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WEATHER

MAX: 32.0°C
MIN:24.3°C
RH: 84%
RAINFALL 7.5 MM
FORECAST: LIGHT RAIN LIKELY
MAX/MIN temp. 32/24°C

Curfew Imposed After Stone-Pelting at Durga Procession

MUMBAI
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Tension gripped Malegaon town in Maharashtra's Washim district after a group of people allegedly pelted stones at a Durga idol immersion procession following the Navratri festival. To bring the situation under control, the police had to impose a curfew in the area. According to police, the incident occurred around 10 pm on Wednesday near Tipu Sultan Chowk in the town. An argument broke out after colored powder (gulal) thrown during the Navratri festivities allegedly landed on a nearby house. The verbal dispute quickly escalated into a confrontation, resulting in a group of individuals pelting stones at the procession.

Revanth promises BC-A status for Mudiraj community

Cabinet sub-committee to study reclassification from BC-D to BC-A for education and job opportunities.

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Thursday announced that the Mudiraj community, currently classified under the BC-D category, will be considered for inclusion in the BC-A group to provide its members greater opportunities in education and employment. He said the issue would be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting, followed by the constitution of a Cabinet sub-committee to study the matter and take the process forward, on the lines of the SC sub-categorisation completed by the Congress government.

Participating in the birth anniversary celebrations of Panduga Sayanna Mudiraj at Ravindra Bharathi here on Thursday, the Chief Minister said the next general elections would be crucial for the country and called upon people to extend their full support to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. He expressed confidence that the empowerment of the majority Bahujan communities would be possible only when Rahul Gandhi became Prime Minister.

Revanth Reddy said the Congress government was according top priority to the political empowerment of Backward Classes and ensuring representation for all BC communities. He said the Mudiraj community could not be reclassified from BC-D to BC-A earlier due to the lack of accurate data. The proposed Cabinet sub-committee would undertake a comprehensive study, taking into account the concerns and doubts raised by other communities over the proposed inclusion.

The Chief Minister urged all communities to provide complete details and bring any errors in their population figures to the government's notice for correction in the caste census conducted by the Telangana government in 2024-25. He said the caste census had enabled communities to assert their demands with stronger evidence. After nearly a century, the state had successfully undertaken a comprehensive caste census, he added, recalling that the first such exercise had been conducted during British rule.

Revanth Reddy said the Mudiraj community had a significant presence in his Kodangal Assembly constituency and was known for its trustworthiness. Recalling his association with the community, he said that after becoming TPCC president, he had appointed Srihari Mudiraj as a District Congress Committee president, given him a party ticket and subsequently inducted him into the Cabinet as a minister. The Congress had also fielded Neelam Madhu in the Lok Sabha elections.

The Chief Minister said it was his responsibility to ensure that the Mudiraj community became a partner in governance. He asked BC welfare minister Ponnam Prabhakar to take up the issue with TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud and explore the possibility of providing an MLC ticket to a Mudiraj community leader.

14 Indians Detained on Red Sea Yacht; Kuwait Tanker Hit

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has attributed the sharp rise in fine rice prices to the impact of El Niño, stating that the price of fine rice had reached ₹95 per kilogram as households across Telangana expressed concern over increasing food expenses.Addressing the birth anniversary celebrations of Panduga Sayyanna,

the Chief Minister defended his government's decision to promote the cultivation of fine rice varieties on a large scale. He recalled facing criticism when the government encouraged farmers to cultivate fine rice, with some questioning his understanding of agriculture.

"When the State government promoted the cultivation of fine rice varieties extensively, people from different sections criticised me. They even said that I lacked awareness of agriculture," Revanth Reddy said.

World Seeks New Order, Congress Disorder: Modi

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Congress and Rahul Gandhi, accusing the Opposition party of attempting to create disorder and tarnish India's image abroad at a time when the world was searching for a new order. Addressing a world summit organised by a TV channel in New Delhi, Modi accused Congress leaders of seeking foreign intervention and questioning India's achievements to protect the Gandhi family from political failures.

"Today, when there is so much chaos in the world, the image of a strong India should be known globally. But these people are hell-bent on dragging India's reputation through the mud. These people go abroad and defame India. They petition foreigners for intervention," he said. Taking a dig at Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister said India did not witness as many rocket launches from Sriharikota in a year as the Congress made unsuccessful attempts to launch its leader.

"To save its family from the blot of failure, the Congress is questioning India's achievements. The grapes are sour, and the Congress is now trying to axe the vine itself. The family is now a burden on the Congress," he said. Modi alleged that the Congress had become a "parasite" that did not want others to grow and claimed that "dimagi Naxals" (intellectual Naxals) had gained influence over the party.

He accused the Congress of drowning out the voices of Opposition leaders who wanted to criticise the government constructively and work for the country's welfare. Turning to global affairs, the Prime Minister said the existing world order had failed to address emerging challenges and called for reforms in multilateral.

More Goof Up In UP Voter list

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More skeletons have started tumbling out of the cupboard of Uttar Pradesh electoral system. A day after the chief electoral officer of UP suspended two Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and a Computer Assistant of voter registration centre in Pilibhit for tampering with voter list, voter cards with strange entries as names have been found in Jhansi's Legislative Council (MLC) voter list."Ram ne Yadav ko maara", "Takkar Maarna", "Narendra Yadav s/o Bcom", Ravi Sharma s/o "Ram ney Sharma ko Maraa", Murakh Kali Devi. The UP-CEO office has now sought a report on this goof up.

On Wednesday, the UP-CEO office accepted that 13,150 names were altered in Pilibhit and suspended concerned officials. On Thursday, UP CEO office said while legal action has been initiated against the two EROs, the computer operator has been terminated from services. "A detailed investigation report has been received from the District Election Officer, Pilibhit, regarding the complaint concerning the display of details of another voter against the EPIC number of voters listed in the electoral roll of Assembly Constituency 127-Pilibhit. According to the investigation report received, a total of 13,779 Form-8 entries were made by the computer operator at the Voter Registration Centre of Assembly Constituency 127-Pilibhit for amendments to voter de-

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Cong. Won't Return To Power For 30 Years, Says Shah

NEW DELHI
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Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over protests against alleged vote theft, asserting that the party would not return to power for the next 30 years and that street demonstrations could not overturn the people's mandate. Speaking after inaugurating and laying the foundation stones for 43 projects worth ₹8,941 crore for Yamuna rejuvenation and water infrastructure in Delhi, Shah accused the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of failing to tackle pollution in the river during their tenures.

Targeting Gandhi over the Opposition's protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Shah said the Congress was using allegations of vote theft to explain its electoral defeats. "You cannot belie the country's mandate through political machinations and mobocracy," he said. Taking a dig at Gandhi over his foreign visits, Shah



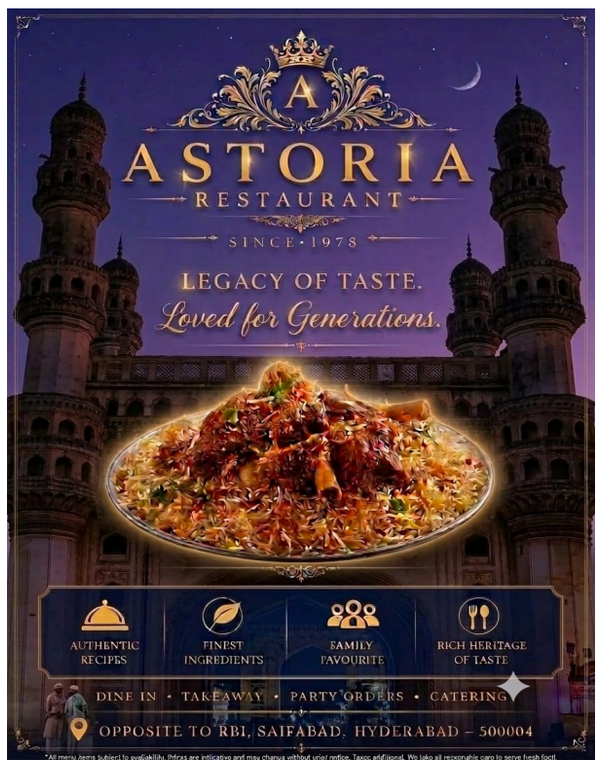
said, "People of the country understand you. You cannot hear me because you are sitting somewhere abroad and you don't even explain why you are abroad. It is alright, as it is your private life."

He asserted that Gandhi would not get an opportunity to come to power even in the next 30 years, claiming that the BJP remained connected with the people and addressed their concerns. "Crores of BJP workers and Prime Minister Modi exist among the people, understand their concerns and work continuously to solve them," he said. Shah advised the Congress to reach out to voters, address their problems and implement welfare programmes in states where it was in power instead of organising protests in Delhi.

"The BJP is coming to power one after another. Pained by this, they have come up with the 'excuse' of vote theft, saying the BJP does not have the mandate and it steals votes," he said.

The home minister also alleged that the Congress and its allies were using the vote theft issue to protect infiltrators. He accused the Opposition of repeatedly questioning electoral processes, first by alleging EVM tamper-

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Centre Took No Action On 2 ECs' Complaints Against Poll Officer

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The Cabinet Secretariat took no action on complaints by Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi against a senior Election Commission officer, citing concerns that intervention without a formal communication from the poll panel could amount to interference in a constitutional body, an RTI reply has revealed. The two Commissioners had separately written to Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan on July 29, raising concerns over the conduct of senior deputy election commissioner Maneesh Garg, who was appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet in September 2024.

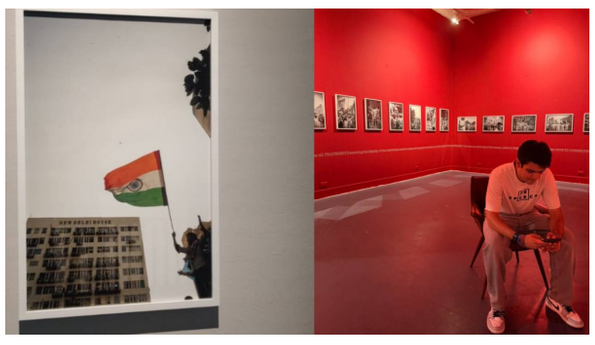
Documents released under the RTI Act to activist Commodore Lokesh K. Batra (retd) show that Sandhu and Joshi accused Garg of issuing orders reallocating work among senior officers without consulting the Commission or obtaining its approval, despite repeated instructions against such decisions.

Raihan Vadra exhibition controversy: Gehlot terms photo removal 'censorship'

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday attacked the BJP government over the Raihan Vadra art show row, calling it a direct "attack" on democracy and clear example of "censorship".

Artist and photographer Raihan Vadra, the son of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Robert Vadra, on Wednesday said the Bikaner House administration in the national capital pulled down many of his



pictures of the recent Delhi protests ahead of a solo exhibition.

Targeting the BJP government, Gehlot demanded an explanation for the removal of the photographs.

"Bikaner House is a property of the Rajasthan government. This means a young artist's creativity was stifled under the BJP government's watch, which is highly condemnable," Gehlot said in a statement.

The Congress leader alleged that the BJP government was attempting to suppress images that reflected public dissent.

