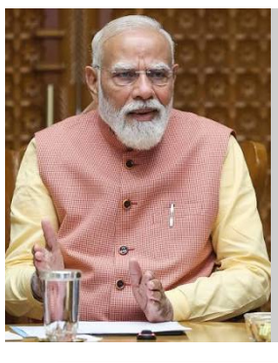
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Row Over Tree Felling for 3,000-MW Project

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The proposed hydropower project at Karjat in Maharashtra's Raigad district is mired in controversy, with concerns being raised over the 'rampant' felling of hundreds of trees and environmental damage.
Opposition leaders, including Aaditya Thackeray of the Shiv Sena (UBT), have criticised the tree-felling clearance, alleging that rich forest cover is being sacrificed to favour a Gujarat-based company despite concerns over local displacement and wildlife.
However, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has defended the project, saying it complies with environmental conditions and is necessary to meet Ma-

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Wars Waged on Economies: Modi

Guard banking from cyber criminals: PM Modi

BHUBANESWA
Wakeup telangana



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) new Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute at Info Valley-II in Jatni, Khordha district, describing the facility as an important addition to India's digital infrastructure.
"Today, Bhubaneswar is giving a new institution to the new India. The inauguration of RBI's Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute here is an important occasion," Mr Modi said, congratulating everyone associated with the project.
Emphasising the Centre's development approach, the Prime Minister said the government had adopted a model of "propeople, proactive good governance", with a focus on balanced development and creating opportunities in villages and smaller towns. The PM further said, "Nowadays, wars are not fought only with weapons. If you want to weaken a country, this can also be done by attacking its economy. And when India is becoming economically strong, we also need to protect our banking system from cyber thieves and cyber terrorists."
Built on 18.55 acres at an estimated cost of Rs 169 crore, the facility is the RBI's second data centre after the one in Navi Mumbai. It is designed to strengthen the security and resilience of India's critical financial infrastructure, including payment systems such as Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT). Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the rapid expansion of digital payments in the country, saying the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) now processes more than 2,400 crore transactions a month, or nearly 80 crore transactions a day.
Describing data centres as the "vault of the digital age," Ms Sitharaman said the new campus would enhance India's domestic capacity to support critical payment infrastructure. She said the Cybersecurity Training Institute, which has a dedicated research wing, would develop specialised expertise in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence (AI) and data centre technologies. The data centre will support the secure storage and management of information associated with digital financial transactions and strengthen the continuity of banking services in the event of cyberattacks, technical failures or other disruptions.

India to Host BRICS Parliamentary Forum From Monday

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Parliament will host the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum from Monday under the theme 'Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development', with Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to meet leaders of visiting delegations. Ahead of the two-day forum, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Sunday held talks with a Russian parliamentary delegation led by State Duma chairman Vyacheslav Volodin, focusing on bilateral cooperation, counter-terrorism and reforms of global institutions.
According to the Lok Sabha Secretariat, both sides emphasised stronger coordination at international forums and collective efforts to combat terrorism. Birla thanked Russia for its consistent support for India's fight against terrorism and its bid for permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council.

Kharge Calls Anti-SIR Stir 'Second Freedom Struggle', Seeks Ballot Polls

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Terming the protests against the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls a "second war of independence", Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday demanded an immediate halt to the exercise, restoration of ballot paper voting and annulment of all Assembly elections held over the past two years. Addressing a gathering in Patna to mark the 139th birth anniversary of Bihar's first chief minister, Shrikrishna Singh, popularly known as Sri Babu, Kharge alleged that the BJP had manipulated electoral rolls and deleted the names of Opposition supporters to influence election results.
He questioned the Election Commission's impartiality and called upon people to take to the streets to protect their voting rights and the Constitution. "Governments stolen through 'vote chori' in West Bengal, Haryana, Bihar and Maharashtra must be removed," he said. Kharge demanded that all future elections be conducted using ballot papers to ensure transparency and restore public confidence in the electoral process. "Democracy must be protected, and every vote must count," he said. Targeting the RSS and BJP, the Congress president alleged that their ideology was deepening social divisions in the country. "As long as RSS ideology is not eliminated, there will be no peace in the country," he claimed.
Kharge also criticised JD(U) president Nitish Kumar for aligning with the BJP despite his earlier association with socialist leaders Ram Manohar Lohia and Jayaprakash Narayan.
He said the shift represented a departure from the socialist ideals Kumar had once espoused. The Congress president also condemned caste-based discrimination and practices such as 'shuddhikaran' (purification), saying Dalits must have the right to enter and worship at every temple without discrimination. "Our fight is not against religion; it is against discrimination in the name of religion.

