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Delhi HC to Hear Neha Bora's Plea Against Peace Bond Notice on October 22

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The Delhi High Court Wednesday said it will hear on October 22 All India Students' Association (AISA) President Neha Bora's plea against a Delhi Police notice asking her to execute a "peace" bond before a Special Executive Magistrate (SEM).Bora, who has been at the forefront of protests against the alleged irregularities in the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, has sought quashing of the notice and directions to the police not to take any coercive action against her.

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Revanth To Cops: Nab Landgrabbers

Revanth said that all vacancies in the Telangana Police Department would be filled by 2028

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday said the concept of "friendly policing" did not mean being friendly with everyone, but being sympathetic towards ordinary people and victims seeking justice. He asked the police to deal sternly with criminals, murderers, land grabbers and economic offenders, while ensuring sensitivity and prompt justice for victims. Participating in the Police Commemoration Day programme at Goshamahal Stadium, the Chief Minister announced that all vacant posts in the police department would be filled by 2028. He also declared that the ex-gratia payment to the families of Home Guards who die in the line of duty would be increased from `5 lakh to `10 lakh.

Revanth Reddy asked Director General of Police C.V. Anand to take the necessary steps to implement the enhanced ex-gratia. He said the government had already issued a notification to fill 7,500 vacancies and was committed to filling all vacant posts in the police department by 2028. The recruitment of 112 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs), he said, was unprecedented in the history of Telangana. The government had also appointed transgender persons as traffic assistants to promote their dignity and self-respect in society.

Emphasising the need for a sensitive approach in cases involving women and children, the Chief Minister said there should be no delay in delivering justice to victims. Ensuring women's safety was not solely the responsibility of the police, and every individual in society should share this responsibility, he said.

Expressing concern over the growing drug menace, Revanth Reddy urged the police to prevent young people from falling prey to drug abuse. He commended the Eagle Force for its efforts to curb drug trafficking and appreciated the DGP's initiatives in tackling the problem.

Stating that law and order was crucial for the state's development, the Chief Minister said the government was according top priority to strengthening the police department. Modern technology was being deployed to help the force address emerging challenges, but its human-centric approach should remain unchanged, he said.

Dasara Eve liquor Sales Hit ₹303 Crore

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Telangana recorded a single-day liquor and beer sales of ₹303.40 crore on October 19, a day ahead of Dasara, as consumption surged during the festive season. Sales on October 19, 2026, were nearly nine times the ₹33.64 crore recorded on the corresponding day last year, registering growth of about 802 per cent. Cumulative liquor sales from October 1 to 19 this year crossed ₹2,054 crore against ₹1,499.46 crore during the same period last year, marking a growth of 37 per cent. The sharp increase was driven by higher sales of both Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and beer, with beer sales outpacing IMFL on October 19.

As many as 4.25 lakh cases of beer were sold on October 19, compared with 2.72 lakh cases of IMFL. IMFL sales surged from 30,000 cases on October 19, 2025, to 2.72 lakh cases this year, registering growth of about 807 per cent. Beer sales rose from 52,000 cases to 4.25 lakh cases during the same period, an increase of about 717 per cent. The upward trend was evident in the days leading up to Dasara, celebrated on October 20. Liquor sales stood at ₹102.17 crore on October 14 and increased to ₹126.32 crore on October 16, ₹223.25 crore on October 17 and ₹303.40 crore on October 19.

Trump: Pretty Close to India Trade Deal

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US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday that India and the United States were close to finalising a trade agreement, describing the proposed pact as "going to be a much different kind of deal than we've done". Speaking to reporters at the Oval Office in Washington, Trump said, "They (India) want to make a deal. We're going to make a deal. Pretty close, yeah." His remarks came during US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's visit to India, where trade negotiations and energy cooperation figured prominently in discussions.

Rubio had said on Tuesday that both countries were close to finalising the agreement, but stressed the importance of settling every detail before making an announcement. "And with these deals, it's always important that it be totally agreed to every detail of it, before it's announced, because you can't afford for a relationship of this magnitude to be threatened by announcing a deal and then it turning out the deal wasn't finalized. But it's incredibly close."

Rubio said the remaining differences concerned technical details, including the precise language of the agreement. "I think we're down to some technical details that have to be worked out. Technical details matter because there has to be agreement. Both sides have to agree that the language means the same thing. So it's down to that level. I'm not personally negotiating it because it's done through our Trade Representative. But I know – and have been very involved in watching it happen – that it is something we anticipate seeing in a matter of weeks, not months."

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SBI Owes Its Customers Answers: Congress on SBI Data Breach

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With the SBI investigating a suspected exposure of nearly 3,900 customer records containing personally identifiable information on the dark web, the Congress on Wednesday said the bank owes its customers answers and those responsible must be held accountable. The opposition party's assertion comes after the State Bank of India (SBI) in a regulatory filing said a preliminary analysis of around 3.75 lakh records available on the dark web identified 3,897 customer records containing sensitive information, including registered mobile numbers, dates of birth, names, gender, email addresses and residential addresses.

The country's largest bank said it is investigating the suspected exposure of customer records containing personally identifiable information on the dark web, following alerts it received on October 16 from its threat intelligence service provider, the Defence Cyber Agency, and CERT-In. Reacting to the development, Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said, "It is bad enough that the State Bank of India @TheOfficialSBI, the country's largest public sector bank, has suffered a data breach involving 3.75 lakh rows of data, with 3,897 records containing personally identifiable customer information -- including mobile numbers, dates.

CJP Leaders Freed After 7 Days In Jail

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Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) leaders Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka walked out of Tihar jail on Wednesday after seven days in judicial custody, following an order by a special executive magistrate (SEM) who accepted their written undertakings not to breach peace or call for protests at Jantar Mantar as long as it remains a de-notified protest site.

The release came after the two leaders furnished personal and surety bonds of ₹50,000 each, with the magistrate rejecting the Delhi Police's plea to extend their judicial custody by another three days. The police had argued that their release could lead to a breach of peace and disturbance of public tranquillity.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Ritu Raj, acting as the SEM, held that further detention was unnecessary in view of the assurances furnished by the two leaders. The magistrate directed them to

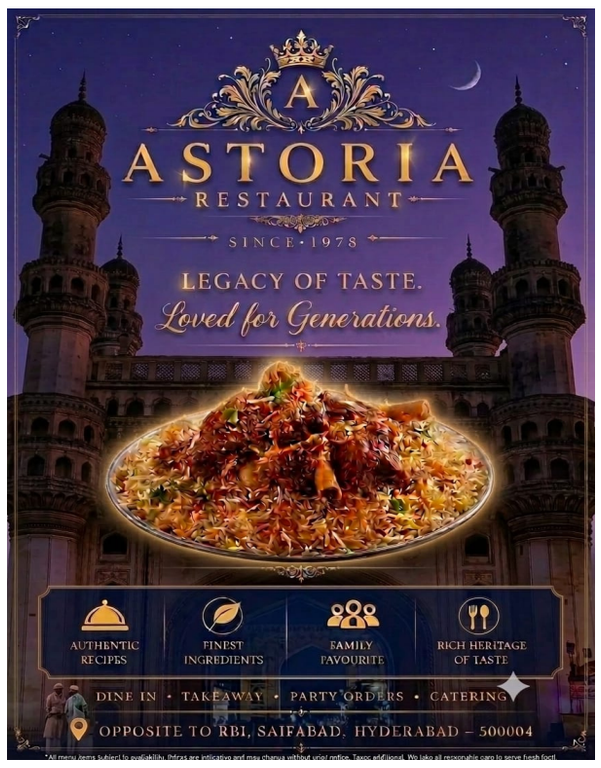


appear at every hearing and comply strictly with the conditions of their bonds and undertakings. The next hearing has been scheduled for Friday at 3 pm, when the investigating officer must submit a surety verification report. The two leaders and their sureties have also been directed to remain present.

In their separate undertakings, Das and Ranka promised not to breach peace and expressed faith in the judiciary, including the SEM court. They also assured the magistrate that any future protests would be conducted within the constitutional framework. Soon after the release order, Das declared that "truth has triumphed". Welcoming the decision, CJP legal head Ratna Singh said the leaders should have been released much earlier. "We feel that one's liberty should not be curtailed just for a surety etc."

"... But it is not too late," she told reporters, adding that the CJP team was emotional and eager to meet the two leaders. AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal congratulated them. "Heartiest congratulations to Ashutosh and Saurav on receiving bail. Keep up the good fight for the country just like this. The entire nation stands with you," he posted on X in Hindi.

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Heavy Rains Lash Chennai, Northern Districts in Tamil Nadu

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Heavy rains lashed Chennai and northern districts, and a holiday was declared for schools in Chennai, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu districts on Wednesday. With the northeast monsoon vigorous, Chennai and neighbouring districts witnessed showers since Tuesday evening. The Met department on Wednesday forecast more downpours in the next 48 hours. The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), in its latest bulletin, indicated that a low-pressure formation is likely to take shape over the southwest Bay of Bengal, close to the Tamil Nadu coastline, on Wednesday.

Tuesday's upper air cyclonic circulation over the Southwest Bay of Bengal off north Tamil Nadu coast now lay over Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Tamil Nadu coast, the bulletin added. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over the same region during next 24 hours.

SEC Stops Election Process in All 100 ULBs

VIJAYWADA
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The State Election Commission has ordered further election process for all 100 urban local bodies shall be stopped and will issue an order on Thursday on extension of last date for filing of nominations after getting reports from the concerned collectors, commissioners/SPs of police, following a direction from the Supreme Court to extend the last date for filing of nominations. In an order on Wednesday, the apex court directed the SEC to consider the plea of petitioner YSRC by Thursday to extend the last date for filing of nominations in urban local bodies wherever it was of the view that the candidates were unable to file



their nominations due to law and order situation. It also directed that if the SEC chose to extend the time, it be extended by not less than 48 hours from the time of publishing such a decision by amending the election notification. The SEC, it ruled, may postpone the publication of the final list of candidates till October 25.

The SEC had originally scheduled the last date of filing of nominations for October 18. A division bench comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana heard the SLP filed by the YSRC in New Delhi and issued the order. The SC directed the SEC to make additional arrangements to file nominations at the district headquarters (before the district collector) and asked it to remove apprehensions from the mind of the petitioner YSRC and prospective candidates and ensure that they have a free and fair chance of participating in the election by filing nominations.

The court asked the SEC to submit its compliance report. It asked the state DGP to take all necessary steps to maintain police bandobast, CCTV coverage at nomination centres and provide necessary protection to candidates who would come to the polling stations to file their nominations. Petitioner's counsel Maninder Singh argued that there was widespread violence in the state and the election process has been degenerated to a one-sided affair as more than 63.5%

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Dasara Celebrated With Tradition

Hyderabad celebrates Dasara with Ravana Dahan, temple visits, Jammi leaf exchanges and Durga Puja immersion processions at Tank Bund.