He also praised Vadra for refusing to remove two photographs featuring the national flag, saying his stand demonstrated that there could be no compromise on respect for the tricolour. "Suppressing the voice of artists is a direct attack on democracy.

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Graduates Must Register as Voters, Question Congress: BRSV Leader Mir Qurram Ali



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Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, BRS Student wing (BRSV) Greater Hyderabad Coordinator, has called upon eligible graduates to register as voters for the Hyderabad–Mahabubnagar–Rangareddy Graduates' MLC election and actively participate in the democratic process, urging them to hold the Congress government accountable for its promises.Emphasising the importance of graduate participation, Qurram Ali said educated citizens must exercise their constitutional right to vote rather than remain indifferent to political developments. He urged eligible graduates to submit Form 18 and ensure their names are included in the graduate electoral roll."Voting is a powerful democratic right. Graduates must use their votes responsibly, question those in power and demand accountability for the promises made to them," he said.Targeting the Congress government over alleged unfulfilled promises, Qurram Ali raised concerns over delays in scholarship and fee-reimbursement payments, claiming that the situation had caused difficulties for students and educational institutions. He also questioned the government's progress on its promise to provide two lakh jobs, highlighting concerns among unemployed youth.The BRSV leader further raised issues relating to financial assistance, loans of up to ₹5 lakh, power cuts, drinking water shortages and irrigation difficulties. He also expressed concern about preparedness for potential El Niño-related challenges and their possible impact on agriculture and water availability.Calling for greater awareness ahead of the MLC election, Qurram Ali urged graduates to carefully examine the government's performance, assess political parties' commitments and make informed electoral choices. He appealed to voters to consider the BRS candidate.He also called upon BRS student activists to intensify voter-registration awareness campaigns and encourage every eligible graduate to enrol."Every eligible graduate must register, participate and make their voice count," Qurram Ali said, stressing that informed voting and active public participation were essential to strengthening democratic accountability.



Revanth Reddy links fine rice price rise to El Nino

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Amid growing concerns among households over rising fine rice prices in Telangana, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has attributed the increase to the impact of El Niño, stating that the price of fine rice has surged to ₹95 per kg.Addressing the Panduga Sayyanna birth anniversary celebrations, the Chief Minister said the State government had encouraged farmers to cultivate fine rice varieties on a large scale despite criticism from different sections. He recalled that some people had questioned his understanding of agriculture when the government promoted fine rice cultivation."When the State government promoted the cultivation of fine rice varieties extensively, people from different sections criticised me. They even said that I lacked awareness of agriculture," Revanth Reddy said.The Chief Minister stated that the government was distributing fine rice to nearly 3.48 crore people across Telangana as part of its welfare measures. He said the government was continuing welfare programmes introduced by previous administrations while increasing the benefits under certain schemes.Comparing the farmer support programmes of the previous BRS government and the present Congress government, Revanth Reddy said the BRS government had provided ₹10,000 per acre under Rythu Bandhu, while the Congress government was offering ₹12,000 per acre under Rythu Bharosa.However, the implementation of farmer assistance remains a concern, as eligible farmers experienced delays in receiving financial support during some seasons.The Chief Minister also reiterated the State



government's commitment to the political empowerment of Backward Classes (BCs). In a significant announcement, he said a Cabinet sub-committee would be constituted to examine the demand for including the Mudiraj community in the BC-A category.Revanth Reddy explained that the absence of adequate and accurate data had prevented the proposed reclassification of the Mudiraj community from the BC-D category to BC-A."We will discuss this issue in the next Cabinet meeting and form a Cabinet sub-committee to conduct a comprehensive study on this issue,

Hyderabad sees weak NE monsoon as 97 pc rainfall deficit recorded

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad and other districts of Telangana are witnessing a severe rainfall deficit during the current North-East monsoon season so far.

In October so far, the state recorded a 95 per cent rainfall deficit. Against the normal rainfall of 75.6 mm for the first 21 days of October, the state received only 3.5 mm amid the possible impact of El Niño.

October is usually one of the wetter months in Telangana. However, the sharp decline in rainfall this year has raised concerns about the weather conditions during the remaining days of the month.Hyderabad recorded 2.8 mm of rainfall between October 1 and 21, against its normal of around 114 mm for the month.

In October 2020, the city experienced 400.7 mm of rainfall. However, in October 2016, it was 37.1 mm.

Meanwhile, Hanumakonda, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Mancherial, Medak, Nizamabad, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, Sangareddy and Siddipet recorded zero rainfall during the first 21 days of October.

Several other districts recorded extremely low rainfall compared with their normal levels. Wanaparthy recorded the highest rainfall among the districts during the period. It recorded 17.7 mm of rainfall.

However, it is still 78 per cent below its normal of 82.1 mm.Khammam received 13.8 mm against its normal of 94.6 mm, while Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri recorded 13 mm against 84.6 mm. The rainfall deficit in Hyderabad and other districts of Telangana during the North-East monsoon so far is due to El Nino.

Southern states' police meet to tackle inter-state crime in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Police chiefs and senior officers from southern States and Union Territories will meet in Hyderabad on Friday to strengthen inter-State coordination and chalk out a joint strategy to tackle cross-border crime, including cybercrime, drug trafficking and terrorism.
Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will attend the Southern Regional Police Coordination Committee meeting as the chief guest at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC).
The meeting, organised by the Telangana Police, aims to strengthen intelligence sharing, improve coordination among law enforcement agencies and develop a collective response to emerging security challenges, Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand said.
Directors General of Police and Inspectors-General from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala, besides representatives from the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Puducherry and Lakshadweep, will participate in the deliberations.
Senior officials from central agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, National Investigation Agency, Central Industrial Security Force, Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force, will also attend.
The discussions will cover terrorism, the post-Maoist security scenario, drug trafficking, inter-State cybercrime, organised crime, economic offences, youth protests and human trafficking. The movement of criminal gangs across State borders and mechanisms for sharing intelligence and coordinating investigations will also be examined.
The implementation of the new criminal laws, coastal security, road accident prevention and the use of artificial intelligence in policing are among the other issues expected to figure in the meeting.
The conference seeks to strengthen operational cooperation through timely intelligence exchange, joint operations and the sharing of best practices to prevent and investigate crimes that transcend State boundaries.

KBCA Durgotsav 2026 Concludes Grandly, Attracting 10,000 Participants

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Kondapur Bengali Cultural Association (KBCA) Durgotsav 2026 concluded on October 21 at CCRT, Madhapur, Hyderabad, with approximately 10,000 people participating in the six-day celebrations. Presented by Radhey Group, the inaugural edition of KBCA Durgotsav, held from October 16 to 21, brought together devotees, families and cultural enthusiasts for traditional Durga Puja rituals, music, dance, theatre and community activities.

The closing celebrations marked the culmination of a festival that celebrated faith, tradition and community spirit. Throughout the six days, devotees participated in religious ceremonies, while cultural programmes showcased Bengali heritage through performances by established artists, children and



emerging talent.Speaking on the successful conclusion of KBCA Durgotsav 2026, Ayan Deb Barman, President of KBCA, said, "The successful conclusion of our first Durgotsav is a proud and memorable moment for the entire KBCA family. The participation of approximately 10,000 people throughout the celebrations is an encouraging response and a testament to the community's enthusiasm. Our objective was to bring people together through devotion, cultural heritage and a strong sense of community. We sincerely thank our presenting sponsor, Radhey Group, our member families, volunteers, artists, supporters and every visitor who contributed to this success.

"The festival's Maha Navami celebrations on October 20 attracted a particularly large gathering, with traditional Navami Puja and the sacred Homam forming the spiritual highlights.
The cultural programme featured dance performances by children from Raj Academy, Rabindranath Tagore's dance drama Chitrangada, presented by Durba Mazumdar and her troupe, and musical performances by the Violin Sisters and other artists. The performances brought together artists from different states, highlighting how art and culture transcend regional boundaries.

Dalit groups seek action against Konaipally sarpanch

MEDAK
Wakeup telangana

Kula Vivaksha Porata Samithi (KVPS) and other Dalit organisations staged a protest at the Medak Collectorate on Thursday, demanding action against Konaipally sarpanch Manne Kalyan and his followers, accusing them of attacking Dalits in the village on Saddula Bathukamma day.
Citing Section 37 of the Panchayat Raj Act, the Dalit organisations also demanded the sarpanch's removal from the post and the registration of a case



against him under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. They further demanded the suspension of the Konaipally Panchayat Secretary for allegedly supporting the sarpanch and his followers.The leaders of the Dalit organisations said similar discrimination against Dalits was reported in different villages in Shivvampet and Toopran on Bathukamma day. Later, they submitted a representation to DRO Ambadas Rajeshwar, who assured them that he would conduct an inquiry into the incident along with the Toopran RDO.

SBI ALERTS CUSTOMERS OVER DATA SECURITY INCIDENT

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri
Wakeup Telangana

State Bank of India (SBI) has informed certain customers, including local account holders, about a data security incident involving the exposure of limited static information. The bank stated that its preliminary investigation found no exposure of passwords, PINs, OTPs or CVVs, and that account balances and core banking operations remained unaffected.
SBI said it had taken immediate containment measures, engaged independent cybersecurity experts and strengthened security safeguards. Customers have been advised to avoid suspicious links, never share banking credentials, monitor transactions and report unauthorised activity immediately.
The bank warned that fraudsters could impersonate officials using personal information. For assistance, customers can contact SBI's customer care at 1800 1234or email dgm.customer@sbi.co.in.

Telangana Plans One-Time Settlement Scheme for Industrial Power Dues

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Congress government in Telangana will soon roll out a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme to help closed industries clear their pending electricity dues, enabling power distribution companies to recover long-pending arrears amid growing fiscal challenges.
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to prepare proposals for the scheme.
During a review meeting at the Secretariat on Thursday, Bhatti Vikramarka asked the chairpersons and managing directors of TGSPDCL and TGNPDCL to coordinate with the managements of closed industries and explain the applicable rules and settlement options.
He also directed the Finance department to initiate steps to recover outstanding dues owed to Singareni Collieries Company Limited, GENCO, TRANSCO and other power sector organisations by various government departments.The meeting also focused on preparations to prevent power shortages during the Rabi season and summer, amid the possibility of reduced hydel generation due to El Niño and rising electricity demand. Bhatti Vikramarka set a target of increasing daily thermal power generation to 140 million units.Officials said average daily thermal generation reached 90.97 million units in the current financial year as of October 21, against 76.46 million units in 2025-26. Generation touched 118 million units on October 16.
To strengthen coal supplies to two units at the Yadadri Thermal



Power Plant, an alternative arrangement with Coal India Limited has been made, with supplies expected to begin in November. Four 800-MW units at Yadadri are already generating power. The fifth unit was synchronised with the grid on October 20, and efforts are under way to resolve the remaining technical and operational issues before commercial operation.The Deputy Chief Minister directed officials to run all thermal units at maximum capacity, improve plant load factors and monitor generation continuously. He stressed coordination among departments to ensure an uninterrupted supply of quality power to consumers.