Chandrachud Was Too Deferential to Govt on Appointments: Kaul

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul has criticised former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud for being "too deferential to the government" in judicial appointments, alleging that he considered seeking the Centre's approval for a candidate even before the Supreme Court Collegium had completed its deliberations. In his forthcoming memoir, Without Fear or Favour, Justice Kaul recounts a Collegium meeting to fill six Supreme Court vacancies, saying five names had been agreed upon in advance when Justice Chandrachud proposed a sixth candidate at the last minute.
"The Chief Justice drew me aside into a separate room and wondered aloud whether he should telephone out to check the government's view," Justice Kaul wrote. He said he opposed the move, drawing a distinction between consultation with the executive and seeking its approval before the Collegium had formally considered a candidate.
Speaking to senior journalist Karan Thapar for The Wire, Justice Kaul said he had informed Justice Chandrachud that the sixth name was unacceptable to him and would not secure the support of other Collegium

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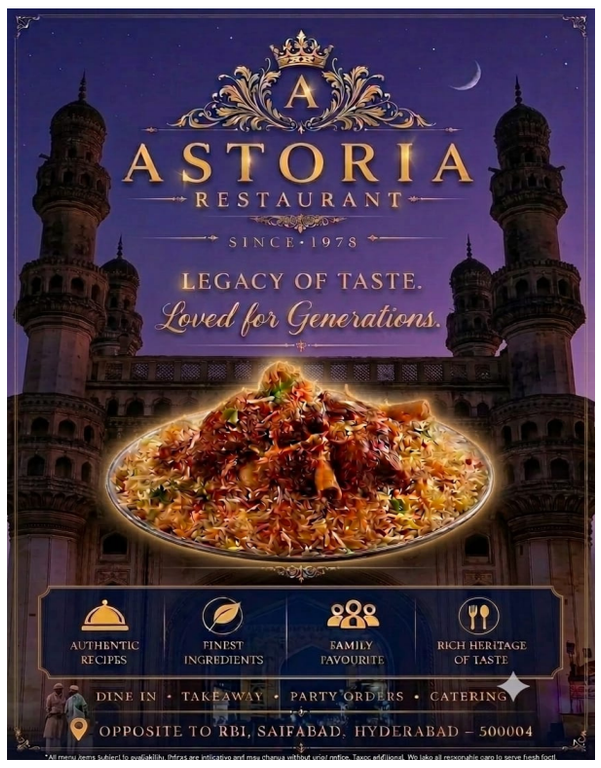
Kharge's 'Modi Ka Baap' Jibe Sparks Row, Shah Hits Back

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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's "Modi ka baap bhi jayega" remark at a public meeting in Patna on Sunday triggered a political uproar, with Union home minister Amit Shah accusing him of crossing all limits of political decorum.
The controversy took a turn when the audience member who prompted the remark claimed his words had been misunderstood. The incident occurred during an event marking the 139th birth anniversary of Bihar's first chief minister, Shrikrishna Singh.
While Kharge was warning that those responsible for alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls would be sent to jail, a man in the audience shouted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would not go anywhere. Kharge shot back, "Modi ka baap bhi jayega" (Even Modi's father will have to go).



The man, identified as Santosh Kumar, was subsequently roughed up by Congress supporters and forced out of the venue. Speaking to reporters later, Kumar claimed that his remarks had been misunderstood. He said he had actually meant that Modi would not go unless there was a rebellion, but only part of his statement had been heard. Reacting sharply, Shah accused the Congress president of insulting the Prime Minister's late father and disregarding political decorum. In a post on X, Shah said the Congress had repeatedly targeted Modi and his family, including his mother, and mocked his humble background.
He alleged that the party was increasingly resorting to personal attacks under Rahul Gandhi's leadership. Bihar BJP president Sanjay Saraogi described Kharge's remarks as unfortunate and alleged that they reflected the Congress' frustration. He said political differences did not justify personal attacks and urged leaders to maintain dignity in public discourse. Senior JD(U) leader Rajeev Ranjan also condemned the remarks and asked the Congress to introspect over its electoral setbacks in Bihar.