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Dasara was celebrated with religious fervour and enthusiasm across Hyderabad on Tuesday, with thousands of devotees visiting temples, performing traditional rituals and attending Ravana Dahan programmes organised at several locations across the city. The festivities also witnessed the conclusion of Durga Puja celebrations, with women participating in Sindoor Khela and processions carrying Goddess Durga idols proceeding towards Tank Bund for immersion.

One of the traditional highlights of Dasara was the sighting of the Palapitta, or Indian Roller, the state bird of Telangana. Considered auspicious, the practice is associated with good fortune and prosperity. However, animal and bird lovers expressed concern that bird



catchers might harm the birds during the festive season. In response, AI-generated images of the Palapitta were also circulated, enabling people to observe the bird digitally without disturbing wildlife.

Families continued the age-old tradition of exchanging Jammi tree leaves, symbolically regarded as gold, while visiting relatives and friends to exchange greetings and strengthen relationships.

Nagar Krishna Jaiveer, a private employee, said the tradition played an important role in maintaining family bonds across generations. Recalling celebrations during his father's time, he said families would visit relatives, greet them with hugs and exchange Jammi leaves. Such practices, he observed, helped build stronger relationships and fostered a sense of togetherness among people.

Meanwhile, Ravana Dahan programmes were organised at several prominent locations, including the Exhibition Grounds at Nampally, Nizam College grounds, Ameerpet GHMC grounds, Amberpet and Shaikpet. At the Exhibition Grounds, the Rajasthani Samaj organised the burning of effigies of Ravana, Meghnad and Kumbhakarna, drawing crowds of spectators.

At Nizam College grounds, a spectacular fireworks display preceded the burning of Ravana's effigy. Organisers highlighted the symbolic significance of the ritual, urging people to overcome their ego and negative qualities and embrace positive values in their lives.

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy attended the 85th annual Durga Puja celebrations organised by the Hyderabad Bangalee Samity. A large number of devotees participated in the religious ceremonies, which were followed by a live musical concert featuring singers from West Bengal and Mumbai.

The Telangana Bengali Cultural Association, Ameerpet, organised its Durga Puja celebrations under its banner for the first time. Traditional Devi Baron and Sindoor Khela rituals formed an important part of the festivities. Committee member Hemali Bhattacharjee said women dressed in traditional red-and-white sarees participated in the farewell rituals for Goddess Durga.

Processions carrying Durga idols from various parts of Hyderabad converged towards Tank Bund for immersion, marking the conclusion of the celebrations. The festivities reflected the city's cultural diversity, traditional values and communal spirit.

Telangana, Keralam CMs attend grand Dasara celebrations in Mysuru

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The world-renowned Mysuru Dasara celebrations ended in the palace city on Wednesday, October 21, with a spectacular Vijayadashami procession, the grand finale of the 11-day festivities.

Celebrated as 'Nada Habba' (state festival), the Dasara, or 'Sharan Navaratri', festivities were a grand affair this year, showcasing Karnataka's rich culture and traditions, reminiscent of royal pomp and glory.

Keralam and Telangana Chief Ministers VD Satheesan and Revanth Reddy took part in the celebrations at the invitation of their Karnataka counterpart DK Shivakumar. Foreign dignitaries, among them ambassadors, consuls general and high commissioners of various countries, attended as well.

At the palace, in keeping with tradition, erstwhile royal family scion Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, in grand attire, took out the 'Vijaya Yatra' from Amba Vilas Palace to the Bhuvaneshwari Devi temple within the premises earlier in the day. He performed a special pooja to the 'Shami' tree there.

The procession began with Shivakumar, along with a host of ministers and dignitaries, offering pooja to the 'Nandi Dhwaja' (Nandi flag) at the Balarama gate of the imposing Amba Vilas Palace between 1.36 pm and 1.56 pm, during the auspicious 'Makara Lagna'. He then greeted the people on the occasion of Vijayadashami.Cultural troupes and tableaux from various districts, depicting regional culture and heritage, covered about five km before culminating at Bannimantapa.Tableaux from government departments, schemes and programmes, and those carrying social messages were part of the procession.

Cultural teams and tableaux from neighbouring states, and tableaux representing the three wings of the Defence Forces showcasing their valour, service and spirit, made their debut at the Mysuru Dussehra this time.

Grand Dussehra and Ravana Dahan Celebrations Illuminate Bollaram Bazaar



Dussehra and Ravana Dahan celebrations were organised on a grand scale at Bollaram Downtown Bazaar, Bollaram Bazaar and Ayyappa Compounds under the leadership of TPCC State Secretary Narasimhan Khannan and Youth Congress State General Secretary Arvind.The celebrations attracted thousands of people from Bollaram and surrounding localities, creating a festive atmosphere across the area. Streets and event venues were illuminated with dazzling electric lights, adding to the grandeur of the occasion. Residents, including families, youth and children, gathered in large numbers to witness the traditional burning of Ravana's effigy, symbolising the victory of good over evil.

The festivities reflected the enthusiasm and cultural spirit associated with Dussehra, bringing together people from different neighbourhoods to participate in the celebrations. Organisers and local leaders coordinated arrangements to ensure the successful conduct of the programmes.Several local leaders and organisers participated in the celebrations, including Rashid, Nagender, Poorna Chander, Narender, Raju Yadav, Sridhar Yadav, Gandhi, Raju, Srikanth Reddy, Madan, Srinu, Tarun, Suman, Shankar and Jeswanth Reddy.

The celebrations concluded amid festive enthusiasm, highlighting the significance of Dussehra traditions and community participation in Bollaram.

Adivasis Perform Raja Ravan Puja, Hoist Traditional Flag on Dasara

Adivasis performed Raja Ravan Puja at Sulugupalli gram panchayat in Bejjur mandal of Komuram Bheem Asifabad district.

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Adivasi communities performed Raja Ravan Puja at Sulugupalli gram panchayat in Bejjur mandal of Komuram Bheem Asifabad district, reaffirming their traditional beliefs and cultural identity. Tribal leaders called upon society and governments to respect their religious practices and protect their ancestral traditions.

Soyam Chainnaiah, Sulugupalli sarpanch and Thudum Debba state secretary, said Adivasis consider Ravan Madavi, the king of Lanka, one of their ancestors and worship him as part of their cultural heritage. He noted that similar traditions continue among Adivasi communities in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

Chainnaiah said the practice of burning Ravana effigies during Dussehra celebrations hurts the sentiments of tribal communities that worship Raja Ravan. He stressed the importance of mutual respect among different communities and urged people to understand and acknowledge diverse cultural traditions rather than dismissing the beliefs of others.

He also pointed out that Adivasis in Kamalapur village, located along the Maharashtra border, perform prayers to King Ravan on a grand scale. These practices, he said, reflect the rich cultural diversity and distinct traditions found among tribal communities across the country.

Adivasi leaders appealed to the state and central governments to recognise their historical beliefs, safeguard their cultural heritage and ensure that their traditional practices receive due respect. They emphasised that protecting the customs of indigenous communities is essential to preserving India's cultural diversity.

Meanwhile, tribal communities and family members of late King Atram Devshah participated in a traditional programme at Gond Rajula Kota in Utnoor. They hoisted a white flag bearing the symbols of the Sun and Moon, representing their ancestral traditions and cultural identity.

Accompanied by traditional drumbeats, the participants paid homage to their ancestors and performed puja at their tombs. A traditional procession was taken out from Lakakram to Gond Rajula Kota on Tuesday morning.

Waheed Ahmed Demands Fair Muslim Representation in T'gana Politics

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Advocate and former Telangana State Waqf Board member Waheed Ahmed has urged Muslims to unite and demonstrate their electoral strength in the forthcoming Graduate MLC elections, demanding fair political representation and warning the Congress government against neglecting the community's interests.

Comparing the political representation under the previous BRS government and the present Congress regime, Waheed Ahmed said the BRS had provided MLC positions to four Muslim leaders — Md. Mahmood Ali, Md. Saleem, Md. Fareeduddin and Farooq Hussain. He questioned the Congress government's record, citing Mohammed Azharuddin as a prominent Muslim political figure given an MLC position under the current administration.

He also expressed concern over legal challenges concerning Governor-quota nominations, whose outcome remains subject to pending appeals. Questioning the Congress leadership's political calculations surrounding the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election, he asked whether the community's electoral support was translating into meaningful and lasting representation.

"Political parties promise representation according to population during elections, but the community's concerns cannot be addressed through Minority Welfare schemes alone. Without political power, Muslims risk being pushed to the margins of decision-making," he said.

Waheed Ahmed stressed that Muslim representation must be seriously considered in the allocation of the three MLC positions under discussion in the Governor-quota context. He warned that ignoring the community could have political consequences for Congress.

Referring to concerns involving Muslim IAS and IPS officers, he said the community needed institutional fairness, equal opportunities and a stronger voice.

Kushaiguda RTC Depot Manager Denies Allegations, Calls Social Media News 'Totally False'

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The Depot Manager of the Kushaiguda Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) depot has strongly denied allegations circulating on social media regarding the alleged obstruction of women conductors from attending their duties.

The allegations claimed that women conductors who reported for duty were allegedly asked to proceed on leave due to the absence of drivers. It was also alleged that the conductors were facing difficulties in signing the attendance register and were concerned about possible salary deductions if they applied for leave. Responding to a request for clarification regarding the allegations, the Kushaiguda RTC Depot Manager stated in a WhatsApp message, "Sir, it's totally false news."

The Depot Manager's response categorically rejected the allegations circulating on social media. However, the message did not provide further details explaining the circumstances or addressing each of the specific claims.

The clarification has been taken on record to ensure that the depot management's response is reflected in the coverage of the issue.The matter highlights the importance of verifying information and obtaining responses from the concerned authorities before publishing reports about public transport employees and administrative

MP Pawan Khera, Dr. Kota Neelima Celebrate Vijayadashami with Temple Visits and Prayers

Rajya Sabha Member Pawan Khera and TPCC Vice-President Dr. Kota Neelima celebrated Vijayadashami by visiting several prominent temples across the Sanathnagar Assembly Constituency to offer special prayers.

The couple began their day touring key religious sites, including the renowned Sri Yellamma Pochamma Temple in Balkampet, the Sri Ujjaini Mahakali Temple in the Rangopalpet Division and seven major temples in the Sanathnagar Division. Upon arrival, temple executive officers and chief priests accorded them traditional welcome, guiding them through special rituals and the customary Shami Puja to mark the commencement of the festival.

