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HOLIDAY NOTICE

The offices of **Wakeup Telangana** will be closed today, Tuesday, October 20, 2026, on the occasion of **Dasara.**

There will be no edition on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

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Global Summit Will Transform Telangana: CM Revanth

He also inaugurated the Future City police commissionerate building at Ibrahimpatnam and laid the foundation stone for the National Institute of Urban Management (NIUM) complex in Bharat Future City.

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to organise the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 on an international scale, ensuring that all preparations are completed by the end of November. The three-day summit is scheduled to be held from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City, with the theme "Your Investments Are Safe With Us."

During his visit to Bharat Future City on Monday, the Chief Minister reviewed the construction progress of Young India Skills University, where the summit will be hosted. He instructed officials to accelerate the construction work and ensure that the campus is completed as early as possible, preferably 15 days before the deadline. He also suggested increasing the workforce wherever necessary to meet the target.

Revanth Reddy stressed that the summit arrangements must meet international standards and effectively attract entrepreneurs and industrialists from across India and abroad. He directed officials to complete work in the open premises by November 15 and ensure that every aspect of the event was planned and executed systematically.

The Chief Minister emphasised that the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 was more than a business conference, describing it as a significant platform to transform Telangana's political and economic landscape by attracting investments and strengthening the state's industrial prospects.

He instructed officials to begin preparations immediately and ensure that the facilities, infrastructure and logistical arrangements create a positive impression on visiting industrialists and international delegates. He also directed the formation of a dedicated committee to continuously monitor the preparations and coordinate arrangements for the summit.

During the same visit, Revanth Reddy inaugurated the Future City Police Commissionerate building at Ibrahimpatnam and laid the foundation stone for the National Institute of Urban Management (NIUM) complex at Bharat Future City. The Chief Minister's directions underline the state government's focus on completing infrastructure projects on schedule and presenting Telangana as an attractive destination for domestic and international investors. Officials have been asked to maintain close coordination and ensure that all arrangements are finalised well before the summit begins on December 7.

Modi, Polish PM Tusk To Hold Talks on Thursday

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olish Prime Minister Donald Tusk will arrive in India on Wednesday for a three-day visit during which he will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and meet business leaders in Bengaluru. Tusk will be accompanied by Poland's finance and economy minister Andrzej Domanski and a large business delegation, the external affairs ministry said on Monday.

This will be Tusk's second visit to India as Poland's Prime Minister, following his visit in 2010 during an earlier term. He also visited New Delhi in 2017 as president of the European Council for the India-EU Summit.

Census Offices Told To Monitor Social Media 24/7

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The Registrar General of India (RGI) has directed Census directorates in all states and Union Territories to establish round-the-clock social media monitoring cells to track online discussions and issue real-time rebuttals and fact-checks ahead of the population enumeration phase of Census 2027.In a letter to the directorates, Registrar General Mritunjay Kumar Narayan asked officials to monitor online content for adverse comments, false narratives and local misinterpretations, and issue authoritative responses through state and UT machinery. The RGI has also proposed a tableau for next year's Republic Day parade, subject to the defence ministry's approval. Outlining a nationwide publicity campaign, Narayan said the exercise would familiarise people with questions to be asked during household visits and explain how to use the digital self enumeration module, which allows respondents to submit information from home."For the successful enumeration in Phase-II, it is crucial that adequate publicity measures, similar to the house listing operation phase, are undertaken to raise awareness among people about the importance of the Census exercise and its utility in shaping the nation.

3 People Arrested for Attack on Tiger

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The Kota City Police team caught the three accused while they were travelling on a train

Three suspects were arrested at Kota railway station in Rajasthan on Monday in connection with the firing incident targeting actor Tiger Shroff in Mumbai. A joint team of the Rajasthan Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) and Kota City Police, acting on inputs from the Mumbai Police, nabbed all three shooters. The accused were caught while travelling on the Pune–Jaipur Express, which reached Kota station at 10.17 am.

The accused have been identified as 22-year-old Hritik Kumar alias Roshan, from Begusarai, Bihar, who currently lives in Andheri West, Mumbai, and works as a Rapido rider, and 18-year-old Rehan, from Sonipat, Haryana. Rajasthan Police earlier claimed that the third accused, Phool Singh, was a minor, but the Mumbai Police subsequently said that he was 22 and not a minor. All three are said to be associated with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang.

No weapon has been recovered from the suspects, Kota Superintendent of Police (SP) Tejaswani Gautam said. The suspects told the police that they boarded the train after "executing the crime". They were planning to take a bus from Jaipur to Delhi and then cross the border to reach Nepal, Gautam said. The assailants had opened fire at Shroff's car in Mumbai's Juhu area on Sunday evening. The actor escaped unhurt, while his driver and another person were injured. The police said three rounds were fired at the actor.

The Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for the attack on social media. The Mumbai Police have registered a case of attempt to murder in connection with the incident, which was later transferred to the Crime Branch. According to the Mumbai Police, two of the three accused fired at Shroff's car before fleeing on a motorcycle. The Crime Branch traced their escape route from Andheri to Borivali, then to Surat and finally to Kota, Rajasthan, where they were detained with the help of the local police. The motorcycle allegedly used in the firing was found in Mum-

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Two Indians Among 28 Charged with Voter Fraud in California

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Two Indian nationals are among 28 foreign nationals charged by US federal authorities in California for allegedly registering illegally and voting in American elections despite not being US citizens, the justice department announced on Monday. The two Indians were identified as Amandeep Kaur, 30, a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, and Kamlesh Navnitlal Shah, 67, who lives in Sacramento. According to the justice department, Kaur, who is seeking US citizenship, allegedly registered to vote in December 2022 and cast a ballot in the November 2024 election. Shah allegedly registered to vote on the day of the November 2024 general election and voted the same day.

The charges were announced as part of "Operation Protect the Vote", a coordinated investigation involving all four US Attorney's Offices in California.

Federal authorities arrested 11 foreign nationals on Monday, while a total of 28 were charged. All 28 are lawful permanent residents, commonly known as green card holders, but are not American citizens and are therefore ineligible to vote in US federal elections.

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Dipke Slams Delhi Police For Calling Gangster Bishnoi 'Sahab'

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Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Monday questioned the Delhi Police's treatment of students and activists, sharing an old video in which a senior police officer referred to gangster Lawrence Bishnoi as "Sahab" during a press conference. "Lawrence Bishnoi Sahab. The respect Delhi Police has for gangsters. Wish they showed even 10% of this courtesy to students and activists who are doing nothing but protest," Dipke said in a social media post.

The video, dating back to August 2025, shows then East Delhi deputy commissioner of police Abhishek Dhania using the honorific while referring to Bishnoi during a press conference. The remark had triggered a controversy at the time, prompting the officer to clarify that it was a slip of the tongue. He reportedly explained that he had recently met a senior officer named Ombir Bishnoi, leading to the inadvertent use of the honorific.

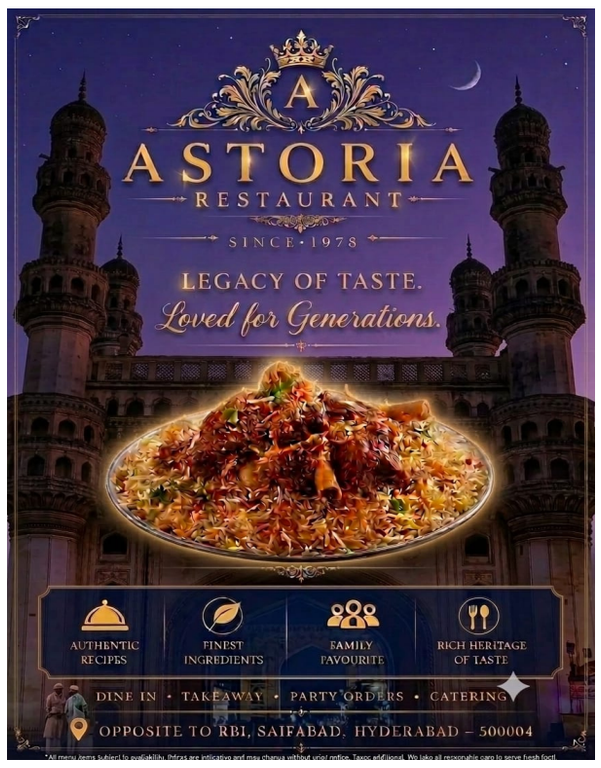
The video resurfaced a



day after unidentified motorcycle-borne assailants opened fire at Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff's car in Mumbai's Juhu area on Sunday evening. While the actor escaped unhurt, his driver and a bystander sustained injuries. Following the shooting, a social media message attributed to Anil Pandit and Harman Sandhu, allegedly associated with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, claimed responsibility for the attack. The message alleged that Shroff had ignored earlier warnings and threatened further attacks on people associated with actor Salman Khan. Mumbai police are investigating the shooting and verifying the authenticity of the claim.

Dipke's criticism comes amid continuing protests by the CJP and student organisations against the Election Commission's revision of electoral rolls. The protesters have been demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging irregularities in the exercise. The Delhi Police have detained several protesters during demonstrations in the national capital, including Dipke, who was detained ahead of a protest on Friday.

The CJP has repeatedly criticised the police action against demonstrators, maintaining that students and activists exercising their democratic right to protest should not face intimidation or harsh treatment.



Judicial Custody of CJP Leaders Extended by 2 Days

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The Jantar Mantar trespassing case against Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka has been transferred to the Crime Branch, even as the two were remanded in judicial custody for two more days on Monday, prompting allegations from the party that the proceedings were being deliberately prolonged to keep them behind bars. The two leaders were produced before a newly appointed Special Executive Magistrate (SEM) at Mandir Marg police station after Delhi Police sought an extension of their custody. They will be produced again on Wednesday.

Police argued that their release could disturb "peace and tranquility". The party alleged that the authorities were using procedural delays to prevent their release and had rejected bail sureties on vague grounds. Ranka and Das were arrested on October 14 after allegedly climbing over a locked gate to enter Jantar Mantar despite restrictions at the site, which had been de-notified as a designated protest venue.

Elon Musk Says He'll Gift SpaceX Shares to 'Every Kid in America'

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Elon Musk pledged to distribute a share of SpaceX to each American child, posting the move just hours after artificial intelligence competitor Anthropic said it would set aside a portion of its shares for the public benefit. "Next year, I will give one of my SpaceX shares to every kid in America," the company's chief executive officer wrote on X, the social media platform he owns. "This will be the first of many."