Sathish Kumar accuses police of filing false cases against BRS workers

Former Husnabad MLA V Sathish Kumar accused police of filing false cases against the BRS workers in the constituency at the behest of BC Welfare Minister and local MLA Ponnam Prabhakar. As the police filed cases against five BRS workers on the charge of burning Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Minister Ponnam Prabhakar flexi banners at Dharmasagar Pally village in Koheda mandal on Dasara day, Sathish Kumar along with other key BRS leaders of the constituency visited the village on Thursday and extended support to the family members of the BRS workers.

BRS vows to fight attempts to privatise Singareni

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



BRS working president KT Rama Rao vowed to fight attempts to privatise Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and protect the rights and welfare of its workers. In this regard, he asked party leaders to question the Congress government, press for a probe into alleged irregularities in the company's affairs and oppose decisions that could undermine its interests.

Rama Rao was addressing a meeting with BRS MLAs, former MLAs, senior leaders from the Singareni region and Telangana Boggu Ghani Karmika Sangham (TBGKS) representatives at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday. The meeting reviewed the company's present situation, workers' issues, its future and measures to strengthen the party-affiliated trade union following the successful Singareni Karmika Garjana public meeting held at Godavarikhani recently.

The meeting resolved to coordinate efforts to protect Singareni, safeguard workers' rights, revive welfare measures and strengthen TBGKS. BRS leaders said they would continue to hold both the Congress and BJP governments accountable for their policies towards the company and its workforce.

Congratulating leaders, workers and union representatives for making the Godavarikhani meeting a success at short notice, Rama Rao called for a coordinated campaign to take the issues raised there to the public. He asked party leaders to question alleged irregularities in tenders, declining coal production, Singareni's financial affairs and funds due to the company.

He said the BRS should question both the Congress government in Telangana and the BJP-led government at the Centre over their indifference towards Singareni.

The BRS working president called for an extensive campaign on the welfare measures implemented for Singareni workers during the previous BRS government. These included profit-sharing, dependent employment, medical facilities and welfare programmes for workers' families.

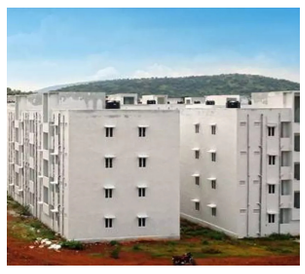
He asked party leaders to compare the previous government's initiatives with the current situation and raise concerns over workers' profit shares, bonuses and other benefits if the government failed to ensure their timely delivery. The party should remain accessible to workers and pursue their demands at the grassroots level, he said.

The meeting also discussed preparations for the forthcoming trade union elections. Rama Rao asked party and TBGKS leaders and workers to strengthen the organisation in the Singareni belt and mobilise support around workers' issues.

Party leaders said Singareni workers and people in the region were increasingly recalling the welfare initiatives undertaken during the BRS regime amid problems under the Congress government.

BRS, Left Parties Stage Dharna Over Alleged Irregularities In Indiramma Housing Scheme

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Left parties staged a dharna in front of the Khammam District Collectorate on Thursday, alleging irregularities in the selection of beneficiaries under the Indiramma housing scheme and demanding transparency in the allotment process.

Leaders and activists from the BRS, CPM, CPI, CPI(ML) Mass Line and CPI(ML) Prajapantha participated in the protest. Carrying their respective party flags, they raised slogans calling on the Telangana government to ensure that eligible families receive housing benefits without political discrimination.

Speaking at the protest, Khammam district BRS president and MLC Tata Madhusudhan alleged that welfare schemes were being extended only to people who joined the Congress or expressed allegiance to the ruling party. He criticised the alleged use of government welfare programmes for political purposes and demanded that beneficiaries be selected on the basis of eligibility rather than political affiliation.

Madhusudhan claimed that the previous BRS government had selected beneficiaries for welfare schemes without considering their political affiliations. He urged the state government to conduct gram sabhas during the second phase of the Indiramma housing scheme to identify eligible beneficiaries through a transparent and participatory process.

He also demanded the dissolution of Indiramma committees, alleging that they consisted predominantly of ruling Congress party members.

The protesting parties called for fair selection procedures, accountability and equal access to housing assistance for deserving families. They maintained that transparent implementation was essential to ensure that the benefits of the housing scheme reached those genuinely in need. The allegations raised during the protest were not inde-

Telangana Extends Integrated Township Policy For Five More Years

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The state government has extended the Integrated Township Policy, introduced in November 2020, for another five years, according to GO Rt. No. 950 issued by the municipal administration and urban development department on Thursday. The government issued the orders following a proposal submitted by the HMDA metropolitan commissioner on August 6. The extension continues the policy issued through GO Ms. No. 189 of the MA&UD department on November 3, 2020.

The government said the notification would be published in an extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette. The order invokes provisions of the HMDA Act, 2008, the Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Act, 2026, and the Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019.

Do Not Remove Small Traders' Bins, Says Pandala Satish Goud

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Pandala Satish Goud has urged officials not to remove the small traders' bins near the bridge under the flyover at Valmiki Nagar in Fatehnagar division, stressing that they have been earning their livelihood at the location for decades.

Recently, during a visit by Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, officials reportedly arrived at the spot with a JCB to remove the bins following instructions from the authorities.

The move triggered concern among local traders, who feared losing their means of livelihood. They immediately contacted Pandala Satish



Goud and appealed for his intervention.

Responding promptly, Satish Goud spoke to the concerned officials over the phone and requested them not to remove the traders' bins. He pointed out that the small vendors had been conducting their business at the location for several decades and depended on it to support their families.

He also informed the officials that the bins were not causing any disruption to traffic and urged them to consider the traders' livelihood concerns before taking action.

Later, the issue was brought to the attention of Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao, who responded to the matter and contacted MMC Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy.

The intervention brought the concerns of the local traders to the attention of the municipal authorities.

Dubbaka Naveen Mahar Calls for Spreading Ambedkar's Ideals

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Dubbaka Naveen Mahar has appealed to parents, particularly women in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, to spread awareness about the life, struggles and ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar through social media and among the younger generation.

Expressing happiness over Ambedkarites from across the country travelling to Nagpur on the occasion of Vijayadashami and paying tributes to Babasaheb at Deekshabhoomi, he appreciated women who proudly shared their photographs on social media.

He observed that there was a need to strengthen awareness among women in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh about Ambedkar's contributions, sacrifices and the rights he championed for the people.

Naveen Mahar said Dr. Ambedkar was a visionary leader who fought for self-respect, equality, education, social justice and constitutional rights. His tireless efforts laid the foundation for a more equitable society and opened opportunities for generations to pursue education and aspire to higher positions.

He stressed that Ambedkar's history should not remain confined to books or special occasions but should become an integral part of family discussions and everyday life.

He sincerely appealed to parents to educate their children about Babasaheb's life, struggles and achievements and help them understand the importance of his ideals. He also urged women and Ambedkarite followers to actively share his thoughts, messages and contributions across social media platforms.

Naveen Mahar called upon everyone to take Ambedkar's message to every household and inspire future generations to uphold equality, dignity, education and constitutional values. He urged people not merely to remember Babasaheb but also to follow the path he showed for a just and empowered society.

Surat, Mumbai and Bhiwandi Activists Unite for Joint Action

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In a significant development, activists from Surat, Navi Mumbai, Bhiwandi and Mumbai have agreed to coordinate their efforts and undertake joint action in the future, following a historic meeting held at Rajgruha, the residence of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Dadar, Mumbai, on Thursday.

The meeting was organised in accordance with the guidance of the KK Committee in Telangana. The activists first visited Rajgruha, paid tribute to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and subsequently held discussions on future strategies and coordination.

Five office-bearers of the Surat Migrants JAC—Anumula Ravinder, Gone Somanna, Siddha Srinivas, Macha Veeranna and Goditala Lakshmipathi—participated in the meeting. Acting on the advice of Professor Kodandaram, members unanimously agreed to establish a coordination mechanism among activists from Surat, Navi Mumbai, Bhiwandi and Mumbai.

The participants also decided to jointly consult the Activists Recognition Committee to discuss future programmes and strategies.

Another key agenda was a detailed discussion on the website and portal recently launched by the Telangana government, including their purpose and procedures for use.

Representatives from Bhiwandi included Sirimal Ashok and Siripuram Tirupathi. Mumbai representatives Nirati Bhumanna, Shivraj Bolle, Ramesh Chawval, Nagasen Malaji, Alivelu Yakari and Moolanivasi Malaji also attended.

The participants expressed their commitment to strengthening coordination and pursuing common objectives through collective efforts.

Slain Forest Beat Officer Selected For Anti-Poaching Award

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Forest beat officer Banoth Naveen, who died after coming into contact with a live-wire trap allegedly laid by poachers to hunt wild animals in Krishnasagar reserve forest at Nakinipeta in Burgampahad mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district, has been selected for the Frontline Staff-Protection and Anti-Poaching Award by the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change. The award recognises his contribution to wildlife conservation.

Naveen worked as forest beat officer of Cheruvusingaram West Beat in the Musalimadugu section of the Palvancha range. He died on the night of August 11, 2026, after stepping into an illegal live-wire electric snare in the reserve forest. Despite suffering burns from the electric shock, Naveen warned colleagues following him about the trap and urged them to stay away. Naveen is the only person from Telangana selected for the award.

BRS appoints constituency in-charges for two MLC elections

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The BRS has appointed constituency-wise in-charges across six districts to coordinate its preparations for the two upcoming MLC elections to the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal Graduate constituencies in Telangana. The appointments aim to strengthen coordination at the constituency level and mobilise party workers ahead of the elections.

Party working president KT Rama Rao announced the appointments after a review meeting at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday. The in-charges have been tasked with coordinating with local party leaders and cadres and overseeing election-related activities in their respective constituencies.

In erstwhile Ranga Reddy district, the appointments include Ragidi Lakshma Reddy (Medchal), MLC K Naveen Rao (Quthbullapur), former Council Chairman K Swamy Goud (Ibrahimpatnam), MLC Vani Devi (Maheswaram), Ravula Sridhar Reddy (Rajendranagar), MLC Shambipur Raju (Serilingampally) and Gattu Ramchandhar Rao, among others.

In Hyderabad, the in-charges include Koleti Damodhar Guptha (Amberpet), MLC Dasoju Sravan (Khairatabad), former MLA P Vishnu Vardhan Reddy (Jubilee Hills), former MLC MD Saleem (Secunderabad) and Manne Krishank (Secunderabad-SC), among others.

In erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, the in-charges are MLC Naveen Kumar Reddy (Kodangal), Medey Rajeev Sagar (Narayanpet), Palvai Sravanthi (Jadcherla), Dudimetla Balaraju (Makthal), MLC Challa Venkatrami Reddy (Alampur-SC), Shubhapradhpatel Nooli (Achampet-SC), Rajini Saichandh (Kalwakurthy) and Allipuram Venkateshwar Reddy (Kollapur), along with others.

