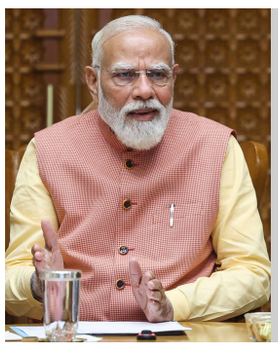
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Cong gets into poll mode for Assembly elections in five states

NEW DELHI
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The Congress party has gone into poll mode ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand. The party has appointed chairpersons for its election War Rooms in the five states, with the appointments taking immediate effect. According to a press release issued on Saturday, the proposal for the appointments was approved by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge to oversee the party's election War Room operations in the respective states.The appointments include Sachin Yadav for Uttar Pradesh,

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Telangana Defence Hub By 2030: CM Revanth

New policy for aerospace, defence manufacturing

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said the government would unveil the 'Telangana Aerospace and Defence Policy 2.0' to position the state as a national leader in aerospace and defence manufacturing, with a target of making Telangana India's aerospace and defence capital by 2030. The policy would align with the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, he told the curtain-raiser for the Raksha Expo 2026 here on Saturday. Over 90 industry leaders, including representatives of global and national defence manufacturers and start-ups, attended the event.

Revanth Reddy invited industry leaders to Raksha Expo, to be held as part of the Invest Telangana Global Summit at Bharat Future City from December 7 to 9. He assured investors of fast-track approvals, land allotments and incentives through the single-window system, besides protection for their investments and a conducive business environment to help them double their profits. He said the second edition of the Global Summit would be organised on a larger scale, with Raksha Expo serving as an international platform for defence, aerospace, space and security stakeholders to explore investment and technology opportunities.

Representatives of DRDO, HAL, BDL, Midhani, Tata, Airbus, Safran, Skyroot, Lockheed Martin and Bharat Forge were among those attending. The participation of major manufacturers, start-ups and experts would strengthen Telangana's industrial ecosystem, he said. The Chief Minister said Hyderabad was strategically located, among the safest cities in the country and home to research institutions and strategic establishments of the Indian Army and Air Force. Though Telangana was the only landlocked state in southern India, it was providing important services to the Indian Navy. A very low frequency (VLF) naval radar station was being constructed in the Damagundam reserve forest in Vikarabad district.

Telangana had the talent and institutions required to support aerospace and defence manufacturing, including IITs, IIITs, NITs, ISB and BITS-Pilani. The government was establishing the Young India Skills University and had transformed ITIs into Advanced Training Centres (ATCs) to develop skilled manpower. Successful incubators in the state would also support startups and innovation, he said. Revanth Reddy said India should move from importing defence technologies to exporting them and emerge as a global leader in the sector. Defence capabilities were essential not only to fight wars but also to preserve peace by deterring adversaries.

He called upon companies to increase their investment plans in Telangana and contribute to defence manufacturing and allied sectors such as space, aerospace, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and drone technology. The government was ready to extend all necessary support to achieve the objective of making Telangana India's largest defence industrial hub, he said.

INDIA Bloc to Hold 'Public Impeachment' of CEC on October 30

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Leaders of the opposition INDIA Bloc will hold a "public impeachment" of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on October 30 and announce a public verdict against him. The "mock Parliament" would be held at Hotel Ashok, where all opposition MPs and top leaders would be present, it is learnt. Congress general secretary, organisation, K C Venugopal said the next day, on November 1, the bloc will carry out a 'Dilli Chalo march' to Ramlila Maidan, which it touted as its "biggest", against "vote chori".

"In our effort to save the Constitution and defeat the Vote Chors, INDIA bloc will be holding a crucial Public Impeachment proceeding on 30th October - where the public's verdict to remove the 'Vote Chor' CEC Gyanesh Kumar will be delivered loud and clear," Venugopal said on X.

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Modi, Putin Push to Expand Ties, Target $100 Bn Trade by 2030: Envoy

NEW DELHI
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Indian envoy Kumar said the two leaders discussed the full range of bilateral relations on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin have directed their governments to further expand bilateral cooperation, as India and Russia aim to increase bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030, Ambassador Vinay Kumar has said. In an interview with Russian news agency TASS published on Saturday, Indian envoy Kumar said the two leaders discussed the full range of bilateral relations on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in New Delhi on September 12-13.

"One of the concrete results of the cooperation was the joint participation of the leaders of our countries in the BRICS business summit, as well as a visit to the Innoprom-India exhibition - the first Russian industrial exhibition held in New Delhi," the Indian envoy told TASS. He said the leaders had directed relevant ministries and agencies to further develop cooperation, including in trade and commerce.

Kumar said India and Russia continued to work towards increasing bilateral trade to USD 100 billion and two-way investment to USD 50 billion by 2030. On labour cooperation, Kumar said India aimed to supply Russia with the required number of skilled workers in line with its needs. Indians account for around 25 to 30 per cent of Russia's quota for foreign workers, he said. Kumar noted that India, with a population of nearly 1.5 billion, was set to become a global centre for skilled personnel.

The average age of India's workforce is 29 years, and workers account for about 69 per cent of the population, he said. India trains specialists for its domestic market as well as for employment overseas, Kumar said, adding that New Delhi had proposed that Russia establish educational institutions in India or collaborate with existing Indian institutions to train workers needed by Russian industries.

Heavy Rains Flood Over 100 Houses at TN Sri Lankan Refugee Camp

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Following heavy rains on Friday night, more than 100 houses at the Sri Lankan Tamils refugee camp in Puliyampatti in this district were inundated. District Collector S Durga Moorthy visited the site and assessed the damage firsthand. More than 100 families residing at the Sri Lankan Tamil refugee camp faced severe hardship after persistent rains flooded their residential area, as reported by PTI Videos.

Residents reported that rainwater began stagnating rapidly, leaving homes waterlogged and forcing families to move children and belongings to safety. During the inspection, the collector interacted with the affected persons to understand their plight and examine the extent of the waterlogging. Locals explained that blocked drainage channels and overflowing water bodies, including an exposed 40-foot-deep well near the residential zone—heightened safety concerns during the downpour.

They noted that makeshift breaches were created along blocked pathways to help drain the stagnant water, though debris and blocked channels continued to impede the flow. Acknowledging the urgency of the situation, the collector assured residents that necessary relief measures and permanent drainage solutions would be discussed and implemented to prevent recurring flooding.

Shah Visits Delhi Police HQ Amid Law & Order Woes

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday reviewed the Delhi Police's handling of recent protests and preparedness for upcoming demonstrations, with the focus on managing large gatherings without escalation amid scrutiny of the force's alleged use of excessive force. At a meeting lasting over three hours at the Delhi Police headquarters, Shah also reviewed women's safety, drug trafficking and criminal networks allegedly run by gangsters abroad, sources said. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Union home secretary Govind Mohan attended. The review comes ahead of a proposed I.N.D.I.A. bloc rally at Ramlila Maidan on November 1. Opposition parties and student groups have been protesting alleged irregularities in the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and demanding CEC Gyanesh Kumar's resignation.

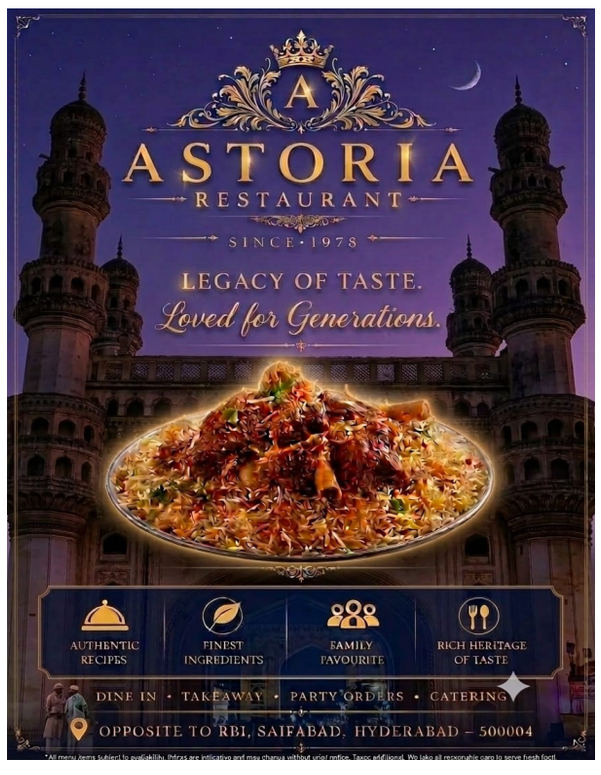
Sources said the meeting examined the sequence of events during recent protests, the police response



and protocols to prevent confrontations. Strengthening intelligence gathering and engagement with the public were among the priorities. The Delhi Police has faced allegations of excessive force during the Cockroach Janata Party's "Sansad Chalo" march in July and its October 10 march at Jantar Mantar.

Sources said the review also covered alleged assaults on police personnel, damage to public property and attempts to breach barricades, along with measures to prevent similar incidents during future gatherings. Traders' concerns over repeated protests and restrictions affecting business during the festive season also figured in the discussions.

On women's safety, the meeting examined preventive policing in vulnerable areas and measures to expedite investigations. Officers briefed Mr Shah on action against drug trafficking and efforts to dismantle supply networks in the Capital.The review also covered gangsters operating from abroad who allegedly direct extortion and targeted shootings in Delhi and the National Capital Region through local associates. Action against their networks, including alleged shooters and arms suppliers, was discussed, sources said.



Congress Targets Fadnavis Over Threats To Actors

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Harshwardhan Sapkal on Saturday alleged that escalating security concerns and organised crime threats are compelling the Hindi film industry to consider relocating outside Mumbai. He demanded immediate resignation of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also holds the Home portfolio. Addressing a press conference at Tilak Bhavan, Mr. Sapkal cited recent incidents involving threats and attacks targeting actors Tiger Shroff and Salman Khan, as well as filmmaker Rohit Shetty. "Film actors, producers and directors are being openly targeted in Mumbai, and threats are being issued against them. The entire Bollywood industry is living under a climate of fear. The fact that the All Indian Cine Workers Association (AICWA) has had to ap-

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Farooq Abdullah Questions Delhi's Intentions, Says Kashmir Issue Kept Alive by Pakistan

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

National Conference (NC) president and former chief minister Farooq Abdullah on Saturday sparked a fresh political debate after casting doubt on New Delhi's intentions towards Jammu and Kashmir, asserting that the Centre's actions often contradicted its promises. He also controversially remarked that Pakistan's continued international focus on Kashmir has helped keep the issue alive, suggesting that without such pressure, the region's interests could have been further undermined. Abdullah, however, also said, "We joined Gandhi's India, and never questioned our place in the nation".



Addressing a workers' convention in Baramulla, Abdullah delivered a combative message to party workers and people of J&K. National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah urged the people to show courage, remain united, and steadfastly defend their political and constitutional rights. He warned that silence and passivity in the face of challenges could prove detrimental to J&K's identity and future.

Abdullah suggested that the people of J&K could not afford complacency when dealing with the Centre. "What can you expect from Delhi? If you do not have the courage to stand up for your rights, you will be pushed to the margins. Your identity, your voice, and even your place in history could disappear. Our neighbour continues to raise the Kashmir issue across the world and, in a way, that keeps the spotlight on us. Otherwise, I fear the intentions towards Jammu and Kashmir are not what they should be. They say one thing and do another. The truth is never easy to speak, but unless we have the courage to stand by it, our future will remain uncertain," Abdullah said.

