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Revanth Warns of Severe Water, Power Crisis in TG

CM asks farmers to avoid rabi paddy cultivation, announces drought employment scheme from January

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday warned of a severe water and electricity crisis for eight to ten months until July-August next year due to the El Nino weather system and appealed to the people to conserve resources and exercise restraint in power consumption. He said drinking water difficulties would intensify until July and directed officials to restrict the use of air-conditioners and lights in government offices to save power.

The CM said the existing reservoir levels would not be sufficient to meet even drinking water needs, leaving no scope for supplying irrigation water for rabi cultivation. He appealed to farmers to avoid taking up cultivation of the rabi crops, especially paddy, to prevent investment losses and to save water and power. He appealed to the farmers to cultivate only rainfed crops and vegetables, that too if they had their own water sources. He said water storage in reservoirs had fallen below 20 per cent of capacity, with the available reserves estimated at less than 200 tmc ft, leaving little scope for irrigation.



Addressing ministers, party MPs, MLAs, MLCs and senior leaders here, Revanth Reddy said nearly 15 lakh of the state's 30 lakh agricultural pump sets had dried up and more would run out of water. Some projects had reached dead storage levels, making it difficult to provide irrigation water. The available reserves would have to be protected primarily for drinking water requirements, he said. The Chief Minister announced a special employment scheme from Sankranti in January to May to provide daily work to labourers during the drought. Besides Central funds, the state government would contribute substantially to the programme to ensure employment for every individual and food for every family. Revanth Reddy directed all public representatives to visit villages, with their presence monitored through a special mobile app. Employment guarantee works should focus on restoring roads to agricultural fields, canals, tanks, ponds and other water bodies. He stressed that the scheme should be meticulously planned and implemented to provide work to every eligible person. The Chief Minister directed the Cabinet sub-committee headed by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and officials at all levels to closely monitor drinking water supply.

A toll-free number would be established to receive complaints and ensure their immediate resolution.

He said the drinking water crisis could become more serious than the shortage of irrigation water and warned that rising temperatures and scarcity could make it difficult for people to venture outdoors.

Fadnavis Orders Probe Into Jarange Audio Clip

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday ordered a forensic investigation into a purported audio clip released by Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange, which allegedly claims that Rs 500 crore was delivered to him through Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde before the 2024 elections. Fadnavis also questioned the motive behind its release after two-and-a-half years. The Chief Minister's order came a day after the Maratha quota activist accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of conspiring against him ahead of the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly elections.

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Internal Fraud Cost HCA ₹92 Cr Loss, Says CID

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The Crime Investigation Department (CID) has filed an 80-page preliminary charge-sheet in court, alleging that the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) suffered a loss of `92.08 crore due to large-scale financial irregularities during the tenure of its former office-bearers.

The chargesheet is based on forensic audit findings and statements recorded from 63 witnesses. The CID has placed under scrutiny decisions taken during the tenure of former HCA president Arshanapally Jagan Mohan Rao, who led the association from October 20, 2023, to June 9, 2025. Former secretary Devaraj Ramchander, former treasurer C. Jagannath Srinivasa Rao, and CEO Sunil Kante have also been named in the document for their alleged roles and administrative actions.

According to the preliminary findings, HCA received total revenues of `257.12 crore during the period, of which

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Modi Urges Unity, Self-Reliance for Viksit Bharat 2047

NEW DELHI
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called for efforts to address emerging societal ills and new challenges, unite society against divisive forces and inspire citizens towards self-reliance. Inaugurating the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan in New Delhi, Modi said Chinmaya Mission was not merely an institution but a thought -- Chinmaya, meaning pure consciousness -- was founded by a Chinmaya sage, whose journey over the decades had also been marked by divine resolves.

"In the past decades, times have changed, new challenges have emerged before the country, and new societal ills have surfaced. Today, the responsibility of solving them rests upon all of us," Modi said. "We must unite society against the forces that seek to divide us. We must make our citizens aware and inspired towards self-reliance. We must connect every individual with the resolve of a Developed India by 2047. For these objectives, we must become even more proactive," he added.



The prime minister said the nation was the birthplace of Indian culture and the foundation of the country's existence.

"Thanks to the efforts of Chinmaya Mission, today millions of youth are working as cultural brand ambassadors of India. These youth are carrying Indian values to the new generation," he said.

The three-day event, being held from Friday, brings together over 9,000 participants from India and abroad. The event marks the culmination of the year-long celebrations commemorating 75 years of the Chinmaya Mission, a global spiritual movement founded by Swami Chinmayananda in 1951 to make the wisdom of Vedanta and the Bhagavad Gita accessible to all.

Karnataka Completes Hearings for 43.82 Lakh SIR Notices, Final Roll On Oct 27

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Hearings have been completed across Karnataka for more than 43.82 lakh notices issued to electors as part of the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls, the CEO office said on Friday. The final electoral roll will be published on October 27, as per the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision-2026 issued by the Election Commission of India, it said. The notices were issued to electors whose names fell under the 'no mapping' and 'anomalies' categories during the revision exercise, officials said.

"A total of 43,82,824 notices have been generated and delivered, and hearings have been completed across the state," a statement from the chief electoral officer's office said. According to data shared by the CEO's office, it received 10,42,863 Form 6 applications, 4,840 Form 6A applications, 2,28,917 Form 7 applications and 13,10,841 Form 8 applications between June 16 and October 22, taking the total number of applications received to 25,87,461.

Form 7 is used to file objections to proposed inclusions or seek deletions from the electoral roll, while Form 8 is used to apply for a change of residence or correction of entries in the existing electoral roll. All Form 7 applications received up to September 23 have been cleared on a priority basis, the statement said.

Bomb Threat Targets Bachchan, Mayor's Office

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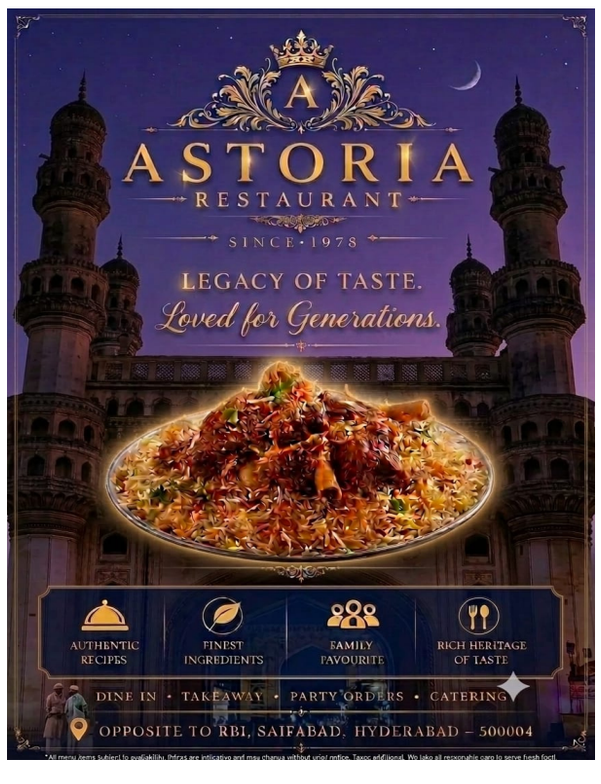
While the shooting incident involving actor Tiger Shroff has caused a stir in Mumbai, a bomb threat has further heightened concerns across the city and the film industry. A threat was issued to blow up Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde's office, megastar Amitabh Bachchan's home and the venue of singer Diljit Dosanjh's upcoming concert. Following the threats, security agencies and the Mumbai Police were placed on high alert.

According to the police, a bomb threat email was sent to the office of Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde. The message also mentioned Amitabh Bachchan's Jalsa bungalow in Juhu, along with Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) offices, several municipal schools and the venue for singer Diljit Dosanjh's upcoming concert, scheduled for November 27 at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse. The sender claimed the attack would be revenge for the 1984 'Operation Blue Star'. The email also referred to the 1984 anti-Sikh violence and used the phrase "Khoon da badla khoon" (blood for blood), alleging that the threatened attacks were retaliation against people it accused of targeting the Sikh community.



The email warned of targeted attacks between October 31 and November 27. It claimed that an explosion would occur at 3.11 pm in the mayor's office at the BMC headquarters. According to the police, the email was also addressed to Deputy Mayor Sanjay Ghadi. It threatened a grenade attack on a school on October 31 and an attack on Bachchan's Juhu residence, Jalsa, between October 31 and November 27.

The message also named Dosanjh's November 27 concert in the Mahalaxmi Racecourse area as a potential target. After receiving the threatening email, teams from the Mumbai Police, the police dog squad and the bomb squad reached the BMC headquarters. The investigation teams inspected various rooms and searched several chambers, including the mayor's and deputy mayor's offices. The police found nothing suspicious during the search operation.



Protest in Coimbatore Over Student's Suicide After Beef-Eating Disclosure

NEW DELHI
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Relatives of a 16-year-old student who allegedly died by suicide after facing caste-based discrimination and mental harassment staged a protest outside the Coimbatore District Collectorate on Friday, demanding the arrest of the teacher and headmaster concerned and the cancellation of the school's recognition. The deceased, Akilan, was a Class 11 student at the government-aided KK Naidu Higher Secondary School on Avinashi Road in Coimbatore. He was a resident of the Peelamedu area.

According to allegations, fellow students had been avoiding
Akilan at school, while a teacher allegedly subjected him to mental harassment by questioning him about eating beef. A complaint was reportedly submitted to the school headmaster, but no action was allegedly taken. Akilan died by suicide by hanging on Wednesday.

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Muria Darbar Exemplifies Tribal Democracy, Society Must Learn From Adivasis: Prezz Murmu

NEW DELHI
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President Droupadi Murmu on Friday described the tribal tradition of Muria Darbar, held as part of 75-day-long Bastar Dussehra, as an outstanding example of democracy at the grassroots. Ms. Murmu, who attended the Muria Darbar and interacted with the tribal chieftains taking part in it at Jagdalpur, headquarters of Bastar in Chhattisgarh, said that representatives of different sections of tribal society sit together to discuss public grievances, needs and social issues.



Solutions reached through collective dialogue help promote the wellbeing of society and mutual cooperation.

"Such traditions strengthen the roots of Indian democracy and reinforce democratic values", she said. Sitting of the Muria Darbar marks the closure of the Bastar Dussehra, billed as the longest festival in the world. Referring to tribal Bastar's historical and religious significance, the president said that Ramayan associates this region with Dandakaranya.

Many episodes relating to Lord Rama's exile remain part of the region's cultural memory, she said and added that the cultural heritage of tribal communities is an integral part of Indian tradition. Highlighting the tradition of nature worship among tribal communities, the president said that respect for trees, plants, forests and natural resources is a distinctive feature of their life. She exhorted the society to draw lessons from the nature-nurturing lifestyle of the tribal communities. The president said that tribal communities possess immense talent and potential. With suitable opportunities, encouragement and resources, young men and women from these communities can bring honour to the country in every field, she said.