Addressing the gathering, the leaders emphasized that Vijayadashami symbolises the timeless triumph of good over evil and the ultimate victory of righteousness and truth. They noted that the festival serves as a reminder to uphold dharma while conquering internal negativity such as hatred and jealousy through compassion.

Highlighting the cultural significance of the occasion, they expressed hope that the celebrations would foster unity, mutual affection and fraternity. The leaders offered special prayers for the all-round development of Telangana, wishing every household peace, prosperity, good health, and enduring harmony. Local Congress leaders, party workers, temple representatives and numerous devotees actively participated.

Telangana, AP to Face Off at KRMB, GRMB Meetings Amidst El Nino Impact

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Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are expected to face off over river water-sharing disputes next week, with crucial meetings of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) scheduled for October 26 and October 30, respectively. The meetings are expected to focus on unresolved disputes over water allocations, project operations and the utilisation of river waters by both states.

The discussions assume added significance as Telangana faces the possibility of water shortages due to the impact of El Niño, which has contributed to poor inflows and reduced storage levels in reservoirs across both river basins, particularly the Krishna basin.

Although inflows into reservoirs in the Godavari basin have also been lower than in previous years, the situation there is comparatively less concerning than in the Krishna basin. The reduced water availability has heightened concerns over the equitable distribution of available resources between the neighbouring states.

A recent meeting of the three-member committee constituted to address water-sharing disputes between Telangana and



Andhra Pradesh failed to achieve a consensus. Consequently, the KRMB meeting scheduled for October 26 is expected to witness detailed arguments from both sides on the contentious issue of Krishna water allocation.

Andhra Pradesh has maintained that water should continue to be shared between the two states in the existing ratio of 66:34. Telangana, however, has opposed this arrangement, arguing that the distribution should reflect the geographical extent of the Krishna river basin within its territory.

Telangana has proposed a revised allocation ratio of 70:30 in its favour, contending that a larger portion of the Krishna basin lies within the state. The disagreement over the appropriate sharing formula remains one of the major unresolved issues between the two governments.

The upcoming KRMB meeting is therefore expected to be crucial in determining the next course of action on the dispute. Telangana is also likely to reiterate its allegations that Andhra Pradesh has been drawing more than its allocated share of Krishna water.

Another contentious issue concerns the installation of telemetry systems to monitor water withdrawals accurately. Telangana has accused Andhra Pradesh of failing to comply with the KRMB's directive regarding the installation of these systems. The technology is intended to provide reliable data on water utilisation and help ensure transparency in the implementation of allocation arrangements. Both states are also expected to raise objections concerning various irrigation projects undertaken by the other, including their operations and the extent of water being utilised.

TTD to Release January 2027 Arjitha Seva Tickets on October 22

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will release January 2027 Srivari Arjitha Seva tickets on Thursday, October 22, for devotees wishing to participate in rituals at the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Tirumala. The direct-booking quota will open at 10:00 AM, covering Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmotsavam and Sahasra Deepalankara Seva. The Online Seva quota for virtual participation, along with its associated Darshan quota, will be released at 3:00 PM.

Devotees can book tickets through the official TTD website, https://ttdevasthanams.ap.gov.in/, or the official mobile application. They are advised to check availability and follow official booking guidelines.

Despite Record Prices, Farmers Say No Profit As Paddy Production Falls

NALGONDA
Wakeup telangana



Despite fine-variety paddy fetching record prices in the market, farmers in Nalgonda district are struggling to recover their cultivation costs as inadequate irrigation has severely affected crop yields during the current monsoon season. In some areas, production has declined by nearly 50 per cent, leaving farmers facing mounting financial difficulties.

Officials had estimated that the district would produce around four lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the current monsoon crop season, significantly lower than the 7,63,776 metric tonnes recorded during the previous monsoon season. Despite the state government's advisory against paddy cultivation in view of adverse weather conditions, farmers went ahead with cultivation across more than 5.5 lakh acres.

With production expected to decline considerably, district authorities have decided to establish 286 paddy procurement centres this season. The number is lower than the 372 centres that operated during the 2025 monsoon season, reflecting the anticipated fall in crop output.

The Civil Supplies Department estimates that less than half of the expected four lakh metric tonnes of paddy will reach government procurement centres for sale. The remaining produce is likely to be sold through private traders, who have been approaching farmers directly in their fields as harvesting operations gather pace.

Private traders are purchasing both ordinary and fine-variety paddy, while bearing the costs of hamalis (loading and unloading workers) and transportation. Ordinary paddy is fetching around Rs. 2,300 per quintal, while fine-variety paddy is selling at prices ranging from Rs. 4,200 to Rs. 4,600 per quintal, depending on its moisture content.

However, farmers say the attractive market prices have done little to ease their financial distress because poor irrigation has drastically reduced the quantity of produce harvested.

K. Narsaiah, a farmer from Dandempally village in Nalgonda mandal, said he cultivated paddy on four acres but managed to harvest a crop from only one acre due to inadequate irrigation facilities. He received just 25 quintals of paddy, equivalent to the yield from a single acre.

Narsaiah said the income generated from selling the harvested produce was insufficient to cover cultivation expenses incurred across all four acres. His experience highlights the difficulties faced by farmers who invested in cultivation but suffered substantial losses because of water shortages.

Another farmer, B. Veetabhadram, alleged that private traders were deducting five kilograms per quintal under the pretext of waste during procurement, further reducing farmers' earnings.

Hindu Sanrakshan Samiti Celebrates 49th Ravan Dahan in Hyderabad



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The Hindu Sanrakshan Samiti, Bhagyanagar, organised its 49th Ravan Dahan programme on Vijayadashami at Vijay Maidan, Kuli Qutub Shah Stadium, near City College, under the leadership of president Pankaj Kumar Agarwal.

Telangana High Court Judge Justice Surepalli Nanda attended as chief guest, while Mahatma Munisha Nand Ji Maharaj of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti was the keynote speaker. Dr. Surepalli Prashant and Narendra Kumar attended as special guests, and Megha Rani Agarwal presided over the event.

The programme began with prayers to Bharat Mata, Goddess Jagadamba and Lord Rama, followed by lamp lighting, weapon worship and religious flag worship.

Justice Nanda urged citizens to work with unity, integrity and dedication for national progress, emphasising social harmony and Lord Rama's ideals.

Munisha Nand Ji Maharaj encouraged people to follow Lord Rama's teachings, while Dr. Surepalli Prashant highlighted Vijayadashami's message of good triumphing over evil.

Pankaj Kumar Agarwal remarked, "Ram is not merely a name but a belief," reaffirming the Samiti's commitment to preserving Hindu traditions and culture.

The celebrations concluded with Ravan Dahan and spectacular fireworks witnessed by thousands. Neha Agarwal compered the programme.

Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran to Host Grand Dasara 'Alai Balai' in Jogipet on October 23

JOGIPET
Wakeup telangana

Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran is organising a grand *Dasara 'Alai Balai' programme in Jogipet on October 23, inviting political leaders, public representatives, BRS party activists, well-wishers and people from across Telangana to participate in the festive gathering.

The programme, being organised on the occasion of Dasara, aims to promote unity, brotherhood, mutual respect and cordial relations among people from different political and social backgrounds. The traditional Alai Balai gathering provides an opportunity for people to come together, exchange festive greetings and strengthen social bonds.

Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran has extended a warm invitation to political leaders, public representatives, party workers, social activists, well-wishers and members of the public *from the Andole constituency as well as other constituencies and districts* to attend the programme.

The event is expected to bring together people from various walks of life in a spirit of togetherness, reflecting Telangana's cultural traditions and the importance of social harmony.

The organisers have appealed to everyone, both within and outside the Andole constituency, to participate in the Dasara Alai Balai celebrations at Jogipet.

Kranthi Kiran Accuses Minister of Blocking Andole Alai Balai

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Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran has accused Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha of political vendetta over alleged attempts to obstruct the proposed 'Alai Balai' programme in Andole constituency during Dasara. He alleged that officials were being pressured to deny permission for the event, planned with former minister T. Harish Rao as chief guest.

Kranthi Kiran said the programme aimed to bring farmers and people together to discuss agricultural problems, particularly electricity shortages and inadequate irrigation water. He claimed that farmers' support for the gathering had prompted political interference.

Questioning the alleged denial of permission even on private patta lands voluntarily offered by farmers, the former MLA described the move as undemocratic. He alleged that pressure was being exerted on police and administrative officials to prevent the gathering.

He said farmers in Andole were struggling as crops reportedly dried up because of insufficient electricity and irrigation water, urging the government to address their concerns instead of obstructing public meetings.

Describing 'Alai Balai' as a symbol of Telangana's cultural identity, unity and social harmony, Kranthi Kiran asserted that the programme would proceed with public and farmers' support despite the alleged hurdles. The allegations were made by Kranthi Kiran in a press note issued on October 21.

BRS Slams Congress Over Kaleshwaram Water Delay as El Niño Threatens Farmers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



BRS Minority Cell General Secretary Abdul Muqeet Chanda has accused the Congress government of prioritising political vendetta over farmers' welfare by delaying the restoration of water supply from the Kaleshwaram project, warning that the uncertainty could worsen agricultural concerns amid the threat of El Niño.

Chanda alleged that the Congress government was using prolonged enquiries into the Kaleshwaram project to target the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) administration, while farmers were struggling with uncertainty over irrigation water and crop cultivation.

He said the government should focus on restoring the project's functionality instead of allowing political disputes to obstruct its intended benefits. With concerns over rainfall patterns and water availability, he stressed that timely irrigation support was essential to protect crops and safeguard farmers' livelihoods.

"Had the Congress government focused on utilising the Kaleshwaram project effectively instead of using enquiries to target the BRS politically, farmers would have been in a far better position to face these difficult times," Chanda said.

He pointed out that the Kaleshwaram project was designed to strengthen irrigation facilities and improve agricultural prospects across Telangana. Delays in restoring water supply, he alleged, had increased farmers' anxieties and weakened their confidence in the government's ability to address their needs.

Chanda demanded that the Congress government announce a clear roadmap and timeline for restoring water supply through the project. He urged the authorities to take immediate measures to ensure irrigation water reaches farmers when required.

"Farmers cannot be made victims of political battles. Protecting crops, safeguarding farmers' livelihoods and ensuring irrigation water must take precedence over political vendetta," he said, calling on the government to rise above partisan considerations and prioritise agriculture.

Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Honours Six Police Personnel on Commemoration Day

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The Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri honoured six police personnel from Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Police Commemoration Day on October 21, 2026, paying tribute to police martyrs and recognising the dedication of serving officers.

Presided over by club president Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy, the programme acknowledged the police force's contribution to public safety, law enforcement and maintaining peace and order.