It's not clear how such share contributions would work, and Musk did not elaborate on his donation plans. There are about 72 million children in the US, according to estimates from the US Census Bureau, which would make the donation worth about $10.5 billion at the current $146 share price. His post came after Anthropic disclosed plans to place 5% of its shares in a fund to make donations that address "the public good." Regulators across the globe have increased calls for regulating artificial intelligence after insiders flagged the possibility of catastrophic scenarios. Anthropic, which is preparing for a blockbuster public listing, has frequently raised concerns about broad societal risks and dangers of AI. The Claude developer said some of its new fund would go to addressing the "labor market impacts" of the technology.

After Anthropic's announcement on Sunday, Musk replied to the company's X account to say he recommends giving shares "directly to the public." Musk's comments come after US President Donald Trump's administration set up the Trump Accounts initiative, which provides $1,000 to American children born be-

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Three Leaders From Karimnagar Seek Governor Quota MLC Posts

Sattu Mallesham, Arepalli Mohan and Harkara Venugopal Rao are among the aspirants for Governor-nominated MLC posts as three vacancies approach.

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Several Congress leaders from the erstwhile Karimnagar district are reportedly making efforts to secure nominated MLC positions under the Governor's quota, as the tenure of three government-nominated Members of the Legislative Council is set to end in the second week of November.

Although Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will have the final say in selecting candidates, the party leadership is expected to consider social equations, community representation and political considerations before finalising the nominees, party sources said.

According to sources, two of the three vacancies could be allocated to leaders from Backward Classes (BCs). Meanwhile, the two Graduates' Constituency MLC seats have reportedly been earmarked for Reddy community leaders, including Ramreddy Sarvotham Reddy from the Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal constituency and Soma Rammohan Reddy from the Mahabubnagar-Ranga Reddy-Hyderabad constituency.

Sources also indicated that leaders from the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Brahmin communities could be considered for representation among the nominated MLCs.



District Libraries Council Chairman Sattu Mallesham is reportedly making serious efforts to secure an MLC position. Belonging to the Munnurukapu community, a BC group, Mallesham is said to be close to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

He has reportedly met the Chief Minister and requested consideration for the post. Following the removal of Konda Surekha from the state Cabinet, the Munnurukapu community has lacked representation in the ministry, leading to dissatisfaction among sections of the community.

A senior Congress leader observed that the party might consider providing an opportunity to a Munnurukapu leader to address these concerns and strengthen its social representation.

Former MLA Arepalli Mohan is another aspirant seeking an MLC position under the SC category. Beginning his political career as a sarpanch, he subsequently served as a ZPTC member, Zilla Parishad chairman, Manakondur MLA and government whip.

State government adviser Harkara Venugopal Rao is also reportedly seeking an MLC position under the Brahmin community category. Hailing from the Ramagundam coal belt, he is among the leaders pursuing an opportunity in the upcoming nominations.

The final selection is expected to depend on the Chief Minister's decision and the Congress leadership's assessment of political balance and community representation.

BJP Banking On BCs To Win Graduates MLC Seat

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Thttps://www.deccanchBharatiya Janata Party appears to be banking on backward classes (BC) for winning the Khammam-Warangal-Nalgonda Graduates' seat in the forthcoming elections to the State Legislative Council. Party sources indicate that the BJP has almost finalised the name of Warangal-based Dr. Vannala Venkataramana as its MLC candidate. Only an official announcement is awaited. Dr. Venkataramana is a practising doctor and BJP's state spokesperson. His father, Vannala Sriramulu, previously served as the MLA from Wardhannapet. He being from the Padmashali community is expected to give him an advantage in the polls from the Graduates' constituency.



Congress candidate Ramreddy Sarvotham Reddy has already begun his campaign. BRS is reportedly close to finalising Enugula Rakesh Reddy as its nominee. A team of BJP leaders visited Warangal last week to hold discussions before finalising its candidate. Several leaders are said to have proposed Dr. Venkataramana's name, though the name of Thoti Ravikumar from Nalgonda district also cropped up. There are demands within the party circles that this time, Nalgonda district be given an opportunity to field the candidate in the MLC polls.

However, the BJP believes that apart from social equations, the candidate's personal reputation, ability to fight for graduates' issues, and ensure coordination within party cadres should be taken into consideration before finalising its nominee.

Five MVSR Students Discharged From Hospital

Five female students injured in the truss collapse at Maturi Venkata Subba Rao (MVSR) Engineering College were discharged from a hospital in Malakpet on Monday, while more are expected to be discharged later in the day, sources told Deccan Chronicle. Four others are still in the hospital. Of the 23 students who were injured, Another student was admitted to a hospital in Secunderabad. The remaining 13 were discharged from another hospital by Sunday morning.

Meena, the sister of victim Narayana Das Sona, continues to remain hospitalised.

Sai G., brother of injured student G. Sushma, said she was discharged around midnight on Sunday after doctors declared her out of danger. She has been advised one month's rest for a crack in a bone in her left hand. "My sister is out of danger. I dropped my parents and her at our hometown, Devarakonda, as they were disturbed by the incident. They can recover among relatives during the festival. We will not send her back to college until she recovers," he said.

Two students remain in the ICU and two others are in the general ward, according to sources. Families of those in critical care are waiting for their recovery. Ramaswamy R., father of Shravya R., who is still in the ICU, said doctors were monitoring her condition. "My daughter recognises me and talks to me. I want her to walk out safely. I have been waiting here for three days and visit her during the permitted hours," he said. An employee of Singareni, Ramaswamy said he understood accidents could happen but stressed the need for caution.

Telangana Plans Buffer Stocks To Face El Niño

As of October 16, the civil supplies department's stock position showed 9.64 lakh metric tonnes of rice in buffer godowns: Reports

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Irrigation and civil supplies minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the state was planning to strengthen its foodgrain buffer to protect 3.42 crore people dependent on the PDS against possible drought, crop losses and rising food prices amid the anticipated El Niño impact. He said essential commodities, including wheat flour, were under consideration for distribution through the PDS. At a high-level review meeting in his Secretariat chambers, he directed officials to plan procurement and stock management well in advance to ensure uninterrupted supplies even if the next agricultural seasons are affected by deficient rainfall. Reviewing rice stocks and procurement plans, he stressed that Telangana should be prepared for adverse seasonal conditions rather than depend entirely on the success of the forthcoming paddy harvest.

The minister said Telangana requires about 2.38 lakh metric tonnes of rice every month, amounting to 28.56 lakh metric tonnes annually, to meet the combined requirements of the Central Pool PDS, other welfare schemes and the state pool, including the mid-day meal programme. As of October 16, the civil supplies department's stock position showed 9.64 lakh metric tonnes of rice in buffer godowns — 3.50 lakh metric tonnes under the Central Pool and OWS, and 6.14 lakh metric tonnes under the state pool. A further 18.39 lakh metric tonnes of pending custom-milled rice deliveries were awaited.

With existing stocks and pending receipts taken together, availability was estimated at 28.03 lakh metric tonnes, sufficient to meet combined requirements for about 11.7 months, up to September 2027. The minister emphasised the need to ensure that quantities expected from millers and other sources reach government stocks on schedule, noting that the position provides a cushion for another five months. He also examined the possibility of providing selected essential commodities through the PDS to cushion households against potential price increases. Items considered included wheat flour, red gram, palm oil, sugar, tamarind and chilli powder. Officials were asked to work out per-beneficiary quantities, procurement arrangements and financial burden before placing the proposal for a decision. Civil supplies commissioner Stephen Ravindra and senior officials took part in the review.

BRS Demands Fair Distribution of Indiramma Houses in Regode

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BRS leaders have urged officials to ensure that Indiramma houses are sanctioned to all eligible poor families without political discrimination. Raising concerns over the selection of beneficiaries in Regode mandal, BRS leaders submitted a petition to the Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) during the Prajavani grievance programme on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunke Ramesh, BRS Mandal General Secretary, alleged that some eligible families were being overlooked while houses were being allocated. He demanded that the government ensure transparency in beneficiary selection and prioritise genuinely poor and homeless families, irrespective of their political affiliations.



Ramesh expressed concern over allegations that some financially well-off individuals and people with political connections were receiving benefits while deserving poor families were being left out. He appealed to officials to review the selection process and ensure that government welfare schemes reach those who need them most.

He warned that the BRS would intensify its agitation if eligible beneficiaries were denied justice, adding that the party would continue to raise the issue on behalf of poor families until their concerns were addressed.

The petition was submitted in the presence of BRS leaders from Regode, including village party president Rachoti Subhash, former sarpanch Siddha Reddy, ward members, former ward members and other party representatives.

The BRS leaders called for a fair and transparent process in the distribution of Indiramma houses, stressing that housing assistance should reach genuinely deserving families without political bias.

Grand Saddula Bathukamma Celebrations in Surat

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Saddula Bathukamma celebrations were held grandly in Surat under the aegis of Balaji Nagar (GHB) Association, Siddhi Vinayaka Temple Committee, Padmashali Samaj and Kalpana Priyanka Town, Kailash Nagar. A large number of Telangana women participated, arranging colourful floral Bathukammas and celebrating with traditional songs and dances. Performances to Telugu and Gujarati songs added special charm to the festivities.



The organisers appreciated the women for proudly promoting Telangana's culture and traditions in Gujarat, their adopted home. Telangana Migrants JAC representative Godithala Lakshmipathi, Surat Padmashali General Samaj president Kodunuri Srinivas, secretary Tumma Ramesh and corporators C. Jayesh and Enagandula Kavitha attended as chief guests, along with other prominent personalities and women representatives.

Congress Groups Clash During Saddula Bathukamma Celebrations At Thallapet

Two Congress groups clashed during the Saddula Bathukamma celebrations in Thallapet village in Dandepalli mandal of Mancherial district on Sunday night. Of these, one group has its allegiance to MLA K Premsagar Rao and the other to Congress leader M Jaganmohan Rao, allegedly backed by minister Gaddam Vivek. A cold war has been going on between Premsagar and Gaddam Vivek for a long time.

Some leaders and a few municipal corporators, under the leadership of Jaganmohan Rao, separated recently from Premsagar Rao and are organising the party programmes separately with the support of Gaddam Vivek and Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi. Police teams rushed to the spot and held a lathi- charge to disperse the two groups.

A section of Congress leaders and cadre, who are supporters of senior Congress leaders Jagan Mohanrao and Kotnaka Tirupathi,
alleged that the police beat up an Adivasi woman representative of a local body and staged a protest against the alleged high-handedness of the police officers.

Ayacut Farmers Of Musi Project Face No Water Problem

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At the time when the water level in irrigation projects is falling to an alarming level and ayacut farmers are struggling for irrigation facilities to save their crops, the farmers of ayacut of Musi Project at Boppa-ram in Nalgonda district are having a favourable time. They face no problem of irrigation and the ayacut areas are appearing as green pastures due to the medium irrigation project brimming with water.