Revanth Reddy calls for stronger inter-state police coordination

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday, October 23, called for stronger inter-state police coordination and the sharing of technology and intelligence to effectively combat cybercrime, drug trafficking and other emerging criminal activities, asserting that no State could tackle crime in isolation.

Inaugurating the Southern Regional Police Co-ordination Committee (SRPCC) meeting at the Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) in Hyderabad, he said police departments across southern States and Union Territories must establish robust mechanisms to improve coordination across State borders and develop a comprehensive action plan to make southern India safer.

The Telangana government was fully committed to sharing its technological infrastructure and ICCC systems with neighbouring States to strengthen joint policing efforts, he said.

Welcoming Directors General of Police, senior police officers and representatives of central investigation agencies from eight States and Union Territories, the Chief Minister said the conference provided an important platform to improve coordination between State police forces and specialised agencies.

"Public safety and security are the foundations of society. People expect a police system that functions efficiently, ethically and impartially," he said, stressing the need for continuous reforms to address the changing nature of crime.

Revanth Reddy said his government believed that resources allocated to the



police were not merely expenditure but an investment in building a better society and ensuring citizens' safety.

Explaining the State government's policing reforms, he said Hyderabad's police administration had been reorganised into three commissionerates — Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri — to enable commissioners to focus more effectively on their respective jurisdictions.

Specialised agencies, including HYDRAA, EAGLE and T-Safe, had also been established to address specific challenges, he said, adding that cybercrime, drug trafficking and traffic management required greater attention, technological intervention and specialised training.

The Chief Minister said Telangana Police had received recognition at the national and international levels for their efforts in combating drugs, preventing cybercrime and eliminating Left-Wing Extremism.

He said Telangana had secured the top position in the country in cybercrime control during a PRAGATI review chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had also appreciated the efforts of Telangana Police in making the State free of Naxalism, he added.

The EAGLE anti-narcotics wing had scored more than 80 per cent in an assessment by the Union government, while the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau had established new benchmarks in helping cybercrime victims recover money lost to fraud, he said.

Referring to food safety, Revanth Reddy said the government had established TG-SAFE to coordinate efforts to prevent food adulteration and strengthen drug regulation, drawing a parallel with the US Food and Drug Administration.

He also praised HYDRAA for protecting and restoring lakes, ponds and other water bodies, besides safeguarding government and public properties.

Highlighting inclusive policing initiatives, he said Telangana had become the first State in the country to appoint transgender persons as traffic assistants in Hyderabad.

The Chief Minister said the welfare of police personnel and the future of their families remained among his government's priorities.

Bhatti calls for strengthened security at TGSPF passing parade

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday called for strengthening the state's security infrastructure, stressing that discipline, integrity and professional responsibility are essential for safeguarding critical installations and development projects.

Addressing the 36th Raising Day parade of the Telangana Special Protection Force (SPF), Vikramarka praised the personnel for protecting vital power plants at Jaipur, Yadadri and Bhadradri Kothagudem. He said the force played a crucial role in ensuring the safety of infrastructure that supports the state's power supply and economic development.

"Power plants bring light, and it is the SPF that bears the responsibility of safe-



guarding that light," he said, appreciating the dedication and commitment of the personnel.

The Deputy Chief Minister observed that the security sector had undergone significant changes over the past 35 years, requiring forces to adapt to emerging challenges through modern technology, professional training and improved operational capabilities.

He emphasised that a security force's effectiveness should not be measured merely by the weapons it possesses, but by the discipline, judgement, integrity and sense of responsibility demonstrated by its personnel.

Vikramarka noted that SPF officers were utilising modern equipment, including drones, CCTV cameras and specialised security kits. He also highlighted the force's dedicated training facility at Ameenpur, which supports professional development and operational preparedness.

Recognising the demanding nature of security duties, he appreciated SPF personnel who remain on duty during festivals and emergencies, often sacrificing time with their families. He also expressed gratitude to their family members for supporting them in fulfilling their responsibilities.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the Telangana government was committed to the state's development and that strong security arrangements were essential to protect major projects and ensure their long-term success.

TPCC Revokes Suspension of Former Kukatpally Division President Sheri Satish Reddy



The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has officially reinstated former Kukatpally division President Sheri Satish Reddy into party activities, lifting his previous suspension.

Announcing the development on Saturday, Satish Reddy expressed his sincere gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, cabinet ministers, and senior TPCC leadership for revoking the suspension and recognizing his past contributions to the party.Speaking on his reinstatement, Reddy stated that he is ready to serve the party with renewed vigor and enthusiasm to drive its growth across the constituency.

He emphasized his commitment to ensuring that every eligible citizen receives the welfare benefits and schemes launched by the state government.Taking a direct swipe at the opposition, Reddy slammed the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), accusing them of orchestrating the allegations that led to his temporary suspension. He declared his resolve to expose and rectify even the minor missteps of BRS leaders in the region.Looking ahead, Reddy sought the continued guidance and support of top party leaders as well as local colleagues to strengthen the Congress party's presence in Kukatpally.

Over 1,000 Hyderabad Voters Face Deletion in Telangana SIR Exercise

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

More than 1,000 voters in Hyderabad have been marked for deletion from the final electoral rolls as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Telangana, according to a report citing data from the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO).

Across the state, a total of 32,214 electors have been identified for deletion for various reasons during the revision exercise. The figures have raised concerns over electoral roll accuracy and the need to ensure that eligible voters are not excluded from the final list.

Rangareddy district recorded the highest number of electors marked for deletion, with 9,092 voters identified during the exercise. Of these, 7,778 were categorised as unmapped electors, while 1,314 had logical discrepancies in their electoral data.

Peddapalli district followed with 4,447 electors marked as ineligible. Warangal recorded 1,629 voters in the category, according to the reported figures.

The SIR exercise aims to review electoral records and identify discrepancies that require verification. However, voters whose names are proposed for deletion must be given the opportunity to establish their eligibility in accordance with the applicable procedures.

High Court assurance on speaking orders

In a significant development, the Election Commission of India (ECI) informed the Telangana High Court that speaking orders would be issued explaining the reasons for excluding eligible voters from the final SIR list.

According to submissions made by the ECI's senior counsel, these orders would be issued in cases where names are removed after voters respond to notices, attend hearings and submit supporting documents.

The speaking orders are intended to explain the grounds for the decisions, enabling affected voters to understand why their names were excluded. Voters will also have the option of challenging such orders through an appeal, according to the reported court proceedings.

The development assumes significance as the revision process could affect thousands of electors across Hyderabad and other districts. Ensuring transparency, proper verification and access to appeal mechanisms will be crucial to protecting eligible citizens' voting rights.

Final electoral roll on November 9

The final SIR electoral rolls for Hyderabad and other districts of Telangana are scheduled to be published on November 9. Voters are advised to verify their particulars and respond promptly to any notices issued by electoral authorities. Those whose eligibility is questioned should attend the prescribed hearings and provide the necessary documents to establish their claims.

The reported figures represent electors marked for deletion during the revision process and should not automatically be interpreted as confirmed removals from the final electoral rolls.

Sarpanch Ravinder, Leaders Greet MP Shetkar on Dasara

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Bidekanne Village Sarpanch C. Ravinder, along with Jharasangam Mandal party leaders, including Hanumanth Rao and others, met Zaheerabad Member of Parliament Suresh Kumar Shetkar and extended warm greetings on the occasion of the Dasara festival.

During the meeting, Sarpanch C. Ravinder and the accompanying leaders conveyed their heartfelt wishes to the MP, wishing him good



health, happiness, prosperity, and continued success in public service. The leaders exchanged festive greetings and shared the spirit of the auspicious occasion in a cordial atmosphere.

The meeting reflected the significance of Dasara, which symbolises the victory of good over evil and inspires people to uphold righteousness, unity, and harmony in society.

The leaders emphasised the importance of maintaining mutual respect, strengthening relationships, and working collectively for the welfare and development of the people. The occasion also provided an opportunity for local representatives to exchange greetings and reinforce their commitment to public service.

The interaction concluded on a positive note, with the participants extending Dasara wishes to the MP and expressing hope that the festival would bring peace, prosperity, and happiness to people across the region.

Jampana Pratap Seeks ₹1 Crore Compensation for Corridor Demolitions

HYDERABAD
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Former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap has urged the Telangana government to provide fair compensation to property owners affected by the proposed Paradise–Dairy Farm elevated corridor on National Highway 44.

In a petition submitted to Hyderabad District Incharge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Pratap sought ₹1 crore in compensation for community structures



facing demolition on Cantonment Board playground land. He said a gym, wrestling arena and computer rooms were constructed around a decade ago at a cost of ₹18 lakh. The minister reportedly responded positively and assured him that the government would examine the representation.

Hyderabad airport denies Air India flight made emergency landing

Authorities at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad on Friday, October 23, denied reports that a Mumbai-bound Air India flight with 109 passengers on board had made an emergency landing here.According to media reports, flight AI 417 developed a technical snag within about five minutes of taking off from the airport at Shamshabad on Friday morning. The reports said the pilot alerted Air Traffic Control (ATC) and the aircraft returned to the airport.

The airport authorities did not give details along with their denial. It was not clear whether they were denying that the aircraft returned to the airport or only that its landing was classified as an emergency.

Reports quoting airport sources said all passengers were safe. They also said engineers were inspecting the aircraft and the airline was arranging alternative travel for the passengers.

The nature of the technical problem has not been disclosed.

Beerappa Colony residents await road repairs for three years

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents of Beerappa Colony in Badangpet have been facing severe inconvenience for nearly three years due to the poor condition of roads, including a stretch directly opposite the Badangpet municipal office. Despite repeated representations to the authorities, the issue remains unresolved, with residents alleging official apathy towards their long-pending grievance.

Manideep Raju, a resident of the colony, said the damaged road posed a serious safety hazard to motorists and other road users. He claimed that two to three accidents occurred every day due to the poor condition of the road. Potholes and the uneven surface have made commuting difficult, particularly for two-wheeler riders, he said.

Residents alleged that they had approached the Badangpet municipal office and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) several times, seeking repairs and proper roads. However, their pleas had



failed to elicit a concrete response from the authorities, they said.

According to Manideep Raju, officials removed the soil from the road about two months ago and assured residents that the work would be completed within a week. However, nearly two months later, the promised work had not commenced. Repeated assurances that the road would be completed at the earliest had not translated into action, he alleged.

Residents also pointed out that a stretch of about 100 metres near the entrance to Beerappa Colony was laid around two-and-a-half years ago when Minister Sridhar Babu was scheduled to attend the inauguration of the municipal office. While the road near the entrance was taken up, the internal roads in the colony continued to be neglected, they alleged.