Kannepally pumps remain idle despite water availability, BRS slams govt

The BRS on Saturday alleged that the Congress government in Telangana had failed to operate the Kannepally pump house to lift available Godavari water.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) accused the Congress government of ignoring repeated demands to lift Godavari water through the Kannepally pump house. The party maintained that the government's failure to operate the pumps had contributed to a drinking water crisis, particularly in Hyderabad.

BRS MLAs Devireddy Sudheer Reddy, KP Vivekanand, Rajashekhar Reddy, Madhavaram Krishna Rao and other senior leaders visited Medigadda on Saturday to inspect the water flow from the barrage. They said substantial quantities of water were still flowing downstream towards the sea. Since June, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has been receiving complaints about inadequate drinking water supplies to households. Protests were also held at the board's Khairatabad office, LB Nagar MLA D Sudheer Reddy said.

He said officials had assured them there would be no water shortage when questioned about the measures being taken to address the drinking water crisis.

Sudheer Reddy said the government only needed to operate the Kannepally pumps and lift the available water. However, the pumps had not been switched on. The pump house could lift 2,600 cusecs of water daily through its 17 motors, he said.

"Had the water been lifted in time, 20 lakh acres under the Sriram Sagar and Nizam Sagar ayacuts would have received sufficient water. This would have avoided the drinking water problem for Hyderabad as well," Sudheer Reddy said.

The BRS MLAs alleged that the Congress government had deliberately delayed repairs to Medigadda and the two other barrages despite repeated appeals to restore their operations. They claimed the delays had continued for the past three years.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was reluctant to lift Godavari water through the Kannepally pump house because the BRS would receive credit for the move and his claims about the Kaleshwaram project would be exposed, Sudheer Reddy alleged.

Former Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao said the Chief Minister had given up on addressing the State's water and power crises. He warned that the situation could continue for another 10 months.

Dayakar Rao said there was still an opportunity to lift water from Medigadda. He recalled that former Irrigation Minister T Harish Rao had challenged the government to lift water. However, he alleged that Revanth Reddy had delayed repairs and failed to lift water over the past three years for political reasons.

"It was not just about Medigadda. Water had flowed down from Devadula. Why were the pump sets not operated at the project for three months?" Dayakar Rao asked. He said crops had dried up in Palakurthy, Jangaon and other constituencies.

Cyberabad plans 7-km counterflow BRT pilot to ease congestion on IT corridor

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a bid to reduce peak-hour congestion and make public transport faster, the Cyberabad Traffic Police along with civic authorities are gearing up to test a counterflow Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) arrangement for TGSRTC buses along the busy JNTU–Hitec City–Raidurgam–Financial District corridor.

The proposed 7-km pilot aims to provide buses with a dedicated path through congested stretches by allowing them to travel opposite to the normal direction of general traffic. The objective is to reduce delays caused by traffic queues and improve journey-time reliability for commuters travelling to the IT hub.

Unlike conventional bus lanes, which follow the direction of other vehicles, a counterflow lane allows buses to move against the regular traffic flow. The designated section would be reserved exclusively for buses, with appropriate traffic controls, lane markings and safety measures to prevent conflicts with other vehicles.

The arrangement requires careful planning of bus entry and exit points. Buses would eventually have to merge with regular traffic, making the design of these transition points crucial to the system's success. The Raidurgam Metro Station junction is expected to be a key focus of the trial.

Officials are examining traffic movement, merging conditions and potential conflict points to ensure that the dedicated lane does not create fresh bottlenecks.

Around 15 buses currently operate along the corridor every hour, according to TGSRTC officials. RTC authorities are assessing whether additional services can be introduced and accommodated within the proposed arrangement.

The proposal follows a traffic assessment conducted by the Foundation for Resources and Innovations Policy (FRIP), in coordination with the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC).

It identified roadside parking, encroachments, poor lane discipline, unauthorised stoppages and junction conflicts as major causes of congestion. Inadequate bus bays, shelters, footpaths and pedestrian facilities were also highlighted.

Mexico City's Metrobús demonstrates how dedicated bus corridors can improve public transport in a densely populated urban area. Its established network uses exclusive bus lanes and designated stations to move large numbers of passengers. Cyberabad's proposed counterflow model follows the broader principle of prioritising buses, though its operating arrangements differ. Authorities are also examining conventional kerb-side bus lanes and improvements to bus stops and pedestrian.

Rest Stops Bring Relief to Gig Workers

Gig workers engaged in food delivery, quick commerce and other app-based services in Hyderabad have welcomed an initiative to provide dedicated rest stops, saying the facilities offer much-needed relief during long working hours. However, they hope more such centres will come up across the city, closer to their delivery zones. Spending nearly 10 to 12 hours a day on the roads, delivery personnel often look for places to rest, have meals, charge their phones and access drinking water between assignments.

Initiatives such as Amazon India's Ashray rest centre in Kondapur offer them a dedicated space to take a break. Akhilesh, a delivery worker from Bihar, was waiting for his next order under the shade of a tree after parking his motorcycle. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, he said he was unaware of the Ashray facility in Kondapur. "I usually stop somewhere to rest or have lunch before starting work again. I was not aware of this centre, but such an initiative would definitely help people like us," he said, adding that he works for nearly 10 to 12 hours a day.

Another delivery worker, S. Prashanth, said similar facilities across Hyderabad would make them more accessible to workers.

"If such centres are available at more locations, delivery workers can use them without travelling far from their work areas," he said. On Tuesday, a few delivery partners were seen resting at the Ashray centre, which provides seating, drinking water, toilets, fans, mobile charging points and parking facilities.

Paddy crop dries up before harvest; Gadwal farmer sets fields ablaze

Telangana farmer allegedly burns 20-acre paddy crop over irrigation shortage

GADWAL
Wakeup telangana



In a distressing incident highlighting the challenges faced by farmers due to irrigation water shortages, a farmer allegedly set fire to his 20-acre paddy crop in Mandoddi village of Rajoli mandal on Saturday after his nearly harvest-ready fields dried up despite the presence of the nearby Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) irrigation project.

Uppari Venkatesu, a farmer from Mandoddi village in the Alampur constituency, had invested nearly Rs. 6 lakh in cultivating paddy across 20 acres. After months of hard work and substantial expenditure, his crop was expected to be ready for harvest within a few days. However, the lack of adequate irrigation water caused the paddy plants to dry up, leaving him devastated.

According to Venkatesu, water had not reached the tail-end areas of the canal system despite repeated appeals to officials over the preceding 15 days. With his crop deteriorating rapidly and the prospect of recovering his investment fading, he allegedly decided to set fire to his fields.

A video circulating on social media shows the farmer explaining his desperate situation and expressing frustration over the failure to provide irrigation water. He reportedly said that despite repeatedly requesting officials to ensure water supply, his pleas had gone unanswered.

Fellow farmers attempted to stop Venkatesu from burning the crop, but he proceeded with the act after facing mounting financial distress.

The incident has brought renewed attention to irrigation management and the difficulties confronting farmers in areas dependent on canal water. Questions have also emerged over the availability and distribution of water under the RDS project, particularly for agricultural lands located at the tail end of the canal network.

The incident underscores the urgent need for authorities to address irrigation concerns, ensure equitable water distribution and respond promptly to farmers' grievances to prevent further crop losses and financial hardship.

BRS Reviews Graduate MLC Voter Enrollment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) held a meeting at Telangana Bhavan to review the graduate voter enrollment process for the Hyderabad–Rangareddy–Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda–Khammam–Warangal Graduate MLC constituencies under the chairmanship of former Deputy Chief Minister Mohd Mahmood Ali.

The meeting focused on accelerating voter registration and ensuring maximum enrollment of eligible graduates ahead of the upcoming Graduate MLC elections. Party leaders urged BRS workers and supporters to actively reach out to graduates and assist them in completing the enrollment process within the stipulated deadline.

Those who attended included Waheed Ahmed, Advocate and former member of the Telangana State Waqf Board; Syed Akbar Hussain, former Chairman of the Telangana State Minorities Finance Corporation (TSMFC); Md Shareef Uddin, Abdul Muqeet Chanda, Shaik Mohd Azher, Muneer Uddin, Sk Yousuf, Khan Sahab, Sardar, Md Ali and other party leaders and members.

During the meeting, participants highlighted the importance of ensuring that all eligible graduates exercise their democratic rights by registering as voters.

The enrollment deadline was announced as November 6. Graduates who completed their degrees before November 2023 are eligible to apply, subject to applicable election rules. Applicants were also advised to submit a photocopy of their degree certificate bearing the signature of a Gazetted Officer, as required under the enrollment process. BRS leaders called for coordinated efforts to strengthen the party's prospects in both constituencies.

Drainage Overflow at Sangareddy X Road Causes Public Inconvenience

SANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana



Overflowing drainage water at Sangareddy X Road has become a source of inconvenience for commuters and the general public. Wastewater is flowing onto the highway, spreading a foul smell and creating unhygienic conditions along the busy road.

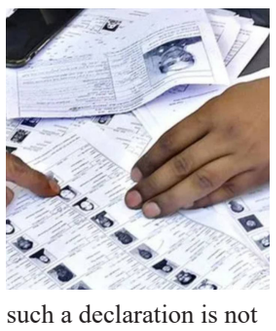
The overflowing drainage water, mixed with plastic covers and other waste, is causing discomfort to pedestrians and motorists. The situation has raised concerns about sanitation and public health, particularly for people who regularly travel along this route. Commuters and local residents are seeking immediate intervention from the concerned municipal and sanitation authorities to identify the cause of the overflow, clear any blockages and prevent wastewater from spilling onto the highway.

The authorities are urged to take prompt remedial measures and ensure proper drainage maintenance to restore hygienic conditions and provide relief to the public.

Public Appeal Immediate action is needed to address the drainage overflow at Sangareddy X Road and prevent further inconvenience to road users.

No cakewalk for Telangana electors seeking re-entry into voter rolls after SIR

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



It will be no cakewalk for Telangana electors dropped from the final electoral rolls to get back on the voter list again.

Applications (Forms 6 and 6A) from people aged 25 and above seeking new enrolment will be thoroughly verified, including physical verification and checks on the reasons for their exclusion from the final voter list during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Under Election Commission of India (ECI) rules, people seeking enrolment in States where the SIR process is underway must submit a declaration giving details of their place of birth, residential address and how long they have lived there.

They must also state that they are enrolling for the first time and that their names are not included in the electoral roll of any Assembly or Parliamentary Constituency.

The declaration warns that making a false statement is punishable with up to one year in prison, a fine, or both. However, such a declaration is not required once the SIR process is completed.

Since the declaration is currently mandatory, a large number of people are waiting for the SIR process to conclude. However, sources in the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer's office revealed that applications for new enrolment from people aged 25 and above will be thoroughly scrutinised.

"The ECI has tightened the norms for inclusion in electoral rolls after the SIR. If the applicant submits proper documents and meets the requirements, their name will be added back to the voter list," sources said.

