based 7Seas Entertainment Limited has won two awards at the FICCI BAF Awards 2026, recognising its work in mobile gaming and AI-powered visual content. The awards were presented at a ceremony held at the Grand Hyatt in Mumbai.

The company received the Best Mobile Video Game award for Horse World Ride and the Best AI – Photoreal Humans & Animals award for Sand and Fire.

Horse World Ride offers players a mobile gaming experience focused on horse riding, exploration and interactive gameplay. Sand and Fire, meanwhile, demonstrates the use of artificial intelligence to create photorealistic humans, animals and environments as part of visual storytelling.

7Seas Entertainment Managing Director L. Maruthi Shankar described the recognition as a proud moment for the company. He said the two awards reflected the organisation's efforts to combine creativity, technology and innovation in gaming and digital content.

He added that the company would continue to focus on quality, creative development and innovative approaches to visual storytelling.

Based in Hyderabad, 7Seas Entertainment develops digital games and interactive content for mobile, PC and web platforms. Its operations cover game design, software development, animation, quality assurance and publishing.

The company has also incorporated selected AI-assisted workflows into areas such as design, testing, visual development and content production. It said that key decisions concerning intellectual property rights, privacy, quality standards and final content releases continue to remain under human oversight.

The recognition at the FICCI BAF Awards 2026 highlights the company's expanding work across gaming, animation and emerging AI-enabled content creation.

Rupee hits over two-month low at 96.31 against dollar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The rupee slumped below the psychologically important 96-per-dollar mark on Thursday to close at 96.31 (provisional) against the US dollar, its lowest level in more than two months, amid risk aversion in global markets, surging global bond yields and selling pressure from foreign investors.

Forex traders said the rupee is expected to trade with a negative bias amid risk aversion in global markets and concerns over rising global Treasury yields.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.95 and then lost ground to touch an intraday low of 96.34 against the US dollar. At the end of Thursday's trading session, the domestic unit was quoted at 96.31 (provisional) against the greenback, down 37 paise from its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee pared gains to settle flat at 95.94 against the US dollar.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on risk aversion in global markets and worries over rising global Treasury yields. A strong dollar and surge in global crude oil prices may further pressurise the rupee," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset Sharekhan.

Choudhary further noted that uncertainty over a US-Iran deal may also pressurise the rupee. However, any intervention by the RBI may support the rupee at lower levels.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the strength of the greenback against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 101.90, higher by 0.45 per cent.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 2.54 per cent higher at USD 100.52 per barrel in futures trade.

On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex dropped 570.59 points to settle at 71,909.70, while the Nifty tanked 198.50 points to 22,421.95.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 10,148.41 crore on a net basis on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

On the domestic macroeconomic front, India's manufacturing sector activity growth touched a seven-month high in September, boosted by accelerating new orders and output.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose by more than two index points in September to 55.1 from 52.8.

Student Duo Drives Hands-On Science and Digital Learning in Government Schools



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Aarav Kucheria and Yash Shah of CHIREC International School have launched two education initiatives under NexGen Learning, aimed at improving digital access and hands-on science education in government schools.

At Hussainialam Girls School in Hyderabad's Old City, the duo worked with Teach For Change to address the absence of a computer laboratory. After nearly a year of teaching at the school, they helped raise funds and coordinate CSR support to establish a lab equipped with 10 computers for around 150 girls. Digital literacy sessions for students and basic computer training for teachers are also being provided.

In another initiative, the students distributed 120 Physics and Chemistry kits across three government schools, benefiting nearly 1,800 students. Supported by CSR funding and Mahavir International Udaan, the kits enable students to conduct experiments and understand scientific concepts practically. Teacher-training sessions were also organised to ensure continued and effective use of the kits.

Anup Bagchi to head HDFC Bank from Oct 27

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Anup Bagchi is set to be the next chief executive and managing director of HDFC Bank, with the Reserve Bank clearing his name to lead the largest private sector lender on Thursday.