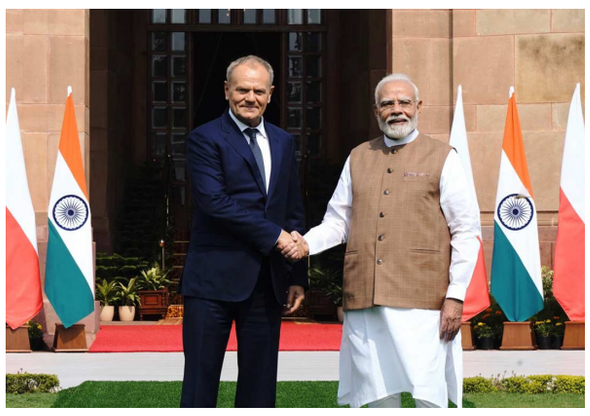
In erstwhile Nalgonda district, the appointments include former MLA Budida Bikshamaiah Goud (Nagarjunasagar), former MP B Lingaiah Yadav (Miryalaguda), MLC MC Koti Reddy (Nalgonda), former ZP vice-chairman Venkata Narayana Goud (Mungode), former MLC Karne Prabhakar (Bhongir) and Banda Narendhar Reddy (Alair), among others.

In erstwhile Khammam district, the in-charges are Chada Kishan Reddy (Yellandu-ST), T Ravinder Rao (Khammam), MLC Tata Madhu (Palair), former MP Nama Nageshwar Rao (Madhira-SC), Kurakula Nagabushanam (Sathupalle-SC) and BRS Parliamentary Party leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra (Kothagudem), among others.

In erstwhile Warangal district, the appointments include Banda Srinivas (Jangaon), former MP Maloth Kavitha (Dornakal-ST), former Minister Sathyavathi Rathod (Mahabubabad-ST), MLC Pochampally Srinivas Reddy (Narasampet), former MP B Vinod Kumar (Warangal West) and former MLA Muthireddy Yadagiri Reddy (Mulugu-ST), among others.

India, Poland to Deepen Defence, Space and Nuclear Ties: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India and Poland have agreed to deepen cooperation in defence, space and nuclear energy, inviting Polish companies to partner with India in co-development and co-production across these strategic sectors. Addressing a joint press conference with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, Modi said the bilateral relationship had gained fresh momentum since India and Poland elevated their ties to a Strategic Partnership during his visit to Warsaw in 2024. The Prime Minister said both countries were emerging as important centres of economic growth, technology and innovation at a time when the world was facing uncertainty and rapid changes. He said the two sides had taken several significant decisions to strengthen their strategic partnership. Highlighting the historical friendship between the two countries, Modi recalled the humanitarian assistance extended to Polish children and families during the Second World War by the royal families of Jamnagar and Kolhapur. He noted that the people of Poland continue to remember Jam Saheb as the "Good Maharaja" for providing shelter to thousands of Polish children. Modi welcomed Tusk's visit to India with a large business delegation and expressed confidence that Indian and Polish companies would collaborate to develop reliable global supply chains and achieve the shared target of doubling bilateral trade by 2030. Congratulating Poland on its GDP crossing the USD 1 trillion mark, Modi also highlighted India's economic performance, which recorded 7.8 per cent growth in the last quarter, according to his remarks. He said the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement would create further opportunities for economic cooperation once implemented, particularly in machinery, chemicals, plastics and engineering goods. India also expects increased Polish investment in railways, mobility, advanced manufacturing, food processing and biotechnology. The Prime Minister said the growing economic strength of both countries had opened new avenues for cooperation and would further strengthen India-Poland relations across strategic and commercial sectors. The two leaders also discussed expanding cooperation in trade, investment, technology, infrastructure and people-to-people exchanges.

Crime Branch summons CJP leaders Das, Ranka a day after release

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The Delhi Police Crime Branch has summoned Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) co-convenors Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka for questioning on Thursday, October 22, barely a day after they walked out of Tihar Jail.The two have been asked to appear at the Crime Branch office in Rajouri Garden at 12 noon to record their statements in two cases linked to their October 13 entry into Jantar Mantar, according to India Today. Police sources told the outlet that CJP member Ajinkya Shinde has also been summoned.
Das and Ranka were taken into custody on Tuesday, October 13, after they allegedly climbed over a locked gate to enter Jantar Mantar, which Delhi Police had earlier denotified as a designated protest site. They were initially sent to five days of judicial custody.Police allege the group crossed barricades and got in through a private establishment before personnel stepped in. Videos shared by the party showed members waving the national flag at the site.Two FIRs, one probe The first First Information Report (FIR), registered at Connaught Place police station, invokes disobedience of an order promulgated by a public servant, house trespass and criminal conspiracy under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The second, registered at Parliament Street police station, alleges obstruction and assault of public servants and causing hurt to police personnel.Both cases have been handed to the Crime Branch, which is now investigating the CJP leaders' attempt to enter the site.Release on bonds Das and Ranka were released on Wednesday, October 21, after a Special Executive Magistrate (SEM) rejected Delhi Police's plea to extend their judicial custody by three days, India Today reported. The same day, the two withdrew from the Delhi High Court their petition challenging the earlier extension of their custody by an SEM. The remand had been ordered by a newly appointed SEM at Mandir Marg police station on Monday, October 19, till October 21.The magistrate ordered their release on personal bonds and sureties of Rs 50,000 each, along with written undertakings to maintain peace. They also agreed not to call for protests at Jantar Mantar as long as it remains denotified, and to keep future protests within the constitutional framework.

Waqf Board seeks water, power restoration at Delhi Race Course mosque



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Delhi Waqf Board has formally sought restoration of water supply and electricity at the historic Race Course mosque located near Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence.The board's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tanvir Ahmad, in letters dated October 19 and 21, wrote to the Land and Development Office (L&DO) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), urging them to restore the utilities so worshippers can continue offering prayers.The Waqf Board's letter to the L&DO said the Delhi Administration's Official Gazette notified the Masjid and Qabristan Race Course as a Waqf property on September 8, 1977.The development comes thirteen days after the mosque was served an eviction notice and after demolition work began around the premises, displacing hundreds of families.The letter noted that, based on the available information, the mosque remains under direct board management and faces no legal proceedings. Citing legal power connection records since 1976, the letter sought full restoration of both utilities, with a copy marked to the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Imam alleges he was asked to vacate within 6 days Although the eviction notice was served in early October, the issue came to light days later when a widely circulated video surfaced in which the mosque's imam, Mohammed Harun, alleged that he was asked to vacate the space. He said the mosque's electricity and water supply had been cut off, making it difficult for worshippers to continue offering prayers. Harun, who claimed the mosque had always paid bills on time, said the Waqf Board did not respond to his correspondence.All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Mujahideen (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday, October 20, urged Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Minority Affairs, to urgently intervene in the proposed demolition of the mosque.In a post on X, he accused the Delhi Waqf Board of not challenging the demolition order and of not resolving the matter despite the mosque being a registered waqf property.The matter has raised concerns over the protection of religious properties and the need to follow due legal process before taking action against places of worship. The Waqf Board's request to restore electricity and water supply is aimed at ensuring that the mosque's daily religious activities are not disrupted while the issue remains under consideration. The dispute has also drawn attention to the responsibilities of the concerned authorities in examining the mosque's ownership and legal status, particularly in view of the 1977 Gazette.

Delivery boy dies by suicide after assault over torn note in Delhi

ISRAEL
Wakeup telangana

A 24-year-old delivery executive, who allegedly consumed a poisonous substance a day after recording a video recounting his assault by two men over a torn currency note in east Delhi, died on October 20, with police subsequently adding a charge of abetment of suicide to the case, officials said on Thursday.Sameer Hussain was allegedly assaulted by two residents of East Vinod Nagar on the night of October 4 after he refused to accept a torn currency note, according to police. The two accused were arrested and were identified as Rakesh alias Bunti (30) and Rampal Singh (65), police added.A PCR call was received at 11.03 pm on October 4, with Hussain reporting that he had been attacked by the accused over the issue, police said.His medico-legal case (MLC) was prepared shortly after midnight on October 5, and an FIR was registered at Kalyanpuri police station the same day, they said. Hussain later recorded a video detailing his account of the incident. Police subsequently received information that he had consumed a poisonous substance and was admitted to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital on October 5.

INDIA bloc's virtual meeting on 'vote chori' protests deferred

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The proposed virtual meeting of the INDIA Bloc on the future course of action on protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been deferred, sources said.The meeting was to be held on Thursday evening to deliberate on the roadmap for protests over the "vote chori" issue and on ways to press for the Chief Election Commissioner's resignation, the sources added. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge was to chair the meeting, which will also review the preparations for the INDIA bloc's rally in Delhi on November 1, they said.The INDIA bloc leaders were to brain storm on charting out the roadmap of protests, review the preparations for the November 1 rally and discuss ways to corner the government over the 'vote chori' issue soon during the meeting.There was no intimation about the next meeting of the grouping. The meeting also assumes significance as it comes at a time when there is speculation over the government convening Parliament for passing a Constitution amendment bill, involving delimitation, for the early implementation of the Women's Reservation Act.Last week, the protests over the "vote theft" charge reached the Supreme Court's doorstep.On October 12, opposition stalwarts, joined by activists and civil society members, took part in a "March for Democracy" along a heavily barricaded route and filed a joint petition against Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging poll irregularities, in a major show of strength in the national capital. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also hosted INDIA bloc leaders for tea at his home on October 13. After the meeting, the opposition bloc vowed to continue resisting and take the "vote chori" fight to its logical conclusion.INDIA bloc leaders were to brainstorm on charting out roadmap of protests, review preparations for November 1 rally and discuss ways to corner government over 'vote chori' issue soon during the meeting.

Indian among injured as debris kills 2 at Saudi

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Two people were killed and an Indian national was among two others injured by falling debris after Saudi air defences intercepted a drone targeting a processing facility at Saudi Aramco's Shaybah oilfield in the Eastern Province on Wednesday, October 21.In a statement posted on X, Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy said the interception caused a fire in a contractor's vehicle outside the facility's perimeter but did not affect oilfield operations. The two people killed were Filipino and Nepali nationals, while the other injured person was Pakistani.The ministry said the relevant authorities had responded to the incident and taken the necessary measures. It also extended condolences to the families of those killed and wished the injured a speedy recovery.In a separate post on X on Thursday, October 22, the Embassy of India in Riyadh confirmed that an Indian national had been injured. It said it was in contact with Saudi authorities, awaiting further details and would provide all necessary assistance to the injured person.The incident follows an attack on Riyadh's main international airport earlier this month, which was reported as the deadliest assault on Saudi Arabia in more than a decade.The latest developments come amid renewed clashes in Yemen between Houthi forces and troops loyal to the Saudi-backed government. The fighting has ended a four-year truce and added to instability across the Middle East.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Raihan Vadra.....

The Congress leader alleged that the BJP government was attempting to suppress images that reflected public dissent.

He also praised Vadra for refusing to remove two photographs featuring the national flag, saying his stand demonstrated that there could be no compromise on respect for the tricolour.

"Suppressing the voice of artists is a direct attack on democracy. This is a clear example of censorship," Gehlot said, demanding that the BJP government explain why the photographs were removed.

On Wednesday, Raihan said he was told at 3.30 pm that if the images are not taken down by 5 pm, the show will be cancelled.

He said he had shared the detailed proposal and layout of the show well in advance with the Bikaner House management. Bikaner House went ahead and took down some of the pictures.