However, young individuals seeking enrolment for the first time after attaining the eligible voting age of 18 years will have an easier process for getting their names added to the voter list.

Before the SIR exercise began, Telangana had 3,38,26,448 voters, of whom 2,64,87,213 submitted enumeration forms and the remaining electors categorised under Absent, Shifted, Death and Duplicate (ASDD) were removed from draft electoral rolls.

So far, notices were generated for 92,88,188 electors over logical discrepancies and the absence of 2002 SIR mapping details in their enumeration forms.

Notices have been served to 92,73,749 electors, while delivery to 14,439 remains pending, as of Saturday. Hearings for 91,09,213 notices have been completed, so far. A total of 2,55,07,734 electors, including 86,81,351 who cleared the hearings, have been marked for inclusion in the final list as of Saturday.

A total of 39,242 electors have been found ineligible for inclusion in the final rolls, which will be published on November 9. Meanwhile, the process of issuing notices and disposing of claims and objections will conclude on November 5.

Members Question Purpose of Press & Public Information WhatsApp Group

Questions have been raised over the purpose of the Press & Public Information – Health Minister WhatsApp group after members reportedly found themselves unable to post messages or share information.The group, created by Mettu Ramesh, has 257 members, including media representatives and others associated with press and public information activities.Members have questioned the benefit of being part of a group if they are not permitted to share their views, raise public issues, or contribute relevant information. They argue that a press-related group should encourage communication, transparency, constructive participation, and the exchange of public-interest news.Members have also urged the group administrators to clarify whether the group is intended solely for official announcements or whether it is meant to facilitate interaction among journalists and other members.They believe that meaningful participation is important in a press information network and that reasonable posting rules should be communicated clearly to all members.

Gajwel SI attached to HQ over alleged assault on farmer

Gajwel sub-inspector (SI) Malla Reddy, who was accused of beating a farmer who approached him seeking help with a land issue inside the police station on Friday, was transferred from the police station and attached to the Police Headquarters by Commissioner of Police Rashmi Perumal.

The farmer, Bhimiri Ravi, who sustained a bleeding injury in the alleged assault, accused the SI of attacking him without any reason.

After learning of the incident, Commissioner of Police Rashmi Perumal attached him to Police Headquarters on Saturday.

BRS hits back at Congress, targets Revanth, Uttam over power, water crisis claims

BRS blames Congress for shortages, defends its power management record

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) hit back at the Congress government for blaming its predecessor for the power and water crises in Telangana. The party accused the ruling party of using political manoeuvres to divert public attention and cover up its failures.

Former Energy Minister G Jagadishwar Reddy said experts had been warning the State government about the impact of El Nino for the past nine months. Several countries and States had taken proactive measures in anticipation of the weather phenomenon. However, the Congress government had failed to take contingency measures, he said at a press conference here on Saturday.

He said criticism of BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao and the previous BRS government would not resolve the problems.

He also accused the Ministers of making cheap and nonsensical remarks by blaming the BRS for the El Nino crisis. "Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, K Chandrashekhar Rao ensured uninterrupted power and water supply," Jagadishwar Reddy said.

He accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of making false claims about electricity availability and prices in the market. Jagadishwar Reddy said Revanth Reddy had made baseless and irresponsible claims that power could not be purchased even at Rs.15 per unit. He said electricity prices had ranged from Rs. 3.97 to Rs. 6.74 per unit even last week. After 10 pm, power was available at Rs.1.90 per unit, he added.

Pointing out that electricity prices fluctuated, the former Energy Minister said the Congress government should have monitored the market and purchased power at the right time. He said this was the approach followed by BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao in the past.

Jagadishwar Reddy also criticised the Congress government over its arguments concerning the Yadadri thermal power plant. Countering the government's claim that the Yadadri plant was located in a region without coal reserves, he asked why power plants had been established in Vijayawada and Kadapa, which also lacked local coal resources.

He said the Yadadri power plant was less than 250 km from Singareni. In comparison, the distance from Singareni to Vijayawada was more than 530 km. The distance from Mahanadi Coalfields to Vijayawada exceeded 1,200 km, while the distance to Kadapa was more than 1,500 km, he said.

Jagadishwar Reddy said K Chandrashekhar Rao had envisaged the Yadadri plant to promote development in a backward region. He questioned why the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) had been established in Hyderabad, asking whether they could not have been set up in Delhi instead.

"Revanth Reddy set aside the interests of his home district Palamuru and allowed River Krishna water to be diverted 700 kilometres away to Kuppam for Chandrababu's benefit," Jagadishwar Reddy charged.

Telangana Christian Leaders Demand Burial Grounds, Pastors' Honorarium

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Telangana United Christians Pastors Association (TUCPA) has urged the state government to immediately allocate burial grounds for Christian communities across Telangana and address other long-pending demands, including monthly honorariums for pastors and political representation.

At a high-level emergency meeting held at CBC, Secunderabad, TUCPA Working President Rev. P. Menno Joel and General Secretary Goneh Solomon Raj led discussions involving 42 representatives of major Christian denominations and church networks.

Leaders from Baptist, CSI, Methodist, Lutheran, Mennonite, Hebron, Pentecostal and independent churches participated.

The meeting recalled Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's assurance during last year's official Christmas celebrations at LB Stadium that adequate land would be provided for Christian burial grounds.

The gathering unanimously adopted a resolution outlining four key demands: statewide allocation of burial grounds, fixed monthly honorariums for pastors, legislation against hate speech, and political representation for the Christian community in nominated and administrative positions, including MLCs, director-level posts, municipal co-options and market committees.

The leaders stressed that burial grounds are an essential community requirement and called for immediate government intervention to ensure dignified final rites. They also sought protection for minority institutions against communal provocation and greater participation in decision-making.

Prominent participants included Rev. Dr. M. Purshotham, Rev. Prasanna Kumar, Rev. Dr. Joy Cherian, Rev. G. D. Anil Kumar, Bishop M. Bhasker, Bro. James Silvester and several other church representatives.

General Secretary Goneh Solomon Raj appealed to the Chief Minister to address the demands promptly, stating that the united Christian leadership represents the concerns of lakhs of believers across Telangana.

Surat Padmashali Activists Visit Ambedkar's Rajgruha

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Padmashali activists from Surat and Bhiwandi visited Rajgruha, the historic residence of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Mumbai, fulfilling their long-cherished wish to pay tribute to the architect of the Indian Constitution.

The activists, including Anumula Ravinder, Machcha Veeranna, Gone Somayya, Siddha Srinivas and Godithala Lakshmipathi, had actively participated in Telangana statehood movements through the Surat Migrant People's JAC. They recalled the struggles of Telangana migrants who moved to Gujarat and Maharashtra for employment.



Lakshmipathi expressed happiness over visiting Rajgruha, while singer Machcha Veeranna paid tribute to Ambedkar through a stirring song. The gathering raised slogans celebrating Ambedkar's contribution to social justice and equal rights. Sirimal Ashok Padmashali and Siripuram Tirupati Padmashali from Bhiwandi also participated.

Govt Schools Set For Major Upgrade With ₹205.95 Crore

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The government has taken a major step towards transforming government schools into model educational institutions by sanctioning `205.95 crore for development works at 20 schools across the state. The initiative aims to provide quality education from pre-primary to Class 12 along with modern infrastructure. School education secretary Yogita Rana issued GO 188 on October 9, granting



administrative approval for the works.

Under the project, 30 per cent of the total cost, amounting to `61.79 crore, will be funded through the state budget. The remaining 70 per cent, or `144.16 crore, will be met through a proposed loan from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. The Telangana education and welfare infrastructure development corporation has been entrusted with the works through a tendering process. Two schools in erstwhile Warangal: The list includes the Government Boys High School at Kazipet in Hanamkonda district, for which `10 crore has been sanctioned. The school falls under the Warangal West assembly constituency and the Warangal SC-reserved parliamentary constituency.

Another `9.95 crore has been sanctioned for the Zilla Parishad High School at Pedapur in Atmakur mandal, under the Parkal assembly constituency. The allocations will pave the way for infrastructure development at these two government schools in the erstwhile Warangal region.

The project aims to improve the learning environment in government schools and develop them into model institutions equipped with modern facilities. The government has asked the school education director and TSEWIDC officials to take further action.

BJP Leaders Urge Speedy Registration of Graduate Voters in Serilingampally



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BJP state spokesperson and Serilingampally Assembly in-charge Ravikumar Yadav, along with district president Vanipalli Srinivas Reddy, has urged party workers to expedite graduate voter registration, with only 10 days remaining before the deadline.

Addressing a preparatory meeting for the upcoming Graduate MLC elections at the BJP office in Masjid Banda, the leaders called upon party cadres to identify eligible graduates and ensure their enrolment on a priority basis.

Ravikumar Yadav announced that special assistance teams would be formed in every division of the Serilingampally constituency to help graduates complete the registration process smoothly. He stressed that booth-level and division-level leaders must take responsibility for reaching eligible voters through door-to-door outreach.

The leaders said the BJP was committed to addressing the issues of educated youth and graduates and called for coordinated efforts to secure victory in the forthcoming MLC elections. They urged workers to begin systematic preparations immediately and ensure that no eligible graduate was left out of the registration process.

The meeting was attended by BJP state, district, constituency and division-level leaders, representatives of party morchas and other party workers, who discussed strategies to strengthen voter enrolment and election preparedness.

Quthbullapur BRS Leaders Extend Dasara Greetings to KTR

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders from the Quthbullapur Assembly constituency met former Telangana minister and BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) at his residence on the occasion of Vijayadashami and extended Dasara greetings.

The delegation included Quthbullapur constituency BRS Youth Wing President Doodimetla Somesh Yadav, Division BRS Presidents Puppala Bhaskar, Rudra Ashok and Pole Srikanth. The



leaders exchanged festive greetings with KTR and sought his blessings.

On the occasion, they expressed their wishes for happiness, prosperity, good health and success for everyone. They also hoped that Telangana would continue to progress and achieve greater development in the coming years.

KTR urged party leaders and workers to work collectively to strengthen the BRS and address public issues effectively. He emphasised the importance of remaining accessible to people and working consistently for their welfare and development.

The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to expanding public service activities and strengthening the party at the grassroots level. They stated that they would continue working under the party leadership's guidance to address people's concerns and safeguard their interests.

The meeting reflected the leaders' festive spirit and their commitment to strengthening the BRS organisation and maintaining close ties with the people of Quthbullapur constituency.

RTI Rakshak Seeks Recognition for RTI Activists

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RTI Rakshak has urged the Telangana Information Commission to recognise and honour Right to Information (RTI) activists for their contribution to transparency and accountability in governance.

RTI Rakshak Honorary President M.D. Ashraf and Founder President RTI Satish submitted a representation to State Information Commissioner Desala Bhupal, proposing six measures, including awards for outstanding activists, representation in commission meetings, transparent hearings, action against officials



violating RTI provisions, display boards in government offices and a state-level coordination committee.

RTI Satish said activists play a vital role in exposing public issues and strengthening democracy. The delegation urged the commission to consider the proposals and take necessary steps to improve the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005.

Free Medical Camp Serves 400+ People in Miyapur

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A free mega medical camp organised by Yalamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust, in association with Mamata Academy of Medical Sciences Hospital, was successfully held at JP Nagar Community Hall, providing free medical examinations, consultations, medicines and transport facilities to over 400 people.