Bagchi, who has been associated with rival ICICI Bank and its subsidiaries since 1992, will succeed Sashidhar Jagdishan, whose six-year stint in the corner office was marred by allegations of unethical conduct and questionable governance practices towards the end.

He will take over as the MD and CEO from October 27, and the appointment is for three years, as per an exchange disclosure by the lender.

The 56-year-old Bagchi, an alumnus of IIT-Kanpur and IIM-Bangalore, has been serving as managing director and chief executive of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance since 2023 and served as executive director of ICICI Bank for six years. Before that, he was overseeing both retail and wholesale banking.

Challenges awaiting Bagchi include increasing core income, as net interest margins continue to be under pressure and curbing instances of product mis-selling, according to watchers.

HDFC Bank's top-level leadership issues came to the fore in March this year with the surprising resignation of non-executive chairman Atanu Chakraborty, who cited issues regarding values and ethics.

This was followed by a slew of revelations on the governance front, including product misselling by its Dubai branch leading to investor losses, and also on incentives for garnering deposits for which Jagdishan was himself fined by the bank board.

Amid widespread interest in whether he will bag the reappointment, Jagdishan opted out of the race in August, followed by an HDFC Bank communique on sending two names, including an internal candidate and an external one, to the RBI.

Deputy managing director Kaizad Bharucha is widely reported to be the second name sent by the bank to the central bank. Chakraborty's successor Rajiv Kumar had promised shareholders that he would strive to preserve shareholders' trust with the highest standards of governance.

Bagchi's appointment will have to be ratified by the bank's shareholders as per the provisions of the Companies Act 2013.

Jus' Onco Expands to Hyderabad, Bringing Affordable Expert Cancer Care Closer to Patients

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Jus' Onco Cancer Care, founded by Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balakrishnan, Founder and Director, has expanded its cancer-care network from Tamil Nadu to Hyderabad, with a new centre inaugurated at Ucchvas Rehabilitation Centre, Banjara Hills. The expansion aims to bring specialist-led cancer care closer to patients while keeping affordability and accessibility at the centre of its approach.

The Hyderabad centre was inaugurated in the presence of distinguished guests, including Dr. Gaurav Uppal, IAS, Secretary to Government, Planning Department, Government of Telangana; Dr. Ambati Rampapa Rao, Chairman, Ucchvas Rehabilitation Centres; and Dr. Mukta Srinivasalu, MS, MCh (Surgical Oncology), former Director of MNJ Institute of Oncology & Regional Cancer Centre, Hyderabad.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Gaurav Uppal highlighted the importance of accessible healthcare and the need to bring specialised medical services closer to patients and their families.

Jus' Onco has established multiple centres across Tamil Nadu, including a growing presence in Chennai and other parts of the state. The organisation was founded with the objective of making expert cancer care more affordable and reducing the challenges faced by patients who need to travel long distances for treatment.

The Hyderabad centre will provide oncology consultations and day-care cancer treatments, including chemotherapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy, with an emphasis on safety, comfort and quality of care.

For cancer patients undergoing repeated treatment cycles, long-distance travel can add to the physical, emotional and financial challenges associated with the disease. Through its Hyderabad expansion, Jus' Onco aims to reduce the burden of travel and make specialist cancer services more accessible to patients in the city and surrounding areas.

"Cancer care is not just about treating a disease. It is about helping a person continue their life," said Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balakrishnan.

She added that Jus' Onco was established with the belief that expert cancer care should be affordable and that the Hyderabad expansion would extend the organisation's mission to more patients and families.

The move into Telangana forms part of Jus' Onco's broader vision of expanding affordable, expert-led cancer care across more communities. With its presence now extending beyond Tamil Nadu, the organisation seeks to address barriers related to distance, accessibility and affordability in cancer treatment.

The Hyderabad centre is located at Ucchvas Rehabilitation Centre, 564A-37, MLA Colony, Lotus Pond Road, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500034. Jus' Onco Cancer Care continues to work towards its stated mission of making expert cancer care more accessible to patients and families while maintaining affordability as a key focus.