"They told us at 3.30 pm today if the images are not taken down by 5 pm, the show will be cancelled. They said it is not the right time for such photos to be shown," Raihan had told PTI.

He said none of the images "gave out any political message and only documented the protests over the last six months". A Bikaner House official said "they were not authorised to comment".

More Goof Up In.....

According to the investigation report received, a total of 13,779 Form-8 entries were made by the computer operator at the Voter Registration Centre of Assembly Constituency 127-Pilibhit for amendments to voter details between 31.05.2026 and 29.08.2026. Of these, a total of 4,717 forms were entered up to 16.07.2026, while the remaining 9,062 forms were entered between 17.07.2026 and 29.08.2026. No forms or records related to any of these entries were found available in the office," UP CEO office said. It added that out of these 13,779 Form-8s, a total of 10,470 forms were approved and 3,309 forms were rejected. Thus, irregularities were found in 10,470 entries."Holding the Computer Assistant at the Voter Registration Centre of 127-Pilibhit, who is responsible for the irregularities in the entries, as well as the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) deployed in Assembly Constituency 127-Pilibhit up to 16.07.2026 and from 17.07.2026 to 29.08.2026, guilty in this case, instructions have been issued to initiate legal action against them...

The District Election Officer, Pilibhit, has been directed to conduct a thorough investigation of all Form-6 entries made by the Computer Assistant for adding names to the electoral roll, and all Form-7 entries for deletion of names, from the end of the Special Intensive Revision-2026 (dated 10.04.2026) up to 21.10.2026, and to provide a detailed report within one day. Additionally, the process of correcting all entries related to Form-8 in which irregularities have been found, in accordance with the rules and standards, is underway, the UP CEO office said.

Cong. Won't Return....

The home minister also alleged that the Congress and its allies were using the vote theft issue to protect infiltrators. He accused the Opposition of repeatedly questioning electoral processes, first by alleging EVM tampering and now vote theft.

Shah accused the Congress of double standards, saying it raised no objections to the Election Commission when it won elections but questioned the poll body after defeats. Citing the Congress' long absence from power in several states, he maintained that the party's electoral setbacks had begun well before Narendra Modi became Prime Minister. "Amit Shah was born here, lives here and will die here. I don't have to go abroad every six months," he said. Shah also targeted the AAP government in Punjab, alleging that drug trafficking had flourished under its rule. He claimed that the NDA would come to power in the state in the next Assembly elections and tackle the narcotics problem. Responding to the allegations, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal questioned why drug abuse had not been eradicated in BJP-ruled states, including Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Goa. "Why has drug abuse not ended there? Is there no deadline for those states?" Kejriwal asked in a post on X.

CRIME

Hyderabad woman bitten by brother-in-law over dowry

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A dowry dispute between a couple in Filmnagar turned ugly on October 20 as the woman's brother-in-law allegedly bit her during an argument.The woman, Sowmya, approached the Filmnagar Police and filed a complaint against her husband, Vinay Kumar and brother-in-law, Suresh Kumar. She alleged that Suresh bit her hands and legs during the argument.
Filmnagar Police Inspector A Ramesh said, "The couple were quarrelling over dowry for the past few days. On October 20, Suresh got into the argument and bit Sowmya."Based on the complaint, a case of harassment for dowry under Section 85 and for causing hurt under Section 115 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The inspector said that an investigation is underway and Vinay and Suresh would be served notices.No arrests have been made in this case.Police said they are examining the circumstances that led to the dispute and are recording statements from the people concerned as part of the investigation. Investigators are also expected to verify the allegations of dowry-related harassment and the injuries reportedly sustained by the woman. The police will take further action based on the evidence collected during the inquiry. Officials have urged anyone facing dowry harassment or domestic violence to approach the police and report such incidents promptly. The case has once again highlighted concerns over dowry-related disputes and domestic violence, with authorities stressing the importance of addressing complaints through the appropriate legal process.The police investigation will focus on establishing the sequence of events leading to the alleged assault and determining the individual roles of the accused. Officials will also examine the woman's complaint and any supporting evidence, including medical records, if available. The notices to the accused are intended to facilitate the investigation and allow the police to question them regarding the allegations.
Further action will depend on the findings of the inquiry and the evidence collected. Dowry-related harassment is punishable under Indian law, and complaints involving physical assault may attract additional legal provisions depending on the facts of the case. The allegations against the husband and brother-in-law have not yet been established, and the investigation remains ongoing.The incident has once again brought attention to the challenges faced by women in matrimonial disputes, particularly when disagreements over dowry allegedly escalate into physical violence.
Police officials are expected to examine whether the alleged harassment was limited to the recent dispute or had been occurring for an extended period. The woman's statement will be an important part of the investigation, while the police will also consider the responses of the accused before deciding on further legal action. Under Indian law, dowry-related

EDITORIAL

SONIA GANDHI MAKES INSTAGRAM DEBUT, SHARES FIRST LOOK OF HER MEMOIR 'BELONGING'

NEW DELHI
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Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi made her social media debut on Thursday by joining Instagram and sharing a post on her upcoming book 'Belonging: A Journey of Love'.
Gandhi's memoir is set for a worldwide release on November 10.
Hello everyone, I'm truly grateful to share this moment with you all: the first look of Belonging: A Journey of Love. It is a story of love, duty, loss, and finding a place to belong. I look forward to sharing it with you," Sonia Gandhi wrote on her first Instagram post, sharing the first look of her memoir.In the video shared on Instagram, Sonia Gandhi is seen receiving the first copies of her book and sharing sweets with her daughter and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. The two were also seen hugging.
The CPP Chairperson did not have a social media account until now. She has over 10,700 followers and follows her children, Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, as well as the Indian National Congress.The book is set to launch on November 10, while pre-orders have been opened. The memoir is being published globally by Alfred A. Knopf, with HarperCollins India handling its release in the country.In a post on X, HarperCollins India said that it will publish 'Belonging: A Journey of Love' by Sonia Gandhi.
"The long-awaited memoir will be published in India on 10 November 2026," it said.The publishing house added, "One of the most anticipated political memoirs of our time, Belonging is a dramatic and deeply personal story of love, identity, duty and belonging, and offers a rare insider's view of India's journey."
Earlier, reports surfaced that Penguin India refused to publish the memoir of a senior Congress leader over alleged disagreement over editorial changes, which were later refuted by the publishing house.In a statement, Penguin Random House India said that it "is not the publisher of 'Belonging' in India".
Any suggestion that Penguin Random House India decided not to publish 'Belonging' because the author declined editorial changes does not accurately reflect the circumstances," it said.
"As a publisher, it is both our prerogative and our responsibility to fact-check and provide authors with recommendations that are in the best interests of their books. This is a normal part of the publishing process.
Throughout the relevant discussions, Penguin Random House India's position was that we remained willing and keen to publish the book," it added.
"We will not comment further on confidential discussions with the author," said the publisher.The release of the memoir is expected to draw considerable interest from political observers, Congress supporters and readers seeking insights into Sonia Gandhi's personal life and decades-long association with Indian politics. Having served as Congress president for several years and played a significant role in the party's political strategy, Gandhi has been a central figure in national politics. The book's themes of love, identity, duty and belonging are expected to offer readers a more personal perspective on her life, experiences and journey in India.
The Instagram debut also marks a new chapter in her public engagement, allowing her to connect directly with a wider audience through social media.
With the November 10 release approaching and pre-orders already open, the memoir is likely to attract attention from both political and literary circles.The release of the memoir is expected to draw considerable interest from political observers, Congress supporters and readers seeking insights into Sonia Gandhi's personal life and decades-long association with Indian politics. Having served as Congress president for several years and played a significant role in the party's political strategy,

2 young men beaten at Shamshabad construction site, MBT seeks action

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad: Two youngsters were allegedly beaten up by a group of people in Shamshabad, where they had gone for work, Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) spokesperson Amjed Ullah Khan alleged on Wednesday, October 21."Two Muslim youths, Hyder and Wahed, residents of Hyderabad's Old City, who went to work as electricians in a house in Rallagadda Doddi, Shamshabad, were attacked by 20-25 anti-social elements and admitted in serious condition to Osmania General Hospital," Khan said in an X post.police said Hyder had gone to an under-construction building for painting work when he fell onto an adjacent building.An altercation broke out between Hyder and the people present in the second building, following which both parties sustained injuries.We are waiting for statements from both parties to register a case. Further action will be taken after more details emerge," an official from the Rajiv Gandhi Inter-

Car hits devotees at Krishna river, wades into water

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: A Kia car parked without the handbrake injured two devotees and plunged into the Krishna river in Nandhiagraharam village, Jogulamba Gadwal district .The devotees had arrived for darshan at Shivalayam temple located near Krishna river in the same car."The driver reportedly forgot to put the handbrake which caused the car to roll towards the family before plunging into the river. No case has been registered as the family did not want to submit a complaint against



Hyderabad police reviews gun licences after deer poaching cases

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad police is undertaking a citywide verification of gun licences following a series of alleged deer-hunting cases involving residents of the city in Telangana and neighbouring Karnataka, besides complaints of celebratory firing and the misuse of firearms at farmhouses.Charminar Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police Kiran Khare said around 460 gun licences had been issued in the zone and that the police were vetting licence holders in view of complaints of weapons being used for hunting, celebratory firing and recreational activities at farmhouses.The verification follows a series of wildlife-hunting cases reported in recent months, including incidents in Malakpet, Shadnagar, Kothur, and Karnataka. The police are examining whether licensed firearms are being used in violation of the conditions governing their possession and whether any licence holders are involved in illegal hunting.

Drunk migrant worker falls to death from terrace in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A drunk migrant worker died after falling from a terrace in Chaderghat in the early hours of Tuesday, October 20, the police said. The deceased has been identified as Anne Miya, a native of Uttar Pradesh. He was sitting on the terrace of his rented apartment drinking with his cousins during the night.
The cousins left sometime later and Anne Miya was left sleeping on the terrace. At 3:30 am, he fell down two floors, resulting in his death.Police suspect that he might have gotten up at and accidentally fallen down.A case has been registered at Chaderghat Police Station under Section 194 (unnatural, sudden, or suspicious deaths) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).Police officials said further inquiries are being conducted to establish the exact circumstances surrounding the incident. Investigators are expected to record statements from the deceased's cousins and other individuals who may have information

Two booked for capturing Indian Roller during Dasara celebration

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: The Forest Department has registered a wildlife case against two persons and others in connection with the release of a Palapitta (Indian Roller), the State bird of Telangana, during a Dussehra event at Uppal Mini Stadium.The action followed the circulation of a video on social media showing the bird being released during the event, prompting the department to initiate action under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
According to the District Forest Officer, Medchal district, a case was registered on October 21 against Eega Chandra Shekar, a resident of Uppal, P Parameshwar Reddy, also a resident of Uppal, and others. The case was booked under Sections 39(3), 57, 51 and 52 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, read with Section 35 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).The department said the involvement of the persons concerned had been preliminarily identified and notices had been issued to them in accordance with legal procedure.Further investigation is under way.
The Forest Department said further legal action would be initiated after the investigation was completed and the accused would be produced before the competent magistrate for further proceedings in accordance with law.
TPCC President draws flak over Palapitta video
Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) Mahesh Kumar Goud faced criticism after a video showed him releasing a caged Palapitta, the Indian Roller and Telangana's state bird, at a Dasara celebration in Uppal, Hyderabad.The forest department and the Hyderabad Police Commis-

Very close to finalising trade deal with India: Rubio

WASHINGTON
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The US is "very close" to finalising a trade deal with India, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Monday, suggesting that the waiver from tariffs for buying Russian oil was linked to the decision."We're trying to finalise the trade deal with India right now. We're very close to doing that. So that's one of the things we take into consideration when the President makes a decision about national security waivers and things of that nature," Rubio told reporters in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.Rubio is set to travel to India and meet External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Mumbai to discuss issues ranging from energy, trade, defence, critical and emerging technologies and other key areas of bilateral cooperation.Rubio appeared to acknowledge the reasons for India to continue buying oil from Russia, an issue that has been the focus of talks between him and Jaishankar since the US passed the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act in September.