DK Shivakumar Warns of Action if Kannadigas Sidelined For IT Jobs

BENGALURU
Wakeup telangana

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Sunday warned private companies of action if they were found deliberately denying employment opportunities to Kannadigas, following complaints of discrimination in recruitment by Bengaluru's IT firms. In a post on X, Shivakumar said the government had taken the complaints seriously and would not allow the rights, dignity and employment opportunities of Kannadigas to be compromised.
"It is disheartening to hear complaints that Kannadigas are being denied job opportunities in Bengaluru's IT companies. The government has taken seriously the issue of native Kannada speakers being sidelined," he said. "In Karnataka, the Kannadiga is sovereign. The government will not allow the rights, dignity, and opportunities of Kannadigas to be disregarded for any reason," the Chief Minister asserted.

Terrorism As Statecraft Unacceptable: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

External affairs minister S. Jaishankar on Sunday said terrorism could never be justified as an instrument of statecraft and called for stronger international cooperation to combat the menace. He also urged the United Nations to demonstrate leadership in addressing global crises rather than remain a spectator, while making a renewed pitch for multilateral reforms.
Speaking at an event marking the 75th anniversary of Chinmaya Mission, Jaishankar



said terrorism remained a major threat to global peace because some countries continued to place political calculations above their professed commitment to fighting it.
"Terrorism is another deadly threat to peace. Its usage as an instrument of statecraft is simply unacceptable," he said. Without naming any country, the minister said the threat persisted because not all states demonstrated genuine zero tolerance towards terrorism. He called for greater international resolve to counter terrorism in all its forms. Referring to the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia, Jaishankar said wars anywhere threatened peace everywhere, affecting societies and economies far removed from the fighting.
He reiterated India's position that dialogue and diplomacy offered the only viable solutions to conflicts. The minister said the principles of collective action and cooperation were enshrined in the United Nations Charter more than eight decades ago. However, he said the world body must recognise its shortcomings and limitations and work towards institutional reforms. "The case for reformed multilateralism gets stronger by the day. Large parts of the world cannot be left out from decision-making," he said. Jaishankar stressed that the UN must play a more active role in confronting global challenges.

Revanth To Meet Maha CM On Oct 26 Over Tummidihatti Project

CM Revanth Reddy will meet his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis on Monday to resolve clearance issues over the proposed Tummidihatti barrage.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to meet with his his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai on Monday to discuss the contentious issue of height of the Tummidihatti barrage, lynchpin of the Pranahitha-Chevella project which the Congress government has decided to revive following the alleged failure of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS). Revanth Reddy along with irrigation minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy and officials concerned left for Mumbai on Sunday evening to take part in Monday's meeting.
Though there was an agreement between the two states during the BRS regime to peg the barrage height at 148 metres, Revanth Reddy revived state's previous request for the project height at 152 metres to facilitate drawal of 80 tmc ft of Godavari waters. The barrage at this height is needed to divert the water to the Sundilla barrage through gravity and from there to the Sripada Yellampalli reservoir using the existing pump house.
Besides, Telangana can draw more water from the barrage and the benefits include irrigating 5.34 lakh acres, mostly in the erstwhile Adilabad district region, and drastic cut in water pumping cost, a primary feature in the energy-intensive KLIS.
The Congress government decided to revive the project, comprising a 6.517-km-long barrage across the Pranahita where the Wainganga and Wardha



rivers meet at Tummidihatti in Asifabad district.
At a barrage height of 148 metres, the required water cannot be channeled into Sundilla by gravity. Revanth Reddy will urge the Maharashtra government to agree for 152 meters. The state has also been holding discussions with the Union jal shakti ministry and the Maharashtra government over the past few months. During the tenure of late Chief Minister Dr Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy in undivided Andhra Pradesh, the Tummidihatti project was envisioned as the foundational starting point of the ambitious Pranahita-Chevella lift irrigation scheme. It was originally proposed with a height of 152 metres.
Launched in 2008–2009 under Dr Reddy's Jalayagnam water management programme, the project's goal was to harness gravity and lift mechanisms to divert around 160 tmc ft from the Pranahita river system. The Pranahita-Chevella scheme aimed to irrigate over 16 lakh acres of land across several drought-prone regions of Telangana. The project faced heavy pushback from the Maharashtra government regarding the 152-metre height due to concerns over land submergence in their border villages. The subsequent BRS government shifted the main project focus downstream to Medigadda, creating the restructured KLIS and lowered the proposed Tummidihatti barrage design height to 148 metres in 2016. Before the BRS government heavily modified the Pranahita-Chevella scheme into the KLIs, the government had spent `11,000 crore on infrastructure, a massive portion of which went into canal excavation and structural works. Field surveys confirmed that out of the planned network, a 71-kilometre stretch of canal downstream was largely executed. Within this section, 45 kilometres were completely dug, while the remaining sections were partially completed. Additionally, two major aqueducts along this path reached roughly 70 per cent completion.