The water level in Musi project was at 637.8 feet on Monday as against the full tank level of 645 feet. Water was released to the right and left canals for ayacut for four wettings in this Kharif crop season, which would ensure a bumper crop for the farmers of the ayacut. The total area of ayacut under the Musi project is 30,000 acres. Another 10,000 acres would be irrigated through the village tanks, which would be filled with water from the medium irrigation project. A majority of the farmers in the ayacut have taken up cultivation of paddy and cotton in this Kharif crop season and the crops have reached the harvesting stage.

In the deficit rainfall time too, the farmers of the villages along the Musi river in the upper areas of the project were facing no irrigation problem. Cultivation of paddy dominated the area. Cultivation with Musi water would impact the quality of paddy up to Valigonda. But, after Mothkur, the impact of Musi pollution on the crop would be less as the Bikkeru stream would join the Musi at vardhamankota in Suryaet district. The farmers of the villages



along the course of Musi were drilling borewells and pumping water to their agricultural fields. Crops even in a single acre have not dried up in these villages that ably combated the El Nino effect. Roughly, some 10,000 to 15,000 acres was being cultivated with the irrigation facility through such borewells. Crops in about 14,770 acres were getting irrigation facility through the right canal of the Musi project, benefiting the farmers of 20 villages in Nalgonda district. Crops in 15,230 acres were getting irrigation facility in 21 villages in Suryapet district through the left canal.

A farmer, Nallabelli Yadagiri from gattu Singaram of Addaguduru mandal in Suryapet district, said he has been cultivating paddy in his two acres of agricultural land with supply of water through a borewell drilled in Musi river for over a decade. Even when there is no flow of water in Musi, his agricultural borewell would not dry up. Hence, farmers like him set along the Musi river never bothered about deficit rainfall or ground water level, he stated.

Another farmer from the same village, Maddi saidulu, said that he drilled three borewells in Musi and was providing water to the paddy in his 12 acres.

SABARIMALA CHIEF TANTRI HONOURED BY REGALLA SATISH REDDY



Regalla Satish Reddy, Chairman of Sai Mala Ayyappa Swamy Temple in Kapra, felicitated Arikkara Subrahmanyan Sankaran Namboodiri, who was appointed as the Chief Tantri of Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Swamy Temple for 2026–27 on October 18.The felicitation was held as part of Satish Reddy's birthday celebrations. Arikkara Subrahmanyan Sankaran Namboodiri honoured Satish Reddy with a shawl, conveyed birthday wishes and offered his blessings. He wished Satish Reddy good health, happiness and success in continuing his service activities.Uday Bhaskar, Muralidhar, Narasimha and others participated in the programme.

Conserving Water Resources For Drinking Water Is Everyone's Responsibility: Tummala

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Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has called upon people to conserve water resources, prioritising drinking water requirements amid concerns over the possible impact of Super El Niño and deficient rainfall during the coming months.
The minister made these remarks on Monday while inspecting the Dummugudem anicut dam near Ammagaripalli village in Ashwapuram mandal of Bhadradri-Kothagudem district. He cautioned that changing global climatic conditions and the possibility of inadequate rainfall could lead to severe water shortages, raising concerns about water availability during the upcoming summer.
Tummala said water conservation must become a collective responsibility, with drinking water needs receiving the highest priority. He stressed the importance of taking precautionary measures to manage water and energy resources efficiently.
The minister said the state government was making necessary arrangements to prevent power shortages during summer. He instructed officials to coordinate closely and ensure that water was diverted for agricultural and other purposes only after meeting drinking water requirements. If available supplies proved insufficient for drinking purposes, the use of water for other activities should be restricted, he clarified.
Highlighting the storage limitations of the Dummugudem barrage, Tummala said the structure had a designed storage capacity of 0.8 thousand million cubic feet (TMC), but current conditions permitted the storage of only around 0.5 TMC.
He said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had directed officials to examine the technical feasibility of increasing water storage capacity through the use of sandbags.
The minister emphasised that effective planning and suitable measures were essential to ensure better utilisation of available water resources.
Tummala also urged farmers to make careful decisions regarding crop cultivation in view of prevailing weather conditions. Pointing out that cultivation investments could reach ₹2–3 lakh per acre, he advised farmers to assess water availability, electricity supply and groundwater resources before selecting crops.
He stressed that informed agricultural decisions and responsible resource management would be crucial in addressing potential summer challenges.

Bathukamma Celebrations Fill Kalakruti Apartments with Floral Splendour

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The vibrant spirit of Telangana's cultural heritage came alive at Kalakruti Apartments in Tarnaka, where residents and guests celebrated Bathukamma with devotion, enthusiasm and traditional fervour.
The celebrations showcased the beauty of Telangana's iconic floral festival, with women gathering around colourful Bathukammas, offering prayers and participating in traditional songs, dances and kolatam, creating a festive atmosphere filled with joy and cultural pride.
Bathukamma, celebrated over nine days, is one of Telangana's most cherished cultural festivals. Each day has its own traditional significance, with women preparing floral arrangements using seasonal flowers and offering prayers to Goddess Gauri for the well-being, happiness and prosperity of their families.
The festival culminates in Saddula Bathukamma, when women assemble with beautifully arranged floral stacks to celebrate their cultural heritage through devotional songs, rhythmic clapping and traditional dances.
At Kalakruti Apartments, women dressed in vibrant traditional sarees enthusiastically participated in the celebrations. Beautiful floral arrangements, devotional singing and coordinated kolatam dances added colour and energy to the occasion.
Residents and guests joined the festivities wholeheartedly, making the celebration a memorable gathering of families and neighbours.
Bathukamma holds a special place in Telangana's identity, celebrating the relationship between women, nature, flowers and spirituality. Beyond its religious significance, the festival strengthens community bonds and helps preserve folk traditions for future generations.
The celebrations at Kalakruti Apartments reflected this spirit, bringing women, families and residents together in a shared expression of devotion and cultural pride.
The enthusiastic participation of residents and guests made the Bathukamma celebrations at Kalakruti Apartments a colourful and memorable occasion. The event highlighted how Telangana's rich traditions continue to flourish in urban communities. Bathukamma is more than a festival of flowers—it is a celebration of Telangana's identity, womanhood, nature and togetherness.

Minister Seethakka Appointed to Cabinet Sub-Committee on El Niño

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Telangana Government has appointed Minister Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka as a member of the Cabinet Sub-Committee constituted to review drought and El Niño conditions and recommend preventive measures.
The government issued G.O. Rt. No. 1523 in this regard.The committee, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, will assess the evolving situation and recommend necessary measures to the government.Minister Seethakka is focusing on ensuring uninterrupted drinking water supply in rural areas through regular reviews and preventive measures.
The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department is also prioritising water conservation through rainwater harvesting structures, farm ponds and percolation ponds to improve groundwater levels and minimise future water shortages.Ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Tummala Nageswara Rao and Vakiti Srihari are also members of the committee.

Jampana Pratap Joins Mahanavami Annadanam in New Bowenpally

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Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap participated in special pujas and Annadanam programmes at temples in Bowenpally on Monday, as part of the Dussehra Sharannavaratri celebrations marking Mahanavami.
Jampana Pratap offered prayers at the Bapujinagar Muthialamma Temple and the Sri Devi Pochamma Shivalingeswara Swamy Temple in the Sanjeevayya Nagar Vicar Section. He later joined the food distribution programme organised under the leadership of local leader Karan Singh in Bapuji Nagar, serving meals to hundreds of devotees.
The celebrations witnessed the participation of senior Congress leader Muppidi Madhukar, Durgayya, Karan Singh, DM Ashok and Ramayya. Venkat Lakshmi, Aravind, Avanti, Keerthana, Ramakrishna and Anjani Devi also participated in the religious and charitable activities.
The Annadanam programme highlighted the spirit of devotion, community service and social harmony associated with the festive season. Temple committees and local residents appreciated the leaders' participation and support in organising the celebrations.
The programmes concluded with devotees offering prayers and participating in the festive activities, reinforcing the importance of religious traditions and community service during the auspicious occasion of Mahanavami.

Bhoomi Pooja Performed for Indiramma Housing Beneficiaries in Bidekanne Village



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The Bhoomi Pooja ceremony for the construction of houses under the Telangana government's Indiramma Indlu scheme was performed at Bidekanne village in Jharasangam Mandal, Sangareddy district, in the presence of village Sarpanch C. Ravinder, ward members, beneficiaries and local residents.On this occasion, Sarpanch C. Ravinder conveyed his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the beneficiaries who are set to realise their dream of owning a house through the scheme.
He expressed happiness that the government was extending housing support to poor and homeless families, helping them move towards a more secure and dignified future.Ravinder expressed his gratitude to the Telangana government for extending housing assistance to eligible families in need.
He stated that providing a permanent home to economically disadvantaged people was an important step towards improving their living conditions and ensuring social security.He also acknowledged the support and cooperation of ward members, village representatives and others who contributed to the successful conduct of the programme.The ceremony marked an important occasion for the beneficiaries, as the commencement of house construction brought renewed hope of fulfilling their long-cherished dream of owning a home.The programme witnessed the participation of Indiramma housing beneficiaries, ward members and several village elders and residents.

A Heartfelt Tribute to Parents: Grand 'Pada Pooja' Ceremony Held in Narayankhed

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In a beautiful celebration of Indian traditions and family values, a grand Pada Pooja ceremony was organised at Shetkar Function Hall in Narayankhed Constituency of Sangareddy district, where children paid their respects to their parents by ceremonially worshipping their feet.
The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of a large number of children, parents and community members, creating an atmosphere filled with devotion, gratitude and emotional moments. Children took part in the traditional ceremony with great enthusiasm, expressing their love and respect for the parents who nurture, guide and support them throughout their lives.



The ceremony highlighted the timeless message that respecting parents is one of the greatest values that can be instilled in children. Through this meaningful tradition, children were encouraged to recognise the sacrifices, affection and dedication of their parents and to uphold these values in their daily lives.
The gathering also reflected the importance of preserving India's rich cultural heritage and passing traditional values on to future generations. The participation of numerous families added to the grandeur of the occasion, turning it into a memorable celebration of the bond between parents and children.
The Pada Pooja ritual served as a powerful reminder that parents deserve love, gratitude and respect not merely on special occasions, but throughout their lives.
Such cultural programmes can help nurture compassion, humility, family unity and a sense of responsibility among the younger generation.
The grand celebration at Shetkar Function Hall stood as a heartwarming example of how traditional practices can inspire children to value their parents and strengthen the foundations of family and society.