Eluri Srinivas Rao's Birthday Celebrations Held Grandly

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The Hyderabad District Branch of the TGO Association organised grand birthday celebrations for Eluri Srinivas Rao, State President of the TGOs Association and Secretary General of TGEJAC.

District President M.B. Krishna Yadav and Secretary M.I. Khader led the celebrations and conveyed their warm wishes to Srinivas Rao. The leaders appreciated his continued efforts for employee welfare and his commitment to addressing the concerns of government employees.

Former General Secretary A. Satyanarayana Patel and Central Association leaders Sahadev, Dr. Venkateshwarlu, Dr. Rama Rao, Vinod Kumar, Venkatayya, Sriram, Srini, Laxman Goud, Vijay, Venkataramana, Shoukat Hussain, District Reddy and Shirisha Reddy, among others, participated in the celebrations and extended their heartfelt birthday greetings.

Bhagyashrii Borse pens heartfelt note for Mohanlal during 'Operation Ganga' shoot

Actress Bhagyashrii Borse, who plays the female lead in actor Mohanlal's upcoming film, 'Operation Ganga', has now told the Malayalam superstar that it felt like a blessing to be his co-actor.

Taking to her Instagram page to post a picture of herself with her 'Operation Ganga' co-star Mohanlal, she wrote, "Dearest @mohanlal sir, To be your co-actor feels like a blessing. Every day of shoot, I get to see cinema through your eyes and learn from you.. you are truly gifted sir. #OperationGanga #AgentOnDuty."

Sources close to the unit of 'Operation Ganga' said that the crew was in Georgia filming some important sequences for the film.

For the unaware, the film, which is being directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, was tentatively being referred to as L367 before being titled 'Operation Ganga'. 'Operation Ganga' refers to India's evacuation mission



launched to bring back Indian citizens, including thousands of students, who were stranded in Ukraine following the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war.

'Operation Ganga', which has the tagline 'A Nation's Promise' will be a film on one of the most daring and intriguing operations on international borders by India.

Apart from Malayalam superstar Mohanlal and Bhagyashrii Borse, the film will also feature Bollywood star Arjun Rampal and actors Parthiban & Adil Hussain in pivotal roles.

The film is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, who is best known for having directed the devotional blockbuster 'Meppadiyan'.

'Operation Ganga' also boasts of an extraordinarily talented technical team. The technical crew includes cinematographer Miroslaw Kuba Brozek, known for having shot the blockbusters 'Pushpa 1' and 'Pushpa 2' and production designer Rajeevan, who is best known for having worked in critically acclaimed films such as 'GOAT', 'Meiyazhagan', 'Amaran' and 'Kathanar'. The film will have its stunts choreographed by action director Sea Young Oh, known for his work in 'Dhurandhar' and 'Kill'. Music composer Shashwat Sachdev, following the success of the pan-Indian film 'Dhurandhar', is scoring the music for 'Operation Ganga'.

Produced by Gokulam Gopalan under the banner of Sree Gokulam Movies, Operation Ganga's crew also includes editor Shameer Mohammed and sound designer Bishwadeep Chatterjee, best known for his work in 'Dhurandhar', 'Uri', '3 Idiots' and 'Padmaavat'.

Disha Patani marks Bollywood milestone with emotional MS Dhoni



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Actress Disha Patani has completed a decade in Bollywood and marked the milestone by looking back at her journey with gratitude.

The actress made her Hindi film debut with MS Dhoni: The Untold Story alongside Sushant Singh Rajput. To mark 10 years in the industry, Disha took to her Instagram Stories and shared a heartwarming picture from the film featuring herself and Sushant. Along with the picture, she expressed gratitude for the opportunities, characters and people who have been part of her journey.

"Grateful to have completed a decade into this journey of exploring myself. Blessed to have lived through these beautiful characters that'll stay with me forever and for everyone who gave me the opportunity to do so. Priyanka will always be close to my heart. Thank you for all the love and support. Beyond grateful," she wrote.

The image features Disha and Sushant smiling as they look at each other. She also added the popular track 'Kaun Tujhe', sung by Palak Muchhal, from the film to the post, adding an emotional touch to the throwback.