Those felicitated were Krishna, Circle Inspector, Vigilance, Bhongir; Lakshman, Traffic Sub-Inspector; Yadaiah, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Bhongir Rural; Srinivas Reddy, Constable, Yadagirigutta; Narender, Constable, Bhongir; and Mounika, Constable, Bhongir Women Police Station.

Rotary Club former presidents, including Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Shetty Balayya Yadav, Manchikanti Venkatesham, Kokkalakonda Nimmaiah and Karipe Narsing Rao, appreciated the personnel's services and remembered the supreme sacrifices of police martyrs.

They said the courage and dedication of police personnel continue to inspire society and play a vital role in protecting citizens.

Rotary Club Secretary Kadaru Ramesh Babu, Treasurer Pendem Venugopal, and members Jitta Bhaskar Reddy, Komatireddy Mohan Reddy and M.D. Chand Pasha also attended.

The programme concluded with tributes to police martyrs and appreciation for the force's continued service to society.

BRS Leader Ramesh Meets Former MLA Mahareddy Bhopal Reddy, Extends Dasara Greetings



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Former MLA Mahareddy Bhopal Reddy received Dasara greetings from supporters, well-wishers and political leaders on the occasion of the festival.

BRS leader Ramesh met former MLA Mahareddy Bhopal Reddy and conveyed his heartfelt Dasara wishes. He also extended his best wishes for Bhopal Reddy's continued success and future progress in the political arena.

The meeting took place amid the festive celebrations, as well-wishers gathered to exchange greetings and convey their good wishes. The occasion reflected the spirit of Dasara, which symbolises the victory of good over evil.

The interaction between BRS leader Ramesh and former MLA Mahareddy Bhopal Reddy marked a cordial moment during the Dasara festivities in Sangareddy district.

Grand Dasara Mahotsavam: Ravana Dahan Celebrated with Pomp and Show at New Bowenpally

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A grand Ravana Dahan programme was organised at New Bowenpally Playground on Tuesday night as part of Dasara Mahotsavam, celebrating the victory of good over evil.

Organised under the leadership of former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, the event witnessed hundreds of residents, including women, youth and children.

Medchal MLA and former Minister Ch. Malla Reddy, Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, Jayalakshmi Gardens organiser Samala Raghav Reddy and Jampana Pratap attended as chief guests. Members of the JP Youth Association also participated in the festivities.

The dignitaries performed traditional pujas before setting fire to the towering effigy of Ravana. The celebrations reflected the spirit of Dasara, bringing together local residents in a vibrant display of devotion, cultural tradition and community participation.

With Paddy Crops Drying Up in Huzurnagar, Telangana Farmers Seek Urgent Relief

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Paddy crops in Lakkavaram village of Huzurnagar mandal in Suryapet district are reportedly drying up due to inadequate water supply, leaving farmers distressed over the possible loss of their hard-earned investment. The situation has renewed concerns over irrigation water availability and the protection of standing crops across Telangana.

Visuals from Lakkavaram show extensive stretches of dry, brown paddy fields, highlighting the difficulties faced by farmers at a critical stage of cultivation. Farmers are worried that continued water shortages could further damage their crops and affect their livelihoods.

Water Crisis Deepens Amid El Niño Concerns

The situation in Huzurnagar comes amid wider concerns over rainfall deficits, declining water storage and the possible effects of El Niño on agriculture and water availability across Telangana. Recent reports have highlighted irrigation difficulties in several districts, with farmers facing uncertainty over crop protection and the next cultivation season.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has recently appealed to farmers to conserve water and reconsider water-intensive paddy cultivation during the upcoming Yasangi season in view of the anticipated water and electricity crisis. The government has also stressed the need for coordinated action to protect essential water supplies and support vulnerable rural communities.

Farmers Need Immediate Support

The distress in Lakkavaram underlines the urgent need for field-level assessments and timely intervention by the Irrigation, Agriculture and Revenue departments. Officials should inspect the affected fields, identify the reasons for the interruption or shortage of water supply, and explore all feasible measures to save the remaining crop.

Where crop damage has already occurred, eligible farmers should receive prompt assessment and assistance under applicable government relief provisions. Farmers also need clear information about water availability, irrigation schedules and available support so that they can make informed decisions.

A Call to Protect Telangana's Farmers

Agriculture is the livelihood of thousands of rural families. When standing crops dry up, the consequences extend beyond the fields, affecting household incomes, agricultural labourers and the rural economy.

The government and concerned departments must treat reports from affected villages seriously, respond without delay and ensure transparent assessments of crop losses. Water conservation, efficient irrigation management and timely relief are essential to reduce the burden on farmers during this difficult period.

The plea from Lakkavaram is clear: protect standing crops wherever possible, assess losses fairly and extend timely support to farmers facing water shortages.

Congress Alleges Voter Roll Manipulation in UP's Pilibhit, Demands SIR Probe

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The Uttar Pradesh Congress on Wednesday alleged large-scale manipulation of electoral rolls in Pilibhit Sadar Assembly constituency, claiming that names of 13,150 voters were changed while their EPIC and serial numbers remained the same. Addressing a press conference at the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters in Lucknow, AICC in-charge for UP Rajendra Pal Gautam alleged that the Election Commission had created a system through which "anyone can be defeated, and anyone can be made to win".

He claimed that after the final draft of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) electoral roll was published on April 10, 2026, changes were made to voter details between July and September without altering their EPIC and serial numbers. "A voter sees his name, address, EPIC number and serial number in the final draft and assumes that his vote is secure. But if the name is changed later, he may be told on polling day that his name is not in the electoral roll despite having an EPIC card and identity proof," Gautam said.

He claimed that in Pilibhit Sadar, names of 13,150 voters were changed, 884 names were deleted despite the voters continuing to reside there, and 2,600 names were added of people who allegedly did not live in the area. This, according to him, amounted to manipulation involving 16,554 votes. Gautam mentioned that Congress workers were preparing booth-wise lists of such cases and claimed that similar irregularities could have occurred in



other Assembly constituencies as well.

UP Congress president Aradhana Mishra 'Mona' asserted that the disappearance of names from electoral rolls was a serious issue and expressed concern over voters being denied the right to vote despite possessing voter identity cards. She said the party would seek legal opinion and launch a campaign against its objections to the SIR process. Mishra also questioned the role of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and his team, alleging that the process amounted to "murder of democracy".

Congress social media chairperson and national spokesperson Supriya Shrinate alleged that voter names were being deleted, added and changed through the Election Commission's software and technology. She cited an example in which EPIC number 4G-MCM-4746 was shown against Mohammad Yusuf, a 35-year-old man, in the draft roll, but later appeared against Hasrat, son of Ramzan Ali, also aged 35. The EPIC number, age and gender remained unchanged while the voter's and father's names were altered, she claimed. Shrinate said 13,150 such cases had been detected and alleged that the changes appeared to have been made in batches, raising questions about possible software-based manipulation. "If the same EPIC number is assigned to another person, the original voter may face an identity mismatch.

Explain Pic with Epstein: Congress to Puri

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Congress on Wednesday stepped up its attack on Union petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri over a purported photograph showing him with convicted American sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, demanding an explanation of their interactions and accusing the government of remaining silent on the controversy. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi linked the emergence of the photograph to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's visit to Mumbai and raised questions about alleged blackmail.

Several Congress leaders shared the undated photograph, purportedly showing Puri seated across a table from Epstein. The photograph was reportedly released by the US Department of Justice. In a post on X, Gandhi said, "Rubio goes to Mumbai. The US DOJ releases a picture of Epstein and Puri." "Dear



BJP and RSS workers, which anti-national traitor do you think they're blackmailing?" he asked. Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah of failing to act despite allegedly knowing about Puri's interactions with Epstein.

"Modi-Shah's complete silence and inaction on this only points to their criminal indifference to such allegations against their own cabinet minister," Venugopal said. He questioned the government's response to the controversy and sought an explanation from the Prime Minister. He also asked whether the allegations could have any bearing on the proposed India-US trade agreement. Congress media and publicity department head Pawan Khera alleged that the photograph contradicted Puri's earlier explanation that he had met Epstein as part of a delegation.

Khera claimed that records available on the US Justice Department's website showed at least 62 emails exchanged between Puri and Epstein between 2014 and 2017. He also alleged that the two had held 14 meetings during the period, including several one-on-one interactions. "Will the Union Petroleum Minister stop misleading the public and reveal the true extent of his interactions/collaboration with Epstein?" Khera asked.

He also demanded an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the meeting purportedly shown in the photograph and asked whether the government would investigate the matter. Congress social media department head Supriya Shrinate questioned Puri's earlier statements about his meetings with Epstein and criticised the government's handling of the controversy. Congress Seva Dal chief Srinivas B.V. said such a controversy would have prompted the resignation of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet in another democracy. The Congress has been demanding Puri's resignation since earlier this year, citing references to his name in documents commonly known as the Epstein files.

Puri has previously rejected the Opposition's allegations and accused Gandhi of making insinuations against him. He acknowledged having met Epstein on a few occasions but maintained that the interactions were professional and had no connection with the crimes for which the American financier was convicted. Puri had said that he met Epstein three or four times while associated with the International Peace Institute in New York.

Delhi HC to Hear Neha Bora's Plea Against Peace Bond Notice on October 22

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Delhi High Court Wednesday said it will hear on October 22 All India Students' Association (AISA) President Neha Bora's plea against a Delhi Police notice asking her to execute a "peace" bond before a Special Executive Magistrate (SEM).Bora, who has been at the forefront of protests against the alleged irregularities in the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, has sought quashing of the notice and directions to the police not to take any coercive action against her.

Justice Subramonium Prasad deferred hearing on the plea at the request of Bora's counsel. The case was listed after the student leader sought an urgent hearing in the high court, which is shut this week for Dussehra vacation. The notice, issued on October 17 under Section 126 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), asked the student leader to appear before the SEM on October 19 and show cause why she should not execute a personal bond of Rs 10,000 with one surety "for keeping peace for a period of enquiry."

Section 126 empowers the SEM to enforce such bond signing if there is credible information that a person is likely to breach peace, disturb public tranquillity, or commit a wrongful act that may cause disturbance. Bora was taken into preventive detention on October 16 when she was on her way to join the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP)'s 'Lehra Do Tiranga' march. She was released on October 17. In her petition, settled by lawyer Abhik Chimni, Bora said that the police notice is vague, factually incorrect, and contains no material or information to substantiate the "likelihood" of breach of peace.