Grand Saddula Bathukamma Celebrations at Dr. Empalla Buchireddy's Residence

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Saddula Bathukamma celebrations were held with great enthusiasm and traditional spirit at the residence of Dr. Empalla Buchireddy in Bhongir town. The celebrations highlighted Telangana's rich cultural heritage and the significance of its iconic floral festival.Dr. Buchireddy and his family prepared an impressive Pedda Bathukamma, adorned with vibrant seasonal flowers arranged in beautiful patterns. The colourful floral display reflected the joy, devotion and cultural pride associated with the festival..
The situation highlights the importance of protecting water resources while preserving Telangana's cultural traditions. On this special occasion, Capol Bone Setting Centre conveyed heartfelt Bathukamma greetings to women and families, wishing them happiness, good health, prosperity and peace.

Shivaram Family Celebrates Dussehra with Grand Ammavari Pooja in Balanagar

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A grand Dussehra Ammavari Pooja was organised at Robotics Engineering in Balanagar, with Shivaram and his family welcoming well-wishers and people from different communities and places to participate in the religious celebrations.
The programme was marked by devotion and traditional prayers to Goddess Ammavari, with participants seeking her blessings for peace, prosperity and happiness. The gathering also paid respectful tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution.
Well-wishers extended their heartfelt greetings to Shivaram and his family, wishing them continued success and prosperity.
The celebration reflected the spirit of Dussehra while promoting unity, mutual respect and harmony among people from diverse backgrounds.
The event concluded on a warm note, strengthening bonds among family members, friends and community representatives and making the festive occasion memorable for everyone present.

Dr. Nahida Tarannum Joins NHM Employees' Protest in Kamareddy, Highlights Staff Demands



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Dr. Nahida Tarannum, an AYUSH Medical Officer working under the National Health Mission (NRHM), has drawn attention to the concerns of NHM employees in Kamareddy district amid a protest highlighting their service-related demands.
The protest, organised in connection with the demands of the NHM Joint Action Committee (JAC), Kamareddy district, featured employees displaying placards calling for action on their long-pending grievances and improved service conditions.
Dr. Nahida Tarannum's participation brought visibility to the concerns of healthcare personnel working under the National Health Mission. The protest highlighted the importance of addressing employee grievances and ensuring appropriate consideration of their demands.
NHM employees contribute significantly to the implementation of public health programmes, community outreach activities and the delivery of healthcare services, particularly in rural areas. Their role makes the resolution of service-related concerns an important issue for the healthcare system.
Through the demonstration, NHM employees sought the attention of the concerned authorities towards their demands and appealed for appropriate action.
The employees' concerns underline the need for constructive dialogue between the government and healthcare personnel to find practical solutions to pending service issues.
The protest in Kamareddy district has once again highlighted the relationship between employee welfare and effective public healthcare delivery. Addressing genuine concerns and providing clarity on service-related matters can help strengthen the workforce supporting healthcare services across Telangana.

India, Saudi Arabia Advance Electrical Interconnection Initiative

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India and Saudi Arabia held a high-level official discussion on ways to take forward the bilateral Electrical Interconnection Initiative between the two countries and explore avenues for strengthening cooperation in the power sector.
Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power, held a virtual bilateral meeting with Nasser Al-Qahtani, Assistant Minister of Energy for Electricity Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to review the progress of the India–Saudi Arabia Electrical Interconnection initiative, according to an official statement issued after the meeting.
The discussions focused on the progress of the proposed electrical interconnection between India and Saudi Arabia, which holds significant potential to deepen bilateral energy cooperation. Both sides exchanged views on the way forward and underscored the importance of sustained engagement to advance the initiative, the statement said.
The two sides also explored opportunities to broaden cooperation in other areas of mutual interest in the power sector, with an emphasis on technical collaboration, knowledge sharing and the exchange of best practices.
The Saudi Arabian side expressed interest in enhanced cooperation in the areas of Extra High Voltage (EHV) transmission systems, addressing technical and operational challenges associated with higher penetration of renewable energy in the grid, strategies for accommodating the growing power requirements of emerging data centres, and updating grid codes to address evolving power system requirements.
Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining constructive dialogue to further deepen the India-Saudi Arabia partnership in the power sector.
Economic ties between the two countries have steadily grown over the years. India is the 2nd largest trade partner of Saudi Arabia, whereas Saudi Arabia is the 5th largest trading partner of India. In FY 2025-26, bilateral trade stood at USD 41.07 billion, with Indian exports at USD 10.28 billion and imports at USD 30.79 billion.
Major commodities exported from India to Saudi Arabia include engineering goods, rice, petroleum products, chemicals, textiles, food products, and ceramic tiles.
Major commodities which India imports from the Kingdom are crude oil, LPG, fertilisers, chemicals and plastics.
The total Saudi investment in India, including that of the Saudi sovereign wealth fund - PIF, other Saudi companies and the Saudi-backed Vision Fund, has been about USD 10 billion. Major Saudi investors.

K'taka: Farmers, Dalit outfits call for statewide rallies on Oct 23 against SIR

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Farmers' and Dalit organisations in Karnataka have called for statewide protests on October 23 against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging irregularities in the process and announcing plans to hold public rallies at district headquarters to protect democracy.
The organisations made the announcement at a press conference in Bengaluru, declaring their support for the campaign against the SIR process and calling for demonstrations modelled on the protests held at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.
Actor and activist Prakash Raj, who addressed the press conference, said farmers' and Dalit organisations would join the movement against SIR, with rallies planned across Karnataka on October 23, a Friday.
He condemned the alleged restrictions on protests in Delhi, claiming that Jantar Mantar had been effectively closed to demonstrators and that the national capital was being turned into a police city.
He also alleged that young people and women journalists had faced police brutality during protests and accused the government of remaining silent despite the alleged mistreatment of young demonstrators.
Prakash Raj said young people across the country had taken to the streets to raise concerns over the education system and other issues, adding that the campaign against SIR had also gained momentum.
He alleged that protesters in Delhi were being prevented from reaching Jantar Mantar and claimed that 30,000 personnel had been deployed to stop the demonstrations. He further alleged that people released from jail had been armed with batons to attack protesters and that demonstrators were not even being allowed to march while holding the national flag.
Recalling the farmers' protests against the Centre's farm laws, Prakash Raj said the government had earlier used tear gas against farmers but was eventually forced to withdraw several laws following sustained protests.
"People are fed up with your misrule. Farmers will return to the streets," he warned.
Farmer leader Badagalapura Nagendra, who also addressed the press conference, alleged that political considerations had influenced the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner and demanded a transparent and impartial selection process. He called on Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar to resign and demanded the immediate cancellation of the SIR process.
Questioning the restrictions on protests at Jantar Mantar, Nagendra asked where people could raise their voices if the government continued to adopt what he described. as

Pakistan must address deeper crisis of governance, accountability before redrawing its map: Report

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Before redrawing map, Pakistan must first address its deepening crisis of governance, accountability, and democratic representation that continues to undermine state institutions in the country, a report has detailed.
Pakistan's political establishment's latest proposal to redraw its provincial map is being presented as an administrative reform designed to improve governance in a country facing population growth, weak service delivery, and uneven development. Reports that authorities are considering a plan to divide four provinces of Pakistan into 12 to 15 smaller provinces, with some proposals calling for a larger network of administrative units, have sparked intense political debate, a report in Maldives' ETruth MV.
The call for more provinces comes at a time when Pakistan's military has unprecedented influence over the political landscape of Pakistan.
The restructuring of provinces has a profound impact on federalism, provincial autonomy, resource distribution and the future balance of power between elected institutions and Pakistan's most powerful unelected actor.
The report mentioned that proposal to create smaller provinces seems persuasive, as Pakistan's demographic realities are undeniably uneven. Punjab contains more people than many nations, while Balochistan, which has nearly half of Pakistan's landmass, only has a small fraction of the population. People often feel disconnected from government institutions due to vast distances, poor infrastructure and overburdened bureaucracies.
However, considering provincial boundaries as the source of Pakistan's governance failures risks shadowing the real causes of the state dysfunction.
The political history of Pakistan has witnessed repeated attempts to reshape institutions through elite-driven engineering instead of broad democratic consent. Changes in the constitution, administrative decisions, and structural reforms have frequently originated from centres of power functioning above the electoral process. Considering this, any proposal related to the military establishment demands scrutiny, as it has an impact far beyond governance, according to a report in ETruth MV.
Redrawing provincial boundaries would redistribute political influence, fiscal authority, and institutional power in Pakistan, making the question of authorship and intent impossible to ignore. This concern becomes more important due to Pakistan's contemporary political environment.
Pakistan's military remains the country's most powerful institution despite the presence of an elected civilian government.
The timing of the proposal has also sparked questions on why the provincial restructuring has emerged as a national priority at a moment when Pakistan faces severe economic distress, rising public debt, sluggish growth, inflation and worsening investor confidence.
Currently, Pakistan faces many challenges like economic governance, fiscal weakness, energy shortages, educational deficits, and institutional dysfunction, and none of the problems will disappear because a line on the map is moved.

Delhi CM calls on L-G, discusses development issues

NEW DELHI
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Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday called on Lieutenant Governor T.S. Sandhu at Lok Niwas and discussed issues related to the city's development and security.
An official statement said, "Discussions focused on Delhi's development priorities and ensuring seamless civic arrangements, public safety and essential services across the capital during the festive season."
The meeting came a day after the Delhi government's campaign to clean Yamuna banks by engaging volunteers who offered voluntary service.
The campaign on Sunday involved 35,000 participants, including 20,000 citizens, families and RWA members, 10,500 karyakartas, 2,500 students and 2,000 NGO volunteers Students from over 25 Delhi University colleges, with more than 400 from Deshbandhu College alone, joined efforts to remove 76,755 kg of MSW. The campaign also saw the deployment of 26 JCBs, 19 tractor-trolleys, 24 boats, 7 weed harvesters, trash skimmers and 269 PWD maintenance vans, said an official.
On October 22, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is slated to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of 43 Delhi Jal Board projects worth Rs 8,941.22 crore.