TPCC State General Secretary and Serilingampally Congress in-charge V. Jagadishwar Goud, who attended as chief guest, appreciated the initiative and praised Uday



Kiran, an M.Tech gold medallist, for his commitment to public welfare.

Uday Kiran, General Secretary of the Miyapur Division Congress, actively works for education, healthcare, youth development, environmental protection and the welfare of the poor. With over 60,000 Instagram followers, he also highlights public issues through social media.

Uday Kiran said public health and welfare remained his priorities and promised more service programmes. He thanked the hospital management, donors, JP Nagar Colony Welfare Association, leaders and volunteers for their support. Congress leaders, activists and local residents participated.

V. Manideep Appointed Sri Ramakrishna International Telangana President

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V. Manideep, a prominent philanthropist and District Vice-Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society, has been appointed Telangana State President of Sri Ramakrishna International, a spiritual and cultural organisation.

Manideep received his appointment letter on Saturday from BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao and Sri Ramakrishna International President Guru Sri Mahender Das



Maharaj Ji. On the occasion, the leaders also launched the organisation's 'Ghar Ghar Ram, Har Ghar Ramayan' initiative in Telangana, aimed at taking the ideals of Lord Rama and the message of the Ramayana to every household.

Speaking to the media after his appointment, Manideep expressed happiness and gratitude for being entrusted with the responsibility. He said he would work with dedication to promote the organisation's principles, objectives and cultural values across Telangana.

He emphasised his commitment to spreading the ideals of Lord Rama and the teachings of the Ramayana among people from all sections of society. He also expressed confidence that the initiative would encourage moral values, cultural awareness and devotion among families.

The programme was attended by BJP Telangana Endowments Cell State Convenor Annavajula Suryaprakash, State Co-Convenor Niranjan Desai, BJP Cinema Cell Convenor Vaibhav Surya and other prominent members.

Manideep's appointment is expected to strengthen the organisation's activities in Telangana and support its efforts to promote spiritual awareness, cultural traditions and community service.

PM Modi hails ITBP's valour and selfless service on Raising Day

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm greetings to the personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) on its Raising Day and praised their exceptional valour and determination in serving the nation.Raised on October 24, 1962, the ITBP guards a 3,488-km-long India-China border, ranging from the Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh.In a post on X, PM Modi said, "On their Raising Day, greetings to all personnel of the ITBP. The ITBP Himveers have distinguished themselves through their exceptional valour."They have always risen to every challenge with remarkable determination. Their selfless service and sacrifices are a source of immense inspiration to the nation," he added.On the occasion, the ITBP also reaffirmed its commitment to serving the nation.Taking to X, the Force said, "Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all Himveers, Himveeranganas, and their families on the 65th Raising Day of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force!"Embodying its motto 'Shaurya, Dridhta, Karmanishtha (Valour, Steadfastness, Dedication)', this force shall forever remain devoted to the service of the nation. Jai Hind!" it added.The ITBP also plays an important role in various internal security duties and operations against Left-Wing Extremism in Chhattisgarh.Most of the ITBP's Border Out Posts (BOPs) are located at altitudes ranging from 9,000 ft to 18,800 ft, where temperatures drop to minus 45 degrees Celsius during extreme winters, according to the Home Ministry. The ITBP is a specialised armed police force that trains its personnel in various disciplines, including mountaineering and skiing, apart from intensive tactical training, thereby creating a distinctive image of the Force.The Force also conducts relief and rescue operations as 'First Responders' during natural calamities in the Himalayan region.The ITBP has responded to hundreds of search, rescue and relief operations over the years to provide succour to citizens in distress due to various calamities.The ITBP has also earned recognition for its expertise in high-altitude operations, mountain warfare, disaster management and border surveillance. Its personnel operate in some of the most challenging geographical conditions in the country, often facing heavy snowfall, freezing winds, oxygen shortages and difficult terrain while carrying out their duties.Apart from guarding the India-China border, the Force remains actively involved in maintaining security in sensitive areas and supporting civil authorities whenever required. Its specialised training enables personnel to respond effectively to emergencies in remote mountain regions where access to essential services and rescue facilities.

Cong gets into poll mode for Assembly elections in five states

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The Congress party has gone into poll mode ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand. The party has appointed chairpersons for its election War Rooms in the five states, with the appointments taking immediate effect. According to a press release issued on Saturday, the proposal for the appointments was approved by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge to oversee the party's election War Room operations in the respective states.The appointments include Sachin Yadav for Uttar Pradesh, Kannan Gopinathan for Punjab, Imroz Khan for Goa, Biswaranjan Mohanty for Manipur and Krishan Satrod for Uttarakhand.The party said the appointments had been approved with immediate effect as part of its preparations for the forthcoming Assembly elections.Election War Rooms play a key role in coordinating campaign-related activities, managing communication, monitoring political developments and facilitating coordination among party units during elections. The appointments are expected to support the Congress' organisational and campaign preparations in the five states as it works to strengthen coordination and election management ahead of the upcoming Assembly polls.The announcement was made through an official press release dated October 24. Meanwhile, All India Congress Committee General Secretary, K.C. Venugopal earlier on Friday said the party held high-level meetings with senior leaders from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana to intensify mobilisation for the INDIA Bloc's mega rally against alleged 'Vote Chori' scheduled for November 1 in New Delhi.In a post on X, Venugopal said that he, along with Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, met AICC in-charge for Uttar Pradesh Rajendra Pal Gautam, UP PCC President Aradhana Misra Mona and other senior leaders from the state to discuss strategies for building large-scale participation in the rally.A separate meeting was also held with AICC in-charge Sanjay Dutt, Haryana PCC President Rao Narender Singh and senior leaders from Haryana to strengthen organisational efforts in that state, he said.

Venugopal described the November 1 event at Ramleela Maidan as the culmination of a massive 'Delhi Chalo' march that would converge in the national Capital on the same day.

Allah, you're our only hope: Race Course mosque imam cries for help

NEW DELHI
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Solemnity descended during Jummah prayers at the Race Course mosque in New Delhi, which faces demolition, as a teary-eyed Imam Mohammed Haroon prayed to the Almighty for help on Friday, October 23."Oh Allah, please help us. You are our only hope. Our faith is being tested," pleads the elderly imam, as worshippers lend a shoulder in silence, in unity.The video shows men and women praying in silence for the preservation of their mosque and the restoration of their dignity. Centre cites 'national security' for demolition decision The century-old mosque is a Grade II heritage structure, notified in 2009. It is located near Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence, inside the Race Course Club, which covers about 53 acre of land. The club and the slums around it are being cleared after several rounds of litigation.The Centre has cited "national security" as its reason for taking possession of the area.Overnight, a barricade emerged with security personnel guarding it. Outsiders, especially the media, are not allowed to go inside. A notice board was erected by the Land and Development Office (L&DO) declaring the land as the Central government's property, and any action against it would be considered as "encroachment."Imam Mohammed Haroon said he was served an eviction notice by the L&DO officials to vacate within six days. "They have given six days to vacate the premises. They said if I failed, they will initiate legal action against me," said the imam.Its water and electricity supply was cut off on October 7.Delhi HC refuses to restore water, electricity connection. On October 15, the Delhi High Court refused to order the restoration of the mosque's water and electricity supply.The New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) told the court that demolition work, including the removal of jhuggis, was still going on and "there is an element of public harm involved." It also pointed out that the L&DO, which is overseeing the demolition and will take possession of the land, had not been made a party to the petition.The New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) told the court that demolition work, including the removal of jhuggis, was still going on and "there is an element of public harm involved." It also pointed out that the L&DO, which is overseeing the demolition and will take possession of the land, had not been made a party to the petition.The mosque is registered under the Delhi Waqf Board and has a capacity of 800 worshippers.The High Court noted that the Delhi Waqf Board, which it described as the "original occupant" of the premises, had not challenged the disconnection. It also said Haroon, appointed by the Board, had no right to the premises. He, therefore, could not claim that the disconnection violated his fundamental rights.Owaisi seeks Rijiju's intervention As the matter has taken a national spotlight.

UP police accused of targeting Muslims in cow-smuggling encounters

NEW DELHI
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The police videos follow a predictable script: A man shot in the lower leg hobbles through darkness as officers escort him away.Police across India's most populous state have shot hundreds of suspects in near-identical encounters that often target Muslims accused of cow smuggling, an offence closely tied to cow protection laws rooted in Hindu religious belief, according to an Associated Press investigation.Police have publicised the shootings as part of a broad crackdown on crime and characterise them as acts of self-defence. Activists, opposition leaders and local judges, however, say the violence amounts to extrajudicial punishment and intimidation that disproportionately impacts India's large Muslim minority, and undermines the rule of law in the world's largest democracy."This is a dangerous situation," said Mangla Verma, a human rights lawyer.

Jamia Shifts Classes Online Amid Student Protest

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Jamia Millia Islamia on Saturday announced that all classes have been shifted to online mode with immediate effect until further notice as a "precautionary measure" as the students continue to protest for the 13th day, demanding restoration of their Jamia Milia Islamia Students' Union.Several students have been on hunger strike, demanding restoration of Jamia Milia Islamia Students' Union (JMISU) and the removal of the University's Chief Proctor over "crackdown" on protestors.In a statement, the University said, "In view of the ongoing situation and in order to ensure the safety and security of bonafide students in the University Campus, the Competent Authority, JMI, has decided to conduct classes of all courses of the University through online mode with immediate effect until further notice." The above decision has been taken as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety and well-being of bonafide students while safeguarding their academic interests and ensuring continuity in the teaching-learning process without any undue disruption," it added.The University further directed the Deans/Heads/Directors and faculty members as well as all the students, to adhere to the online class schedule and ensure regular participation in academic activities.All faculty members are requested to make the necessary arrangements for conducting classes through online platforms and to provide students with the required academic support and learning materials. Any further instructions or updates in this regard shall be communicated through the official process of the University," the statement further read.Meanwhile, the students alleged that the University's administration has started "assaulting" the students amid the negotiations. The hunger strikers and the protest site are being attacked. This reveals the most brutal face of the Jamia administration. Furthermore, the University has been shifted to online mode," the All India Students' Association (AISA) said in a statement.

Man Held in Bengal for Fake AI Police ID Threats

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A man has been arrested for allegedly threatening and harassing traffic policemen on duty by posing as a police officer with the help of an AI-generated identity card in the Dum Dum area of West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district, the police said on Saturday. The accused allegedly used the fake identity card to establish his credentials and exert influence over the traffic personnel. However, his claims raised suspicion, leading to his arrest. He was produced before a court in Barrackpore on Saturday.The incident took place on Friday night at the zero point of the Belgharia Expressway in the Dum Dum area.According to the police, the man approached traffic personnel deployed under Nimta Traffic Guard and demanded that they arrange a car for him to return home. He allegedly introduced himself as a police officer and tried to pressurise the personnel into complying with his demand. The accused reportedly continued to threaten and abuse the policemen on duty. Suspicious of his claims, the personnel asked him to produce his identity card for verification.A scan of the card reportedly revealed that it was fake. During questioning, the accused allegedly admitted that he had created the identity card using artificial intelligence (AI).Following the discovery, officers from Dum Dum police station arrested him. Police are now investigating the circumstances in which the fake identity card was created and whether the accused had used it on other occasions to influence people or carry out extortion.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Congress Targets.....

The Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Harshwardhan Sapkal on Saturday alleged that escalating security concerns and organised crime threats are compelling the Hindi film industry to consider relocating outside Mumbai. He demanded immediate resignation of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also holds the Home portfolio. Addressing a press conference at Tilak Bhavan, Mr. Sapkal cited recent incidents involving threats and attacks targeting actors Tiger Shroff and Salman Khan, as well as filmmaker Rohit Shetty. "Film actors, producers and directors are being openly targeted in Mumbai, and threats are being issued against them. The entire Bollywood industry is living under a climate of fear. The fact that the All Indian Cine Workers Association (AICWA) has had to approach the Union Home Minister directly to seek security is an extremely shameful reflection of Maharashtra's law and order situation. Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis is solely responsible for this grave situation. He has completely failed to maintain law and order in Maharashtra," he said.

Responding to queries, the Congress leader alleged political patronisation behind the resurgence of gang activity and suggested that political ambitions by neighboring states to siphon off Mumbai's film industry might be linked to the current security climate. He said the plans to shift Bollywood out of Mumbai were no longer a secret as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had publicly spoken about moving the film industry to his state. "When artists are being shot at and Bollywood is preparing to move out of Mumbai, the BJP-led Mahayuti government has lost the moral right to remain in power. If it cannot control crime in the state, it should resign," the Congress leader said. Meanwhile, the Mumbai Crime Branch arrested 11th accused, 22-year-old Pranjal Thakran, from Indore. Thakran, originally from Sonipat, Haryana, had come to Indore five days ago for the treatment of his paralysed brother. Police suspect that he provided logistical support and financial or operational assistance to the shooters and key conspirators involved in the attack.

INDIA Bloc to Hold.....

"After this Public Impeachment, we will hold a 'Dilli Chalo March' against 'Vote Chori' culminating at Ramleela Maidan on November 1st, where at least a million concerned citizens will participate," he said.

Venugopal said Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has reached out to all INDIA Bloc parties for their presence in Delhi on the two days Kharge has already spoken to a few leaders, he said. Earlier in the day, the Congress leadership held internal meetings with heads of its frontal organisations and Delhi unit leaders and discussed plans to make the November 1 INDIA Bloc rally and march at Ramlila grounds a grand success.

The meetings came a day after the party leadership held meetings with leaders of its Uttar Pradesh and Haryana units. The party is activating its rank and file to join the rally in large numbers. The INDIA Bloc rally is part of a series of opposition protests against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and the CEC's "poll irregularities." The party said its November 1 rally will send a strong message that the opposition group is united in protecting democracy and "driving vote chors out of power."

"We continued our meetings to take stock of preparations for the INDIA Bloc Mega Rally against Vote Chori on November 1st, as we met with Chairpersons and In-charges of various frontals and departments at Indira Bhavan today," Venugopal said on X. "Along with AICC Treasurer Sh. Ajay Maken ji, met with the AICC In-Charge, PCC President and senior leaders from Delhi to discuss preparations for our November 1st Mega Rally against Vote Chori," he said in another post. Mahila Congress chief Alka Lamba later said that the rally will be the opposition's biggest as the party has set a target of 10 lakh people. She said there was no question of postponing or cancelling the rally, as has been suggested by some in view of the festival season. Venugopal said people from across the country will attend the gathering to send the message.

CRIME

Two from Telangana killed, four hurt as bus hits car in Bidar

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Hyderabad: At least two Telangana natives were killed, and four others were injured in an accident in Karnataka's Bidar According to reports, the victims were natives of Rangareddy district. The accident occurred when a bus rammed into the car they were travelling in at Basavakalyan. The injured were shifted to a hospital for treatment. The Karnataka police have registered a case and initiated an investigation.Similar incident In a similar incident, in November 2025, four people from Telangana were killed, and one was critically injured in an accident in Karnataka when a van collided with a car.The victims were identified as Naveen, 40, Rachappa, 45, and Kasinath, 60, all residents of Jagannathpur village in Narayankhed mandal, Sangareddy district. Another victim is yet to be identified.According to reports, the group had been travelling back from the Sri Dattatreya Temple at Ganagapur when their car collided with a speeding van. The impact was so severe that the front portion of the car was completely crushed.Local authorities and emergency teams rushed to the scene and shifted the bodies and the injured person to a nearby hospital. Police registered a case and launched an investigation into the cause of the accident.The latest accident has once again highlighted the risks faced by motorists travelling on inter-state highways. Road accidents involving collisions between buses, cars and other vehicles continue to raise concerns over road safety, particularly on busy routes connecting Telangana and Karnataka. Police officials generally examine the circumstances surrounding such incidents, including the speed of the vehicles, the condition of the road and the statements of eyewitnesses, to determine the exact cause of a collision. Authorities also stress the importance of following traffic rules, maintaining safe distances between vehicles and avoiding rash driving to prevent serious accidents. The injured victims are being provided medical treatment, while further details regarding their condition and the identities of the deceased are awaited. The investigation into the Bidar accident is expected to establish the sequence of events that led to the fatal collision.The incident has caused concern among the families of the victims and residents of Rangareddy district, as they await further information regarding the accident. Such tragedies underline the need for greater caution among motorists and strict adherence to road safety regulations. Authorities have repeatedly advised drivers to avoid overspeeding, remain alert while driving and ensure that vehicles are maintained properly, particularly during long-distance journeys.Police are continuing their investigation to establish the exact circumstances that led to the collision at Basavakalyan. Further details regarding the deceased and the condition of the injured are expected as the investigation progresses. The incident adds to a series of road accidents involving Telangana residents travelling through neighbouring Karnataka, renewing calls for responsible driv-

EDITORIAL

KTR ASSURES HELP FOR 2-YEAR-OLD WHO LOST LEG IN ACCIDENT

NEW DELHI
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Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) has assured financial help for two-year-old Baby Pooja, who lost her left leg in an accident in Karimnagar and is being treated at Apollo Hospital, Jubilee Hills.The assurance came after Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) spokesperson Amjed Ullah Khan appealed to the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) on behalf of the child's family, according to a statement issued by the party on Saturday, October 24. Pooja was injured on Tuesday, October 13, when her left leg was completely severed. Doctors operated to reattach it, but she developed an infection, and a second surgery was needed, in which the leg was amputated. She now requires more surgery and continuing medical care.Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) has assured financial help for two-year-old Baby Pooja, who lost her left leg in an accident in Karimnagar and is being treated at Apollo Hospital, Jubilee Hills.The assurance came after Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) spokesperson Amjed Ullah Khan appealed to the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) on behalf of the child's family, according to a statement issued by the party on Saturday, October 24.Pooja was injured on Tuesday, October 13, when her left leg was completely severed. Doctors operated to reattach it, but she developed an infection, and a second surgery was needed, in which the leg was amputated. She now requires more surgery and continuing medical care.The family is reportedly struggling to meet the cost of the treatment, which Amjed Ullah Khan said will run into a substantial amount. He urged KTR to step in. The statement did not mention how much assistance KTR has promised or when it will be released.Amjed Ullah Khan said KTR has helped children in medical emergencies before, even though his party is out of power. He recalled that on his request, KTR gave Rs 10 lakh for the heart surgery of six-year-old Iqra Fatima from Barkas in Chandrayangutta.I sincerely thank KTR for responding to my appeal and assuring help for Baby Pooja," Amjed Ullah Khan said, adding that he hopes the support brings relief to the child and her family.He also appealed to philanthropists and well-wishers to come forward and help families facing serious medical emergencies.The case has drawn attention to the financial difficulties faced by families when young children require prolonged hospitalisation, multiple surgeries and specialised medical care. Such emergencies often place a heavy burden on parents, particularly when treatment involves repeated procedures and extended recovery periods. The family is hoping that the promised financial assistance and support from well-wishers will help ensure that Pooja receives the necessary treatment without further delay.\
Medical experts note that recovery following a serious traumatic injury can require continuous monitoring, rehabilitation and specialised follow-up care. In Pooja's case, doctors will determine the further course of treatment based on her condition and medical requirements. Meanwhile, the appeal for financial assistance has highlighted the importance of community support and timely intervention in helping vulnerable families manage unexpected medical expenses. Further details regarding the assistance assured by KTR and the child's subsequent treatment are awaited.

Man arrested with drugs, firearms worth Rs 4L in Attapur

BALLIA
Wakeup telangana

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-

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40 Booked for Phone Use While Driving

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad: As many as 40 cases were registered against commuters for using cellphones while driving in Hyderabad's Kulsumpura on Saturday, October 24.The Kulsumpura Traffic Police conducted a special drive during which offenders were counselled and sensitised against using cellphones while driving. Police officials emphasised that using mobile phones while driving causes severe distraction, leading to potential road accidents, and appealed to the public to prioritise their safety and that of co-commuters by adhering to traffic rules. The special drive was executed under the leadership of K Rajendra Prasad, Inspector of Police (Station House Officer), Kulsumpura Traffic Police Station, along with station personnel.Traffic police officials stated that the special drive was aimed at improving road discipline and preventing accidents caused by distracted driving. They urged motorists to keep their mobile phones aside while operating vehicles and to stop at a safe location if they need to make or answer an urgent call. Police warned that even a brief lapse in concentration

Youth attacks sleeping father with hammer in Hyderabad, victim critical

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 25-year-old youth allegedly attacked his sleeping father with a hammer and a stone roller at their house in CPI Colony in Balajinagar on Thursday.The suspect, Pavan, lived in the same house as his father, M Nagaraju (53), a watchman, his grandmother Eshwaramma and his paternal uncle Sundar, with family members occupying separate rooms.According to the police, Pavan had reportedly become addicted to cannabis and was leading an unruly life. On Thursday, Sundar noticed Pavan sitting alone and laughing and behaving strangely. He advised him to go to sleep and returned to his room. A short while later, Eshwaramma alerted Sundar that Pavan was attacking Nagaraju.Sundar rushed to the spot and found Pavan covering his father's face with a cloth and repeatedly attacking him with a hammer and roller, threatening to kill him. Pavan fled after noticing Sundar.Nagaraju was immediately shifted to the hospital. His condition is

Boy, 12, dies after fall while fleeing monkeys in Suryapet

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 12-year-old boy died in Suryapet district after falling while running from a group of monkeys that approached him and a friend near a lake.According to Deccan Chronicle, the incident took place in Vallapuram village of Nadigudem mandal. The boy, Nishanth, son of Veerababu, was declared dead by staff of the 108 ambulance service, who were called after the village hospital could not provide medical assistance.Nishanth and his friend Manendar, son of Desgani Satish, had gone fishing in a nearby lake. The monkeys approached them as they were heading home, and the frightened boys ran. Nishanth fell in the rush.Manendar's cries for help drove the monkeys away. Two youngsters passing by found Nishanth and carried him to the village hospital.It was not immediately clear what injuries Nishanth suffered in the fall. Further details are awaited.The tragic incident has raised concerns among villagers about the presence of monkeys near residential areas, lakes and other places frequented by children. The incident highlights the need for parents and guardians to advise children to remain calm and avoid sudden movements when encountering groups of monkeys. Local authorities may also need to assess areas where such animals frequently gather and take appropriate measures to minimise the risk of similar incidents.\
Residents have called for greater awareness about wildlife safety, particularly in villages where children often visit lakes and open spaces for fishing and playing. Experts generally advise people not to provoke, chase or attempt to feed monkeys and to maintain a safe distance from them. Meanwhile, further details regarding the cir-



L&T Finance Reports Record Rs. 975 Crore Q2 Profit, Up 33%

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L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF) has reported its highest-ever consolidated profit after tax (PAT) of Rs. 975 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, 2026, registering a 33% year-on-year increase. The company also achieved a record consolidated loan book of Rs. 1,36,635 crore, reflecting 28% growth over the corresponding quarter last year.