It does not disclose a "period, occasion or event in relation to which breach is apprehended", the plea argued, and asserted that the proceedings are a "colourable exercise of preventive powers to suppress peaceful dissent, in violation of Articles 19(1)(a), 19(1)(b) and 21 of the Constitution." The proceedings before the SEM are based on allegations of sloganeering at Mandi House on October 16, repeated protests around Jantar Mantar despite prohibitory orders under section 163 of BNSS, and instigating people to participate in a protest in Connaught Place on October 16.

"The Impugned Notice rests on a prima facie incorrect fact, namely that the Petitioner instigated people to participate in the demonstration at Central Park, Connaught Place on 16.10.2026. The Petitioner's call and the incident alleged were different. The Petitioner called for a peaceful gathering at Mandi House at 5:00 PM on 16.10.2026, and it is a matter of record that she was detained from Mandi House," the petition said. "That the alleged disregard of 'prohibitory orders 163 BNSS' in the Notice does not identify any specific prohibitory order and incident. In fact the only order on record dated 23.08.2026 does not extend to Mandi House and exempts Jantar Mantar Road," it added.

CBI Catches Delhi Hospital Doctor Taking ₹1 Lakh Bribe

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The CBI on Wednesday apprehended a medicine specialist at Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital in Delhi's Pitampura and a contractual staffer for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹1 lakh to favour a complainant in tender-related matters. According to the agency, the doctor, who also served as the nodal officer for outsourcing in the hospital's medicine department, allegedly demanded the money to ensure that an awarded tender was not cancelled, bills were cleared on time and adverse remarks were not recorded in the complainant's file. The CBI registered a case against the doctor on Wednesday and laid a trap. The agency said it caught the doctor red-handed while accepting the bribe through a contractual supervisor working as a nursing orderly at the hospital. Both accused were apprehended and are being interrogated, the CBI said.

Uttarakhand Scraps Friday Holiday For Madrasas

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Pushkar Singh Dhami government in Uttarakhand has decided to discontinue Friday as the weekly holiday for madrasas recognised by the state education department or seeking recognition, bringing them under the holiday schedule followed by other schools. The decision will affect 206 madrasas, following a directive from the state minority education authority to the education department to shift their weekly holiday from Friday to Sunday.

Officials said the authority had written to the director general of school education, seeking necessary action. It clarified that madrasas already recognised or seeking recognition must comply with the state's prescribed educational framework, including the weekly holiday schedule. The move is aimed at bringing madrasa education in line with the state's academic standards and integrating minority students into the mainstream education system.

The education department has so far granted recognition to 76 madrasas, including 44 in Haridwar, 24 in Udham Singh Nagar, six in Dehradun and two in Nainital. Another 114 madrasas have applied for recognition. According to the authority, more than 30,000 children studying in 206 madrasas have been brought into the mainstream education system. These institutions now follow the state's school curriculum alongside religious education.

Authority chairman Dr Surjit Singh Gandhi said, "Prior to getting recognition from Education Department, madrasas observed their weekly offs on Fridays. It was observed that even after getting recognition from the Education Department and SMEA few of them continued to with their weekly offs on Fridays. Now a letter has been written to the Director General School Education, to stop this." Director of elementary education Kunwar Singh Rawat warned.

CBI Takes Over Punjab Anti-Drug Activist Murder Case

PUNJAB
Wakeup telangana

The CBI on Wednesday took over the investigation into the murder of anti-drug activist Parvinder Singh Jhota in Punjab's Mansa district and re-registered the FIR following a notification from the Centre extending its jurisdiction to the case. The agency constituted a special team comprising drug controllers, forensic experts and GST officials. The team reached Mansa on Tuesday night and formally requested the Punjab Police to hand over case records.

Officials said the post-mortem examination would be conducted by a panel of experts at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh, where a magistrate would also conduct the inquest. The takeover followed the Punjab home department's consent on October 20 to the CBI investigating the case. The Department of Personnel and Training subsequently issued a notification extending the agency's jurisdiction across Punjab for the investigation.

The original FIR was registered at the City-2 police station in Mansa on October 14. Under the prescribed procedure, the CBI re-registers the state police FIR before beginning its investigation. Jhota was shot dead inside a medical store in a busy Mansa marketplace on October 13 while conducting a Facebook Live session. Police arrested storeowner Ashwani Kumar from Salasar in Rajasthan. Kumar allegedly opened fire after Jhota questioned him over the sale of drugs to an elderly man.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Andhra Pradesh.....

The SEC had originally scheduled the last date of filing of nominations for October 18. A division bench comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana heard the SLP filed by the YSRC in New Delhi and issued the order. The SC directed the SEC to make additional arrangements to file nominations at the district headquarters (before the district collector) and asked it to remove apprehensions from the mind of the petitioner YSRC and prospective candidates and ensure that they have a free and fair chance of participating in the election by filing nominations.

The court asked the SEC to submit its compliance report. It asked the state DGP to take all necessary steps to maintain police bandobast, CCTV coverage at nomination centres and provide necessary protection to candidates who would come to the polling stations to file their nominations. Petitioner's counsel Maninder Singh argued that there was widespread violence in the state and the election process has been degenerated to a one-sided affair as more than 63.5% of the YSRC candidates were not allowed to submit notations in 19 out of 100 urban local bodies.

Counsel further contended that the directions issued by the SEC to provide police protection, and CCTV coverage at at nomination filing centres were not complied with; and contempt notices have been served upon the authorities in this respect. He prayed that the last date of filing of notations as well as declaration of the final list of candidates be extended and adequate security arrangements be put in place to ensure their effective participation in the elections. SEC's senior counsel Parameshwar denied such allegations and contended that the necessary remedial measures had been taken by the DGP to provide police bandobast and CCTV coverage in and around all election offices where the nominations were to be filed. AP's counsel Siddarth Luthra contended that the petitioner has not come with clean hands and submitted that the petitioner and the party's supporters engaged in violence and even brought in anti-social elements from other states to achieve its ends.

Trump: Pretty Close....

He added, "I would say we're about as close as you can be without having an executed agreement. I think there's a small number of items left to wrap up." On energy supplies and sanctions against Russia, Rubio acknowledged the need to balance pressure on Moscow with the economic consequences for other countries. "People don't realise that sanctions come at a consequence, because sanctions aren't just on Russia. They are on anyone who does business with Russia. So there's a balancing act there – there always is – between on the one hand trying to pressure the countries involved in this war to enter into an agreement, and on the other hand recognizing that when you do that pressure, sometimes it spills over and has a negative impact on other countries." He said Trump had used a national security waiver to avoid immediately implementing additional tariffs and sanctions under legislation passed by the US Congress. "It's one of the reasons why, despite criticism from Democrats and others, the President chose to use a national security waiver on the latest bill that Congress passed, which called for an increase in tariffs – and sanctions, but tariffs – on specific countries that are still doing work with Russia. And the President chose to use a national security waiver to not immediately implement those, because he recognizes that these things have to be looked at in their totality. It can't just be about the – you have to balance your interest, what's happening in Ukraine and Russia, with the impact that it's having on a global scale."

CJP Leaders Freed....

Earlier in the day, the Delhi High Court declined to interfere with the judicial custody of the two CJP leaders and permitted them to withdraw their petition challenging the extension of their detention.

Justice Subramonium Prasad asked them to await the SEM's decision and approach the appellate court if their grievances persisted. During the hearing, Justice Prasad questioned the petitioners' ages.

CRIME

SBI Flags Suspected Data Leak

Personal Information in 3,897 Customer Records Found on Dark

Nearly 3.75 Lakh Records Under Scrutiny; Independent Cybersecurity Probe Launched, Bank Says Operations Remain Unaffected

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest public sector lender, has reported a suspected customer data exposure after a preliminary analysis identified 3,897 customer records containing personally identifiable information (PII) among approximately 3.75 lakh records found on the dark web.

In a regulatory disclosure dated October 21, 2026, SBI informed the stock exchanges that it had received alerts about the suspected exposure from its threat intelligence service provider, the Defence Cyber Agency and the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) on October 16.

The incident has raised concerns about the security of customers' personal information and the potential risks associated with its misuse.

Personal and Customer Information Potentially Exposed

According to SBI's disclosure, the preliminary assessment identified 3,897 customer records containing personally identifiable information. The information reportedly included customers' names, registered mobile numbers, dates of birth, gender, email addresses and residential addresses. Branch details, Customer Information File (CIF) identifiers, lead identification numbers and metadata associated with loan and lead records were also among the categories of information identified.



However, the bank has not established the authenticity, completeness or precise origin of all the data found online.

The investigation is intended to determine the nature and extent of the suspected exposure.

The figure of approximately 3.75 lakh refers to the records examined during the preliminary analysis; it should not be interpreted as the number of confirmed affected customers.

Independent Cybersecurity Investigation Underway

Following the alerts, SBI said it promptly activated its cyber incident response and containment protocols. The bank has also engaged an independent cybersecurity agency empanelled with CERT-In to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the incident.

The assessment will focus on verifying the authenticity and completeness of the exposed information, identifying the possible source of the data exposure, determining its extent and evaluating the risks to customers and the bank.

SBI stated that appropriate remedial and preventive measures were being implemented as required.

SBI Says Banking Operations Remain Normal

Despite the suspected data exposure, SBI stated that the incident had no material impact on its core business operations, financial performance or business continuity.

The bank added that its services continued to operate normally without disruption. It also assured stakeholders that the situation was being closely monitored and that appropriate measures would be taken in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

The investigation is expected to provide greater clarity on the circumstances surrounding the incident and the potential implications for affected customers.

What Should SBI Customers Do?

While the investigation continues, customers should remain vigilant against possible attempts to misuse personal information.

Customers are advised to:

Never disclose OTPs, PINs, passwords or internet banking credentials to anyone.

Avoid clicking suspicious links received through SMS, email or messaging applications.

Be cautious of calls claiming to be from bank officials who demand confidential information.

Monitor bank transactions and account alerts for suspicious activity.

Report unauthorised transactions or suspected fraud immediately through official banking channels.

Customers should remember that knowledge of their personal details does not establish that a caller is genuinely representing the bank.

Cybersecurity and Customer Data Protection in Focus

The suspected exposure highlights the importance of robust cybersecurity systems, continuous monitoring and effective protection of sensitive customer information in the banking sector.

As digital banking services continue to expand, safeguarding personal data remains a critical responsibility for financial institutions.

The full extent and origin of the suspected SBI data exposure remain under investigation.

Source: State Bank of India regulatory disclosure to the BSE and NSE dated October 21, 2026.

Prime Accused In Chit Fund Scam Held At Airport

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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.

The Charminar Zone Task Force Arrested Three Men And Seized Sophisticated Hunting Equipment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Forests on the Telangana–Karnataka–Maharashtra borders have become a safe haven for illegal hunting. In the past 10 months, 21 people have been arrested by Telangana police. Hunters avoid forest officials and police by choosing border forests. After killing banned animals, they cut the flesh and destroy skins and horns. Many are caught while entering the city, as police have identified hot spots on the ORR and intensified checks.