The condition of the roads worsens during the rainy season, when rainwater collects in potholes, making them difficult to spot. Motorists are forced to navigate the damaged stretches with caution, increasing the risk of accidents, residents said.

Mahesh Kumar, another resident of the colony, said the poor condition of the roads had been causing daily hardship. Commuters were forced to negotiate damaged stretches, particularly during the rainy season, when potholes became difficult to spot. Despite repeated appeals to the authorities, there had been no visible progress in resolving the issue, he alleged. He urged officials to lay proper roads and prevent further accidents.

Karimnagar Home Guard Saves Life Of Aged Man

Karimnagar police outpost home guard V. Anjaneyulu saved an 80-year-old man Bommideni Komuraiah from drowning in the Lower Manair Lake. Komuraiah had jumped into the waters of Lower Manair Dam on Tuesday in an attempt to commit suicide. Home guard Anjaneyulu, who had been on duty at the lake, rushed to the spot, dived in, and rescued Komuraiah. Reserve sub-inspector B. Ramesh later summoned Komuraiah's family members to the police station, counselled, and handed over the old man to them. Senior officials have appreciated the home guard for acting promptly and saving the Komuraiah.

CAG Figures Reveal Telangana's Fiscal Stress, Alleges BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan

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BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan Kumar has criticised the Congress government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over Telangana's financial position, citing figures attributed to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for April–September 2026. He demanded a comprehensive white paper on state finances, including borrowings, pension expenditure, revenue collection and outstanding liabilities.According to figures presented in his press note, Telangana's projected revenue surplus of ₹6,857.76 crore for 2026–27 had reportedly turned into a revenue deficit of ₹15,096.18 crore by September. The reported primary deficit stood at ₹28,046.81 crore.Dr. Sravan expressed concern that net borrowings had reached ₹44,612.16 crore against an annual limit of ₹58,458.71 crore, representing 76.31% of the permitted amount within six months.He also highlighted pension expenditure of ₹14,235.36 crore against an annual allocation of ₹14,736.56 crore, claiming that 96.60% of the provision had already been utilised. He questioned how the government would meet pension commitments during the remaining months.The BRS leader further flagged revenue receipts of ₹92,013.18 crore against an annual target of ₹2,41,263.59 crore, alongside concerns over capital expenditure and development funding.Dr. Sravan urged the government to disclose state guarantees, off-budget borrowings and Public Account liabilities, and clarify any information reportedly outstanding with the CAG. He also called for stronger revenue mobilisation, financial discipline and protection of development spending.Demanding a detailed statement in the Legislative Assembly, he said transparency and prudent fiscal management were essential to safeguard employees, pensioners and Telangana's development.The figures and allegations are attributed to the MLC's press note and require independent verification against the complete CAG report and the government's response.

Police Martyrs Honoured with Floral Tributes at Narsingi

HYDERABAD
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Police officials, personnel and family members of martyrs paid solemn tributes to police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty on the occasion of Police Martyrs' Remembrance Day at the Martyrs' Memorial in Vyas Nagar, Narsingi, on Friday.
The participants offered floral tributes and remembered the courage, dedication and commitment of police personnel who laid down their lives while protecting citizens, maintaining law and order and ensuring public safety.
During the programme, the participants highlighted the invaluable services rendered by police personnel and stated that the sacrifices of the martyrs would continue to inspire future generations. They emphasised the importance of honouring the memory of fallen personnel and extending continuous support and care to their families.
Group Commander P. V. Narayana Swamy, Officer on Special Duty G. Dayanand and Greyhounds Inspector T. Pradeep Kumar participated in the programme, along with other police officials, personnel and family members of the martyrs.
The officials expressed solidarity with the families of the fallen personnel and acknowledged the sacrifices made by police officers and their loved ones in the service of society.
The programme concluded with heartfelt tributes to the martyrs, reaffirming the commitment to remember their selfless service and uphold the values of duty, courage and public protection.

Siddipet Graduate Develops Custom Electric Vehicle 'Jwala EV'

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Gatu Kishan, a BMR College graduate from Siddipet, is emerging as an entrepreneur in Telangana's electric vehicle sector. After entering the EV industry in 2020, he received multi-brand mechanical training at Kaartikeya EV Vehicles in ECIL's AS Rao Nagar.
Kishan now operates Jwala EV Service at Vahab Nagar, Diamond Point, Sikh Village. He recently designed and assembled his own electric vehicle, named Jwala Vehicle EV, using high-performance batteries imported from New Delhi. His centre also provides multi-brand diagnostics, repairs and servicing for electric vehicles.

Farmer Rides Two-Wheeler Through Drying Paddy Field in Protest

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A young farmer staged an unusual protest by riding his two-wheeler through his three-acre paddy field in Gollapalli village of Ganapuram mandal, expressing distress over his drying crop due to a reported shortage of irrigation water.
The farmer, Praveen, appealed to the government for immediate intervention, stating that the lack of adequate water and reliable electricity was threatening his crop and livelihood.
Praveen expressed concern over the worsening condition of his paddy and the financial difficulties he could face if the crop failed. His protest highlights the challenges confronting farmers when irrigation facilities and agricultural power supply are inadequate during crucial stages of cultivation.
Farmer Appeals for Urgent Action
The farmer urged the authorities to address his grievance and ensure sufficient water and electricity to protect standing crops. He also voiced fears about his future if the situation remained unresolved.
The incident has brought renewed attention to farmers' irrigation concerns in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district.
Timely water supply, dependable agricultural electricity and prompt intervention by officials are essential to prevent crop losses and protect farming families from mounting financial distress.
Authorities are expected to examine the complaint and assess the situation.

Alai-Balai Celebrated with Grandeur in Andole



HYDERABAD
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The traditional Alai-Balai programme was celebrated with enthusiasm at Tardhanpalli village in Choutakur mandal of Andole constituency on Friday, bringing together Congress leaders, party workers and public representatives to promote unity and brotherhood.The event, organised under the leadership of Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha, was held at MS Function Hall as part of the post-Dasara celebrations.Leaders, workers, sarpanches and public representatives from various mandals participated in the gathering, exchanged festive greetings and strengthened community ties.Alai-Balai is a popular Telangana tradition observed after Dasara, symbolising friendship, mutual respect and social harmony. The programme provided an opportunity for people from different backgrounds to come together and celebrate their shared cultural heritage.The gathering also facilitated interactions among local leaders and representatives, highlighting the role of traditional festivals in fostering goodwill and strengthening relationships within communities.The celebrations concluded successfully in a festive atmosphere, with enthusiastic participation from attendees. The event underscored the importance of preserving Telangana's cultural traditions and promoting unity among people.

Aleru Voltage Fluctuations: Officials Plan Additional Equipment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Electricity officials have confirmed voltage fluctuation problems affecting farmers and villagers in Aleru constituency and said steps are being taken to arrange additional equipment to improve the power supply.The issue has caused concern among agricultural workers and local residents who depend on a stable electricity supply for irrigation, farming operations and household needs.
Frequent voltage fluctuations can also affect agricultural motors, electrical appliances and other equipment.Following complaints from farmers and villagers, the concerned electricity officials acknowledged the problem and reportedly informed them that arrangements were being made to provide additional equipment to stabilise the supply.
The assurance has raised hopes among affected residents that the problem will be resolved.
Farmers, in particular, are looking for a permanent solution to ensure uninterrupted and reliable power for their agricultural activities.Villagers have urged the electricity department to complete the proposed arrangements without delay and take necessary measures to prevent recurring voltage fluctuations.A stable electricity supply is essential for agricultural productivity and the daily lives of rural communities.
The timely installation of the proposed equipment is expected to help address the concerns, although the effectiveness of the measures will depend on their implementation.Residents are now awaiting further action from the electricity department to secure lasting relief from the problem.

Journalist Karenkari Balraj's Family Offers Bonam to Goddess Yellamma

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Senior journalist Karenkari Balraj and his family visited Kamunipally village and offered Bonam to Goddess Yellamma, seeking blessings for good health, happiness, prosperity and success in their future endeavours.The family performed the traditional offering with devotion, reaffirming its faith in the goddess and respect for Telangana's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.During the visit, the family offered prayers for peace, well-being and continued success in personal and professional life.Bonam offerings hold cultural and religious significance in Telangana, reflecting the devotion of people towards Goddess Yellamma and other local deities. Such traditions also help preserve the region's customs and strengthen family bonds across generations.

Dignitaries Pay Tribute to Former IAS Officer SR Shankaran

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A tribute programme was organised by Balakrishna Chopra in Hyderabad to honour former IAS officer S. R. Shankaran, remembered for his commitment to social justice and the welfare of marginalised communities.
The programme was attended by several dignitaries, including Dr. A. Vidyasagar, IAS, Akunuri Murali, IAS, Rayadas, NRI, Suryanarayana, AJC, and others.
The participants paid homage to the late civil servant and recalled his contribution to public administration, equality and social welfare. The gathering highlighted the continuing relevance of his ideals in promoting inclusive governance and protecting the interests of disadvantaged sections. The programme concluded with dignitaries remembering Shankaran's legacy of dedicated public service.

Andole Alai-Balai Celebrations Highlight ₹3,000-Crore Development Works

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The traditional Alai-Balai programme was celebrated grandly at MS Function Hall in Tardhanpally village of Choutakur mandal on Friday, under the leadership of Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha, marking the Vijayadashami festival. Thousands of Congress leaders, workers, public representatives and supporters participated in the celebrations and extended festive greetings to the Minister.
Addressing the gathering, Damodar Rajanarsimha presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining development works worth more than ₹3,000 crore undertaken in the Andole constituency since the formation of the People's Government.
The presentation covered major initiatives in healthcare, education, roads, transportation, tourism and public infrastructure. Key projects included hospital construction, a nursing college, hostel facilities, Young India Integrated Schools, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, additional classrooms and improvements to existing educational institutions.
The Minister also highlighted school infrastructure developed through Corporate Social Responsibility funds, including computer laboratories and school buses. He explained initiatives to strengthen welfare hostels, develop the Andole stadium and advance the proposed tribal law college.
Connectivity projects, including bridges linking Jogipet and Andole with surrounding areas and internal roads serving communities around the Singur Project backwaters, were also discussed. The initiatives aim to improve transportation, access to essential services and tourism opportunities.
Among those present were DCC President Chandrasekhar Reddy, PCC Vice-President Sangameshwar, PCC member Kishan, Markfed Director Jagan Mohan Reddy, market committee chairpersons Jagan Mohan Reddy, Sudhakar Reddy and Lakshmi Shesha Reddy, Andole–Jogipet Municipality Chairman Krishna Reddy and former chairman Surender Goud.