Disha played Priyanka Jha in MS Dhoni: The Untold Story, the biographical sports drama based on the life of former Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The film also starred Sushant Singh Rajput in the titular role. Directed by Neeraj Pandey, the sports drama also featured Kiara Advani and Anupam Kher. The film chronicled Dhoni's life from a young age through a series of life events. It was released in theatres on September 30, 2016.

For the unversed, Sushant Singh Rajput died on June 14, 2020. He was reportedly found hanging at his apartment in Bandra, Mumbai. His death was investigated by multiple agencies and was officially treated as a case of suicide.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Disha is gearing up to make her much-anticipated Hollywood debut with the upcoming supernatural action thriller The Portal of Force.

Kurella Student Reshma Selected for District Kabaddi

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Boyini Reshma, a student of ZPHS Kurella, has been selected for the district-level Under-14 girls' kabaddi competition, bringing pride to her school, family and Kurella village.

Reshma earned the selection through her performance at the mandal-level kabaddi competition held at Government High School in Matoor village, Motakondur mandal, on September 30, 2026. Physical Education Teacher A. Ramanujamma announced her selection following the event.

The school management congratulated Reshma on her achievement. Headmaster A. Venkat Reddy, along with the teaching staff, appreciated her sporting talent, dedication and competitive spirit. They encouraged her to perform confidently at the district-level competition and continue participating in sports.

Members of the Thalka family from Matoor village extended special congratulations to Kumari Reshma on her selection. They appreciated her hard work and dedication and



expressed their happiness over her achievement.

The family members encouraged Reshma to aim higher and make further progress in her sporting journey. They also appreciated her parents for supporting her interests and the teachers for identifying and nurturing her talent.

Dr. Sudhakar Battu and others also congratulated Reshma and conveyed their best wishes for her future competitions.

Reshma's achievement highlights the role of school sports, teachers and family support in encouraging young talent, particularly in rural areas. Her selection for the district-level competition has generated happiness among her teachers, family members and well-wishers.

With continued encouragement and dedication, Reshma is expected to represent Kurella with confidence at the district-level Under-14 girls' kabaddi competition and strive for further success.

India placed in Group E for AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup qualifiers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India Under-17 women's national team head coach Joakim Alexandersson has announced a 23-member squad for the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup China 2027 Qualifiers, scheduled to be held in Malaysia from October 5 to 11.

The Young Tigresses will be aiming to qualify for the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup for consecutive editions, with 11 players from the previous squad returning to the team. India have been drawn in Group E, alongside Iraq, Syria and hosts Malaysia. Only the group winners will advance to the final tournament.

India will open their campaign against Iraq on October 5, followed by a clash against Syria on October 8. They will conclude the qualifying campaign against Malaysia on October 11. All three matches will be played at the MP Selayang Stadium in Selayang.



The Indian team is scheduled to arrive in Kuala Lumpur on October 2. Preparations for the qualifiers began in Bengaluru in July before the squad travelled to Tashkent, where they played two friendly matches against Uzbekistan. Both games ended in goalless draws.

After returning to India, the Young Tigresses continued their preparations in Goa. They also played two closed-door friendlies against the Philippines, losing the first match 2-4 before securing a 2-0 victory in the second.

Alexandersson said the Goa camp provided the team with strong preparations and valuable match experience. He added that the games against the Philippines helped the coaching staff assess the team's approach ahead of the qualifiers.

The 23-member squad includes three goalkeepers, six defenders, eight midfielders and six forwards.

Goalkeepers: Munni, Sanatombi Devi Irengbam, Sonam Ghosh.

Defenders: Abhista Basnett, Ambalika Chanu Khudongbam, Daina Devi Konthoujam, Joyshini Chanu Huidrom, Ritu Badaik, Taniya Devi Tonambam.

Midfielders: Alva Devi Senjam, Bonifilia Shullai, Julan Nongmaithem, Monika Devi Wairokpam, Pritika Barman, Redima Devi Chingkhamayum, Silky Devi Sorokhaibam, Thandamoni Baskey, Yashica Haribabu.