Retail disbursements increased 27% year-on-year to Rs. 24,027 crore, while the retail loan book expanded 29% to Rs. 1,34,600 crore. The company attributed its performance to sustained business momentum, improving asset quality, lower credit costs and a focus on profitable, risk-calibrated growth.



Managing Director and CEO Sudipta Roy said the company delivered strong performance despite macroeconomic uncertainties, inflationary pressures and seasonal challenges. He highlighted growth across gold finance, personal loans, micro loans against property and two-wheeler finance, supported by disciplined underwriting, stronger risk controls and effective collection mechanisms.

L&T Finance is advancing its Lakshya 2031 strategy to become a risk-first, technology-first and AI-native retail financial services institution. Its flagship PLANET app crossed 2.7 crore downloads and now handles 94% of customer service requests. During the quarter, the platform facilitated collections worth Rs. 2,168 crore and generated business of Rs. 5,934 crore.

Personal loans recorded significant growth, with the portfolio expanding 72% year-on-year to Rs. 18,664 crore and quarterly disbursements rising 45% to Rs. 4,233 crore. Gold finance emerged as another major growth driver, with its book surging 242% to Rs. 5,043 crore and disbursements increasing 229% to Rs. 3,237 crore.

Two-wheeler finance disbursements grew 26% to Rs. 3,170 crore, while SME finance disbursements rose 24% to Rs. 1,820 crore. Housing loans and loans against property recorded 8% growth in quarterly disbursements.

The company also introduced a simplified, multilingual rural interface on its PLANET app and enhanced its dealer-facing digital platform. Roy said continued investments in artificial intelligence, distribution and risk management would strengthen credit decisions, improve operational efficiency and support sustainable growth under Lakshya 2031.

Hyderabad's Sarath City Capital Mall Launches ₹1 Crore Shopping Campaign

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Hyderabad: Sarath City Capital Mall has announced a year-long shopping campaign, 'Mall Banayega Crorepati', offering customers a chance to win ₹1 crore in cash along with premium cars, sports bikes, electronics and other prizes.

Launched during the mall's Annual Retail Performance Awards 2026 on Friday, the campaign will run from October 2026 to October 2027. Shoppers making purchases of at least ₹10,000 will be eligible to participate in lucky draws, subject to the campaign's terms and conditions. Apart from the ₹1 crore grand prize at the finale, the campaign will feature quarterly promotional events and weekend quizzes offering instant rewards.The announcement coincided with the mall's annual awards ceremony, which recognised retail performance across 69 categories for the financial year 2025–26. Among the brands recognised were The Souled Store, which ranked first nationally among its stores in total sales, Tira Beauty and New Balance, which recorded leading sales performances in South India, and Snitch, recognised as the top D2C store in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh by sales. Technosport, Comet and Adidas were also acknowledged for their retail achievements.Speaking at the event, Syed Mohammed Aslam, CEO of Skill Promoters, said, "When we first envisioned Sarath City Capital Mall, our dream was to create a world-class shopping destination that would set new benchmarks in retail." "With 'Mall Banayega Crorepati', we are taking that vision a step further by celebrating our customers and brand partners through an exciting initiative that brings together shopping, entertainment, and extraordinary rewards," he added. The event was attended by the mall's senior leadership, including COO Syed Naveeduddin Ahmed, Tarachand Bopanna, Syed Mohammed Akram, Syed Basheeruddin Faayez and Syed Mohammed Hamza.

Dr Priti Adani calls for human intelligence, skilled talent to power India's semiconductor

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Dr Priti Adani, President of Adani University, has called for closer collaboration between industry and academia to develop the skilled talent India needs to strengthen its semiconductor ecosystem. Speaking at the 'Conclave on Hardware, Innovation, Processing & Semiconductor Technologies (CHIPS) 2026', hosted by Adani University, she said that building a strong semiconductor industry requires not only advanced manufacturing facilities but also people equipped to design, develop and improve complex technologies.The true measure of our technological progress will not be how intelligent our machines become. It will be how wisely we develop and use human intelligence to build a better future," Dr. Priti Adani said.The conclave featured keynote addresses by experts from Qualcomm, NXP Semiconductors, Micron Technology, Synopsys, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and Infineon Technologies, representing fields spanning wireless technology, semiconductor design, memory and storage, power systems and legal services.Their addresses explored developments and opportunities across the semiconductor value chain, according to a statement.Three panel discussions examined key industry priorities. "The Future of Semiconductor Design in India" explored ways to strengthen domestic design capabilities.



Semiconductor Manufacturing: Shaping India's Technological Future" focused on manufacturing and its role in India's technological development, while "Career Opportunities in the Semiconductor Ecosystem" examined emerging roles, skill requirements and career pathways.

Organised in collaboration with IIT Mandi, the VLSI Society of India, a professional body promoting Very Large-Scale Integration (VLSI) technology and its applications, and Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, a leading Indian law firm, 'CHIPS 2026' brought together representatives from the Gujarat State Electronics Mission, semiconductor companies and academic institutions. Discussions focused on aligning research and technical education with industry needs.India's semiconductor ambitions extend beyond fabrication to expertise in chip design, manufacturing and packaging.The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) has provided momentum, while projects at Dholera and Sanand are advancing Gujarat's role

VH Pays Tributes to S. Panduranga Rao on 25th Death Anniversary



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Former PCC President and State Government Advisor for BC Affairs and Development V. Hanumantha Rao paid rich floral tributes to senior Old City Congress leader S. Panduranga Rao on his 25th death anniversary at Rainbow Foundation Girls Orphan Home in Rajanna Bowli, Falaknuma, on Saturday.

Remembering Panduranga Rao, popularly known as the "People's Leader," VH recalled his contributions to the Congress party and his efforts towards the development of Hyderabad's Old City.

On the occasion, VH distributed blankets and notebooks to orphan girls as part of the programme. The event was organised by Mitra Youth Association (MYA). Its president R. Laxman Yadav, general secretary C. Kashinath, S.P. Kranthi Kumar, and members K. Somaiah, B. Nithin Chary, S. Karan Kumar, V. Yajath, K. Sukumar, V. Abhilash and others participated in the programme.

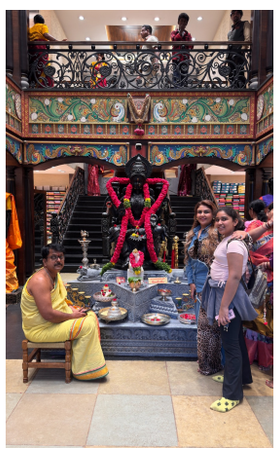
Ritika Ahuja Balances Business Leadership and Motherhood

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Ritika Jatin Ahuja, Chief Operating Officer of Big Boy Toyz and founder of Queens Drive Club, is in Hyderabad to support her daughter participating in a gymnastics competition, demonstrating how professional ambition and motherhood can go hand in hand.

While managing responsibilities in the luxury pre-owned automobile industry, Ritika founded Queens Drive Club in 2021 to bring women together through their shared passion for driving. The initiative has grown into a women-led automotive community promoting participation, shared experiences and social engagement.

Her daughter's sporting journey reinforces the importance of discipline, resilience and encouragement. For Ritika, supporting her child's ambitions is an integral part of success,



alongside building a professional career and creating opportunities for others.

Her Hyderabad visit also provides an opportunity to appreciate the city's rich cultural heritage, including Kanchivaram silk sarees, handcrafted bangles, pearls and the much-loved Irani chai with bun maska.

Through business leadership, community building and motherhood, Ritika reflects a broader understanding of achievement—one that values professional growth, family commitments and empowering the next generation.

Lalita Kapilavai's Kalaprayanam Showcases India's Traditional Art Heritage

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Artist Lalita Kapilavai's painting exhibition, 'Kalaprayanam – A Journey Through Art, Enduring Traditions and Self-Discovery,' was inaugurated at the State Art Gallery in Hyderabad on Saturday, offering art enthusiasts an opportunity to explore India's rich and diverse traditional painting heritage.

The three-day exhibition showcases an impressive collection of paintings inspired by the Pahari, Pichwai, Mysore and Tanjore art traditions, highlighting their distinctive techniques, vibrant colours and cultural significance.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by renowned Carnatic musician Dr. Kosuru Seshu Latha, Zaggle founder Dr. Raj N. Phani and noted calligraphy artist Sri Parameshwar Raju, among other distinguished guests.

The exhibition has been curated by Padma Shri awardee Dr. Vijay Sharma, a celebrated Pahari miniature painting artist from Chamba in Himachal Pradesh. Under his guidance, Lalita Kapilavai has been learning the intricate techniques and finer aspects of Pahari miniature painting, further enriching her artistic journey.



A passion for music and painting developed in Lalita during her childhood, inspiring her to explore different forms of artistic expression. Over the years, she has studied and experimented with several traditional Indian painting styles, incorporating their characteristic features into her creative practice.

Among the major highlights of the exhibition are paintings influenced by the Guler and Kangra schools, which evolved within the broader Pahari painting tradition following the Basohli style.

These artistic traditions are known for their delicate detailing, expressive compositions and distinctive visual storytelling.

The exhibition also presents works inspired by Pichwai, Mysore and Tanjore painting styles, each representing a unique facet of India's artistic legacy. Together, the collections demonstrate the diversity of regional painting traditions and the dedication required to preserve their techniques for future generations.

Speaking on the occasion, Lalita Kapilavai said traditional art forms were not merely remnants of the past but living traditions that continued to flourish through practice and the transfer of knowledge from one generation to another.

"Through this exhibition, I wanted people to experience these traditions and understand the skill and dedication involved in creating these paintings," she said.

She added that Kalaprayanam also represents her personal journey of artistic exploration, self-discovery and learning from different schools of Indian painting.

The exhibition seeks to encourage greater appreciation of traditional art and provide visitors with an opportunity to engage with the craftsmanship, cultural stories and enduring beauty of India's classical painting traditions.

The exhibition will remain open to the public on October 25 and 26, from 11 am to 7 pm, at the State Art Gallery in Hyderabad. Entry is free. Art lovers, students and members of the public are invited to visit the exhibition and experience the richness of India's traditional visual arts.

SBI says customer funds unaffected after data breach

NEW DELHI
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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.