Docu film accuses Modi, Adani of corruption; 24 issued notices

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A 36-minute documentary accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi and industrialist Gautam Adani of corruption and cronyism is circulating widely on X (formerly Twitter), days after Mumbai Police served notices on at least 24 users for sharing it. The film, titled "How Adani and Modi Stole India", was made by Sabeer Bhatia, the Indian-American entrepreneur who co-founded Hotmail. According to Hindustan Times, the documentary questions business dealings, land allocations and government decisions over two decades, alleging corruption, collusion and corporate cronyism. However, the allegations made in the film have not been established in any judicial finding. What the Police Notices Say The notices were issued on October 18, stating that the West Cyber Police, Crime Branch and Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had received a complaint alleging that several X accounts published "highly objectionable content targeting a well-known company". According to the notices, the content lacked any apparent factual or lawful basis and caused serious harm to the company's reputation. The notices reportedly invoke Sections 352 and 356 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which deal with intentional insult intended to provoke a breach of peace and defamation, respectively. Several users reportedly deleted the clips, while others shared copies of the police notices on their profiles and criticised the action as an overreach. Bhatia said he complied with a police request to remove specific posts but questioned the action. "The law enforcement agency apparently found the corruption less objectionable than the act of exposing it," he said on X, according to The Morning Voice. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Cyber Crime) Bajrang Bansode declined to comment. Raj Thackeray and Sanjay Raut Share the Film On Thursday, October 22, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray posted the documentary on his X account along with a message in Marathi. He claimed that the government wanted the film to disappear from social media and urged people to watch it before it was removed. Shiv Sena (UBT) Member of Parliament Sanjay Raut also shared the video, tagging the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its ideological parent, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Addressing both "patriots" and "blind devotees", Raut urged them to watch the documentary and assess its contents. Later in the day, Raut alleged that the BJP and the government were attempting to suppress the video because they wanted to hand Mumbai and other infrastructure projects to Adani.

Poll Commissioners Flagged Official, No Action Taken

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The Cabinet Secretariat sent copies of complaints by Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi against a senior poll panel official to the office of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar but took no action on them, according to information obtained through a Right to Information (RTI) application. The two commissioners had written separately to Cabinet Secretary TV Somanathan on July 29, with both objecting to the conduct of Senior Deputy Election Commissioner Maneesh Garg. The responses were provided to transparency activist and former commodore Lokesh Batra, who filed the RTI application on September 24. The records show that the secretariat treated the letters as communications from the two commissioners in their individual capacities rather than as a formal complaint from the Election Commission of India (ECI). Could Be Seen as Interference: Cabinet Secretariat According to the RTI response, the Cabinet Secretariat proposed on August 3 to seek the CEC's views on the letters. A note recorded the following day stated that the ECI was an independent constitutional body and warned that any action taken without an official communication from the commission as a whole could be viewed as interference in its functioning. The note suggested that the matter be placed on record with the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) for consideration in future decisions concerning Garg. Garg is a 1996-batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre. He served as the state's chief electoral officer before joining the ECI. On August 5, the secretariat sent both commissioners acknowledgements confirming receipt of their letters. These were the only replies they received. Copies of the acknowledgements were also sent to the DoPT secretary, the department's establishment officer and the principal private secretary to the CEC. In response to Batra's query about the steps taken on the complaints, the Cabinet Secretariat's information officer listed only the acknowledgements and endorsements. The records do not establish whether the CEC's office responded to the communications. What the Commissioners Objected To The complaints concerned a work-allocation order issued by Garg on July 28, the same day he was given additional charge of the Administration Division. The regular in-charge, Deputy Election Commissioner Bhanu Prakash Yeturu, was on leave until August 9. According to the letters, Garg issued the order within hours of assuming charge. It reassigned responsibilities among officers, including some who were senior to him or held equivalent ranks.

March against SIR begins in Delhi amid heightened security



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A march against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls began in central Delhi on Friday, October 23, with participants heading towards the Election Commission of India (ECI) headquarters to protest against the alleged deletion of voters. The march, called by the Delhi Coordination Committee of People Against SIR, a people's collective, started near Gole Dak Khana, at the intersection of Kalibari Marg and Bhai Vir Singh Marg. Krantikari Yuva Sangathan (KYS) and the Students' Federation of India (SFI) have extended their support to the protest, with activists from Delhi, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh participating as well. Security Deployed in Large Numbers Security was tightened near Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, with Delhi Police and Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel deployed in large numbers ahead of the march. The organisers have appealed to farmers, workers, youth, women and people from different sections of society to join the march carrying the national flag. They said the march would remain peaceful and disciplined, with participants holding a 'People's Parliament' wherever police stop them, followed by the adoption of resolutions and the national anthem. SFI has also called for solidarity protests in central Delhi and district headquarters on Friday. Traffic Diversions in Place Traffic diversions were enforced in parts of central Delhi in view of the march. The Delhi Traffic Police said the diversions would remain in effect from 1 pm to 5 pm. Commuters may face congestion and delays around Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, Connaught Place, Parliament Street and Jantar Mantar. The traffic police have advised commuters to avoid unnecessary travel in the affected areas, plan their journeys in advance and use alternative routes wherever possible. Commuters have also been asked to follow instructions issued by traffic personnel and allow extra time to reach their destinations.The protest comes amid a wider debate over the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, with opposition parties, civil society groups and activists raising concerns about voter inclusion, transparency and access to democratic rights. Protesters have demanded that the Election Commission ensure that no eligible voter is excluded from the electoral rolls and that any discrepancies in voter records be addressed through a transparent and accessible verification process. The organisers have also stressed the need to protect the voting rights of vulnerable sections, including migrant workers, daily-wage labourers, economically disadvantaged families and people who may face difficulties producing the documents required during verification.

All 14 Indians aboard yacht off Yemen coast safe: Embassy

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The Indian Embassy in Yemen said on Friday, October 23, that all 14 Indian nationals on board a yacht involved in an incident off the coast of Yemen are safe, and it will continue to work to ensure their well-being. In a statement shared on X, the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia stated, "Reports suggest that all 14 Indian nationals are safe and located around Hodeidah in Yemen. We will continue to work for ensuring their well being."Earlier in the day, the Indian embassy said that it has been making efforts to find more details about the incident off the coast of Yemen on October 22 in which apparently there were Indian nationals (sailors) on board a yacht.It further stated, "Given the prevailing conflict situation exact information is not currently available. We have reached out to different parties to establish circumstances and facts of the incident and hope to update as soon as authentic information becomes available."On Thursday, October 22, Yemen's Houthis claimed that their forces engaged in a rescue operation after Saudi Arabia targeted an Indian yacht carrying 14 Indian nationals near Zuqar Island in the southern Red Sea.Citing preliminary information, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said that the Yemeni Armed Forces.

Delhi Deploys 273 CAPF Companies Till Oct 31

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The Union Home Ministry has extended for the second time the deployment of 273 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) companies in the national capital till October 31 in view of the possibility of "flash protests" by political and other groups, official sources said on Friday, October 23. The companies were brought to Delhi for protests by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) earlier this month. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directed the Delhi Police and the respective CAPFs on October 22 to coordinate the deployment, the sources told PTI. Extension Requested by Delhi Police The extension was approved at the request of the Delhi Police, officials said, adding that a similar extension had been sanctioned in mid-October. According to officials, the Delhi Police informed the ministry that political and other organisations could stage sudden protests at various "sensitive" locations across the city. The extension was considered necessary to maintain law and order and prevent any untoward incidents. The MHA approved the request, the sources said. 125 CRPF, 20 RAF, 46 BSF, 39 ITBP, 31 SSB and 12 CISF Companies Of the 273 companies that will remain deployed alongside the local police, 125 belong to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), including 20 women personnel units; 20 are from the Rapid Action Force (RAF); 46 from the Border Security Force (BSF); 39 from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP); 31 from the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB); and 12 from the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). A CAPF company has a sanctioned strength of 100 personnel, although its effective operational manpower is approximately 70–72 personnel. Parts of Delhi witnessed CJP protests on October 9, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Opposition parties subsequently staged demonstrations with the same demand. The CJP also organised a 'Lehra Do Ti-

Stranded Umrah pilgrims return to India, others assisted: Rijiju

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Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday, October 23, said stranded Indian Umrah pilgrims had returned safely to India, while those still awaiting their return from Saudi Arabia were being assisted."The stranded Umrah pilgrims have returned to India safely in addition to more than 10,000 normal Umrah pilgrims who have returned earlier. Remaining Umrah pilgrims are being assisted," Rijiju said in a post on X.He also shared the 24-hour helpline details of the Indian Embassy in Riyadh and the Consulate General of India in Jeddah for nationals seeking assistance.The Embassy of India in Riyadh can be contacted on +966-554412016 or +966-542126784. Its toll-free number, 8002471234, is available for calls from within Saudi Arabia, while WhatsApp messages can be sent to +966-536216082.The Consulate General of India in Jeddah can be reached on +966-12-2614093 or +966-556122301. WhatsApp messages can be sent to +966-536209704. On Thursday, October 22, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said around 3,000 stranded Indian Umrah pilgrims had returned to India over the previous week, in addition to more than 10,000 other pilgrims who travelled back on their booked flights during the same period. He said Indian missions were coordinating with airlines and tour operators to facilitate.

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Internal Fraud Cost.....

According to the preliminary findings, HCA received total revenues of `257.12 crore during the period, of which `211.98 crore came as grants from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The CID alleged that despite this substantial inflow, the association incurred losses running into `92.08 crore because of unauthorised expenditure, questionable contracts, and procedural violations. The chargesheet reportedly flagged serious discrepancies in documents used to establish the administrative status of certain HCA-affiliated clubs. The CID also examined allegations that Jagan Mohan Rao secured his election through Srichakra Cricket Club using forged signatures of Gowlipura Cricket Club president and former minister Krishna Yadav.

The CID has found indications of major procedural breakdowns in multi-crore tender operations. Witness statements cited in the chargesheet suggest that essential administrative procedures were bypassed, standard meeting minutes were not maintained during tender-selection periods, and operational guidelines framed by the association's core committees were ignored. The investigation also covered alleged irregularities in ticket sales, contracts, and expenditure decisions, including claims that funds were spent in violation of High Court directions.

The preliminary chargesheet marks a significant escalation in the criminal probe into alleged embezzlement of cricket-development funds, unauthorised cash withdrawals, and procedural forgery within HCA. The CID is expected to pursue further investigation based on the forensic audit, documentary evidence, and witness testimony before filing a final chargesheet. The CID probe began following a series of reports published by Deccan Chronicle in these columns, exposing a pattern of alleged fraud in the HCA ranging from misappropriation of BCCI development funds and diversion of funds during IPL matches through fake invoices, to the alleged disbursement of crores from HCA accounts to 136 clubs using blank cheques issued on verbal instructions without authorisation letters.