NDA legislators condemn Manipur killing, urge immediate arrest of culprits

NEW DELHI
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Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Monday chaired a meeting with legislators of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and discussed the prevailing law and order situation in the state, officials said.
A post on the X handle of the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said: "Chief Minister Shri Yumnam Khemchand Singh today chaired a meeting of NDA legislators at the Chief Minister's Secretariat."
"The legislators unanimously condemned, in the strongest terms, the unfortunate incident that occurred in Imphal East today. They also directed the police and security forces to apprehend the perpetrators of the crime immediately," the post said.
The meeting assumes significance in the wake of the killing of four people, injuries to several others and reports of three people missing in separate incidents in Manipur's Imphal East and Thoubal districts over the past 24 hours. The National People's Party (NPP), led by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, and the Naga People's Front (NPF) are among the constituents of the BJP-led NDA in Manipur.
Meanwhile, Chief Minister Khemchand Singh also held a separate meeting with representatives of a Joint Action Committee (JAC) formed in connection with the killing of Laishram Rakesh Singh.
Taking to X, the Chief Minister wrote: "Met the representatives of the Joint Action Committee Against the Brutal Killing of Laishram Rakesh Singh of Khangabok Part-II, Mayai Leikai, led by Convenor Shri L. Kiran, at my Secretariat, Babupara, today."
"They submitted a memorandum regarding the case, raising their genuine concerns. I have assured them that their demands will be looked into and appropriate action will be taken as per law," he said.
In another engagement on Monday, the Chief Minister met a delegation of the Global Traditional Taekwondo Federation (GTTF) and a Taekwondo team from the Republic of Korea at the Chief Minister's Secretariat.
An official of the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said that during the meeting, the Chief Minister and the visiting delegates exchanged gifts and traditional shawls, known as Lengyan in Manipur.

Congress leaders in Kerala directed to stop airing grievances

KANNUR
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Congress' Kerala unit President Sunny Joseph on Monday warned party leaders against airing their differences in public, as disagreements over the V.D. Satheesan government's handling of the CMRL-Exalogic case add to the strains within the ruling Congress.
"Congress leaders should not make public statements that create headaches for the party. They can express their views on party platforms," Joseph, who is also the state Power Minister, told the media in Kannur, adding that the warning applied to everyone.
He said he was compelled to speak publicly because some leaders had crossed the limits and urged them to avoid controversial remarks.
The warning comes amid a familiar problem for the faction-ridden Congress in Kerala, where internal disagreements have repeatedly spilled into the public domain, often becoming more pronounced when the party is in power.
The latest round of differences has exposed competing views within the leadership over how the government should proceed in the politically sensitive CMRL-Exalogic case.
The case concerns alleged payments by Kochi-based Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd (CMRL) to Exalogic, the now-defunct IT firm owned by T. Veena, daughter of former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
The Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) have initiated separate proceedings.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Two Indians Among....

The charges were announced as part of "Operation Protect the Vote", a coordinated investigation involving all four US Attorney's Offices in California. Federal authorities arrested 11 foreign nationals on Monday, while a total of 28 were charged. All 28 are lawful permanent residents, commonly known as green card holders, but are not American citizens and are therefore ineligible to vote in US federal elections.
The charges include fraudulent voter registration and making false statements in naturalisation applications. Some offences carry a maximum prison sentence of five years, while illegal voting charges in other cases carry a maximum of one year. The arrests come amid an escalating dispute between President Donald Trump's administration and California authorities over alleged noncitizen voting ahead of the November 3 midterm elections.
The justice department has sued California, seeking to prevent the counting of mail-in ballots from more than 20,000 registered voters it suspects are noncitizens until their eligibility is verified. California officials have disputed the allegations, saying the federal government has not provided sufficient evidence to establish that the voters concerned are ineligible.
Acting deputy attorney general Trent McCotter said the 28 defendants were among those identified in the federal government's list of suspected noncitizen voters. All the accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Elon Musk Says.....

Musk's comments come after US President Donald Trump's administration set up the Trump Accounts initiative, which provides $1,000 to American children born between 2025 and 2028. SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell said earlier this year that she and her husband had gifted SpaceX stock to a Trump Account for more than 2 million children in the US.
Musk is by far the world's richest person with a net worth of more than $900 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. His SpaceX shares account for the vast majority of that wealth, at about $700 billion, with the rest coming from Tesla, Boring and Neuralink.
The billionaire has a history of floating ideas that don't materialize or suggesting plans he later explains away as jokes. Musk pinned his latest post about SpaceX shares to the top of his X page. Anthropic made its public benefit announcement as it heads toward a highly anticipated initial public offering that could value the AI pioneer at $1.5 trillion to $2 trillion. The company said it could add an additional 2% to the fund at the board's discretion for every 50% increase in the company's value above a set baseline.

3 People Arrested.....

According to the Mumbai Police, two of the three accused fired at Shroff's car before fleeing on a motorcycle. The Crime Branch traced their escape route from Andheri to Borivali, then to Surat and finally to Kota, Rajasthan, where they were detained with the help of the local police. The motorcycle allegedly used in the firing was found in Mumbai's Andheri area, while no weapons have been recovered from the accused so far.
Crime Branch DCP Raj Tilak Roushan said sections relating to attempt to murder and the Arms Act had been invoked. The police are still investigating the motive behind the firing and verifying an alleged social media post linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. The investigation is ongoing, and further arrests have not been ruled out. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the three accused were nabbed in Rajasthan after the Mumbai Police shared information about their movements with the Rajasthan Police. He said the accused had fled towards Surat before boarding the Pune–Jaipur Express and were eventually caught at Kota railway station. "We have nabbed them from Rajasthan. They fled towards Surat. They took a Pune–Jaipur Express train. Mumbai Police shared info with Rajasthan Police, and that's how Rajasthan Police nabbed them. Rajasthan Police arrested them from Kota station," Fadnavis said.
Meanwhile, opposition parties have criticised Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, questioning the state government's handling of law and order following the firing incident. Describing the government.

CRIME

Telangana HC: Unproven Suicide Claims, 'Illatom' Demand Not Cruelty for Divorce

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The Telangana High Court has held that unsubstantiated allegations that a wife had suicidal tendencies, displayed abnormal behaviour and insisted that her husband live at her parental home under the 'illatom' arrangement could not constitute cruelty warranting divorce. Dismissing the husband's appeal for divorce after nearly nine years of its pendency, the court ruled that allegations of cruelty must be supported by credible evidence and that petty quarrels and trivial disputes between spouses did not amount to mental cruelty.

A division bench of Justice K. Lakshman and Justice K. Sujana observed that the conduct alleged must be "grave and weighty" enough to make it unreasonable to expect one spouse to live with the other. It must be more serious than the ordinary wear and tear of married life, the bench said. The bench was dealing with an appeal filed in 2017 by the husband against the judgment of the Family Court, which had rejected his request to grant divorce on grounds of the cruelty and mental torture. The wife had filed cases under the provisions of the Domestic Violence Act against the husband on the grounds of harassment and demanding additional dowry, after their children were born. The husband filed the divorce petition in 2012 against this backdrop.

The wife a petition for restitution of conjugal rights petition in the same year, 2012. The Family Court dismissed the husband`s petition in 2017 following which he approached the High Court . The bench held that although the husband had levelled several allegations of cruelty against his wife, he had failed to substantiate any of them with credible evidence. The bench also reiterated that the cumulative effect of the parties' conduct must be considered while determining cruelty, rather than assessing isolated incidents in a vacuum.

The bench noted that the couple had been living separately for around 14 years. and one of their children was now 16 years old. Under the circumstances of the case, the husband did not establish the grave and serious conduct required to grant divorce on the ground of cruelty under Section 13(1)(ia) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

KUSHAIGUDA POLICE PREPARE FOR SAFE AND PEACEFUL DUSSEHRA

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Kushaiguda Inspector of Police L. Bhaskar Reddy said comprehensive security arrangements have been made to ensure the peaceful and safe conduct of Bathukamma celebrations, Ravan Dahan and Durga idol immersion programmes during Dussehra.

Bhaskar Reddy held a review meeting with police officials on Monday and issued instructions on maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety and regulating traffic.

Security measures and personnel duties were also explained through a PowerPoint presentation.

He said advance planning was being carried out for the smooth immersion of Durga idols within the Kushaiguda police station limits. Immersion routes are being inspected in advance, barricades will be installed at required locations and measures will be taken to prevent traffic disruptions.

Special security arrangements will be made at Kapra Lake, while vulnerable areas will be identified in advance. Police personnel have been instructed to pay special attention to the safety of children, women and senior citizens during the immersion process.

Bhaskar Reddy appealed to festival organisers to strictly follow police guidelines and regulations and cooperate with the police to ensure peaceful celebrations.

Prime Accused In Chit Fund Scam Held At Airport

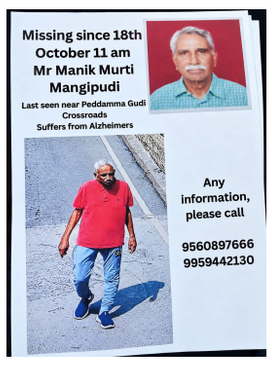
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Veda Seethamma alias Seetha Veda, prime accused in a case allegedly involving collection of large sums of money from the public through chit fund schemes and failing to repay them, was taken into custody by immigration officials upon arrival at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport here on Monday. Seetha, a resident of HMT Hills in KPHB, had allegedly collected crores of rupees under the guise of chit schemes and fled to America without repayment. Victims filed a complaint at KPHB police station, which registered Crime No. 1080/2026 on August 24 regarding ₹16 crore. The accused include prime accused Seetha, her husband V. Ramana Reddy and their daughter Veda Harisha Reddy. Investigations revealed they operated without authorisation and collected up to ₹40 crore from nearly 60 individuals, partly as loans at interest.

KPHB police arrested Ramana Reddy on September 16 and produced him before court. As Seetha had gone abroad, officials issued a look-out circular issued for her. On Snday at 4.23 am, immigration officials identified her on arrival from Abu Dhabi, detained and handed her over to KPHB police.

Elderly Man Missing Since October 18; Family Seeks Public Help

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Manik Murti Mangipudi has been missing since 11 AM on October 18. He was last seen near Peddamma Gudi Crossroads in Hyderabad.

According to the missing-person notice, he suffers from Alzheimer's disease. His family has appealed to the public to help trace him and share any information about his whereabouts.

Anyone with information is requested to contact 9560897666 or 9959442130.

The public is urged to share this information to help reunite him with his family.

Uppal Police Ready to Ensure a Safe and Peaceful Dussehra

Tight Security Arrangements for Bathukamma, Ravan Dahan and Durga Idol Immersion

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Uppal Circle Inspector Y. Ramalinga Reddy said comprehensive security arrangements have been made to ensure the peaceful and safe conduct of Bathukamma celebrations, Ravan Dahan and Durga idol immersion programmes during Dussehra.

Ramalinga Reddy held a review meeting with police officials on Monday and issued instructions to SI's and personnel on maintaining law and order, public safety and traffic management. He also briefed the staff on security measures and their duties during the festival.

He said advance plans were being implemented for the smooth immersion of Durga idols within the Uppal police station limits. Immersion routes are being inspected in advance, barricades will be installed where necessary and measures will be taken to avoid traffic disruptions.