Forwards: Anushka Kumari, Deepika Kumari, Joya, Nidhi, Nira ChanuLongjam.

Alexandersson will be assisted by Anthony Andrews and Nivetha Ramadoss, while Fysal K Bapu will serve as goalkeeping coach.

India's AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers schedule:

October 5: India vs Iraq — 1:30 PM IST

October 8: Syria vs India — 1:30 PM IST

October 11: India vs Malaysia — 6:30 PM IST

Telangana to seek Centre's aid for El Nino-related losses

The Telangana Cabinet decided in principle to seek Central assistance for El Niño-related losses, with a sub-committee to assess damage.

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The State government has, in principle, decided to seek assistance from the Central government for losses suffered due to the impact of El Nino. The request will be based on a report to be submitted by the Cabinet sub-committee to the State government.

Apart from agriculture, El Nino conditions resulted in drinking water shortages in some parts of the State. The power sector also witnessed a drastic increase in consumption, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said. Briefing the decisions taken at the 37th State Cabinet meeting held here on Thursday, the Minister said the monsoon had withdrawn from the State and rainfall was 17 per cent below normal. Though the overall deficit was 17 per cent, officials informed the Cabinet that the impact was severe in 235 mandals, he said.

In view of the gravity of the situation, the Cabinet sub-committee would compile a report on the damage suffered and recommend measures to address the losses. An emergency Cabinet meeting would be held shortly to chalk out an action plan, he said. An all-party meeting would be held before the emergency Cabinet meeting to seek views and suggestions from political parties, intellectuals and experts on El Niño and initiate appropriate measures, he added.



Power consumption has increased significantly due to El Nino conditions. While the State's usual daily consumption is around 15,000 MW, it reached a record peak demand of 19,892 MW this season. Consequently, the Cabinet resolved to procure sufficient power to meet the demand and ensure uninterrupted supply. It decided to prioritise new renewable energy generation and power procurement, keeping future demand and requirements in mind. Approval was granted for setting up units with a combined generation capacity of approximately 7,800 MW.

The Cabinet deliberated on proposals to establish 3,000 MW of solar power capacity, a 4,000-MW Battery Energy Storage System and 800 MW of wind power capacity. These projects would be executed through a bidding process in accordance with Central government regulations, the Minister explained.

Two DAs for govt employees

The Cabinet also approved the release of two instalments of Dearness Allowance (DA) for government employees and pensioners that have been pending since 2024. The associated arrears will be paid in instalments. The move will entail an annual financial burden of Rs 2,500 crore on the exchequer.

The Cabinet decided to implement a dedicated policy for digital media advertising in Telangana. The State policy will be aligned with the digital advertising policy formulated by the Central government.

On the 22-A controversy, the State government has already issued several GOs and memos. In continuation of these measures, pending applications relating to ULC and other departments, as well as applications concerning HMDA and GHMC-approved layouts placed under the prohibited category, will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting.

KTR seeks stronger Telangana-South Korea ties in technology and industry

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BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao called for stronger cooperation between Telangana and South Korea in technology, industry and innovation during a meeting with South Korean President's Advisor Prof. Youngtae Cho and a delegation from Seoul National University at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday.Rama Rao said South Korea's transformation into a global knowledge and technology powerhouse had long inspired him. He highlighted Telangana's growing technology and industrial ecosystem and said the state offered significant opportunities for Korean companies looking to expand in India.According to Rama Rao, Telangana's skilled workforce, progressive policies and business-friendly ecosystem could support greater investment and collaboration with South Korean industries and institutions. He stressed the importance of building stronger partnerships in emerging technologies, research, education and innovation.Recalling the previous BRS government's efforts to attract Korean investments, Rama Rao said leading companies, including Youngone Corporation and Hyundai, had established a presence in Telangana.

He said such investments demonstrated the potential for stronger economic ties between the state and South Korea.Rama Rao also underlined the opportunities created by India's demographic dividend. He said global companies could benefit from India's large pool of young and skilled talent while using the country as a major market and a base to develop products and services for the world.