Protest in

According to allegations, fellow students had been avoiding Akilan at school, while a teacher allegedly subjected him to mental harassment by questioning him about eating beef. A complaint was reportedly submitted to the school headmaster, but no action was allegedly taken. Akilan died by suicide by hanging on Wednesday. More than 100 members of various political and social organisations, including the DMK, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the May 17 Movement, joined Akilan's parents and relatives in the protest. The protesters raised slogans demanding justice for the student and called for the immediate arrest of the teacher and headmaster, along with the cancellation of the school's recognition. The protesters later marched from the second gate of the District Collectorate to its main entrance and waited to submit a petition directly to District Collector Pavan Kumar Giriyapanavar.

The demonstration created a tense atmosphere on the Collectorate premises.

Meanwhile, the school management has suspended class teacher Vijayakumar and headmaster Arunkumar in connection with the incident. Peelamedu Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the student's death. The Tamil Nadu State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has directed the Coimbatore City Police Commissioner to submit a report within one week detailing the action taken in the case.Further investigation is still underway.

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He also released purported audio clips of BJP leaders discussing money allegedly paid to him to control the political narrative in the state.Following Jarange-Patil's allegations, a delegation of Shiv Sena leaders, including Sachin Ahir, Milind Deora and Rahul Shewale, met the Chief Minister on Thursday night, seeking a probe into the matter. The delegation also submitted a letter to the Chief Minister, naming several BJP leaders mentioned in the audio clips and demanding a forensic investigation

CRIME

Hyderabad DRDO staffer dies after being punched for misbehaviour

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A 55-year-old man, working as a personal assistant at DRDO, has died after a neighbour allegedly hit him following an argument for "misbehaving" with a 23-year-old woman in a residential building at Chikkadapally here, police said on Thursday, October 22.The incident took place between 7.30 pm and 8 pm on Wednesday, when the man, who stays on the first floor of the building, went to the woman's house on the second floor and allegedly misbehaved with her."When she raised an alarm, he ran away from the place. After some time, one of her neighbours, a gym trainer, came and asked her why she was crying, and she informed him about the alleged misbehaviour," a police official said.Immediately, both of them went towards the man, and an argument took place between them, following which the gym trainer.allegedly punched him in the face, and he fell on the floor, the official said.The man, who suffered a head injury, was taken to a hospital where he was declared brought dead, the official said.Two separate cases were registered at Chikkadapally Police Station–one based on the complaint lodged by the deceased person's wife, on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against the gym trainer and another case was booked against the deceased man based on the woman's complaint. The cases are under investigation, the official added.Police are examining the sequence of events leading to the death, including the alleged altercation and the circumstances in which the victim sustained the fatal head injury. Investigators are expected to record statements from the woman, the gym trainer, the deceased man's family members and other residents who may have witnessed the incident or have information relevant to the case.The registration of two separate cases indicates that police are investigating both the allegations of misbehaviour against the deceased and the circumstances surrounding the assault that allegedly resulted in his death. Officials will have to establish the sequence of events, the nature of the injuries and the role of the accused before determining further legal action.The post-mortem examination and medical findings are expected to help investigators establish the cause of death and determine the nature and severity of the injuries sustained by the victim. Police may also examine other available evidence, including CCTV footage from the residential building and statements from people present at the scene, if available. Meanwhile, the incident has raised concerns among residents about the consequences of confrontations escalating into violence. Police have urged people to approach law enforcement authorities when faced with allegations of harassment or misconduct rather than resorting to physical force. The investigation is continuing, and the allegations against both parties will be examined in accordance with the law. Further action will depend on the evidence collected by the police.

EDITORIAL

INDIA RECOVERS 650 STOLEN STATUES IN 12 YEARS:PM MODI

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, October 23, said that India has recovered more than 650 stolen ancient statues over the past 12 years, highlighting the government's efforts to preserve the country's cultural heritage. He also said that a revival of India's cultural centres was taking place from north to south and east to west.Addressing the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan in New Delhi, PM Modi said preserving India's heritage was one of the missions of Swami Chinmayananda, the founder of the Chinmaya Mission."There was another mission of Swamiji: the conservation of Indian heritage. You have seen the Vivekananda Rock Memorial. Today, it is a source of inspiration for millions of people visiting from across India and the world," he said.The Prime Minister cited several examples of India's cultural and spiritual heritage being restored to prominence, including the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, the Ram temple in Ayodhya, and the sacred sites of Kedarnath and Badrinath."A revival of India's cultural centres is taking place from north to south and east to west. Whether it is the new look of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, the grand temple of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya, or our sacred sites such as Kedarnath and Badrinath, these places are regaining their prominence," he said. Referring to Kedarnath, PM Modi said a magnificent statue of Adi Shankaracharya had been installed at the site where the philosopher is believed to have attained his final state of existence."If you visited Kedarnath recently, you would have seen a magnificent and divine statue of Adi Shankaracharya installed at the place where he left his mortal body. These sites are now returning to their former grandeur," he said.PM Modi said that in the past, numerous ancient statues had been stolen from India and taken abroad, where they were sold without adequate intervention."You all know that there was a time when many statues were stolen and taken to foreign countries. They were sold, and no one stopped them. In the last 12 years, we have brought back more than 650 stolen ancient statues," he said.The Prime Minister also highlighted India's growing international cultural presence, saying that the country's cultural centres were gaining recognition and that International Yoga Day was connecting people worldwide with India's ancient traditions."Just as Swamiji took our religion and philosophy to people across the world, today International Yoga Day is connecting people from all over the world with India. It is connecting people with our ancient and great traditions," he said. PM Modi said the growing pride in India's heritage and the determination to overcome a colonial mindset reflected the country's progress towards the vision cherished by its sages and freedom fighters.He also called for collective efforts to address emerging social challenges and unite society against divisive forces."We must awaken our citizens to the need for self-reliance. We must connect every citizen with the resolve for a developed India in 2047. We must become more active towards these objectives," he said.The Prime Minister noted that 2047 would mark 100 years of India's Independence and the centenary of the Chinmaya Mission, saying both milestones presented an opportunity to work together towards shared goals. "Our aim is the same. We will have to come forward together," he said.PM cited several examples of India's cultural and spiritual heritage being restored to prominence, including the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, the Ram temple in Ayodhya, and the sacred sites of Kedar-

Islamic flag outside UP mosque burnt during Durga procession

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Police here have registered a case against two unidentified persons for allegedly burning an Islamic flag during a Durga idol immersion procession, an official said on Friday, October 23.The incident took place Wednesday night in Garwar town when the procession was passing by a mosque. Some participants allegedly set fire to an Islamic flag attached to an electricity pole outside the mosque, police said. Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjay Verma said police learnt about the incident through social media on Thursday. A case was registered in this connection on Friday based on a complaint.Verma said strict action would be taken against those found responsible. Several Muslim organisations expressed anger over the incident on X, sharing a video showing some youths raising alleged inflammatory slogans and attempting to burn the flag during the procession.The purported video also shows police person-

Journalist Shankar Goud remanded for 14 days in Medicover case

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Journalist Shankar Goud, who runs the YouTube channel News Line Telugu and has reported extensively on deaths at Medicover Hospitals in Secunderabad, has been remanded for 14 days, days after Hyderabad police arrested him on a complaint filed by the hospital's management.Gopalapuram Police arrested Goud on Thursday, October 22. Plainclothes officers reportedly surrounded his house and took him to the police station. A video of the arrest

Kite String Kills Woman in Hubballi

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A 38-year-old woman died after a sharp kite string (Chinese manja) allegedly got entangled around her neck and slit her throat while she was riding a two-wheeler in Hubballi city, police said on Friday, October 23.The deceased was identified as Vidya Manjunath Gowdar, a resident of Bharat Nagar in Old Hubballi. She was working as a laboratory technician at a hospital, they said.The incident occurred on Thursday near Shivashankar Colony on Karwar Road, within the limits of Old Hubballi police station, when she was on her way to work, police said.According to police, the kite string allegedly got entangled around her neck, causing her to lose control of the two-wheeler and fall on the road. She sustained severe injuries and died on the spot.Hubballi-Dharwad Police Commissioner Borase Bhushan Gulabrao said teams had been formed at all police stations to identify and seize banned Chinese manja being sold in the city.Criminal cases would be registered against those selling the hazardous string, while action would also be taken against those found using it, irrespective of whether

31 violence incidents reported in AP during poll nominations

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At least 31 election-related incidents, including violence and nomination paper destruction were reported across 13 districts in Andhra Pradesh during local body poll nominations on Thursday, October 22, the state DGP has said.Director General of Police (DGP) Harish Kumar Gupta said 22 incidents involved violence, clashes or public order disturbances, while nine pertained to nomination papers being snatched or torn.During the local body poll nomination process, 31 election-related incidents, including violence, clashes and destruction of nomination papers, were reported across 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh," Gupta said in an official release late on Thursday.Anantapur district reported eight incidents, followed by Annamayya, Kadapa, Prakasam and Tirupati with three each. Chittoor, Sri Sathya Sai and Palnadu reported two each, while five other districts reported one each. Across the state, 16 instances of nomination papers being snatched,

VHP slams UN special rapporteur's description of Dawood's company

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The VHP on Friday, October 23, objected to the UN special rapporteur's description of gangster Dawood Ibrahim-led D-company as an "India-based" criminal group, and said the United Nations has "lost its credibility" through repeated "anti-India statements".The RSS affiliate also criticised the international organisation over "inappropriate" references to India in a report on migrants' human rights.Ben Saul, the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism, had described the Dawood Ibrahim-led D-company as an "India-based" criminal group.In a post on X, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) national spokesperson Vinod Bansal said, "It is unfortunate that despite knowing that global underworld don Dawood Ibrahim is hiding in Pakistan and operating from there, the UN describes the D-Company as an 'India-based criminal group', perhaps in a malicious attempt to protect Pakistan."He alleged that such descriptions also point to the growing influence of extremists within the UN. Everyone knows that he is a wanted criminal in India in connection with the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts and that he fled India long before being included in the UN sanctions list in 2003. Yet, conspiracies to malign India continue," he said.New Delhi has strongly rejected the UN special rapporteur's description, flagging "glaring inaccuracies" in the report and cautioning that such incompetence causes tremendous harm to the world body.First Secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations Raghoo Puri delivered the rebuttal on Wednesday in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly,



51 Mercedes-Benz cars delivered in Hyderabad in Navratri season

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Hyderabad: As many as 51 Mercedes-Benz cars were delivered in Hyderabad during the Navratri season this year by the authorised dealer, Mercedes-Benz Silver Star.The festive season, including Diwali, Dussehra and Navratri, is associated with new beginnings and considered auspicious in India. During this period, automobile purchases increase as customers schedule them according to the aforementioned festivals.“Mercedes-Benz Silver Star, Hyderabad, celebrated 51 Mercedes-Benz deliveries during Navaratri, marking a strong festive season and reflecting the



continued trust of customers across the city,” the dealership said in a statement.Mercedes-Benz Silver Star said each delivery brought together the excitement of purchasing a new car and the opportunity to celebrate with family. According to the dealership, the sale of 51 Mercedes-Benz cars also reflects its emphasis on ensuring a good after-sales experience and strengthening customer relations.The festive deliveries included customers from different segments who chose Mercedes-Benz vehicles to mark important personal milestones and family celebrations. The dealership's performance during Navratri highlights the continued demand for luxury automobiles in Hyderabad, where premium vehicles remain a preferred choice among affluent buyers and professionals.The festive period traditionally witnesses increased interest in vehicle purchases, with many customers considering Dussehra, Navratri and Diwali favourable occasions to make significant investments. Automobile manufacturers and dealerships often introduce special offers, customised purchase experiences and delivery celebrations to attract buyers during this period.For Mercedes-Benz Silver Star, the delivery of 51 vehicles during Navratri represents an opportunity to strengthen its presence in Hyderabad's competitive luxury car market. The dealership has emphasised customer satisfaction, personalised services and long-term relationships as important aspects of its business approach. Hyderabad has emerged as a significant market for luxury automobiles, supported by its growing business community, expanding technology sector and rising demand for premium products. The city's economic activity and evolving consumer preferences have contributed to increased interest in high-end vehicles from established international brands.The festive season remains an important period for the Indian automobile industry, as manufacturers and dealerships seek to capitalise.