Special security arrangements will be made at water bodies, while vulnerable areas will be identified in advance with priority given to public safety. Police personnel were instructed to pay special attention to the safety of children, women and senior citizens during the immersion process.

Ramalinga Reddy appealed to festival organisers to strictly follow police guidelines and regulations and cooperate with the police to ensure peaceful Dussehra celebrations.

EDITORIAL

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

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Last week, Australian Federal Police commissioner Krissy Barrett warned artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots are not a sufficient replacement for human support for children.The comment was in response to a recent Adelaide University study that found more than one in three Australian children turn to AI chatbots for support when they are sexually victimised online, or otherwise tell nobody at all.

While there can be benefits to children using AI, such as help with learning, or practising social skills, there is also a risk they will go to AI chatbots and assistants for emotional support over parents and other trusted adults.In Australia, around half of children aged between 10 and 17 who use AI are turning to it for personal and social reasons.

This includes seeking advice on sensitive topics, talking about their feelings, and just "hanging out".

So how can parents help their children to use AI safely?Why are kids turning to AI chatbots over people?

One practical reason why young people are using the tech is it can provide them with answers around the clock. This means a chatbot might be a natural go-to when a child wants a quick answer and a trusted adult or friend isn't available.Another reason is pure curiousity. Like adults, young people are experimenting with AI and trying to understand what it does and how it can make their lives better.

Seeking deeper connections

Sometimes the reason for talking to chatbots is deeper though.It might be that a young person wants information about something they feel embarrassed about raising with their parents or friends. As teens explore their identity, they begin to ask more sensitive questions. This may make them more likely to use AI for personal reasons than younger children.For others, the reason is an unmet need for connection. Reaching out to chatbots for personal reasons is more common for those who are already vulnerable.

A 2025 Danish study found loneliness may be a precursor for high school students seeking AI companionship. Other studies suggest a lack of connection to parental figures may also lead to teens talking to chatbots.What do kids miss out on when they choose chatbots over people?

A major concern is that, if AI use becomes excessive, it may displace real-world interactions and create unrealistic expectations of human relationships.

Another concern is the quality of the advice AI provides. And it's not just its capacity to spread convincing misinformation that's a problem.AI lacks the full context of a child's life. Parents and carers are often much better placed to provide the nuanced and age-appropriate guidance their child needs.There are also more subtle impacts. When a child poses questions to an AI chatbot over a parent, they are missing out on day-to-day moments of connection with family. While each miss may be small, the accumulation over time can truly matter.This is especially important for children. Research shows strong and secure bonds with parents in the preteen years support kids as they navigate the challenges of adolescence.

Here's how can parents and carers can help their child experiment with AI and stay safe.

1. Explore AI together

Find a moment to sit down and explore AI tools on a device with your child. You might: engage in brainstorming ideas with the software test a chatbot's ability to correctly source information ask the AI about itself with questions such as "do you have feelings?" and "can you think?" Ask AI to generate and edit a short story with your child as the lead character.Ask AI to tell a joke.

Play a game with an AI chatbot, such as twenty questions.One AI game that is both fun and educational is the "catch the AI out" game. The idea is to test AI on topics that you know or can fact



Inorbit Mall Cyberabad Celebrates Dasara with 'Rhythms of Dasara' Cultural Extravaganza

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Inorbit Mall Cyberabad celebrated the festive spirit of Dasara with 'Rhythms of Dasara', a vibrant cultural extravaganza featuring traditional dance, music, interactive activities and family-oriented entertainment on October 17 and 18. The celebrations brought together festive traditions and contemporary entertainment, offering visitors an opportunity to enjoy the season with family and friends.

Organised at the mall's East Atrium, the two-day programme highlighted the cultural significance of Dasara, symbolising the triumph of good over evil. Through a series of colourful performances and engaging activities, the event created a lively atmosphere for visitors of all ages.

The celebrations commenced on October 17 with an energetic Dandiya Night, featuring an emcee-led programme, interactive games and audience participation. A festive fashion walk by children added colour to the evening, while a special Dandiya performance and a Garba presentation by young performers showcased the enthusiasm and talent of the participants.

The evening continued with a grand group Dandiya performance, bringing together participants in a celebration of music, dance and festive traditions. The programme concluded with an open celebration, encouraging visitors to join the festivities and experience the joy of traditional Gujarati dance forms.

On October 18, the celebrations continued with Cultural Evening 2.0, a specially curated 2.5-hour programme celebrating India's rich cultural heritage through live musical performances and audience engagement.

The evening began with a festive introduction, followed by musical interludes that created an engaging experience for visitors. The programme culminated in a grand finale celebrating the spirit of Shakti, symbolising feminine strength and divine energy associated with the festive season. The performances added a cultural dimension to the mall's festive calendar, bringing traditional themes to life through music and entertainment.

With 'Rhythms of Dasara', Inorbit Mall Cyberabad reinforced its focus on creating engaging experiences beyond shopping. By bringing together cultural performances, interactive entertainment and family-friendly activities, the mall offered visitors a festive destination to celebrate traditions, discover local talent and connect with the community.

The initiative reflected the spirit of India's festive season, where culture, entertainment and togetherness come together to create memorable experiences for people across generations.

Sensex, Nifty open flat as mixed global cues keep investors cautious

MUMBAI
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Domestic equity benchmarks opened on a flat note on Monday tracking mixed global cues and momentum from last week's gains.

Sensex opened at 74,849.30, up 120.03 points or 0.16 per cent, while Nifty began trading at 23,150.85, up 4.70 points or 0.02 per cent.

Sectorally, Nifty PSU Bank led gains and rose over 1 per cent, followed by Nifty Oil & Gas which surged 0.6 per cent.

In contrast, Nifty Private Bank, Nifty IT and Nifty Chemicals dropped up to 1 per cent.

Market experts said momentum from Nifty's 2.8 per cent surge last week and good results from banking majors after better-than-expected IT earnings could keep the market resilient.

"However, escalation of tensions in Hormuz and consequent surge in Brent crude to $109 will act as a strong headwind," according to them.

They further said that attractive large-cap valuations and rupee appreciation turned FII stance slightly positive, though unlikely to sustain at high crude prices. Large-caps outperforming mid and small-caps is likely to continue, with stock-specific action on Q2 results.

For Nifty, immediate support is placed at 22,950–23,000, while resistance is seen at 23,250–23,300, the experts said and added that RSI strengthened to 52.81 above its average of 34.70, while PCR stood at 1.08.

In the previous session on October 16, FIIs turned net buyers after 15 straight sessions of selling, buying equities worth about Rs 1,166 crore, while DIIs ended their 45-session buying streak with net sales of around Rs 3,661 crore.

On commodities, Brent crude traded nearly 2 per cent lower at around $107.76 per barrel, while US WTI declined about 1 per cent to $100.43.

In Asia, markets were mixed. Japan's Nikkei traded 0.84 per cent lower, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng and South Korea's KOSPI rose up to 0.83 per cent. Indonesia's Jakarta Composite fell over 5 per cent.

Rupee falls 3 paise to 94.92 against US dollar, ends six-session rally

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The rupee pared its initial gains and settled 3 paise lower at 94.92 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by a sharp fall in domestic equity markets and a recovery in crude oil prices.

The rupee snapped its six-session winning streak and ended in negative territory amid continued pressure from foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows and elevated crude oil prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.90 against the US dollar. During intraday trade, it touched a high of 94.75 and a low of 94.97 against the American currency.

The rupee settled at 94.92 (provisional) against the greenback, registering a loss of 3 paise from its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee extended its upward momentum for the sixth consecutive session, settling 10 paise higher at 94.89 against the US dollar, supported by the Reserve Bank of India's measures to curb spot dollar demand.



During the week ended October 16, the Indian rupee appreciated by approximately 2 per cent, supported by the RBI's measures to manage dollar demand.

"RBI measures may help stabilise short-term currency movements, but a sustainable recovery will depend on lower oil prices, improved foreign capital flows and easing external pressures," said Gaurav Garg, head of research at Lemonn.

Garg further noted that while the rupee's recovery was encouraging, its sustainability would depend on whether global and domestic fundamentals improved alongside RBI support.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.09 per cent higher at 101.93.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 1.17 per cent lower at USD 108.58 per barrel in futures trade.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a positive bias amid overall weakness in the dollar and softening US Treasury yields. However, elevated crude oil prices and FII outflows may cap sharp gains," said Anuj Choudhary, research analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan.

On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex tumbled 876.37 points to settle at 73,852.90, while the Nifty dropped 257.20 points to 22,888.95.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) turned net buyers, purchasing equities worth Rs 1,165.92 crore on Friday, according to exchange data.

Meanwhile, according to RBI data released on Friday, India's foreign exchange reserves fell by USD 8.578 billion to USD 726.027 billion during the week ended October 9.

In the previous reporting week, the reserves had declined by USD 12.952 billion to USD 734.606 billion.

Gajjela Nagesh Celebrates Bathukamma Across Secunderabad Cantonment



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Former Telangana State Beverages Corporation Chairman and Secunderabad Cantonment MLA contestant Gajjela Nagesh participated in Bathukamma celebrations held at Bollaram, Adarsh Nagar, Risala Bazaar, Anna Nagar Auto Stand and Arjun Nagar.

Former Bowenpally Market Chairman T.N. Srinu, Telangana movement activists and senior leaders Ravula Satish, Satyanarayana Goud and Jangala Murali Yadav, former Boinpally Market Director Devulapally Srinivas, Kanakaiah, Devaraj, BRS leaders and local residents also attended the celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagesh expressed happiness over celebrating Bathukamma with people, describing the festival as a symbol of Telangana's rich culture, traditions and the self-respect of women.

He reiterated that the BRS party remains committed to preserving Telangana's cultural heritage and continuing its traditional celebrations with public participation.

Raj Diamonds Expects 20–25% Festive Jewellery Sales Growth

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India's jewellery market is expected to witness strong growth during the festive and wedding seasons, with diamond jewellery sales projected to increase by 20–25% in value, said Eshwar Surana, Managing Director of Raj Diamonds.

Surana said the company had already received an encouraging response from customers, with buyers increasingly opting for natural diamond jewellery alongside traditional gold purchases.

Rising disposable incomes, the growing influence of Gen Z and millennials, and a preference for meaningful investments are driving this demand.

The convergence of festivals and the wedding season is further boosting diamond sales, particularly in the bridal segment, where natural diamonds are gaining popularity. Consumers are also embracing contemporary designs, including 18-karat closed-setting jewellery and lightweight 14-karat pieces suited to modern lifestyles.