Sources said hunters use powerful rifles such as .30-06 and 3.15 bore. To suppress the sound, they fit imported mufflers and suppressors, reducing firing noise by up to 80 per cent. Some are equipped with night-vision binoculars, thermal imaging devices and transmitters.On Tuesday, Malakpet police and Charminar Zone task force arrested three licensed hunters suspected of poaching.

Jobless Lovers Turn To Chain Snatching, Arrested

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A young couple who resorted to chain snatching after failing to find jobs in Hyderabad were arrested by Vanasthalipuram police on Wednesday. The duo had moved to the city from Andhra Pradesh about a month ago in search of employment and turned to crime to earn money for their marriage. The accused, Annapu Reddy Durga Ramana Reddy, 23, and Tenka Varalaxmi, 24, are lovers who had been in a relationship for some time and were living together in Gurramguda. Both are first-time offenders, with no previous criminal cases registered against them, police said. They have been remanded to judicial custody.

The incident occurred around 6.04 am on Sunday, when the 66-year-old victim, Andugula Ramulamma, was cleaning the Raja Rajeshwari Temple at Venkata Ramana Colony in Hasthinapuram. The accused targeted her while she was alone and snatched her gold pusthelathadu weighing about 30 grams. According to police, Varalaxmi caught hold of the woman and covered her mouth while Ramana Reddy forcibly removed the ornament from her neck. The duo then fled on an Activa scooter.

Police said the couple had been struggling to secure employment after arriving in Hyderabad and decided to snatch gold ornaments to make money. They were apprehended near a jewellery shop in Kamala Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, on Wednesday. Police recovered the stolen ornament and two mobile phones belonging to the accused during the operation. The arrests were made under the supervision of Malkajgiri commissioner of police B. Sumathi and LB Nagar Zone DCP B. Anuradha. The accused were sent to judicial remand and the investigation is continuing.

EDITORIAL

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

CANBERRA
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

Seeking deeper connections

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

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

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

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

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

1. Explore AI together

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

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



Dubai Michelin Guide 2026: Trèsind Studio, FZN Retain Three Stars

DUBAI
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Trèsind Studio and FZN by Björn Frantzén have retained their prestigious Three Michelin Stars in the fifth edition of the Michelin Guide Dubai 2026, while Orfali Bros has been promoted to Two Michelin Stars, becoming the first Middle Eastern restaurant to achieve the distinction globally.
Unveiled at Atlantis The Royal Dubai in October, the latest edition features 122 restaurants representing 38 cuisines, marking a 77% increase from the 69 restaurants recognised in the inaugural 2022 edition.
The 2026 selection includes two Three-Star restaurants, four Two-Star establishments, 14 One-Star restaurants, 22 Bib Gourmand eateries and 80 other Michelin-selected venues, highlighting Dubai's growing reputation as a global culinary destination.
Orfali Bros joins Il Ristorante-Niko Romito, Row on 45 and STAY by Yannick Alléno in the Two-Star category. Meanwhile, Birch and KIGO are new entrants to the One-Star selection.
The Bib Gourmand category, which recognises quality food at good value, has welcomed Middle Child, S.E.A Bistrot, Three Bros and YUBI Dubai. Thirteen restaurants have also joined the Michelin-selected category, including Barrafina, Carbone, China Tang, Revolver and WINDOW.
The Michelin Special Awards recognised Rémy Marquignon of Ossiano with the Young Chef Award, Akinori Tanigawa of KIGO with the Service Award, and WINDOW as the Opening of the Year.
Issam Kazim, CEO of Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing, said the latest edition marked an important milestone in the city's journey as a global culinary destination. He highlighted the combination of established excellence, emerging homegrown concepts and international talent.
Gwendal Poullennec, International Director of the Michelin Guides, said the selection's growth reflected Dubai's thriving food scene and its evolving culinary identity.
The latest guide underscores Dubai's diverse dining landscape, spanning international fine dining, local culinary concepts and affordable neighbourhood restaurants.

Instamart QIM Sale Offers Deals on Apple, Ninja and More

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Instamart's Quick India Movement (QIM) Sale brings together deals across electronics, home appliances, kitchen essentials, personal care, jewellery and everyday products. Shoppers can explore offers from brands including Apple, Nothing, Ninja, Bergner, Raymond Home, La Opala, Giva, The Whole Truth and Beardo through the Swiggy app.
Among the featured products is the Apple iPhone 18 Pro (256GB), which offers a 48MP Pro Fusion camera, a 6.3-inch display and up to 34 hours of video playback. It is listed at ₹1,62,900 against its MRP of ₹1,64,900.
The CMF by Nothing Headphone Pro, featuring 40dB active noise cancellation and up to 100 hours of playback, is available for ₹4,999, compared with its MRP of ₹9,999, making it an option for music enthusiasts and frequent travellers.
Kitchen appliance deals include the Ninja Crispi 1700W Glass Air Fryer, priced at ₹14,999 against ₹19,990. The Bergner TriPro Tri-Ply Stainless Steel Kadai, with a 3.1-litre capacity and induction-compatible base, is available for ₹999, down from ₹2,670.
For home upgrades and festive hosting, the Raymond Home double bedsheet, accompanied by two pillow covers, is priced at ₹299 against ₹1,499. The 21-piece La Opala Novo Dinner Set in Blue Florets is listed at ₹799 compared with its MRP of ₹3,295.
Other featured offers include the Giva Rose Gold Pendant with Link Chain at ₹1,799 against ₹5,799 and the Ninja Blast Portable Blender at ₹3,499 against ₹6,530. Those looking for a protein supplement can explore The Whole Truth Unflavoured Whey Protein Concentrate (1kg), listed at ₹3,724 against ₹4,499.
The Beardo Ape-X EZ Beard Trimmer, featuring a 7,000 RPM motor, up to 110 minutes of runtime and Type-C charging, is priced at ₹449 against ₹995.
Customers can browse participating products on Instamart through the Swiggy app. Offers are available on select products and in select locations, subject to stock availability. Prices and promotions may vary by location, and terms and conditions apply.

7Seas Entertainment Launches Formula Ride on Google Play, App Store

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7Seas Entertainment Limited has launched its India-developed mobile racing game, Formula Ride, on Google Play and the App Store in markets where it is available, bringing high-speed racing, strategic gameplay and real-time multiplayer competition to gaming enthusiasts.
The Hyderabad-based company said the game combines racing excitement with career progression and competitive features, targeting both casual players and dedicated racing enthusiasts in India and international markets.
The commercial launch marks another milestone in the company's efforts to develop and publish original gaming intellectual property from India for a wider global audience. Formula Ride is designed to offer players an engaging racing experience, combining speed and strategy with opportunities to progress through their gaming careers.
Commenting on the launch, 7Seas Entertainment Managing Director L. M. Sanker said the release was a proud milestone for the entire team and reflected the company's ambition to create original, engaging and globally relevant gaming experiences from India.



He said the game had been developed with a combination of high-speed racing, strategic elements, career progression and real-time multiplayer features. He added that the platform could evolve further through player feedback and future content development.
The company expressed confidence that Formula Ride would attract players from domestic and international markets, strengthening its efforts to expand its presence in the digital gaming industry.
7Seas Entertainment Limited, listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange under the code BSE: 540874, is a developer and publisher of digital games and interactive content headquartered in Hyderabad.
The company develops original gaming intellectual property and digital experiences across mobile, personal computer and web platforms. Its operations include game design, software development, animation, quality assurance, publishing and AI-assisted content production.
With Formula Ride now available for download in its released markets, the company aims to expand its gaming portfolio and reach a broader audience through original digital entertainment products developed in India.

East Coast Railway to hold 'Jan Sambad' drive to boost passenger engagement

NEW DELHI
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The East Coast Railway (ECoR) will organise an extensive 'Jan Sambad' public outreach campaign across designated railway stations under its jurisdiction on October 22, with the primary objective of strengthening direct communication channels between the Railways and the public, enhancing passenger awareness and promoting greater public participation in improving railway services.
"The 'Jan Sambad' initiative is aimed at establishing an effective platform for interaction between railway officials, passengers and members of the public. Through direct engagement, the campaign seeks to understand passenger needs, gather feedback on railway services and amenities, address public concerns and disseminate information about various passenger-oriented initiatives of Indian Railways," the ECoR said in an official statement.
The ECoR added that during the campaign, designated railway officials, supervisors, and frontline personnel will directly interact with passengers at stations, concourses, and waiting halls.
The teams will sensitise them about important aspects of daily railway functioning, including comprehensive passenger safety protocols, station cleanliness standards, proper use of circulating railway premises, observance of critical safety precautions while boarding and alighting from trains, and responsible travel practices across the rail network.

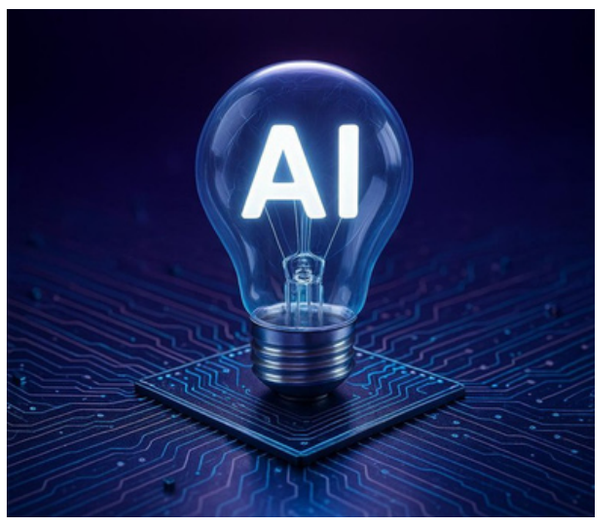
Bengal: Four ports identified for bunkering alternative fuel for Green Maritime ops

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The Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) released a document titled "Study on Potential Demand and Pricing of Alternative Marine Fuels in India" during the workshop titled "Safety First at Sea: Enhancing Safety & Compliance Standards across Indian Shipping" held recently in Mumbai.
The study, undertaken by DNV under the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) GreenVoyage2050 Programme, in partnership with DGMA and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), examines India's potential to emerge as a regional bunkering hub for low- and zero-carbon marine fuels.
It provides an assessment of vessel traffic patterns, existing and projected marine fuel demand, alternative fuel pricing, cost competitiveness and bunkering infrastructure and operational considerations.
"The report identifies Mundra, JNPT, Chennai and Tuticorin as key locations for potential alternative fuel bunkering development, with projected demand reaching 42–65 petajoules (PJ) by 2035 and 113–293 PJ by 2047, under different scenarios," the DGMA has said in a statement.
The study also outlines a phased roadmap for 2026–2047, focusing on the establishment of initial bunkering operations, expansion of infrastructure and services, development of safety and regulatory frameworks and India's long-term positioning within regional and global green shipping networks.
It provides valuable insights for advancing alternative marine fuel adoption, strengthening bunkering infrastructure and supporting maritime decarbonisation, contributing towards India's transition to cleaner and more sustainable shipping.
The DGMA has already set a deadline for the use of ethanol-blended fuel by commercial vessels when they enter Indian coastal waters. Ship owners and managers have been given time to make necessary changes in equipment and build tanks on ships to store ethanol.