The meeting explored possibilities for expanding cooperation involving industry, academia, technology and innovation. Rama Rao said stronger Telangana-South Korea partnerships could create new opportunities for investment, knowledge exchange and technology-driven growth.

TGO Leaders Thank CM Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti for Approving Two Pending DAs

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TGO Hyderabad District President MB Krishna Yadav and Secretary Ame Khader expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka for approving two pending Dearness Allowances (DAs) for government employees during the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday.

The TGO leaders welcomed the Cabinet's decision and thanked the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister for responding positively to the long-pending demand of employees. They said the approval of the two DAs would provide relief to government employees who had been awaiting the revision.Krishna Yadav and Ame Khader said the decision reflected the government's consideration of employee welfare.

They expressed hope that the government would continue to address other pending issues concerning employees and take necessary measures for their welfare.

AILU Telangana Holds Protest Seeking CEC Gyanesh Kumar's Resignation

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he Telangana State Committee of the All India Lawyers Union (AILU) staged a protest at Gate No. 6, near the Telangana High Court Bar Council office, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar.

Members of the lawyers' organisation raised their concerns over the functioning of the Election Commission and called for greater accountability and transparency in the electoral process.

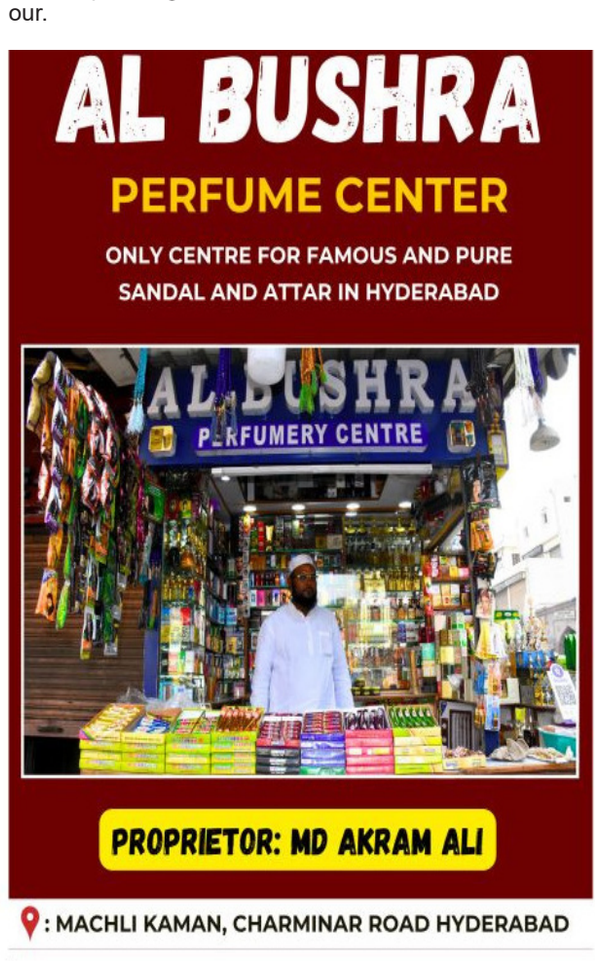
The protest was held as part of wider demonstrations seeking action against the Chief Election Commissioner.

Similar protests demanding Gyanesh Kumar's resignation have been reported in Telangana and other parts of the country in recent days.





Advocate Mir Qurram Ali personally invited Dr. Sarvan Kumar Garu, MLC and BRS Party leader, to attend the Wake Up Telangana Awards 2026 as the Guest of Honour.



Telangana Sets 7-Day Deadline for Gram Panchayat Cheque Approvals

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The Telangana government has directed District Collectors to take action against Upa-Sarpanches who unreasonably delay signing Gram Panchayat cheques or approving expenditure through digital signatures. Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment Commissioner D. Divya issued Memo No. CPRRE-D1/GPAD/10/2026 on October 1, following the directions of Minister Seethakka.Under the memo, if an Upa-Sarpanch allegedly refuses to approve cheques or expenditure without valid reasons within seven working days of submission, the District Collector must conduct an inquiry.