You also can't unravel the economy of other countries because of one central issue. So that's the complex part of having to balance all of this," Rubio said.He said every country has a complex set of factors that they have to take into account, such as geography, and for some countries it's very difficult to acquire energy from alternative sources.That's not an excuse, but all of that has to be balanced when you make foreign policy. The foreign policy of the US, of course, takes into account what's happening with the war between Russia and Ukraine, but it is not solely dominated by that," Rubio said. "It has to take into account a variety of other factors, including our bilateral relationships with other countries and what they realistically are capable of being able to do in terms of their own energy supplies," he said. Jaishankar is understood to have conveyed to Rubio that oil refineries in India were configured largely for handling medium sour crude, which is supplied by Middle East countries and Russia.He also told Rubio that Venezuela supplies heavier-grade crude and the US has light-grade crude, which would require blending before being used by refineries in India.With oil supplies from Middle East countries hit due to the Iran war, India has to depend on Russian crude to keep its economy running.The proposed trade agreement is expected to be an important step in strengthening economic ties between India and the United States, with both sides seeking to address differences over tariffs, energy security and market access. A potential agreement could provide greater clarity for businesses, exporters and investors, while opening avenues for expanded cooperation in manufacturing, technology, services and supply chains.

Energy security remains a key consideration for New Delhi, which has consistently sought to balance its international partnerships with the need to ensure affordable and reliable fuel supplies for its growing economy. India's continued purchases of Russian crude have been shaped by pricing, refinery requirements and changing conditions in global energy markets.

Hyderabad to Host 4th GANSID Congress on Inherited Blood Disorders

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Mrs. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi, M.S.M., Chief Executive Officer of the Global Action Network for Sickle Cell and Other Inherited Blood Disorders (GANSID) and Mr. Chandrakant Agrawal, President - Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society, Hyderabad addressed the press at the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Shivarampally, Hyderabad, on the upcoming 4th GANSID Congress 2026, scheduled to be held from 23rd to 25th October 2026 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC)–Novotel, Madhapur, Hyderabad. Present during the inauguration announcement were Dr. Suman Jain - Chief Medical Research Officer and Secretary - TSCS, Mrs. Ratnavali - Sr. Vice President -TSCS, Aleem Baig, Joint Secretary - TSCS along with Naresh Rathi. The 4th GANSID Congress 2026 is an international conference dedicated to sickle cell anaemia, thalassemia and other inherited blood disorders. The congress aims to bring together medical experts, researchers, healthcare professionals, policymakers, patient organisations, advocacy groups and other stakeholders to share knowledge, discuss developments in diagnosis and treatment, and strengthen collaboration in the prevention and management of inherited blood disorders.The Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad, is the local partner for GANSID Congress 2026. TSCS is a non-profit organisation supporting over 4,800 patients affected by thalassemia, sickle cell disease and other inherited blood disorders. Its work includes blood transfusion support, awareness and prevention programmes, antenatal screening, patient counselling and assistance for bone marrow transplantation. Through its partnership with GANSID, TSCS aims to strengthen international cooperation, increase awareness and promote better healthcare and support systems for patients and their families.

Sugar Prices To Remain Firm Despite Curb On Diversion

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Despite the recent restriction of sugar diversion for ethanol production, sugar prices are likely to remain firm this year due to low levels of inventory and smaller production. The government has directed oil marketing companies to exclude ethanol produced from sugarcane juice, sugar syrup, and B-heavy molasses in their procurement tenders. According to India Ratings, sugar situation is still likely to remain tight.

Lower-than-expected production, exports, and ethanol diversion are likely to have reduced opening sugar inventory for sugar season 2027 to below 4 million tonnes, a decadal low and well below the normative requirement of around 5.5 million tonnes.

Zero sugar diversion could release around 3 million tonnes of additional sugar, equivalent to 10%-12% of annual domestic consumption. "However, the supply situation is likely to remain tight. While acreage is broadly stable at 5.86 million hectares against 5.89 million hectares last year, lower yields, particularly in Maharashtra and Karnataka, could reduce gross production to around 28 million tonnes against 31 million tonnes last year," it said.

Net production could consequently be around or even below the estimated consumption of around 28.5 million tonnes, preventing any inventory rebuild. Unless production materially exceeds current estimates, imports could be required to meet domestic demand and rebuild stocks ahead of 2028. The 1 million tonne import quota up to October 2026 announced in August 2026 has seen limited traction, following the correction in domestic sugar prices and strengthening global prices.

Raw sugar prices have risen to around 20 cents/pound from 15-15.5 cents/pound in July 2026, while white sugar prices are around $550/metric tonne versus $465/mt.

Meanwhile, domestic prices have moderated to around Rs 48/kg in the first half of October 2026 from around Rs 56/kg in the second half of August following government measures, and the onset of the crushing season is likely to drive a seasonal moderation in domestic sugar prices over the next few months. As a result, the combination of elevated global prices and freight costs and rupee depreciation makes imports unattractive at current domestic prices.

Vridhi Rathore Makeovers Unveils Special Diwali Hair Offer

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Make this Diwali extra special with a stunning new look! Vridhi Rathore Makeovers, located at Abids, Hyderabad, has announced a special Diwali offer on hair extensions and professional hair treatments.

For those looking to enhance their hair length and volume, the salon offers 24-inch hair extensions starting at ₹5,000 for 50 strands. Customers can achieve their desired look in approximately one hour, depending on individual hair requirements and the selected service.

The salon offers a range of professional services, including hair extensions, hair smoothing, keratin treatment, hair Botox, Kerashine and Nanoplastia, helping customers refresh their appearance for the festive season.

Vridhi Rathore Makeovers invites customers to explore its services and choose a look that complements their personality this Diwali.

For appointments and enquiries, contact: 9717948042 or 9667888321.

Address: Hotel Sriveda, 5-4-790/D, opposite ISKCON Temple, Abids, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500001.

Terms and conditions apply. Pricing and suitability depend on the selected service and individual hair requirements.

Hyderabad Launches First-of-Its-Kind Eye Trauma Care Initiative



(L-R) Dr Poornima Tandra, Consultant Ophthalmologist - LVPEI; Dr. G. V. Ramana Rao, Director - Emergency Medicine Learning Centre – EMRI; Mr Subodh Satyawadi, Senior President -EMRI; Mr K Krishnam Raju, Director – EMRI; Dr Gullapalli N Rao, Founder Chair – LVPEI; Dr Shanta, Head ophthalmology; Dr Vijaya Lakshmi, Associate professor at Sarojini Devi Eye hospital; Dr Rajeev Reddy, Vice Chair- LVPEI; Dr Srinivas Prasad, Sangareddy Government Hospital; Dr Pravin Krishna, Project Director –UCCMI; at the launch of the first-of-its-kind initiative in India to Respond to Eye Trauma Cases, the 108 EMRI Ambulances, today at L.V. Prasad Eye Institute.

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In a first-of-its-kind initiative in India, L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), EMRI Green Health Services (EMRI GHS) and Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital have joined hands to strengthen emergency care for eye injuries, initially rolling out the programme in Hyderabad. Launched on October 21 by K. Krishnam Raju, Director of EMRI GHS, and Dr Gullapalli N. Rao, Founder Chair of LVPEI, the initiative aims to prevent avoidable blindness through timely first aid and rapid referral to specialised eye hospitals.

The programme assumes significance ahead of Diwali, when firecracker-related eye injuries pose serious risks. Delayed treatment can lead to permanent vision loss.

Under the initiative, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) operating 108 ambulances have been trained to recognise eye trauma and provide initial care. Special eye trauma kits have also been supplied to ambulances.

Key measures include dedicated emergency call handling, standard operating procedures, trained emergency personnel and referral pathways to specialised eye care facilities.

Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital will support access to appropriate treatment through the public healthcare system.

The initiative seeks to improve emergency response, accelerate specialised treatment and reduce avoidable visual impairment during high-risk festive periods.

Turmeric Milk During Pregnancy

Benefits, Risks and Safety Tips

NEW DELHI
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Dr. Chanchal Sharma

Turmeric milk, a popular traditional Indian drink, is often consumed for its potential health benefits. However, pregnant women should be cautious about the quantity they consume and consult their obstetrician before making it part of their daily routine.

Turmeric contains curcumin, a compound known for its anti-inflammatory properties. While turmeric is commonly used in small quantities in everyday cooking, the safety of consuming larger amounts during pregnancy has not been established sufficiently.

What About Turmeric Milk During Different Trimesters?

During the first trimester, when the baby's organs are developing, pregnant women should avoid high-dose turmeric supplements and seek medical advice before regularly consuming concentrated turmeric preparations.

During the second trimester, small amounts of turmeric used in food are generally considered acceptable. However, there is insufficient evidence to establish a specific medicinal dose of turmeric milk as safe during pregnancy.

During the third trimester, women should continue to exercise caution and discuss regular consumption with their healthcare provider, particularly if they have bleeding concerns or take medication that affects blood clotting.

Potential Benefits of Turmeric

Turmeric contains antioxidants and compounds with anti-inflammatory properties. Milk also provides nutrients such as calcium and protein, depending on the type consumed. However, claims that turmeric milk boosts immunity, removes toxins, treats constipation or accelerates wound healing should not be considered proven pregnancy-specific benefits.



How Much Is Safe?

There is no universally established safe medicinal dose of turmeric milk during pregnancy. Small culinary quantities are different from concentrated supplements. Pregnant women should avoid curcumin supplements unless specifically approved by their healthcare professional.

Women taking blood thinners or experiencing pregnancy complications should seek medical advice before regular consumption.

Expert Advice

Turmeric milk is not essential during pregnancy. A balanced diet, appropriate prenatal care and guidance from an obstetrician remain the safest approach. Do not use turmeric milk as a substitute for prescribed medication or medical treatment.

SBI ALERTS CUSTOMERS OVER DATA SECURITY INCIDENT

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The State Bank of India (SBI) has informed certain customers, including account holders in the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, about a data security incident involving the exposure of limited static information.

According to the bank, its preliminary investigation found no evidence of exposure of sensitive banking credentials such as passwords, PINs, one-time passwords (OTPs) or CVVs. SBI clarified that account balances and core banking operations remained unaffected by the incident. The bank said it had taken immediate containment measures, engaged independent cybersecurity experts and strengthened its security safeguards to prevent potential risks and protect customer information.