Surana observed that natural diamonds are increasingly becoming popular beyond bridal wear, with customers choosing versatile designs for everyday use, gifting and special occasions.

He added that jewellers offering modern designs, quality craftsmanship, competitive value and customer trust would benefit most from the festive demand. Raj Diamonds remains committed to creating exquisite diamond jewellery that celebrates cherished moments and becomes a treasured heirloom for generations.

ZOORI Launches First Natural Diamond Jewellery Store in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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Natural diamond jewellery brand ZOORI has launched its first retail outlet at Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, marking its entry into retail after more than two decades of jewellery manufacturing experience. The brand aims to expand its presence across India, with plans to open 25 stores within the next three years.

Founded by Sai Vineeth, Mahesh Choudhary and Ankush Surana, ZOORI plans to open three more outlets in Hyderabad over the next three months. Its second outlet is scheduled to open in Kompally before Diwali.

The brand offers contemporary jewellery featuring natural diamonds, genuine gemstones and quality gold. Its collections include BIS-hallmarked gold jewellery and IGI-certified diamond jewellery in 18KT, 14KT and 9KT. With prices ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹5 lakh, ZOORI primarily targets younger consumers seeking lightweight, fashionable designs for everyday wear and special occasions.



(L-R) Siri, Nagamani, Suresh Kumar Ennamuri, Franchisee owner of ZOORI; Suma, Sridhar Bonala, Franchisee owner of Zoori; inaugurating the maiden Retail outlet ZOORI - a trusted jewelry brand built on craftsmanship, transparency and customer care, today at Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda. ZOORI has ambitious expansion plans to unveil over 25 stores in a year.

Speaking at the launch, founder Sai Vineeth said the brand aims to make natural diamond jewellery an integral part of everyday life through contemporary designs, transparent pricing and customer-focused services. Founder Mahesh Choudhary said the showroom's modern interiors and VIP lounge reflect evolving customer preferences, with the same design concept planned for upcoming outlets.

The Somajiguda showroom's franchise owners, Sridhar Bonala, Chandrahas Innamuri and Suresh Kumar Ennamuri, expressed confidence in the brand's growth plans and said they aim to build lasting customer relationships while expanding its presence in Hyderabad.

ZOORI's customer-care programme includes free lifetime maintenance, a 20-day return policy, lifetime diamond exchange, loyalty benefits, insurance options and continued support through phone, WhatsApp and email.

Founder Ankush Surana said the company plans to expand into major markets nationwide and launch an online platform to complement its physical stores.

The brand seeks to address growing demand for affordable, lightweight and designer jewellery amid rising gold prices.

ZOORI's business model focuses on certified products, quality craftsmanship and transparent pricing, avoiding excessive showroom markups and high-pressure sales. Through its manufacturing expertise and customer-first approach, the company aims to establish itself as a trusted name in India's natural diamond jewellery market.

Over 1,000 Devotees Attend Durga Puja at Suraj Bhan Garden



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More than 1,000 devotees participated in the Maa Durga Puja celebrations organised by the Suraj Bhan family at Suraj Bhan Garden near Shaikpet, Hyderabad.

The event featured special prayers and devotional bhajans, creating a spiritual atmosphere.

Established in 1964, Suraj Bhan Garden is one of Hyderabad's oldest grape gardens, preserving its heritage for over six decades.

Manish Kumar, co-owner of Suraj Bhan Gardens, expressed happiness over the enthusiastic participation, praying for peace, prosperity and well-being through Goddess Durga's blessings.

The celebrations highlighted the enduring traditions of faith, devotion and community spirit at the historic garden.

Now married to actor Abhishek Bachchan, actress Aishwarya Rai once revealed what qualities

Mumbai:

Now married to actor Abhishek Bachchan, actress Aishwarya Rai once revealed what qualities she would love in her man during a candid interaction with veteran actress Farida Jalal.

The 'Devdas' actress had shared that she would like to be with someone with a sense of humor and the ability to laugh at themselves. Aishwarya added that as she is a people's person, and hence, her partner should not be judgemental of others, something she termed was extremely important to her.

"See, sensitive, have a great sense of humor, have an ability to laugh at himself. Very important. Respect, respect others and himself. Not complex. Should be able to relate to people for who they are, because I guess I am a people's person. So, uncomplicated, who doesn't... who is not



judgmental. Very human. That's very important," she told Farida Jalal.

Aishwarya went on to add that, according to her, what makes a relationship last at the end of the day is compatibility.

"And more than anything else, I think, see these... that will just go on and on and on. I think what's important at the end of the day is compatibility. I've always said this. I think that will be the magic word between us. I mean, love definitely. All that will be there. But I think the fine thread that will probably link us is compatibility, I think", the 'Jodhaa Akbar' explained.

Talking about Aishwarya and Abhishek, these two have worked together in a number of projects, including 'Kuch Naa Kaho', 'Dhoom 2', 'Sarkar Raj', 'Umrao Jaan', 'Guru', and 'Raavan'.

If the reports were to be believed, Aishwarya and Abhishek first met back in 1999 for the photo shoot of their first project together, 'Dhaai Akshar Prem Ke'.

After being in a relationship for some time, Aishwarya and Abhishek finally got married on April 20, 2007, in a grand traditional ceremony.

They took the next step in their journey on 16 November 2011 as they welcomed their first child, daughter Aaradhya Bachchan.

Jackie Shroff makes first public appearance post attack on son Tiger Shroff, attends Bappi Lahiri Marg event

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Bollywood star Jackie Shroff made his first public appearance following the attack on his son, actor Tiger Shroff. The actor was seen attending the naming and unveiling ceremony of Bappi Lahiri Marg in Mumbai.

The actor was present at the event held in honour of legendary singer and composer Bappi Lahiri. The road has been named after the late musician, who lived in the locality for 45 years, in recognition of his association with the area and his contribution to Indian music.

Actors Poonam Dhillon, Suniel Shetty, Sharad Kelkar and Gulshan Grover were also among those who attended the ceremony.

Jackie Shroff was seen wearing a white outfit at the event. His appearance came in the wake of the firing incident involving his son, Tiger Shroff, which has shook the industry.

For the uninitiated, the firing incident took place in Mumbai's Juhu area on October 18, when unidentified assailants on a motorcycle allegedly opened fire at the car carrying Tiger Shroff.

The actor escaped unhurt, while his driver and a passerby sustained injuries. The incident occurred as Tiger was leaving after a football-related outing.

Following the incident, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited the actor's house to check upon his whereabouts.

Earlier strongly condemning the incident, Eknath Shinde, had described it as deeply concerning and assured that those responsible would face strict action.

He said he had spoken to the Mumbai Police Commissioner, who has formed strong teams to track down and apprehend the accused.

"Our current priority is to keep Mumbai and its citizens safe. Whether it is a celebrity or an ordinary citizen, ensuring their safety is the responsibility of both the police and the government. There will be no laxity in this regard, and no gang, whoever they may be, will be spared," Eknath Shinde said while interacting with the media. The firing incident is under investigation by Mumbai Police.

Sridhar Wins Top Show Jumping Title at Telangana Equestrian Championship



HYDERABAD
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Waheed Uddin

Pothuraju Sridhar emerged victorious in the prestigious 110–115 cm Open Show Jumping Championship as the second Telangana State Equestrian Championship concluded at the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC) on October 18.

The championship, held from October 14 to 18 alongside the second National Qualifier of the 2026 season, witnessed the determination and sporting talent of equestrian athletes competing across multiple categories. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC B. Mahesh Kumar Goud presented medals to the state championship winners. A total of 16 state titles were decided over two days across Hacks, Dressage and Show Jumping events.

Cash prizes worth ₹1,02,500 were presented on behalf of title partner Phoenix Group.

In the 110–115 cm Open championship class, Sridhar secured first place riding Dilano, followed by Sauryaram Indukuri on Happyness and Mohammed Amaan Ali on Flying Champ. Jaiveer Varma, riding Valensky VDL, received the Highly Recommended recognition.

Indukuri delivered an impressive performance, winning gold in the 80–90 cm Under-14 category on Happyness and securing silver in the championship class. HPRC's Ananya Gupta also had a successful outing, winning four medals across Dressage and Show Jumping events.

Other Sunday winners included Dhruva Potineni in Children II Dressage and the 60 cm Under-12 Show Jumping category, L. Samara Reddy in the 60 cm Open event, Kori Vivaan in the 80–90 cm Under-12 category and Aarnav Reddy in the 80–90 cm Open competition.

The prize distribution and group photograph were attended by GHMC Zonal Commissioner P. Uday Kumar, Cyberabad Deputy Commissioner of Police Ch. Srinivas, HPRC President Chaitania R. Kumar, HPRC Vice-President Kunwar Vijender Singh, committee member Chandra Rama Rao, and Telangana State Equestrian Association office-bearers Siraj Attari and Raghu Panchakarla, among others.

Telangana Finishes Runner-Up at National Bandy Championship

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Wakeup telangana
Waheed Uddin



Telangana's young Bandy players delivered an impressive performance at the 8th National Bandy Championship-2026, held on October 17 and 18 at iSkate, Ambience Mall, Gurugram, securing the runner-up team championship trophy with 18 points.

Organised by the Bandy Association of India, the championship saw Telangana win three gold medals and one silver medal. Haryana topped the standings with 19 points.

Telangana won gold in the Under-10 girls' event against Tamil Nadu (1-0), the Under-14 boys' event against Tamil Nadu (2-0), and the Under-14 girls' event against Uttar Pradesh in a penalty shootout (1-0). The Under-10 boys secured silver after losing the final 0-1 to Haryana.

P. Mithuna (SVIS), G. Mokshitha (Arsha Skating Academy) and Sanjay Skriti (Game Point, Kompally) emerged as top scorers, netting three goals each. Sai Tanish and Jhatin Dheera of Arsha Skating Academy were among Telangana's leading boys' scorers.

The team's success reflects the dedication of the players and the guidance of the coaches and support staff. Congratulations to the players, coach and secretary Md. Naseeruddin for bringing laurels to Telangana.

Punjab FC rescue point against Mumbai City FC with 90th-minute goal

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Substitute Gurkirat Singh scored a 90th-minute equaliser as Punjab FC came from behind to secure a 1-1 draw against Mumbai City FC in their second Indian Super League (ISL) 2026-27 fixture at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi on Monday.

Leandro Otormín had given the Islanders the lead from the penalty spot in the 65th minute, but the Shers continued to push forward in search of an equaliser. Their persistence paid off in the closing stages when substitute Sanathoi Meetei delivered a precise cross from the left for Gurkirat to head home and earn Punjab a valuable point at home.