India offers Central Asian nations high-value partnership, sustainable development model

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Central Asia’s expanding engagement with India is poised to create a collaborative growth framework rooted in historical ties and respect for national sovereignty, a report has stated.India offers the Central Asian Republics (CARs) a high-value economic partnership focused on sustainable development, technology transfer and trade diversification, unlike China’s resource-extractive approach, which views the region largely as a supplier of raw materials and a market for cheap manufactured goods, a report in Myanmar's media outlet 'Mizzima News' highlighted. By supplying world-class pharmaceuticals, technical expertise and digital infrastructure, including digital payment systems, alongside connectivity initiatives such as the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and Chabahar Port, India can help bridge critical developmental gaps and improve Central Asian economies, gaining greater access to global markets, the report mentioned.The post-Moscow era, it stated, has seen Central Asian nations broaden their strategic partnerships with China and India amid Russia’s reduced influence in the region. China has been a seasoned regional player as an infrastructure supplier, leveraging infrastructural initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) for strategic ties, along with investments in transport, regional energy reserves, and digital infrastructure. On the other hand, India’s engagement has been driven by an issue-based development approach, often envisaged via the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the Chabahar Port, which are crucial to its Connect Central Asia policy, along with promoting thematic partnerships on rare earth metals and digital partnerships,” it detailed.Given the growing involvement of the two emerging powers in the region, the report said.

Gujarat CM opens industrial fair to connect MSMEs, investors, manufacturers

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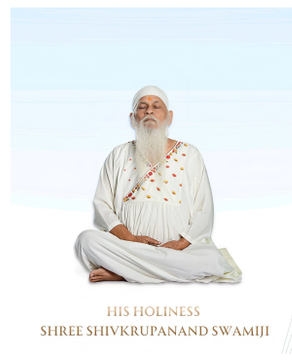
More than 500 exhibitors from across the country are showcasing industrial products, technologies and manufacturing capabilities across over 12 sectors at the 15th India Industrial Fair-Udyam 2026, which began in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on Friday. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the four-day fair, organised by Laghu Udyog Bharati at the Helipad Exhibition Centre from October 23 to 26.Spread across 50,000 square metres, the exhibition brings together businesses from the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector, startups, manufacturers and technology innovators.The fair aims to provide a common platform for businesses to explore collaborations, establish partnerships and discuss investment opportunities.Exhibitors are presenting products and technologies from sectors ranging from engineering to handicrafts, bringing diverse segments of the MSME ecosystem under



one roof.The programme includes business networking opportunities, investment discussions, expert guidance sessions and presentations on industrial technologies. Business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-government (B2G) meetings have also been organised to facilitate engagement between enterprises, potential business partners and government representatives.The exhibition is intended to support MSMEs, entrepreneurship and innovation, while providing businesses with opportunities to develop commercial partnerships and explore new markets. It also seeks to contribute to the objectives of the Centre's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiatives. After inaugurating the 15th edition of the fair, Patel visited various stalls at the exhibition centre.Among those present at the inauguration were Prakashchandraji, national organisation secretary of Laghu Udyog Bharati; Ghanshyam Oza, former national president and Gujarat Prant in-charge; Ishwar Patel, president of the organisation's Gujarat Prant; and Hansraj Gajera, general secretary.Dr Bharat Patel, Prant coordinator of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's Gujarat Prant, and Mukesh Malkan, Sangh Chalak of the Saurashtra Prant, also attended the event.Other officials, industrialists and office-bearers, including Rajna Kakkar and Sunil Bhati, were present. The fair will continue until October 26 at the Helipad Exhibition Centre in opens industrial fair to connect MSMEs,

Shivkrupanand Swami Appointed Vice Chair of World Meditation Day Committee

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Indian spiritual leader and founder of Himalayan Samarpan Meditation, H.H. Shree Shivkrupanand Swamiji, has been appointed Vice Chair of the World Meditation Day Governance Committee and Chairperson for South Asia, strengthening India's spiritual presence on the global stage.
The appointment was announced through a joint accord between the World Meditation Day Association and the World Meditation Foundation. The initiative aims to promote meditation, inner peace and mental well-being worldwide.
Swamiji's appointment coincides with preparations for the second International Symposium on AI and Meditation, which seeks to explore the relationship between traditional spiritual practices and emerging technologies.
“World peace can never come through any book or weapon; world peace can begin only with inner peace,” Swamiji said, highlighting the importance of self-realisation and universal brotherhood.
After 18 years of spiritual practice in the Himalayas, Swamiji founded Himalayan Samarpan Meditation in 1994. According to the organisation, he has taught meditation free of charge to over three million people across more than 72 countries.
His initiatives have reached the United Nations, several national parliaments, universities, defence forces and scientific institutions. The new role is expected to strengthen meditation and wellness initiatives across South Asia.
World Meditation Day is observed on December 21 to promote meditation and collective harmony.

Rs 46,000 crore push to speed up coal gasification in India: Kishan Reddy



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Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy said on Friday that India is expediting coal gasification projects with an outlay of Rs 46,000 crore to boost domestic production of fertilisers and gas which will reduce the country’s dependence on imports. Describing coal as an important industrial raw material, the Minister said plans to convert coal into syngas, ammonia, urea and methanol through coal gasification are being expedited.Speaking at the 'KPMG Agrasar Bharat Manch 2026,' event in New Delhi, he noted that coal continues to meet 55 per cent of India's primary energy needs and accounts for 74 per cent of its electricity generation. The minister pointed out that the government aims to spur commercial-scale coal gasification projects in the near future.The Union Cabinet has recently approved a scheme for the promotion of surface coal gasification projects with a financial outlay of Rs 37,500 crore. The scheme marks a major step towards accelerating India’s coal gasification programme, advancing the national target of gasifying 100 million tonnes (MT) of coal by 2030. The move aims to strengthen energy security and reduce dependence on imports of key products such as LNG, urea, ammonia and methanol.Reddy also said that the government is also working on boosting the production of critical minerals and looking at overseas mining assets for exploration and extraction.

Cybercity Launches TREVITA, Next Gen Ultra Luxury Residences at Kondapur



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Cybercity Builders and Developers, one of Hyderabad’s top residential and commercial builders, has today launched their New Experience Centre at Cybercity Trevita, its ultra-luxury residential project themed on "True Luxury." Prospective homebuyers can now walk through the project's lifestyle ecosystems, living spaces, and amenities at the Experience Centre in Kondapur, Hyderabad.“CYBERCITY TREVITA embodies and redefines as to what true luxury means to today's homebuyer and how architecture, design and technology can come together to provide a living experience seen never before in Hyderabad market." — said Mr. Srivardhan Reddy, Director- Operations, Cybercity Builders & Developers Pvt. Ltd.Cybercity Trevita has been conceived and designed as an ultra-luxury project that brings together several exclusive lifestyle ecosystems, including Skyline Deck: 35 world-class amenities on the rooftop; Clubhouse size 60,000 sq. ft. across 5 levels of sporting, recreational, and leisure activities, including a terrace pool. 75% of the project is left open and green. Landscape amenities: 37 across the project. Bespoke luxury living spaces are offered in 3 BHK and 4 BHK formats, each with an Outdoor Living Deck of about 37 feet. The New Experience Centre gives homebuyers a first-hand view of this ecosystem, so they can see how Trevita translates "True Luxury" into everyday living.With Cybercity Trevita, the company continues to raise benchmarks and deliver what Hyderabad's urban homeowner seeks: luxury, functionality, quality lifestyle, and sustainable, conscious living. As Hyderabad evolves into the urban destination of choice for growing numbers of luxury-seeking homebuyers, Cybercity remains focused on creating lasting landmarks that enrich lives and make everyday living exceptional.TREVITA also introduces two next-generation technologies from Aurm, offered for the first time by a developer in Hyderabad. Aurm Vaults are insured, biometric safe deposit lockers in each tower's entry lobby for all valuables. ELIVATE by Aurm is a robotic parcel delivery system that carries every e-commerce delivery through a dedicated elevator system, keeping delivery agents away thereby enhancing privacy for residents and reducing burden on residents’ elevators.