Govt warns TV channels over Programme Code violations, urges caution in AI use

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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) on Wednesday advised private satellite television channels to strictly comply with the Programme Code and exercise caution while using artificial intelligence tools in news and programme production, warning that violations could attract regulatory action.
In an advisory, the ministry said several channels had violated provisions of the Programme Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, and the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994. It cautioned that any breach of the code could invite action under the existing regulatory framework.
"The use of AI tools may be limited to assistive capacity without compromising the accuracy, authenticity or sensitivity of news content," it said.
The ministry also raised concerns over the growing use of artificial intelligence technologies in broadcasting and asked channels to exercise due caution while deploying AI tools, including generative AI, for graphics, virtual news presentations and other programming.
According to the advisory, AI may be used only in an assistive capacity and should not compromise the accuracy, authenticity or sensitivity of news content.
Broadcasters were reminded of their responsibility to maintain editorial standards and ensure that technology does not distort factual reporting.
The ministry said an inter-departmental committee had observed that telecasts on various channels were not in conformity with the spirit of the Programme Code. The committee noted instances where similar news reports and visuals on comparable topics were aired across multiple channels in a manner that raised concerns regarding compliance with broadcasting norms.
The committee recommended strict adherence to statutory provisions and stressed that inappropriate behaviour, objectionable language or undesirable conduct should not be normalised through television broadcasts.
The advisory also called upon channels to carefully select and sensitise panellists participating in debates and discussion programmes to prevent the dissemination of communal, inflammatory or anti-national content.
Broadcasters were asked to use safeguards such as muting, warnings, disclaimers or discontinuation of feeds whenever necessary to prevent derogatory, abusive or provocative remarks from being aired.

Gujarat gets Rs 8,167 crore in GST in Sep; up 35 pc year-on-year

GANDHINAGAR
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Gujarat's goods and services tax (GST) revenue rose 35 per cent year-on-year to Rs 8,167 crore in September this year, compared with Rs 6,050 crore in the same month last year, even as GST rates were reduced, state government spokesperson Jitu Vaghani said on Wednesday.
The growth was more than twice the national GST revenue growth rate of 14.7 per cent during the same period, according to figures shared by Vaghani after the state Cabinet meeting.
Gujarat collected Rs 49,858 crore in GST revenue during the first six months of the current financial year, from April to September, marking a 29 per cent increase over the Rs 38,540 crore collected during the corresponding period last year.
The state government attributed the increase to the business and industrial environment in Gujarat and greater voluntary compliance by taxpayers. GST was the largest contributor to the state Tax Department's revenue in September.
Collections from other taxes included Rs 2,930 crore through value added tax (VAT), Rs 1,102 crore in electricity duty and Rs 24 crore in professional tax.
"Together, GST, VAT, electricity duty and professional tax generated total revenue of Rs 12,222 crore for the state Tax Department during September," Vaghani said.

Rajeshwari Sachdev on Tiger Shroff attack: 'Where children play, such incidents are frightening'

Mumbai:

Actress and singer Rajeshwari Sachdev has expressed concern over the firing incident involving actor Tiger Shroff. She described it as sad, shocking, and frightening. Speaking exclusively to IANS, Rajeshwari said the incident was particularly disturbing as it took place in a residential neighbourhood where children play, raising concerns about the safety of people in the area.

Reacting to the news of the attack, she said, "I just got the news that he was attacked, and this is a very bad thing. It's very, very sad. It's a matter of fear. In your neighborhood, where children play, it's very unfortunate that a child is attacked like this."

The actress expressed shock over the incident and highlighted how such acts could create a sense of fear among residents, particularly families with children.



The firing incident involving Tiger Shroff has sparked concerns over safety.

Several members of the entertainment industry have condemned the incident and expressed concerns over the safety of citizens.

Renuka Shahane told IANS, "This is a very scary thing. And thank God, Tiger Shroff is safe and sound. But this terror is very scary. Nothing like this has happened in the industry for many years. We are seeing it now, and I think everyone should be very careful about this. Otherwise, no one will come out of the house. Everyone will leave with security."

"I think everyone will be scared because the people who do such things are so mad. We do not understand what they want or what they want to do, and they have weapons in their hands. So, this is a scary thing," she added.

Actor Mahesh Thakur stressed the need for stronger security measures and stricter law enforcement following the firing incident involving Tiger Shroff. He said, "When we had a law-and-order situation way before this problem, the Home Ministry and the police had to start getting strict about it. You know, if you only give Z security to someone, the other person won't be safe. You can save one person, but the rest of Mumbai is not safe."

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Viraj Ghelani starrer 'Party Animals' shares the tale of a reunion gone wrong

MUMBAI
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Yoodlee Films unveiled the trailer for its forthcoming comedy, 'Party Animals', on Wednesday. It talks about a New Year's Eve night that ends up going out of control with cops, goons, a party bus, romantic complications, petty fights and a drunk horse. A seemingly harmless reunion between friends quickly transforms into massive chaos, and every attempt to make things better only makes things considerably worse.

Sharing the preview of the drama on social media, the makers wrote on social media, "The MOST anticipated trailer (according to us) is FINALLY here! #PartyAnimals trailer out now. In cinemas on 20th November (sic)."

Made under the direction of Ravi Chhabriya and backed by Vikram Mehra and Siddharth Anand Kumar under the banner of Yoodlee Films, 'Party Animals' features Viraj Ghelani playing the role of Mann Patel, along with Arjun Tanwar as Armaan Khanna, and Pragati Nagpal, Naqiyah Haji, Alam Khan, Saqib Ayub, Kamlesh Sawant, Anil Charanjeett, Aaron Koul, Vijay Patkar and Manoj Joshi in other key roles.

The storyline for the movie has been penned by Ali Haji, Khush Mullick and Veer Panchal.

Reacting to the trailer, a netizen quipped, "This looks like the group chat got a production budget."

"I don't know what I just watched, but I need the full story immediately," shared another one.

Talking about his next, actor Viraj Ghelani shared, "Party Animals is the kind of madness that's hard to explain but a whole lot of fun to experience, especially with your gang of friends. From the music and the madness to the moments of pure unfiltered masti, the film celebrates that crazy energy, unbreakable bhaichara, and collective bad decisions that make for the best stories. I had a blast being part of this chaos, and I can't wait for audiences to experience it together on the big screen."

'Party Animals' is expected to be out in the cinema halls on November 20, 2026.

Dani Olmo joins Barcelona's injury list ahead of Real Madrid clash

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FC Barcelona suffered an injury setback ahead of Sunday's crucial La Liga clash at home to Real Madrid, with Dani Olmo sustaining a groin injury on Tuesday night. The 27-year-old midfielder limped off in the first half of Tuesday's 4-2 defeat away to Paris Saint-Germain, Barcelona's first loss of the season, and was replaced by Fermin Lopez.

Although Barcelona's medical staff has yet to complete a full assessment, early indications suggest Olmo has injured his left adductor muscle.

The injury rules him out of Sunday's clash with Real Madrid, a match in which Barcelona could extend its lead over its title rival to nine points. Olmo could be sidelined for up to a month, potentially missing further La Liga matches against Alaves and Atletico Madrid, as well as the Champions League game against Aston Villa.

He is also a doubt for Spain's upcoming UEFA Nations League matches against the Czech Republic and England on Nov. 12 and 15, respectively.



Barcelona will also be without injured defenders Eric Garcia and Andreas Christensen for Sunday's game, while Jules Kounde remains a doubt with an ankle injury.

The match was a big disappointment for the Spanish giants as Paris Saint-Germain beat Barcelona 4-2 in the UEFA Champions League on Tuesday, with Vitinha and Fabian Ruiz scoring late to settle a contest in which the visitors twice equalised.

The defending champion started aggressively, forcing Barcelona into mistakes near its own penalty area. Khvicha Kvaratskhelia struck the post after two minutes, while Ousmane Dembele and Desire Doue also threatened early on.

Barcelona gradually created opportunities of its own, but PSG goalkeeper Matvei Safonov denied Raphinha and Gordon in quick succession. Both sides suffered first-half injuries, with Dembele and Dani Olmo forced off.

PSG regained control and broke through in the 38th minute. Barcelona failed to close down Doue outside the area, allowing the forward to score from distance. Safonov then kept out Fermin's effort as the visitors sought an immediate response.

"We were hoping for a win or at least a draw, but now we have to see what the coach tells us we need to improve," Barcelona captain Raphinha said.

The victory kept PSG top of the league-phase standings with nine points from three matches. Barcelona remained on six points in fifth place after suffering its first defeat of the season.

2nd Test: South Africa quicks push Australia to the brink despite Head's unbeaten fifty

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Opener Travis Head struck an unbeaten 87 in the second innings to rescue Australia despite being forced to follow-on after being bowled out for 99 in their first innings on the fourth day of the second Test against South Africa at the St George's Park in Gqeberha on Wednesday.

Bundled out for a paltry 99 in the first innings, Australia lost opener Nic Maddinson for eight before Head and Marnus Labuschagne shared a 92-run partnership in the second innings as they reached 156/4 at stumps, still trailing South Africa by 170 runs.

The fourth day of the second ICC World Test Championship Test between South Africa and Australia saw the Proteas quicks come out all guns blazing, ripping through Australia's batting line-up to secure a sizeable first-innings advantage.

Starting the day at 3/1 after losing Nic Maddinson for a duck late on Day 3, Australia struggled to get their innings going from the outset.



Scott Boland was the first to fall, with Ryan Rickelton and Marco Jansen combining to dismiss Australia's five-wicket star from the first innings. Jansen then produced a beauty to remove Head for 14, leaving Australia reeling at 22/3. Labuschagne and Steve Smith attempted to steady the innings, but Anrich Nortje struck again before leaving the field with a suspected groin injury.

Jansen then returned to dismiss Australia's star performer from the first Test, Matt Renshaw, and Alex Carey in the space of three deliveries, piling further pressure on the visitors. The pacer continued his remarkable spell, bringing Beau Webster's resistance to an end, with Aiden Markram taking the catch to hand the seamer his fifth wicket of the innings, which he concluded with bowling figures of 5-33.