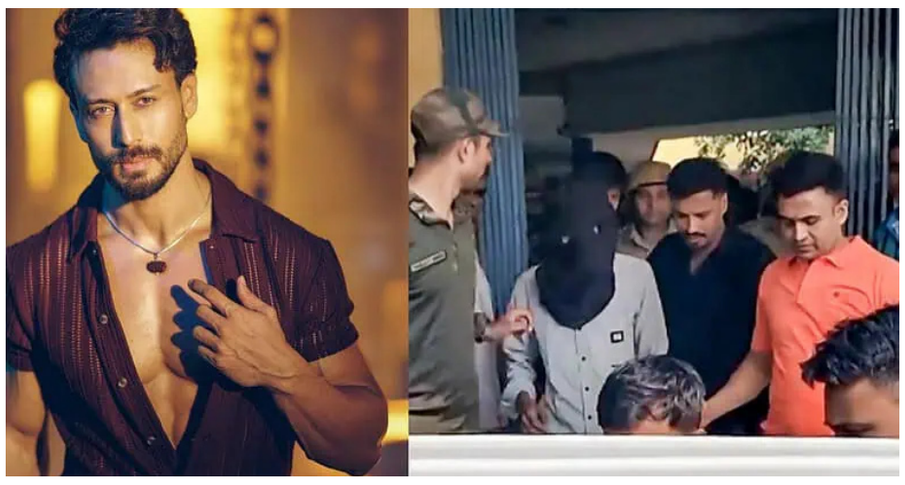
Describing coal as an important industrial raw material, the Minister said plans to convert coal into syngas, ammonia, urea and methanol through coal gasification are being expedited.Speaking at the 'KPMG Agrasar Bharat Manch 2026,' event in New Delhi, he noted that coal continues to meet 55 per cent 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.

Bigg Boss 20: Rohit Shetty questions Lovepreet Gill, Scout's closeness



MUMBAI Filmmaker Rohit Shetty questioned Lovepreet Gill about her relationship with fellow contestant Scout on the reality show 'Bigg Boss 20', pointing out that their physical closeness, including Scout massaging her legs, hands and neck, could be perceived differently by viewers outside the house. In a promo shared by the channel on Instagram, Rohit stepped in for hosting duties, and Salman Khan had prior commitments. The filmmaker asked Lovepreet about her bond with Scout. Lovepreet maintained that she considers Scout a brother, while Rohit said their interactions were "looking absolutely wrong" from an outsider's perspective.When he's massaging your legs, massaging your hands, massaging your neck. Love, that doesn't look right. You tell Scout to massage your back. He's massaging your calves. It's not looking good at all," Rohit said. To which, Scout chimed in: "I do, Mahi di too." Rohit replied: "Scout! What you see outside, what you feel outside, that's what I'm telling you. It's looking absolutely wrong." The 20th edition of Bigg Boss started on September 6. It has a diverse lineup of 16 celebrity contestants including names such as MC Mary Kom, Kanika Mann, Mahhi Vij, Kushal Tanwar, Arishfa Khan, Qazi Touqeer, Asif Khan, Aamrapali Dubey, Uditi Singh, Tanmay Singh aka ScoutOP, Rohed Khan, Yung DSA and Love Gill.Bigg Boss is an Indian Hindi-language reality television show of the Bigg Boss franchise in India that airs on Colors TV. It is based on the Dutch format of Big Brother. The 20th edition started on September 6.Rohit is known for making action comedy and masala films. His breakthrough came with the first installment of the comedy film franchise Golmaal, starring Ajay Devgn, Tusshar Kapoor and Arshad Warsi, which became a sleeper hit. He tasted further success with franchise included Golmaal Returns, Golmaal 3 and Golmaal Again, each of which went on to rank among the highest-grossing films of the year.Rohit returned to the action genre with Singham after eight years of his debut action thriller Zameen, which also starred Devgn in the lead. Later on, it expanded into the Cop Universe with Singham Returns, Simmba and Sooryavanshi. His other notable successes include All the Best: Fun Begins, Bol Bachchan and Chennai Express; the latter became the highest-grossing Hindi film, surpassing 3 Idiots at that time.Apart from film directing, he is also seen as a host for the stunt-based reality adventure show Khatron Ke Khiladi.The promo has sparked discussions among viewers about personal boundaries, friendships and how contestants' behaviour can be interpreted by audiences outside the Bigg Boss house.

Tiger Shroff firing: Three from Haryana in custody till Oct 28



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Wakeup telangana

Three persons held from Haryana for alleged involvement in the Tiger Shroff firing case were remanded in police custody till October 28 by a court here on Friday, October 23.Ankit Khatar, Sameer Khatri and Jatin Panchal were arrested from Sonipat in the northern state on October 21 for allegedly being part of the conspiracy linked to the firing on the actor on October 18 in Mumbai's Juhu area. He escaped relatively unhurt, while two others sustained wounds in the attack. Khatar, Khatri, and Panchal were brought to Mumbai on transit remand and produced before Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate D S Khedkar, who remanded them in police custody till October 28.As per police, the three were involved in several aspects of the conspiracy, including logistics, money transfers and weapons procurement.Further, police submitted that Ankit Khatar had conducted reconnaissance and passed on the information to the co-accused, who carried out the firing. He was also providing information on how to cross the border after committing the crime to the previously arrested co-accused.Jatin Panchal and Sameer Khatri were in touch with wanted accused Anil Pandit and had played a role in weapon procurement, as per police.Pandit, a 32-year-old alleged associate of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang believed to be operating from the US, had claimed responsibility for the October 18 attack on the actor in a social media post.The Mumbai Police has registered a case under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Arms Act for attempt to murder and other offences and have arrested 10 persons so far.Investigators are examining the roles of the arrested suspects and their alleged links with other members of the conspiracy. Police are also probing the communication channels used by the accused before and after the firing, along with possible financial transactions and the arrangements made for procuring weapons. The custody of the three accused is expected to help investigators establish the sequence of events and identify others who may have assisted in planning or executing the attack.\ The case has raised concerns over the alleged use of organised criminal networks to target individuals in Mumbai. Police are continuing efforts to trace the absconding accused and verify the claims made by individuals associated with the case. Investigators are also collecting digital evidence, including call records, messages and social media activity, to establish the alleged connections among the suspects. Further details are expected as the investigation progresses and the accused are questioned.

Mohammed Siraj nears milestone, may achieve it in NZ Test series

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Slowly but steadily, Mohammed Siraj is inching towards a landmark that no other bowler from Hyderabad has reached. He has so far taken 144 wickets in Test matches and may reach the mark of 150 wickets in the coming Test series in New Zealand. This will be his first tour of New Zealand, and it is likely that he will relish bowling on the pitches at the two Test venues, namely the Basin Reserve ground in Wellington and the Hagley Oval inChristchurch.Wickets in New Zealand generally favour fast bowlers due to the way the pitches are prepared and the environment, which favours seam movement. Pitch curators in New Zealand typically leave a substantial grass cover on the pitches rather than shaving them bare. Most venues are made with Patumahoe brown clay or Kakanui black clay, which holds together for all five days of a Test match. Unlike most countries where pitches dry out and favour spinners as the match progresses, New Zealand pitches tend to stay firm and good for fast bowlers.
So the conditions should favour Siraj. He is expected to be a potent threat during India's upcoming two-Test series against New Zealand. Siraj has performed very well against the SENA countries. In seven ODI matches against the Kiwis, he has claimed 10 wickets with an economy rate of roughly 4.89, while in Tests, he has played 3 matches and taken 5 wickets. So this will be a golden opportunity for him to show his skill and stamina against the Kiwi batters.Before playing in the Test series, Siraj will be seen in action in the ODI contests. He has been selected for the entire ODI series. As noted by former cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin, continuous bowling helps him lock into his best bowling rhythm. Added to that is the pertinent point made by former New Zealand captain Tim Southee, who recently said that New Zealand batters have studied Jasprit Bumrah extensively, but Siraj's unpredictable aggression will be a fresh, new challenge for the home team.I depend on my rhythm: Siraj.

India begin FIFA U15 World Cup & Festival with 4-2 win over Laos

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India began their campaign at the inaugural FIFA U15 World Cup & Festival Azerbaijan 2026 on a high note, registering a dominant 4-2 victory over Laos in their Group K opener at the Hovsan Competition Complex Pitch 1B in Baku on Saturday. India's Captain Macdonnish Ngairangbam (7') and R Lalremruatfela (11') handed the team an early two-goal advantage before Anavin Xayyasone (12') halved the deficit for Laos. Souksavanh Siliseng (24') equalised for the Southeast Asians soon after half-time, but India finished strong, with Lalremruatfela (31') and Soumojit Sarkar (33') firing from long range to restore the lead and secure the nation's first three points at a FIFA tournament The tournament features 189 national teams divided into 32 groups, with matches played in an eight-a-side format. Each match consists of two 20-minute halves, with rolling substitutions permitted.Bibiano Fernandes' team made a bright start and created two chances in the opening four minutes. A powerful left-footed effort from inside the box by Deepak Singh Arambam was pushed away by the Laos goalkeeper Anousith Souksavanh in the third minute, before Macdonnish was denied by the advancing custodian a minute later.India took the lead in the seventh minute after brilliant footwork from Deepak, who worked his way into the small box before cutting the ball back for Macdonnish to tap home.The pressure continued to pay off, with India doubling their advantage in the 11th minute. A Laos clearance was blocked by Deepak, and the ball fell to R Lalremruatfela, who took a touch before slamming home with his left boot.Laos responded almost immediately, pulling a goal back in the 12th minute through Anavin Xayyasone, whose long-range effort left India goalkeeper Jenit Ningthoujam rooted to the spot.The tempo dropped following the early flurry of goals, with neither side creating a clear-cut opportunity before the five-minute half-time break.India threatened again after the restart, with a header from Macdonnish drifting inches wide following a corner in the 21st minute. Laos, however, drew level three minutes later when Souksavanh Siliseng struck the first time from outside the box, finding the bottom corner.The equaliser prompted India to raise their intensity, with much of the play taking place in the Laos half.India regained the lead in the 31st minute, with R Lalremruatfela collecting a pass from Soumojit Sarkar before firing left-footed into the far corner from outside the box to make it 3-2.India extended their advantage in the 33rd minute when Sarkar struck from just inside the halfway line, sending the ball over the goalkeeper and into the net. The young Indian side managed the remainder of the match well to preserve their two-goal advantage and secure all three points.

Human Chain at Tank Bund Demands Rollback of SIR, CEC's Resignation

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Members of various civil society organisations, student groups and activists formed a human chain at Tank Bund on Saturday, demanding the rollback of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The protest, organised by the People Against SIR coalition, witnessed participation from prominent personalities, including Professor Haragopal, economist Parakala Prabhakar, MLC Kodandram and retired IAS officer Akunuri Murali. Participants raised slogans against the SIR exercise, the Chief Election Commissioner, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The event was jointly organised by several organisations, including the Students Federation of India (SFI), the National Alliance of People's Movements (NAPM) and the Progressive Democratic Students Union (PDSU), along with other civil society and student groups.

Addressing reporters, economist Parakala Prabhakar criticised restrictions on protests and called for the withdrawal of the SIR exercise. Referring to the reported denotification of Jantar Mantar as a protest site, he argued that public opposition to SIR was emerging across the country. He questioned whether authorities intended to restrict spaces for dissent throughout India.

Prabhakar demanded the restoration of eligible voters' names on electoral rolls and called for changes to the process of appointing Election Commissioners. He proposed that the selection committee comprise the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Justice of India.