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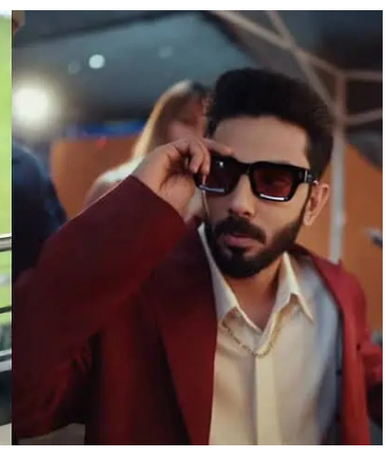


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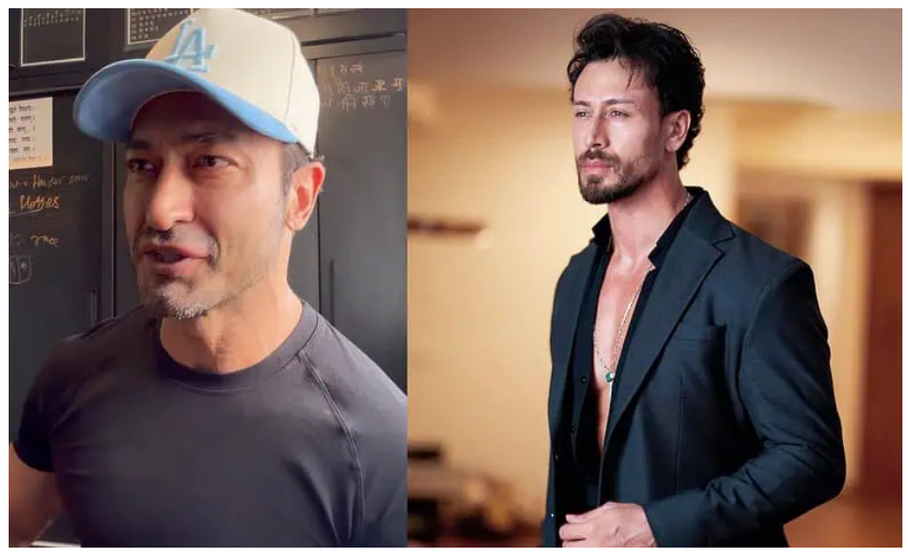
Anirudh, Kavya Maran wedding: A grand card invitation steals attention

Hyderabad: Wedding bells are ringing for music composer Anirudh Ravichander and Sunrisers Hyderabad CEO Kavya Maran! With their wedding confirmed, attention is now turning to an elaborate invitation being linked to the couple.The visuals show a decorative box that opens into an ornate display, complete with a gold-toned Lord Ganesha idol at the centre. Peacock-feather detailing, floral patterns and traditional motifs give the presentation a striking festive look.A closer look at the invitation.There is plenty packed inside the box. Along with a printed invitation, the presentation features several containers with gold-toned lids, colourful contents and neatly arranged wrapped treats. Its fold-out panels and rich colours make it look more like a keepsake than a conventional wedding card.However, the names and event details are not clearly readable in the available screenshots. While the visuals are being linked to Anirudh and Kavya, there is no verified confirmation that this particular invitation belongs to their wedding.Wedding confirmed, more details awaited. The wedding confirmation emerged after Kavya's parents, Kalanithi Maran and Kavery Maran, met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and invited him to the reception. According to the Telangana Chief Minister's Office, the reception will take place in Chennai on November 21.The wedding ceremony's exact date and other arrangements still await an official announcement. For now, the elaborate invitation offers plenty to look at, but whether it belongs to the couple remains the question.The reported wedding has generated considerable interest among fans of Anirudh Ravichander and followers of Kavya Maran, with social media users keen to learn more about the celebrations. Anirudh, one of the most popular music composers in the South Indian film industry, has earned a massive following through his work in Tamil and Telugu cinema. His energetic compositions and chart-topping songs have made him a familiar name among younger audiences. Kavya Maran, meanwhile, is widely recognised for her association with Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League and her role in the Sun Group's business operations. Her appearances during IPL matches have frequently attracted attention from cricket fans. The reported wedding has therefore brought together two personalities from the entertainment and cricket industries, adding to public curiosity surrounding the occasion. The elaborate invitation visuals have further fuelled online discussions, with users commenting on the traditional design, decorative elements and presentation.





Vidyut Jammwal expected fans to chase Tiger Shroff's attackers?



MUMBAI
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Hyderabad: What began as an appeal to look out for one another has turned into a debate about how much celebrities should expect from their fans. Vidyut Jammwal's video addressing the reported firing incident involving Tiger Shroff is drawing criticism, with viewers questioning his suggestion that people present could have chased the attackers.While some understood the actor's message as a call for people to help each other, others felt his remarks placed an unfair responsibility on ordinary citizens facing an armed threat.An appeal that divided viewers
In the video, Vidyut questioned why nobody ran after the attackers to catch them. However, critics pointed out that pursuing someone carrying a weapon could have put more lives at risk.For these viewers, the issue was not whether Tiger deserved help. It was whether untrained bystanders should be expected to confront armed criminals, particularly when celebrities can afford professional security. Some also questioned whether the actor's message accounted for the fear and confusion people experience during a shooting."Hum itna karte hai aapke liye" draws criticismOne remark in particular, "hum itna karte hai aapke liye," became a talking point. Viewers questioned what the actor meant by the statement and why supporting a celebrity should come with an expectation of risking personal safety.Others widened the discussion to what they described as Bollywood's selective solidarity. Their argument was that celebrities often remain silent on issues affecting ordinary people, yet expect the public to step forward when someone from the industry faces danger.The criticism reflects a larger question about the relationship between stars and their audiences. Fans buy tickets, watch films and support their favourite actors, but does that support create an obligation to intervene in a potentially deadly situation?While some continue to see Vidyut's message as an appeal for compassion, others believe asking people to chase armed attackers takes that expectation too far. His video has now shifted the conversation from helping one another to where the limits of fan loyalty should lie.The incident has further highlighted the growing influence of social media in shaping public opinion about celebrities and their statements. With clips circulating rapidly across platforms, reactions often extend beyond the original context, turning individual remarks into broader debates about accountability, public behaviour and the responsibilities associated with fame. While Vidyut Jammwal.

Rohit, Kohli should be supported to play for India in 2027 WC: Pamment

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Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli should be fully supported to feature in the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup, as the two greats have earned the right to decide when to call time on their illustrious playing careers, said former New Zealand assistant coach James Pamment.Pamment spent eight years with the Mumbai Indians as a fielding coach, where Rohit led the side to IPL 2019 and 2020 wins.
"Well, I think with all top players, when the time is coming towards the end of the career, it's a conversation that is always had with them. Those guys have earned the right to make the decision on when they do want to move away. they have decided that the ODI World Cup in South Africa is a pinnacle event that they want to be at, then they should be supported to be there. Then it becomes about performance and contribution to the group. Now, I've never worked closely with Virat.I've watched him, obviously, very closely when I've been with the New Zealand team or with Mumbai Indians. I've watched him and to me, he's just the ultimate professional. So he's the sort of guy that I would want in my environment the whole time because he's the ultimate professional," Pamment told IANS in an exclusive interaction.Since Rohit was removed as the captain despite leading India to the 2025 Champions Trophy title, every bilateral ODI series has turned into a verdict on the futures of the two batting veterans.India last won an ODI series in New Zealand in 2018/19 and curiosity will again be on a high on whether Rohit and Kohli help India win the five-game series starting on November 4, especially when bilateral series wins have been hard to come and the Test team-bound players will be unavailable for the last two games.Rohit, I know obviously very well. He was captain at Mumbai when I was there for eight years. Once again, just the sort of guy that you want around the group. As long as their performances are warranting their selection and their contributions to the group, sharing their experiences and knowledge, I would love to have them in my group for sure.But as soon as that starts to wane a little bit, they'll know more than anybody else. If the passion starts to wane and it becomes a drag to be travelling, training and playing, that's the time when you step aside.I hope that these guys make it all the way through to South Africa and can finish their careers in fine styles.

Mona Agarwal clinches second gold, breaks world record in 50m Rifle 3P

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Indian para-shooter Mona Agarwal continued breaking records as she clinched a gold medal in the Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 event with a world record outing at the Aichi Pref. General Shooting Gallery here on Friday. Mona won her second gold at the ongoing Games after having clinched the yellow metal in the 10m air rifle standing SH1 event. She shot a world-record 357.5 to win gold in the 50m rifle 3P SH1, while her compatriot Avani Lekhara finished fourth with 333.2.Mona broke Swedish shooter Anna Benson's world record score of 356, which she had set during the World Cup in Novi Sad in July 2026. The previous Asian record had belonged to South Korea's Lee Yun-ri, who had hit 355.7 last month.Mona qualified sixth during the qualification with a score of 566-17x, while Avani topped the qualification sheets with 580-24x. Avani's score was also the Asian Para Games qualification record. However, Mona did extremely well in the final to win the gold. She scored 101.4 in the Kneeling Series 1 and then a 102.1 in the Prone Series 1. She kept nailing good scores in the Standing Series too, hitting 53, 50.8, 10.4, 10.3, 10.1, 9.6 and 9.8 in the seven standing series to bag the gold.China's Cuiping Zhang won a silver with a score of 353.7, while South Korea's Miyoung Kim secured a bronze with a score of 344.4, as Avani missed out on a medal.QEarlier, Mona had won a gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1, where Avani had won a silver. Mona shot an Asian Para Games record score of 250 to bag the gold, while Avani shot 249.6 to win the silver as India opened their medal tally in the ongoing Games.Mona made a brilliant comeback in the final after she was reeling in fifth place to storm into the podium positions before fending off the challenge from others to win the coveted gold. Behind Mona and Avani, South Korea's Yunri Lee won the bronze with a score of 227.9.Mona's remarkable achievement is expected to inspire aspiring para-athletes across the country, particularly young shooters who dream of representing India at international competitions. Her success reflects years of dedication, disciplined training and the determination to overcome challenges in pursuit of sporting excellence. India's growing achievements in para-sports have also highlighted the importance of providing athletes with better training facilities, professional coaching and opportunities to compete at the highest level. With two gold medals already secured, Mona Agarwal has emerged as one of India's standout performers at the ongoing Games. Her world-record performance in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 event further strengthens India's reputation in para-shooting and demonstrates the country's potential to achieve greater success in international sporting competitions. The Indian contingent will now look to maintain its momentum in the remaining events, as athletes continue their pursuit of medals and record-breaking performances.

Harish Rao demands white paper on water stocks, drought relief funds

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao on Friday challenged the Congress government to come clean on Telangana's worsening drought situation, demanding a white paper on reservoir-wise water stocks, drinking and irrigation water availability, and funds earmarked for drought mitigation. He accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of failing to act despite six months of advance warning about the El Nino threat.

He sought a time-bound action plan to protect farmers and rural livelihoods. He suggested that the government prioritise water for households and farms, fodder for livestock and employment for rural workers, rather than engage in political blame games.



Reacting to the Chief Minister's remarks on the impending drought, Harish Rao said the Congress government was offering excuses instead of assuring farmers and the public of relief. He termed the Cabinet sub-committee formed to address the crisis a belated response, arguing that preventive measures should have preceded the deterioration in conditions on the ground.

"If the government knew about El Nino six months ago, what preventive measures did it take to minimise the current crisis rather than merely alerting people?" he asked, questioning why water had not been lifted from the Godavari and Krishna Rivers to improve reservoir storage.

The BRSLP deputy leader stated that the drought conditions in the State were indicative of administrative failure rather than merely a natural calamity. He demanded clarity on the government's plans to ensure drinking and irrigation water, uninterrupted power supply, alternative crops, fodder and rural employment.

Harish Rao also questioned the government's preparedness for possible power shortages. "Instead of giving relief, Revanth Reddy is trying to scare people. Instead of providing hope, he is admitting his helplessness rather than coming up with a contingency plan," he remarked. He said it was ironic that while rice prices had risen due to a shortage, the Chief Minister was taking credit for it.