As wickets continued to tumble at the other end, Smith reached the landmark of 11,000 Test runs, joining Australian greats Ricky Ponting and Allan Border in an exclusive club. However, Wiaan Mulder cut short his milestone innings, dismissing him for 28 off 88 balls.

Australia were eventually bowled out for just 99, with the Proteas securing a mammoth 326-run first-innings lead.

South Africa enforced the follow-on, and Kagiso Rabada struck early, dismissing Maddinson for eight.

Labuschagne and Head took charge of things after the first wicket and combined for a 92-run stand to anchor the innings for Australia. Labuschagne, however, bit the dust when he was dismissed for 39 by Simon Harmer. Rabada struck again soon after, toppling the stumps of Renshaw to pile on more trouble for the visitors as they found themselves at 123/3 with over 200 runs to catch up on.

Webster came in and wasn't able to match up to Harmer's spin, who trapped him leg-before soon after.

Head fought on at the other end, ending the day unbeaten at 87, as Australia finished with 156/4 on the board, staring at a substantial 170-run deficit to save the second Test in Gqeberha.

Brief scores:

South Africa 425/9 decl. lead Australia 99 all out in 42.3 overs (Marco Jansen 5-33, Wiaan Mulder 2-14, Kagiso Rabada 2-33) & (f/o) 156/4 in 54 overs (Travis Head 87 not out, Marnus Labuschagne 39; Simon Harmer 2-47) by 170 runs.

Police Commemoration Day Observed in Hyderabad

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Police Commemoration Day was observed at Goshamahal on Wednesday with a Police Flag Day parade to honour police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy attended the programme as the chief guest and paid tribute to the police martyrs who laid down their lives while protecting citizens and maintaining law and order.

The event highlighted the courage, dedication and selfless service of police personnel who continue to safeguard the lives and property of people despite facing numerous challenges in the discharge of their duties.

The Police Flag Day parade formed a significant part of the commemorative programme, reflecting the department's respect for its fallen personnel and acknowledging their invaluable contribution to public safety and security.

Police Commemoration Day is observed annually on October 21 to remember police personnel who lost their lives while performing their duties. The day serves as a reminder of the risks faced by law enforcement personnel and their commitment to upholding peace, protecting citizens and maintaining public order.

The observance also provided an opportunity to recognise the sacrifices made by police martyrs and reaffirm respect for their service to society.











Durga Idol Immersion: Traffic Diversions in Hyderabad From Oct 21 to 24

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In view of the immersion of Durga Matha idols at People's Plaza, Garden Point, and the baby ponds at Jalavihar and Sanjeevaiah Park, the Hyderabad Traffic Police will impose traffic restrictions and divert vehicles at several junctions from 3 pm on October 21 to 6 am on October 24.

According to a traffic advisory issued by Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) D. Joel Davis, the diversions will be implemented depending on local traffic conditions.

Vehicles coming from Panjagutta and Raj Bhavan Road towards the Khairatabad flyover will be diverted at V.V. Statue towards Nirankari Junction, with only vehicles carrying Durga idols being allowed. Traffic from Nirankari Junction towards Iqbal Minar will be diverted at Old Saifabad Police Station towards Ravindra Bharathi and Masab Tank, while vehicles carrying idols will be permitted towards Iqbal Minar.

Traffic from Iqbal Minar towards Secretariat Junction will be diverted onto the Telangana Thalli flyover towards Lower Tank Bund. Vehicles from Khairatabad Bada Ganesh Lane and Mint Compound will not be allowed towards Necklace Rotary and will be diverted at Printing Press Junction towards Mint Compound and Rajiv Gandhi Statue.

Traffic from Upper Tank Bund towards Secretariat Junction will be diverted at Old Ambedkar Statue towards Liberty. Vehicles from Liberty will also be diverted at Old Ambedkar Statue towards Upper Tank Bund, except those carrying idols, which will be allowed towards Secretariat Junction, NTR Marg and Necklace Road.

Traffic from Upper Tank Bund towards Nallagutta Bridge and P.V. Marg (Necklace Road) will be diverted at Sonabi Abdullah Masjid towards Minister Road via Karbala and Ranigunj. Vehicles from Ranigunj and Minister Road towards Necklace Road will be diverted at Nallagutta X Roads.

Yadadri's Fifth 800 MW Unit Synchronised

HYDERABAD
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The 4,000 megawatt Yadadri Thermal Power Plant that has been saddled with a shortage of higher-grade coal for its supercritical units crossed an important milestone with the fifth of its 800 MW units getting synchronised on Tuesday. With this, all five 800MW units of the Yadadri thermal plant are now officially functional, as the government takes steps towards solving the problem of securing coal supplies of the required quality for the plant.

The YTPS requires around 14 million tonnes of G9 grade coal, but a system to ensure its supply was not put in place during the BRS government's tenure. Though agreements were signed for supply of the required coal, they were mired in confusion, and were not implemented, the result was that YTPS never really got what it required in terms of coal, according to Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who also holds the power portfolio.

The first was an agreement TGGenco signed on April 20, 2016, with Singareni Collieries Company Limited for supply of 7 million tonnes of G9 coal, which SCCL was to import. Another agreement was signed on December 9 of the same year with the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited (MSTC), a public sector undertaking, for the rest of the 7 million tonnes of G9 coal, which MSTC was to import and supply to the power station.

In what appeared to be an attempt to tie up the loose ends, arrangements were also made with the Indian Railways to transport the imported coal from Visakhapatnam and Krishnapatnam ports. This made it appear that everything was in place for YTPS, but none of these agreements worked, and the BRS government changed its coal supply plans with Genco signing a new agreement in 2022 with SCCL for supply of the entire 14 million tonnes of G9 coal required for the plant.

Hyderabad Zoo Records 57,864 Visitors During Dasara Festivities



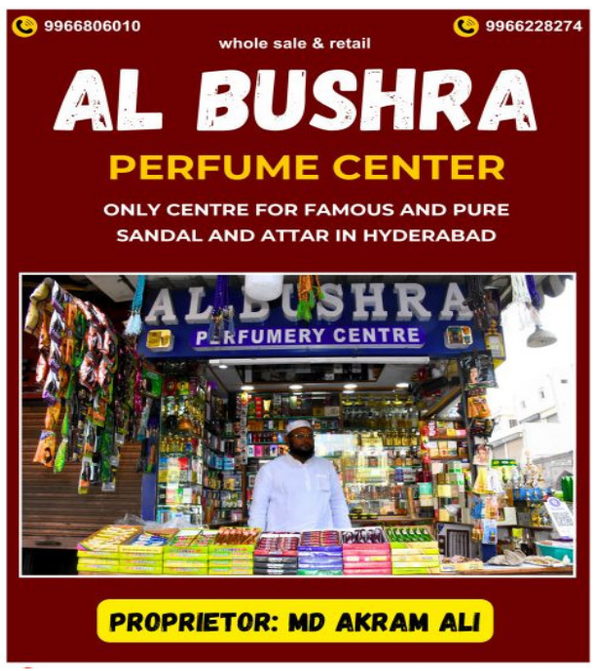
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Nehru Zoological Park witnessed a significant footfall during the Dasara festival, with a total of 57,864 visitors visiting the zoo over three days.

According to the visitor figures, 20,483 people visited the zoo on October 18, followed by 21,872 visitors on October 20. On October 21, another 15,509 people visited the park.

The increased footfall during the festive period reflected the popularity of the zoo among families and children seeking recreational outings during the holidays.

The three-day visitor turnout highlighted the zoo's appeal as a major attraction for Hyderabad residents and visitors.



NH-65 Toll Plazas Witness Post-Dasara Traffic Rush

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Traffic was disrupted at the Panthangi toll plaza on the Vijayawada-Hyderabad stretch of National Highway 65 in Choutuppal mandal of Yadadri-Bhongir district, with vehicles queuing for about one kilometre as people returned to Hyderabad after celebrating Dasara at their native places. Traffic moved bumper to bumper along a four-



kilometre stretch from Gundrampally to the Panthangi toll plaza. Vehicles piled up at the toll plaza due to the slow movement.

The Korlapakad toll plaza on NH-65 in Nalgonda district also witnessed a rush of vehicles from late Wednesday evening. Traffic moved slowly through Chityal and Choutuppal towns because of ongoing road works. Police intervened to regulate traffic in both towns.

The toll plazas are expected to witness a further increase in traffic from Thursday evening, as schools and colleges are scheduled to reopen on October 23 after the Dasara holidays. Toll plaza managements are preparing to handle the rush and ensure smoother traffic flow by increasing the number of toll gates for vehicles travelling towards Hyderabad.

Hyderabad celebrates Durga Puja with vibrant Sindoor Khela

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The Bengali community in Hyderabad and Secunderabad celebrated the conclusion of Durga Puja with traditional Sindoor Khela rituals on Wednesday, October 21.

Married women dressed in red and white sarees gathered at pandals across the twin cities. They applied vermilion to one another and offered sindoor and sweets to the goddess.

Several Bengali community organisations arranged special events at various locations, attracting large numbers of devotees.At NTR Stadium, Hyderabad Bangalee Samity organised a large gathering. Thousands of devotees participated in the traditional celebrations.

In Secunderabad, Bangiya Sanskritik Sangha organised celebrations at Keyes High School.

Similar celebrations took place near VNR Gardens in the ECIL–A.S. Rao Nagar area and at Hyderabad Kalibari in Sainikpuri.

Festive Rush Swells Secunderabad Station Crowds

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With festival crowds returning to Hyderabad, the South Central Railways (SCR) and the Telangana Road Transport Corporation (TGRTC) are geared up to handle the additional passenger rush during the Dussehra season. Highways leading to the city are swelling with traffic. From Wednesday evening, heavy congestion was reported on the Vijayawada–Hyderabad National Highway (NH-65), with queues and slow-moving vehicles at Pantangi Toll Plaza, Choutuppal.

Secunderabad Railway Station, one of the major hubs catering to passengers from Hyderabad, Secunderabad and surrounding areas, has seen a sharp rise in footfall. The station handles about 160 trains daily, including passenger, express and suburban services. Earlier, the average daily footfall was around 1.2 lakh passengers. During the festive season, this has risen to 1.6 lakh passengers per day.

Passengers arriving by private vehicles are being guided to use the parking facility located in the cellar on the Platform No. 10 side of the station. Staff have been deployed to regulate the movement of autos and ensure they do not stop

in the throughway, preventing congestion in the circulating area. Dedicated spaces have also been earmarked for app-based cab services such as Uber and Rapido.



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