If the allegations are proved, appropriate action must be taken under Section 37 of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, as amended by Act 2 of 2025.

The order also provides for assigning cheque-drawing powers to another statutory authority, such as the Panchayat Secretary, MPO or MPDO, where warranted under the law.The decision follows complaints from Sarpanches that disputes over joint cheque-signing powers are delaying payments for sanitation, drinking water supply and village development works.

Sarpanch associations have repeatedly urged Minister Seethakka to address the issue, stating that payment delays are affecting development activities.

The government's latest instructions aim to prevent essential services and development works from being disrupted by unjustified delays while allowing legitimate objections to expenditure to be examined.

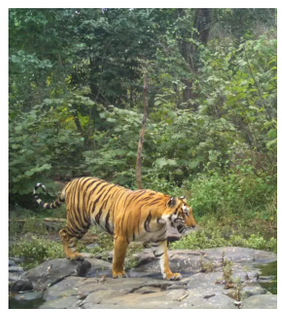
Vijaya Reddy's election plea likely to help Congress

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ongress leader P. Vijaya Reddy may become the legislator of the Khairatabad Assembly constituency, which fell vacant following the disqualification of incumbent Danam Nagender, if she had her way in the Telangana High Court. Twists and turns continue to mark the Khairatabad assembly seat with the High Court taking up on Thursday nearly a three-year-old case filed by Vijaya Reddy accusing Nagender of concealing crucial information about family assets in the election affidavit.

There were precedents, including one in Telangana, wherein the courts declared the nearest rival as an MLA when they found the elected MLA concealed information. "It will be a winning battle without bloodshed for us," said a Congress minister referring to Vijaya Reddy's chances of becoming MLA. It will be a win-win situation for all as they can avoid poll expenditure of crores of rupees for an election which they are not sure of winning and give just a two-year term even if they win, said the minister. He, however, exuded confidence that the ruling party would win in the event of election also. The High Court on July 25, 2023, declared the election of then Kothagudem MLA Vanama Venkateswara Rao invalid on similar charges of concealing information in the affidavit. The court also declared the nearest rival and petitioner Jalagam Venkat Rao as the MLA. Jalagam was, however, unlucky because the Supreme Court stayed the order and within a few months, elections for the assembly were declared. "There are a lot of ifs and buts but there is a possibility of Vijaya Reddy becoming the MLA," said an official from the Election Commission of India on condition.

Amrabad Reopens For Wildlife Tourism



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Wakeup telangana

The Amrabad Tiger Reserve in Telangana on Thursday reopened for daily jungle safaris and its other activities for visitors. The tiger reserve was closed for tourists and visitors for three months during the monsoon season. The Nagarkurnool district forest officer Revanth Chandra said the forest department operates 14 safari vehicles for taking tourists into the tiger reserve and those wishing to visit can book their stay at the Mannanur Jungle Resort, and safaris, by visiting https://deccanwoodsandtrails.com/munnanur-jungle-resort-on-the-tigers-trail/ As per the last official estimate as part of the 2026 All India Tiger Estimation, the Amrabad Tiger Reserve is home to at least 42 tigers.

Free Hearing Screening Camp in Azampura on October 3

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The Ideal Information Centre for Disabled (IICD), Azampura, will organise a Free Hearing Screening Camp on October 3, 2026, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The camp, conducted under the aegis of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Greater Hyderabad, will provide free hearing tests, counselling and guidance for children and adults.Tests including Pure Tone Audiometry, Tympanometry, OAE and BERA/ABR will be conducted by qualified audiologists. The camp will also offer hearing-aid trials, rehabilitation guidance, ear-care advice and counselling.IICD President Dr. Mohammad Mubashir Ahmad will preside over the programme. I. Kalpana, Sub-Inspector, Chaderghat Police Station, and Mohammad Mubeen Shareef, CEO, Aspire Group, UAE, will attend as chief guests.IICD Secretary S.M. Naveed-ur-Rehman urged people with hearing difficulties and parents concerned about their children's hearing to utilise the facility.For details, contact 9014234933.



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