SBI has urged customers to remain vigilant against possible attempts by fraudsters to misuse personal information or impersonate bank officials. Customers have been advised not to click on suspicious links, share confidential banking credentials or disclose OTPs to anyone.

The bank also encouraged account holders to regularly monitor their transactions and immediately report any suspicious or unauthorised activity.

Keerthy, Radhika Lead Rivalry

Mumbai: Netflix treated movie buffs to the powerful trailer of 'Akka' on Thursday. Keerthy Suresh and Radhika Apte will be seen leading the highly anticipated epic gangster saga driven by power, legacy, and revenge. Backed by YRF Entertainment and written and directed by Dharmaraj Shetty, 'Akka' revolves around two formidable women, Bhavani (Keerthy Suresh) and Rudra (Radhika Apte), whose conflicting ambitions and beliefs end up in a gripping rivalry. The ensemble cast of 'Akka' also includes Tanvi Azmi, Mahesh Manjrekar, Anshuman Pushkar, and Monica Panwar, along with others.Sharing her experience of playing Bhavani, Keerthy Suresh said, “Bhavani is a woman who knows what she stands for and will go to great lengths to protect her legacy. What makes her interesting is that



beneath her strength and authority are choices that are never easy, especially when the stakes are so high. The trailer offers a taste of the world she inhabits and the challenges that come her way. Working with Radhika was amazing because Bhavani and Rudra bring such different energies to the story, and their dynamic adds another layer of tension to the narrative. It's been wonderful partnering with YRF Entertainment to bring this story to life and with Netflix to take Akka to audiences across India and beyond. I hope audiences enjoy discovering the many sides of Bhavani as the story unfolds.”

Radhika Apte also reflected on playing Rudra with the following words, “Rudra is someone who refuses to be defined by the circumstances she finds herself in. She is fierce, has her own ambitions, and is willing to challenge the established order, which makes her a fascinating character to explore. What I enjoyed about Akka is that the conflict isn't simply about who holds power; it's also about the different beliefs, loyalties, and personal stakes that drive each character. It was exciting to see these contrasting worldviews come to life through Rudra and Bhavani, and an absolute joy to share the screen with Keerthy in bringing their intense face-off to life. I'm glad to have been part of this collaboration between Netflix and YRF Entertainment, and I look forward to audiences experiencing the intensity of this powerful story.”

Shilpa Shetty Returns to Indian Idol



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Shilpa Shetty calls returning to Indian Idol after 22 years ‘a joy’, says Abhijeet Sawant’s smile is still the same

Mumbai, Oct 22 (IANS) Actress Shilpa Shetty returned to the stage of Indian Idol after 22 years. She revisited memories from the show’s inaugural season and praised singer Abhijeet Sawant for retaining his charming smile over the years.

Shilpa appeared on the ongoing Indian Idol Legends Return, which brings together singers from previous seasons. The reunion turned nostalgic as the actress recalled her interaction with Abhijeet during the first season, when she had complimented his smile.

In a flashback from the earlier season, Shilpa was heard telling Abhijeet, “I just love your smile. It's so soothing.”Recalling how his life changed after winning the first season of the singing reality show, Abhijeet said, “Uske baad jo life change hui hai... puri society bolti thi, 'Yaar tu bahut achha smile karta hai, yaar..'” (After that, life changed so much... everyone in society used to say, ‘You have such a lovely smile’).

Reuniting with the singer after more than two decades, Shilpa said, “22 saal ho gaye, aapki smile abhi bhi utni hi achhi hai.” (It has been 22 years, and your smile is still just as lovely)Speaking about her experience on Indian Idol Legends Return, with IANS, Shilpa also reflected on the growth and evolution of the artists who returned to the stage. She said, “Being part of Indian Idol Legends Return was a joy, especially because I understand how special a platform like this is in discovering and nurturing musical talent. It was wonderful to see these artists return with greater experience, individuality and confidence. Watching them challenge themselves, learn from one another and create new musical moments was truly rewarding. Their passion and connection with the audience made Indian Idol Legends Return a beautiful celebration of talent, growth and the enduring power of music.”

Indian Idol Legends Return has Himesh Reshammiya return as the Superstar Judge, while Aditya Narayan hosts the show. The line-up includes singers such as Abhijeet Sawant, Amit Sana and Sayli Kamble, among others.

Bhavina-Shubham

Win Bronze



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India’s Bhavina Patel and Shubham Wadhwa secured a bronze medal in mixed doubles XD7 table tennis at the Asian Para Games after going down to South Korea’s Jang Yeongjin and Lee Migyu in the semifinal here on Thursday.The Indian combination went down 6-11, 11-8, 5-11, 8-11 in the last-four encounter, bringing their campaign to a close. However, their place on the podium had already been secured by their quarterfinal victory.

Bhavina and Subham had produced a convincing display in the quarterfinals against Japan’s Kimie Bessho and Masanori Uno. The Indian duo won 11-9, 11-3, 11-6 to advance to the semifinals in straight games and guarantee themselves a medal.

Their challenge against the South Korean pair proved tougher, with Jang and Lee recovering from the second-game setback to take control of the contest. Despite the defeat, the Indian duo finished their campaign with a bronze medal in the XD7 category, which features wheelchair athletes with moderate sitting balance.

Elsewhere, India’s Dattaprasad Chougule and Savita narrowly missed out on a semifinal berth in the mixed doubles XD17 event after suffering a five-game defeat to the Philippines’ Wilfred Redulla and Manginsay Lhey. The Indian pair made a promising start, taking the opening two games 11-9, 11-9. However, the Filipino combination mounted a comeback, winning the next three games 11-2, 11-6, 11-5 to seal a 3-2 victory and end India’s campaign in the event.

The XD17 classification generally features standing athletes with physical impairments affecting their legs and arms, covering classes 6 to 10.

While Chougule and Savita were unable to progress, Bhavina and Subham’s podium finish added to India’s medal surge, with the country ranked fifth with 74 medals at the time of writing, including 17 gold, 23 silver and 34 bronze.

Phillips Powers New Zealand

1st T20I: Phillips' blitzkrieg powers NZ to 225/4 against India

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Glenn Phillips smashed a blazing unbeaten 40-ball 82 as New Zealand piled up 225/4 in their 20 overs against an uninspiring Indian bowling attack in the first T20I here at the Hagley Oval on Thursday.

The total is also New Zealand's highest in T20Is at the Hagley Oval, as well as their joint best ever score against India in the shortest format. It also equalled the highest total conceded by India in the format. New Zealand made 65 runs in the powerplay before amassing 93 runs in the middle overs and 67 runs in the last five overs.

None of the Indian bowlers went for less than 10 runs an over. Axar Patel (1-51) was the most expensive, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar (0-49), Arshdeep Singh (1-45), Mayank Yadav (1-40) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (0-40) were also punished. The fielding was sloppy too, with a dropped catch and fumbles in the deep, leaving India with a stiff target.

For New Zealand, after Finn Allen made 45, Daryl Mitchell and Bevon Jacobs played handy cameos of 28 and 31 respectively. But Phillips was the standout batter for the Black Caps – as he ensured fours and sixes were hit all around the Hagley Oval. Apart from the pristine timing and placement of shots, Phillips' astute running between the wickets stood out as well.

After India elected to bowl first, a returning Bhuvneshwar Kumar early swing beat Tim Seifert with his very first delivery in a tidy opening over. But the openers soon broke free. Bhuvneshwar overstepped in the third over and Seifert cashed in on the free-hit before launching a six onto the roof, as 17 runs came off it.

Arshdeep Singh, playing his 100th T20I, fared no better next, with Allen hitting three fours in a row and Seifert adding another as 17 more were taken.

Mayank Yadav struck in his first over when Seifert (24 off 17 balls) edged one behind to wicketkeeper Sanju Samson. Allen and Daryl Mitchell then launched Axar for two sixes in the final over of the powerplay, with the latter lofting over long-on, as New Zealand reached 65/1.

But Axar had the last word against Allen, who mistimed a loft to long-off and fell for 45 off 24 balls. Mitchell, dropped by Abhishek Sharma at long-on when on 16, punished the lapse with successive boundaries before Arshdeep had him caught at short third man for 28 and ended his 42-run stand with Phillips.

acobs announced himself with a six off his first ball, while Phillips took three fours off Axar in the 14th over, one of them after a misfield by substitute fielder Prince Yadav.

The 16th over brought more drama as



Bhuvneshwar was struck on the wrist and Jacobs holed out off a free hit, which did not count.

A marauding Phillips then raced to his 13th T20I fifty with a six off Mayank in an 18-run over. Arshdeep, though, kicked the ball onto the stumps to run out Jacobs for a 16-ball 31 that included three sixes.

Michael Bracewell survived an lbw decision on review as New Zealand crossed 200 in the 19th over. India were penalised for a slow over-rate in the final over, which led to an extra fielder coming into the 30-yard circle and Phillips signed off with a switch-hit four off Bhuvneshwar.

Telangana's drought concerns bring Kaleshwaram scheme back into focus

Telangana's drought concerns have renewed focus on Kaleshwaram's role in storing and distributing Godavari water.

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Telangana's struggle to protect crops and secure drinking water amid deficit rainfall due to El Nino conditions has brought the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme back into focus. Conceived to capture Godavari River water and move it across drought-prone regions, the project could have provided the State with a crucial buffer against erratic monsoons and prolonged dry spells if its pumping, storage and distribution network had been fully operational.

The project's central advantage was not merely the volume of water it could lift, but its ability to store it across a network of reservoirs and well-connected water bodies, including a chain of minor irrigation tanks, making it available beyond the monsoon. However, the damaged Medigadda barrage and the Congress government's reluctance to carry out repairs or at least operate the pumps to lift available water and replenish reservoirs using existing infrastructure had severely restricted the State's water security.

The Kaleshwaram project was designed to irrigate 18.26 lakh acres of new command area and supplement water supplies to another 4.71 lakh acres under existing projects. It comprises 14 reservoirs, three barrages, 31 lifts and 1,832 km of canals, tunnels and pipelines. The reservoirs were planned with a combined capacity of about 147.71 TMCft, including 125.18 TMCft of live storage. That storage capacity could have been decisive during a deficient monsoon. Water lifted during periods of substantial Godavari River flows could be retained in reservoirs and then released in stages to support irrigation when rainfall weakened. The network was also intended to supplement existing irrigation systems facing shortages, potentially reducing pressure on farmers dependent on uncertain rainfall and groundwater.

During the previous BRS government, water was lifted from Medigadda to Yellampally and moved through the network to Mid Manair and other reservoirs. Supplies were also extended to Ranganayaka Sagar and existing irrigation projects. Irrigation officials lifted more than 25 TMCft annually for three years to protect standing crops. Reservoir storage also helped stabilise existing command areas and improve groundwater levels.

Kaleshwaram was part of a wider water-security strategy of the previous BRS government. Mission Kakatiya aimed to restore thousands of minor irrigation tanks by desilting beds, repairing feeder channels and strengthening tank infrastructure. The programme was intended to improve local water storage, groundwater recharge and irrigation reliability, complementing major projects such as Kaleshwaram. Mission Bhagiratha was designed to provide assured drinking water through a network drawing on reservoirs and other sources.