Following the draw, Punjab FC moved to third place in the ISL 2026-27 standings with four points from their opening two matches, maintaining their unbeaten start to the season.

The match began at a lively tempo, with Punjab FC moving the ball quickly and switching flanks to find openings in Mumbai City's defence. In the fourth minute, midfielder Rishikanta Meitei unleashed a powerful right-footed strike from distance towards the bottom-left corner, forcing Mumbai City goalkeeper Rehenesh T P to dive and punch the ball away for a corner. Mumbai City responded through their wide players, with Punjab's defensive line remaining alert to the threat. Left-back Khaiminthang Lhungdim made an important intervention in the 10th minute to concede a corner, from which Leandro Otormín headed narrowly wide. Muhammad Uvais then produced a timely block on the left flank in the 15th minute to stop Noufal P N's forward run.

Hyderabad Zoo to welcome kangaroos, wallabies and lemurs

Hyderabad's Nehru Zoological Park is preparing to welcome kangaroos, wallabies, ring-tailed lemurs and cassowaries from Vantara. The zoo has arranged facilities for the new arrivals, while a pair of zebras is also planned for the city's wildlife collection.

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Kangaroos, wallabies, ring-tailed lemurs and cassowaries (flightless birds) are set to become new attractions at the Nehru Zoological Park. The Hyderabad Zoo has raised a request with Vantara, a global wildlife rescue and conservation centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat, which has agreed in principle to send these animals to the city.

The Hyderabad Zoo has already made arrangements, including an enclosure and a night house, to welcome its first-ever pair of kangaroos, comprising one male and one female. Kangaroos are among the most well-known Australian cultural symbols. A team from Vantara has already visited the zoo and inspected the facilities and other infrastructure.

Vantara has agreed to share its animal collection, including kangaroos, with us. Currently, they are occupied with other rescue and rehabilitation works. We will shortly welcome new inmates," zoo officials said.

In 2020, plans had been made to bring four kangaroos from Yokohama Zoological Gardens, Japan, to the city zoo. While a deal was signed between the two zoos, it could not materialise due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition to exotic animals, the zoo is set to receive a pair of wallabies, kangaroo-like animals that stand around three feet tall, compared to kangaroos, which can reach heights of up to eight feet.

Further, the city zoo's primate family is set to grow bigger as a pair of ring-tailed lemurs will be added. These primates, which are native to Madagascar, have long tails with alternating black and white rings. One of the unique traits of these lemurs is that they often sit upright with their arms spread wide to warm their bodies in the morning.

Also in the pipeline is a pair of zebras, which will arrive from Vantara. Currently, the zoo is home to three zebras, two males and one female, which have also been brought from Vantara. Presently, the zoo has 2,178 animals in its collection, including 320 reptiles, 498 mammals and eight amphibians.

Meanwhile, the zoo administration has arranged water sprinklers, foggers and air conditioners to protect its inmates from rising daytime temperatures due to the El Niño impact.



TG SAFE warns consumers against unsafe pheni, khara ahead of Dasara

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The Telangana food safety wing, TG SAFE, has advised the public to be cautious while purchasing pheni, khara and other snacks after safety violations, including unhygienic preparation conditions and suspected adulteration, came to light during a recent enforcement drive.

With sweet sales already picking up ahead of Dasara, officials have urged consumers to exercise caution while buying sweets and traditional snacks, including pheni. They have advised the public to purchase products only from licensed establishments, check their freshness and quality, and avoid items stored in unhygienic conditions.

In one of the cases, on October 8, officials inspected 12 pheni and khara manufacturing units in the CURE area as part of a food safety drive. The inspections led to action against several establishments. Officials seized 1,950 kg of pheni worth Rs 2.30 lakh over labelling violations and quality concerns. Twelve samples were collected for examination over suspected adulteration, while contaminated food was discarded. Several establishments faced licence suspension, while units operating without valid licences were ordered to shut down.

In another case, on September 16, Balaji Pheni and Namkeen in LB Nagar faced action over unhygienic food preparation conditions. The cases have highlighted the need for strict compliance with food safety and hygiene standards in the manufacture and sale of popular snacks.

Officials have advised consumers to check packaging, manufacturing and expiry dates, ingredient details and mandatory labelling information before purchasing packaged food. They should avoid products that appear discoloured, have an unusual smell or show signs of contamination, and refrain from buying unpackaged snacks from unhygienic premises.

Shilpa Layout flyover service roads at Gachibowli ready to open

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In a boost to the city's IT corridor infrastructure, the service roads flanking the Shilpa Layout Flyover (PJR Flyover Phase-2) at Gachibowli have been completed and will soon be opened to traffic, easing daily commutes for hundreds of motorists in the region.

For months, the bottleneck at the bustling Gachibowli junction, aggravated by pending land acquisitions and stormwater utility shifts,



had turned peak-hour transit into a test of patience. With the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) successfully delivering these crucial, wide service lanes and integrated underpasses, the gridlock has finally dissolved. The seamless integration of these service roads provides immediate, friction-free connectivity between Gachibowli, Kondapur, and the Financial District, allowing local traffic to move independently of the overhead flyover corridors.

IT professionals and residents heading toward the Outer Ring Road (ORR) report an instant, drastic reduction in travel times. What was once a grueling bumper-to-bumper crawl is now a brisk, streamlined drive, marking yet another milestone in Hyderabad's evolving, world-class urban mobility network.

Built under the Strategic Road Development Plan (SRDP), the project seeks to separate local vehicles from fast-moving traffic. Officials point out that keeping neighbourhood traffic on the service lanes goes a long way in ultimately keeping the main flyover moving smoothly without traffic jams.

The municipal officials familiar with the project added that separating local vehicles from RGIA airport-bound traffic helps stop vehicles from cutting across each other, keeping vehicles moving smoothly through the area.

Traffic diversions near PVNR Expressway from Monday to Thursday

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The Hyderabad traffic police announced traffic diversions in view of the CC road-laying work near Pillar No. 37 of the PVNR Expressway towards Mehdipatnam from Monday to Thursday.

Traffic coming from Attapur towards Nampally and nearby areas via Mehdipatnam can take a diversion at Pillar No. 92, take a U-turn and proceed via 100 Feet Road – Purana Pool – Jummerat Bazar.

Vehicle traffic coming from Shaikpet towards Attapur via Pillar No. 31 can take a diversion at Nanal Nagar – right – Balika Bhavan Junction – Lakshminagar – Attapur Road.

Traffic coming from Shaikpet towards Langer House and Sun City via Nanal Nagar X Road can take a diversion at KFC U-turn – Shaikpet Nala – Banjari Darwaza – Makki Darwaza – Ramdevguda – Tippu Khan Junction.

Vehicles coming from Lakdi-Ka-Pool towards Attapur via Rethibowli can take a diversion at Azizia Mosque – left – Meraj Cafe Junction – straight – Yadav Bhavan – right – Gudimalkapur – Pillar No. 68 – Attapur Road.

Baling Gautham Goud Offers Prayers at Temples During Dasara Navaratri Celebrations

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Congress leader Baling Gautham Goud visited various temples and offered special prayers on the occasion of Devi Sharannavaratri celebrations.

As part of the festivities, he first visited Gangaram Ammavari Temple and performed special pujas, praying for the health, prosperity and well-being of the people. He wished that everyone would be blessed with happiness, good health and prosperity.Later, Gautham Goud visited the Sri Vijaya Vinayaka Youth Ammavari Mandapam in Miyapur and sought the blessings of the Goddess.

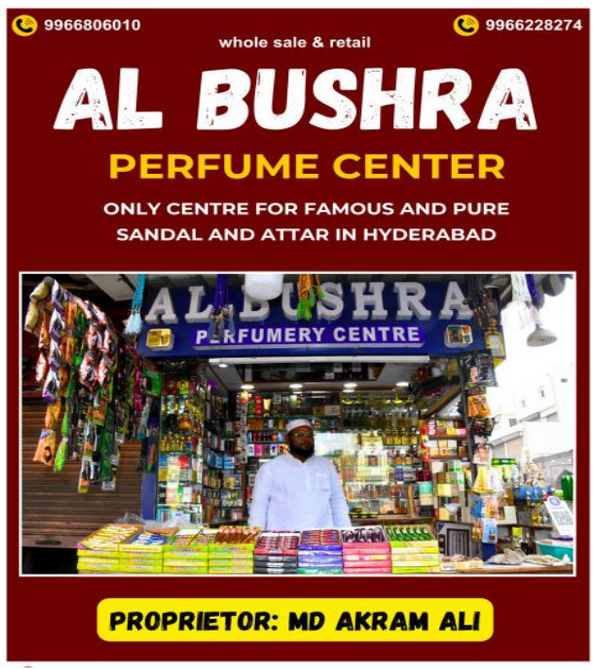


He also participated in the annadanam programme organised on the temple premises.Temple committee members, local leaders and a large number of devotees participated in the celebrations. On the occasion, Gautham Goud wished that the divine blessings of Goddess Durga would always be upon everyone..

CMC Introduces QR Booking; GHMC Processes Bathukamma Flowers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) said that it would collect bulk household waste and wooden items every Saturday. Residents can inform the corporation by scanning a QR Code. The CMC urged people to dispose of old sofas, broken furniture and unwanted wooden items by contacting them instead of dumping them on the roadside or in public places. Elsewhere, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation said it had collected around 5 metric tonnes of floral waste generated during the Bathukamma festivities and transported it to designated composting yards for processing into organic compost. This initiative promotes eco-friendly festival celebrations, responsible floral waste disposal, and the transformation of festival waste into valuable resources, according to GHMC.



Hyderabad sees lighter traffic as residents leave for Dasara

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Ahead of Dasara celebrations, the city had a visible reduction in traffic on several arterial roads on Monday, with thousands of people leaving for their hometowns to reunite with their families.

Many opted for trains and buses, while others travelled in their personal vehicles, heading to their hometowns to spend the festive holidays with their loved ones. The mass movement of people out of the city resulted in a visible reduction in traffic on roads, commercial stretches and junctions that generally witness heavy vehicular movement.

Motorists experienced smoother journeys, shorter waiting times at traffic signals, and fewer delays during peak hours. The relative absence of the usual rush also made commuting easier for office-goers and those who remained in the city during the festival.

The reduction in traffic was particularly noticeable as many offices, educational institutions and commercial establishments remained closed or operated with fewer staff during the festive period. With fewer vehicles on the roads, the usual bustle of Hyderabad appeared subdued in several neighbourhoods.

Meanwhile, the festive time gave temporary relief from the city's routine traffic congestion, which has become a daily concern for commuters.

However, traffic is expected to pick up again as people return to the city after the holidays.



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