Kiran Vissa of NAPM alleged that police restrictions prevented organisers from extending the human chain across the entire Tank Bund. He also accused the Election Commission of acting in favour of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Vissa criticised the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners Act, 2023, arguing that changes to the appointment process had reduced the role of independent oversight. The legislation provides for a selection committee comprising the Prime Minister, a Union Cabinet minister nominated by the Prime Minister, and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, or the leader of the largest opposition party where applicable.

The coalition's key demands include withdrawing the current SIR exercise, restarting the process in accordance with the 2002 manual, securing the resignation of CEC Gyanesh Kumar and repealing the 2023 legislation governing Election Commissioners.

Earlier, Prabhakar appealed to citizens to assemble near the Makhdoom Mohiuddin statue at Tank Bund. In a video message shared on X, he urged people who question authority and express dissent to participate in the protest.

Over 70 Trapped, ₹35 Lakh Lost

Police Crack Down On Jubilee Hills Pub Dating Scams And Violations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

City police have intensified surveillance on pubs in Jubilee Hills amid allegations of dating app traps, exorbitant billing, underage drinking, violations of closing hours and late-night disturbances. Over 70 pub-goers have reportedly fallen into dating app honey traps and lost over ₹35 lakh in five months.

"Since January this year we have received more than 70 complaints, 33 from the city and the rest from the other commissionerates from men and pub-goers against women who they met dating apps who ran up huge bills and vanished," a senior police officer said on Saturday.

Special teams, comprising cybercrime and She Teams personnel, were investigating the complaints, he said. "We have received several complaints regarding exorbitant billing and the serving of alcohol to minors at some pubs. Action will be taken against pub managements found violating the rules," the officer said.

A pub-goer Shekar said he was made to pay ₹28,000 at a restaurant where he took a woman he had met on a dating app.

He later lodged a complaint with the police. The complaints were being examined to establish the circumstances of each incident and determine whether individuals, pub managements or other parties were involved in any unlawful activities, a cybercrime police personnel said. The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) and Hyderabad cybercrime police were investigating complaints of alleged fraud involving dating apps and pub meetings.

"The individuals involved will be identified. Our teams are gathering evidence to establish whether incidents involved deliberate deception, unlawful demands for payment or other offences," a cyber crime police officer said. He said police were giving special priority on dating app honey traps. Police would also focus on some of pubs for violations on operating hours, underage drinking, noise pollution and public nuisance, he said. More than 33 pubs operate in Jubilee Hills, an area where residents have raised concerns over late-night disturbances, loud music and altercations spilling onto public roads.Pubs must close by midnight from Sunday to Thursday and by 1 am on Fridays and Saturdays, according to the police statement. Officials have warned that disturbances affecting residents will not be tolerated. "I urge the public to report such problems through Dial 112. We have instructed our staff to respond.

Tangled, Unused Cables Continue To Endanger Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Despite TGSPDCL reducing the annual rental for laying Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) on electricity poles from ₹600 to ₹100 per pole with May this year, loosely hanging and abandoned telecom cables continue to pose a safety risk across Hyderabad. Residents say the wires often hang at the entrances of homes and shops, obstruct footpaths and create fear of electrocution, particularly during rain.

The issue gained urgency after five people were killed last year at Ramanthapur when a dangling cable reportedly came into contact with a live power line during a religious procession. The Telangana High Court has also ordered removal of unauthorised cables from electricity poles, noting that such cables had caused multiple fatalities in the State. Yellareddyguda resident and school principal A.S. Madhavi said cables hang so low outside their schools that she avoids allowing school children to play near the gate and compound wall premises. "During rains, the wires swing close to the entrance. We fear they may snap or touch a live line," she said. The abandoned cables left by earlier internet operators have accumulated near my establishment.

"Customers hesitate to stand near the pole. The wires also make it difficult to carry out repairs," Kavitha of Krishnanagar in Srinagar Colony. Similar complaints were reported from Ameerpet, where low-hanging wires risk people movement, particularly two-wheeler riders.

Stepwells Offer Partial Relief To Water Crisis

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

With Telangana bracing for a prolonged drinking water crisis, conservationists want Hyderabad's historic step wells revived to supplement local water supplies. More than 150 step wells have been documented within the Outer Ring Road limits, but their contribution to groundwater recharge and the city's water needs remained uncertain. Hyderabad's core urban region received 457 mm of rainfall against the normal 619 mm until September 30, 2026, a deficit of 26 per cent. Groundwater levels in September were 6.85 metres deeper than a year earlier, with the average depth at 11.58 metres below ground level, according to groundwater department data.

Akarmaa Foundation, which mapped more than 150 step wells, estimates that around 90 per cent were dilapidated. Its co-founders, Arunima Shankar and Kaushik Kumar, are working with HYDRAA to document and protect the step wells. "Depending on their size, Hyderabad's step wells can hold between 25 lakh and one crore litres. Around 90 per cent of the structures we have documented are in a dilapidated condition. They need to be protected and restored not just as heritage monuments, but as part of the city's water infrastructure," an Akarmaa representative told.

The foundation has projected that restoring the step wells could address 50 per cent of Hyderabad's water crisis. The claim has not been established through scientific measurements of water storage or groundwater recharge. "Hathibaoli, for instance, has an estimated retention capacity of nearly 1.5 crore litres. Community reports also suggest that groundwater levels have risen near some revived step wells. But we need systematic monitoring of water levels, catchment areas and recharge to establish their actual contribution to water security," the representative said.

The groundwater department cautioned that storing water in a step well did not necessarily mean groundwater was being replenished.

"Step wells were essentially open wells built to provide water for domestic purposes, including drinking. Their primary purpose was not groundwater recharge," said K. Venkateshwara Rao, joint director of the department.



The government is planning to establish a Common Facility Centre (CFC) in Gachibowli to help artisans improve their designs, develop better products and access wider markets.

Provide welfare benefits to Home Guards: CPI(M) to Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Communist Party of India (Marxist) state secretary John Wesley has written to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy seeking resolution of issues related to the welfare of retired and deceased Home Guards.

Wesley alleged that Home Guards who have served the state for more than 30 to 40 years are not getting any Provident Funds, Employee's State Insurance or retirement benefits. This has put nearly 10,000 families in severe financial distress, he said.

He said that while government employees retire at the age of 61 and Anganwadi workers at 65, it was not right to remove Home Guards from duty at 60.

He said that those who retired in the past should be appointed as watchmen/security guards and wardens in government hospitals, government schools, market yards and hostels.

He said that Home Guards who do not have any service benefits should be given retirement benefits ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on the same lines as Anganwadis.He said that Home Guards have been donating one day's salary from their pockets and providing up to Rs 3 lakh to the families of deceased or retired workers, which is causing severe losses to hundreds of families.

Cultural Events to Boost Puducherry Tourism: CM Rangasamy

HYDERABAD
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Waheed uddin



Puducherry Chief Minister N. Rangasamy has emphasised the importance of cultural events in promoting local traditions and strengthening the tourism sector.

Speaking at the unveiling of the official logo of Pondy Melange 2027, Rangasamy said cultural programmes and entertainment events would attract visitors from across India and abroad. He noted that Puducherry was gaining popularity as a tourist destination and that a series of events planned at different locations would further increase tourist footfall.

The Chief Minister assured the organisers of the government's full support in making Pondy Melange 2027 a grand success. He said the initiative aimed to position Puducherry as a prominent international tourism destination by showcasing its cultural heritage and vibrant traditions.

During the ceremony, Puducherry Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Malladi Krishna Rao released a special promotional video highlighting the vision and upcoming events of Pondy Melange 2027.

The launch event also featured various cultural performances, adding colour and vibrancy to the occasion and celebrating Puducherry's artistic and cultural diversity.

Rowdy sheeter with over 35 criminal cases held in Hyderabad

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Police arrested a 36-year-old rowdy sheeter in Hyderabad wanted in 35 criminal cases. He had been evading arrest for a long time.

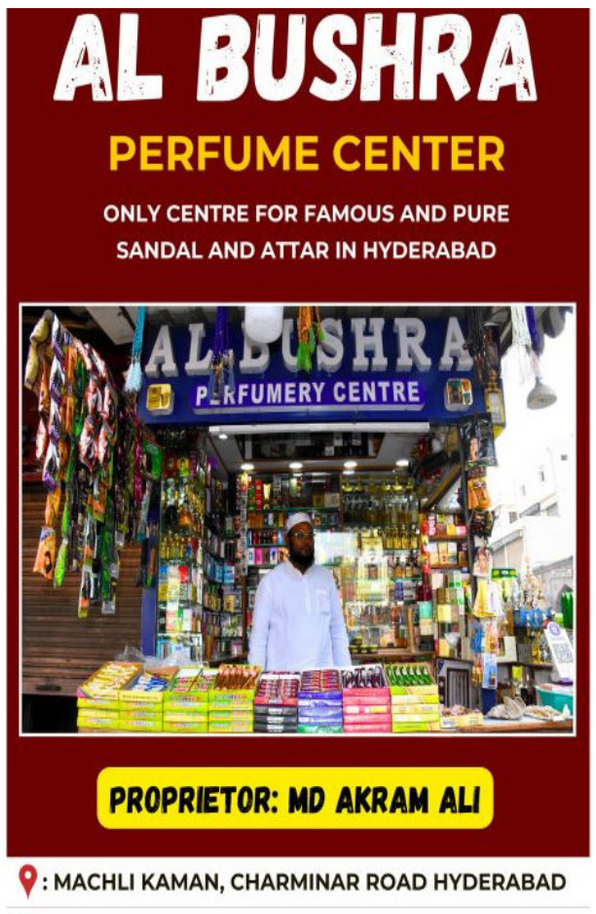
Abed Bin Khaleed alias Abed alias Lalla has multiple cases registered against him across police stations under the Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda commissionerates.

A knife and an unregistered motorcycle were seized from him.

According to police, Khaleed, a school dropout, began his criminal journey in 2005, mainly due to bad company. Three years later, with over 35 criminal cases against him, including the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS), Arms Act and the Preventive Detention (PD) Act, the Mangalghat Police opened a rowdy sheet.

Currently, the rowdy sheet was maintained at the Meerpet Police Station due to frequent address changes.

He was produced before the court and sent to judicial remand.



HYDRAA to expand Krishna Kanth Park lake into 12-acre water body

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Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Commissioner A V Ranganath on Saturday, October 24, inaugurated the expansion work for the lake within Krishna Kanth Park in the Jubilee Hills constituency.

The Commissioner initiated the development project after performing special prayers. Previously, a 27-acre lake existed at this site. However, over time, the area was developed into the current-day park, with the lake being reduced to merely three acres.

As a result, areas such as Krishnanagar, Yousufguda, and the Maitrivanam vicinity in Ameerpet get flooded whenever there is 5 cm of rainfall.

Expanding the lake would help with flood control. To that end, measures have been taken to relocate the trees on the site. The Tree Protection Committee has approved their transplant near Sunnam Cheruvu—a site being developed by HYDRAA. These operations are set to commence immediately.

HYDRAA is also going to increase the depth of the lake to better contain the incoming floodwater. They will also develop the outlets to ensure that excess water can drain out once the pond reaches capacity.There will be an embankment and a pathway around the lake.

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