That stored water mattered in October 2023, when the State was already facing a weak monsoon and dwindling inflows. The Krishna River Management Board said the scope for irrigation releases from the common Krishna basin reservoirs had been ruled.

RRR Southern part project handed over to HGCL

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Amidst the controversy surrounding the alleged irregularities in Radial Road 2 tenders floated by Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL), the State government has now entrusted the Southern part of Regional Ring Road (RRR) to HGCL.

Congress MLA from Munugode Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy had charged irregularities in tenders and accused that they were being offered to Andhra based companies. He even said there was a loss of Rs.600 crore to the State exchequer in the tenders.

In this backdrop, the State government's decision to entrust the RRR's Southern part of HGCL, is triggering apprehensions.

"HGCL has been entrusted with the task of RRR's Southern part. Since the organisation is involved in land acquisition for Future City, it is handed over the Southern part as well," a senior official from Roads and Buildings department said.

Unlike the Northern part of RRR, the Southern part has been in the news for all wrong reasons. Farmers and land owners had staged protests over the changes made in the initial alignment. They accused that lands of influential people and industrialists were spared and those belonging to the small and marginal farmers were being targeted for acquisition.

Apart from left parties, leaders from the Congress party had also raised objections over the changes in the alignment.

Amid these charges and protests, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has not approved the Southern part alignment so far.

The proposed 201-km six-lane expressway is expected to run from Thangdapalli, Choutuppal to Sangareddy. It passes through several habitations Sangareddy, Rangareddy, Nagarkurnool, Yadadri Bhongir, Vikarabad, Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda.

As per estimates, officials said over 2000 hectares of land had to be acquired for the project. All these details and alignment had been submitted to the Central government but they have not been approved so far.

Northern part of RRR tenders continue to get extended

Meanwhile, the tenders for Northern part of RRR, continue to get extended with Central government yet to give necessary clearances. On the State government's part, already Rs.627 crore has been paid to NHAI for execution of the project.

Dasara return rush brings traffic to a crawl on Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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Traffic congestion was reported on major highways leading to the city and other arterial roads in parts of the city on Thursday as people who had travelled to their native places for the Dasara vacation started returning ahead of the reopening of educational institutions.

The Vijayawada–Hyderabad National Highway witnessed slow-moving traffic, with vehicles queuing up from Mangalpally towards the Outer Ring Road (ORR) since the early hours of the day.

Heavy traffic was also reported on the Nagpur, Mumbai and Warangal highways as commuters returned from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana districts, including Medak, Siddipet and Sangareddy.

In the city, LB Nagar and Dilsukhnagar witnessed heavy traffic as RTC and private buses, along with other vehicles, arrived in large numbers. The congestion caused inconvenience to passengers, many of whom struggled to reach their destinations on time. Traffic police were deployed to regulate vehicle movement at all important junctions in anticipation of the situation.

Meanwhile, the immersion of Goddess Durga idols at Tank Bund and surrounding areas also contributed to traffic congestion.

Telangana To Host Raksha Expo's Curtain Raiser Tomorrow

HYDERABAD
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The state government will host Raksha Expo 2026, the first state-level expo bringing together the aerospace, space, defence and internal security sectors, at Bharat Future City from December 7 to 9 as part of the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026. The expo's curtain-raiser will be held at Falaknuma Palace on Saturday, with over 80 industry leaders in attendance, including global aerospace and defence original equipment manufacturers, startups, and representatives of BDL, Midhani, ECIL, BEL, AVNL, DRDO, and Bharat Forge, as well as serving and retired armed forces personnel.

A curtain-raiser for the Global Summit is scheduled in Delhi on October 29. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said Telangana must lead the transformation underway in the defence industry, as emerging technologies such as drones and new-generation missiles reshape warfare. He said defence, space, aerospace and internal security would be integral to the Telangana Rising 2047 vision and the target of building a $1 trillion economy by 2034.

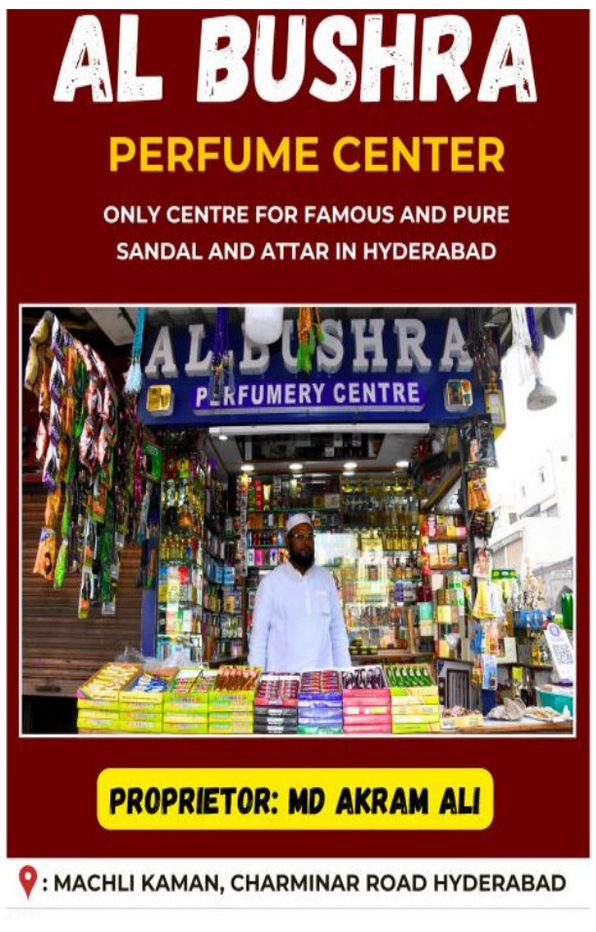
Inspired by the ideal of Raksha Paramo Dharmah – protection is the highest duty – the Expo draws on a heritage of engineering and protection that runs from Warangal's Kakatiya Kala Thoranam to the architecture of Golconda Fort. That legacy finds expression in a strategic manufacturing ecosystem that builds technologies safeguarding India and its partners. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said Hyderabad had contributed to India's strategic programmes, including missiles, fighter aircraft, satellites and secure communications, and accounted for nearly 30 per cent of the country's defence and aerospace industry.

The expo would facilitate partnerships among manufacturers, startups, MSMEs and investors, strengthening India's self-reliance in defence, he said. The initiative comes amid growing emphasis on domestic defence production and resilient supply chains. India's defence production touched a record ₹1.78 lakh crore in 2025-26, while exports reached ₹38,424 crore.

Telangana's aerospace and defence exports also recorded strong growth. Aerospace exports increased from ₹15,900 crore in 2023-24 to ₹30,742 crore in 2024-25, registering nearly 93 per cent growth.



Contract and outsourcing workers at ESI Hospital in Nacharam staged a protest on Thursday over non-payment of salaries for more than four months. The workers, backed by AITUC, accused hospital authorities and contractors of failing to honour promises to clear pending dues and warned of escalating protests.



HMWSSB To Track Treated Water Quality Online, Prevent Wastage At Filling Stations

HYDERABAD
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The HMWS&SB will introduce online monitoring of treated water quality and measures to prevent wastage at green water filling stations as it seeks to reduce the use of drinking water for non-potable purposes. Board managing director K. Ashok Reddy directed officials to ensure that excess water from tanker filling operations was diverted back into the reservoir instead of being wasted. He also called for controls to prevent tankers from being filled beyond their designated capacities.

During a visit to the green water filling station at Kokapet on Thursday, he reviewed water quality testing procedures, laboratory operations and the recording of test results. He directed officials to coordinate with the Pollution Control Board (PCB) and conduct regular tests according to prescribed standards. The test results must be uploaded online and linked to the HMWS&SB headquarters for direct monitoring, he said.

The board's IT department should make the necessary technical arrangements to ensure that water quality records remained transparent and accessible. Ashok Reddy also instructed officials to establish separate filling limits according to tanker capacities and accurately record the quantity of water supplied to each tanker, along with other filling details.

Survey On Monkey Menace In Villages

HYDERABAD
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The state government has launched a survey through e-panchayats to assess the monkey menace in villages and identify steps to address the problem. Panchayat officials are collecting details about monkey populations and their impact on residents and crops by consulting villagers. The survey includes questions on the presence of monkeys in villages, crop damage and the fear and inconvenience caused to people.

Based on the findings, the government would consider measures to address the problem. District panchayat officer of Peddapalli, Sreemala, told Deccan Chronicle that officials were recording details of the monkey menace through e-panchayat. A report would be submitted to higher officials after the survey, and steps would be initiated based on its findings, she said. The problem has seriously affected residents, who adopted various measures to keep monkeys away. But, the monkeys continued to be on the prowl. Some residents have put up langur photographs in front of their houses, while wealthier families have installed solar fencing around their urban properties.

Monkeys have damaged agricultural crops, including vegetables, maize, pulses and paddy. The menace has been raised as a major issue during the gram panchayat and municipal elections, with candidates promising a permanent solution, if elected. Some candidates even engaged monkey catchers to impress the electorate. Despite some efforts by elected representatives to fulfil their poll promises, the monkey population has only increased.

This menace has repeatedly caused injuries and deaths. On December 31, Kesireddy Vimala, 50, of Lingapur village in Shankarapatnam mandal, died after falling down a few steps while trying to drive away a group of monkeys.

HMWSSB plans 'Green Water' filling station in Kokapet

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Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) is preparing to supply treated 'Green Water' for non-potable uses to reduce pressure on the city's drinking water sources.

As part of this effort, the HMWSSB Managing Director, K Ashok Reddy, on Thursday visited Kokapet to examine the feasibility of setting up a Green Water filling station. He inspected the water-quality testing laboratory and reviewed testing procedures, standards and result-recording processes.

He directed HMWSSB and TGSPCB officials to coordinate regular quality tests in strict adherence to established standards. Test results should be uploaded online in real time and integrated for direct monitoring from HMWSSB headquarters, a press release said. Officials were asked to coordinate with the IT department to establish the required infrastructure and ensure records remained transparent
and accessible.

The Managing Director also directed officials to prescribe filling limits based on tanker capacities and accurately record the volume supplied and other details for each tanker. A control system should prevent overfilling,

Over 600 FMG interns intensify agitation after 15 days without talks

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The statewide agitation by over 600 Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs), who are undergoing Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internships (CRMI) in government hospitals in various parts of the State, entered its 15th day on Thursday.

With the State government not inviting them for talks, the protesting doctors intensified their protests by conducting a massive dharna in front of the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) office in Koti on Thursday. Tension prevailed at the DME campus where interns staged mass demonstrations and participated in a peaceful rally.

The FMG interns alleged official apathy, discrimination, and intimidation by the state health administration.

Despite being posted in peripheral government hospitals, which are severely affected by staff shortages, FMG doctors said that they had not received fair treatment and had been met with closed doors and coercive threats.

The FMG interns, who are demanding an equal stipend to that paid to MBBS graduates, namely Rs 29,792 per month, expressed frustration over the refusal of senior health authorities to hold talks with them.

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