He pointed out that electricity cuts were affecting farmers, forcing them to rely on water tankers to save their crops. He said claims of higher power consumption should be weighed against the difficulties faced by agricultural consumers.

Comparing Telangana with neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, the former Minister questioned the differing water situations in the two States, given that El Nino was a global phenomenon. He demanded compensation for affected farmers and the immediate implementation of farmer and crop insurance schemes.

Recalling BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's tenure, Harish Rao said the previous BRS government had taken advance measures to conserve water and prevent power cuts. He accused Revanth Reddy of diverting attention from governance issues through personal attacks on the opposition.

KTR commends youngster for transforming government primary school into plastic-free campus

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday appreciated Duggidevara Sri Raghunandan for his decade-long efforts to develop a government primary school and promote environmental awareness, turning it into a plastic-free campus. The youngster is a native of Mallaram village in Tallada mandal of Khammam district.

Raghunandan met Rama Rao at Telangana Bhavan here and explained the initiatives he had undertaken since 2016 to improve the school, inspired by actor Mahesh Babu's film "Srimanthudu". He began the effort with the support of his parents, Ajay Kumar and Vijayalakshmi, after adopting the school on the occasion of BRS chief and former



Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's birthday in 2016.

His initiatives focus on infrastructure, cleanliness, greenery, water conservation and the elimination of plastic use. He provided steel water bottles and plates for all 51 students, along with steel bins for segregating wet and dry waste, soap boxes and trays. Aluminium buckets and mugs, as well as glass bottles for storing laboratory materials, have also been supplied.

Raghunandan said his aim was to educate children about the environmental damage caused by plastic and encourage eco-friendly habits from an early age. The school has received several honours for its cleanliness initiatives, including the national-level Swachh Vidyalaya Award in 2016-17 and State and district-level awards in subsequent years. It won another district-level award in 2025-26.

Rama Rao praised Raghunandan's commitment to social responsibility at a young age and assured him of continued encouragement.

CMC officials tour Jawaharnagar, Dundigal units for better solid-waste practices

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Senior officials and engineering staff of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) on Friday visited waste-processing and waste-to-energy facilities at Jawaharnagar and Dundigal to study modern solid waste management and scientific processing methods.

A press release said the officials studied transfer-station management, waste transportation, vehicle management, resource recovery and the safe handling of municipal solid waste. They also observed waste-to-energy plant operations, pollution-control systems, ash-management practices, and environmental safety measures.

The visit was aimed at helping officials adopt scientific and sustainable waste-management practices to improve operational efficiency, promote resource recovery and maintain a cleaner urban environment across CMC limits.

During the visit, the HiMSW team explained the process from waste collection and transportation to transfer-station operations, processing, scientific disposal, and electricity generation, said the release.

Telangana posts Rs 15,096 crore revenue deficit in six months

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Telangana is facing not just a natural El Nino, but also a financial drought, with the State recording a revenue deficit of Rs 15,096 crore in the first six months of 2026-27. During the same period, its annual borrowing limit was enhanced from the budget estimate of Rs 58,458 crore to Rs 61,457 crore. The September accounts indicated that expenditure was outpacing revenue, while interest payments and pensions were consuming a substantial share of the State's resources.

According to the State Accounts for September, revenue receipts stood at Rs 92,013 crore, or 38.14 per cent of the annual budget estimate of Rs 2.41 lakh crore. Total expenditure, including capital expenditure, reached Rs 1.35 lakh crore, accounting for 47.88 per cent of the budgeted outlay. The gap between revenue receipts and revenue expenditure widened to Rs 15,096 crore.

The State budgeted a revenue surplus of Rs 6,858 crore for the full financial year. The mid-year deficit raises questions about the government's ability to meet that target without containing expenditure or improving revenue mobilisation in the remaining months.

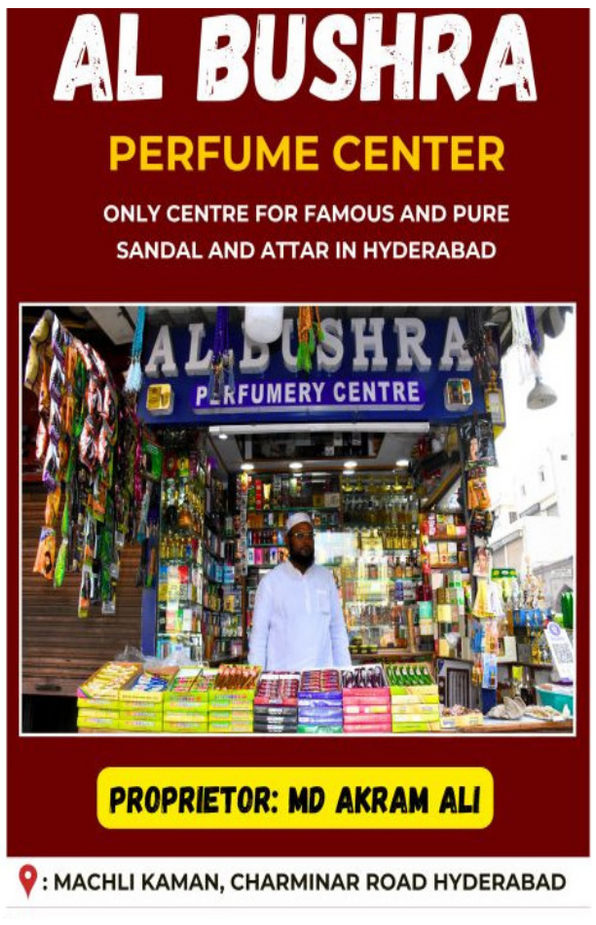
The revised borrowing ceiling of Rs 61,457 crore is also significant. Net borrowings and other liabilities had reached Rs 44,612 crore by September, equivalent to 72.59 per cent of the annual estimate. While the higher limit provides additional borrowing headroom, it also underlines the State's dependence on debt to finance its spending commitments.

Official sources said the revised borrowing limit was granted with the Centre's consent after the Congress government in the State agreed to implement certain structural reforms. However, they declined to elaborate on the specific reforms the government had agreed to undertake. The State revised only the borrowing limits, while all other accounts remained unchanged from the annual financial estimates.

Interest payments alone reached Rs 16,565 crore, or 77.76 per cent of the annual allocation of Rs 21,304 crore. Pension expenditure stood at Rs 14,235 crore, consuming 96.6 per cent of the Rs 14,737 crore budgeted for the entire year. Subsidy spending reached Rs 10,298 crore, or 56.88 per cent of the annual provision.



Jakkula Tejasvi Reddy, a senior wing cadet of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), had the rare opportunity to not just fly with Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, but also to learn flight manoeuvres from him.



TGPCB orders closure of Saraca Laboratories after chloroform leak

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Following the chloroform vapour leakage incident that claimed two lives, Telangana Pollution Control Board (TGPCB) on Friday issued a closure order to M/s. Saraca Laboratories Ltd. The Board directed the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited to disconnect the electricity supply to the industry.

This decision follows an inspection by the TGPCB officials who probed the incident at the industry on Friday.

The industry representatives informed officials that the chloroform vapour leakage occurred at around 11.30 pm on October 22 (Thursday) 2026. Two persons who were exposed to the vapours and became unconscious were shifted to Narayana Hospital, where the duty doctor declared them dead.

The PCB officials were informed that the leakage occurred during the layer separation process while transferring chloroform from the reactor located on the first floor to the receiver on the ground floor in production block-2. The leaked chloroform vapours rapidly spread throughout the area.

"Considering the seriousness of the incident, the Telangana Pollution Control Board issued closure orders to M/s. Saraca Laboratories Ltd. without providing an opportunity of hearing to the industry," TGPCB said.

HMWSSB officials asked to monitor water quality, supply

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) Managing Director K Ashok Reddy asked officials on Thursday, October 22, to monitor water quality in tankers and supply across the city.

Reddy gave the orders while inspecting the Green Water Filling Station in Kokapet.

"The Pollution Control Board (PCB) and the relevant departments of the Water Board should work in coordination to conduct regular water



quality tests in strict adherence to established standards," the MD said,

After inspecting the water testing lab at the filling station, Reddy asked officials to upload the test results online in real time and integrate them so that they can be monitored directly from the Water Board's headquarters.

To facilitate this, he asked the concerned teams to coordinate with the Water Board's IT department to put the necessary technical infrastructure in place.

The managing director stressed that water quality records must be maintained transparently and kept accessible at all times.

Officials were also asked to promote the use of treated water for non-potable purposes such as in the construction sector, industrial operations, road cleaning, dust control, and the maintenance of parks and gardens.

IGBC urges HMWSSB to revive defunct rainwater harvesting pits in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) has urged the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to revive defunct rainwater-harvesting pits to tackle Hyderabad's declining groundwater table.

At a roundtable meeting here on Friday, IGBC national chairman C. Shekhar Reddy said poor maintenance had left most RWH pits across the erstwhile GHMC area blocked. He urged HMWSSB to engage an empanelled agency and collaborate with IGBC to secure a silver rating, thereby improving pit efficiency, the groundwater table and long-term sustainability.

He suggested that the water board use the latest technology in STPs and that the Telangana government offer property-tax incentives to those building rainwater-harvesting pits, as Rajasthan does.

He said 1,283 residential and commercial projects in Telangana, covering 164 million sq ft of certified built-up area, were registered with IGBC. Of these, IGBC had certified 541 projects, saving 6.56 billion litres of water annually.

Applying the certified portfolio's water-saving intensity to Hyderabad's 296 million sq ft residential portfolio and 129.1 million to 170.0 million sq ft office portfolio indicated potential annual savings of 16.98 billion to 18.62 billion litres.

Telangana's residential sector had 471.5 million sq ft of registered built-up area, of which 35.54 million sq ft was certified. Commercial properties had 282.7 million sq ft registered, with 91.88 million sq ft certified.

IGBC urged residential welfare associations to register with it and adopt net-zero and green-building concepts and proposed honouring people planting saplings as "Green Volunteers.

Telangana steps up preparations for Khelo India Games

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The State Government is drawing up comprehensive arrangements for the Khelo India Games, scheduled to be held in the State from December 11 to 22, according to V. Sridhari, Minister for Youth Services and Sports.

The Minister reviewed preparations at the Secretariat on Friday, focusing on athlete selection, stadium readiness, training and logistical arrangements. He directed all departments concerned to coordinate closely and complete preparations well in advance to ensure a smooth experience for athletes, coaches and delegates from across the country.

Emphasising grassroots talent development, Sridhari said the government aimed to identify promising athletes from rural areas and prepare them to excel at the national level. Selection across 27 sports disciplines will follow a phased process based on 1:4, 1:2 and 1:1 ratios, with opportunities awarded transparently on merit.

Sridhari stressed that the initiative must go beyond hosting the Games, with a long-term focus on developing medal-winning athletes from Telangana.

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