Police Martyrs Remembered Through Cycle-Bike Rally In Nizamabad



NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Nizamabad police organised a cycle and bike rally on Sunday as part of Police Martyrs' Commemoration Week, paying tribute to personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The rally was flagged off at Phulong Crossroads by additional DCP (administration) N. Shubham Prakash, on the directions of police commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya. The participants passed through Pragathi Hospital, LIC Crossroads, Court Crossroads and NTR Crossroads before reaching the police headquarters.
Addressing the participants, Shubham Prakash recalled the sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives while tackling extremism, communal forces and other internal security challenges.
He said their contributions to crime prevention, drug control and women's safety had helped protect society. He paid tribute to martyrs from the Nizamabad commissionerate who lost their lives while serving the public and urged citizens to help maintain law and order by promptly informing the police about suspicious activities and incidents.
He also said the police department stood united as one family and called upon personnel to serve the nation and uphold justice without fear or favour.
Police inspectors, reserve inspectors, sub-inspectors, armed reserve and special party personnel, students and others participated in the rally.

Water Crisis Forces Basara RGUKT to Extend Holidays, Shift to Online Classes

Amid growing concerns over water and electricity shortages in the wake of the El Niño phenomenon, universities across Telangana are exploring alternative measures to ensure uninterrupted academic activities and conserve essential resources. Basara's Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) has extended the Dasara holidays due to a severe water shortage and announced that online classes will begin on October 26.<
RGUKT Basara accommodates approximately 9,000 students and 1,000 staff members, requiring nearly 20 lakh litres of water every day. However, only around half of the required daily supply from the Godavari River is reaching the university's 27-acre reservoir. Water availability from borewells has also declined, adding to the crisis.In response, university authorities have extended the Dasara holidays and released an academic schedule announcing online classes from October 26. The university aims to complete the syllabus by November 17.According to the schedule, first- and second-year Pre-University Course (PUC) students must report to campus on November 10, while engineering students from the first to fourth years are required to report on November 18.Objective examinations for PUC and engineering students are scheduled for November 19–21.Engineering first- and second-year students will have practical examinations from November 23–28, followed by theory examinations from November 29 to December 6.

Korea Culture Day Draws Hyderabad Crowds

Korea Culture Day 2026 drew hundreds to Hyderabad for K-pop, Taekwondo, traditional Korean performances and cultural exchanges with Telangana.

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Seoul met Hyderabad in a colourful celebration of music, dance and cultural traditions as hundreds of youngsters and Korean culture enthusiasts thronged Shilpakala Vedika for Korea Culture Day 2026 on Sunday. The venue witnessed an overwhelming turnout, with crowds filling the open space and steps to catch a glimpse of the performances. Many visitors raised their mobile phones to capture the celebrations, while energetic Taekwondo demonstrations and traditional drum performances kept the audience enthralled.
The K-Harmony Festa, organised under the theme One Light, Two Cities, brought together Korean traditions and Telangana's cultural heritage, offering visitors a chance to experience Korean music, fashion and customs. The main attraction was NTX, a South Korean K-pop boy group as part of Korea Culture Day 2026. The event also featured the Taekwondo demonstration team, along with Korean traditional music, classical and crossover performances, and Telangana's Perini dance and Dappulu performances. NTX is an eight-member group that debuted in 2021.
For many youngsters, their fascination with Korea began with K-dramas and K-pop. Madhu, a professional dancer, said Korean dance forms and fashion attracted him to the culture. "I am fond of K-dramas and K-pop, particularly their dance forms and style. That is how my interest in Korean culture began," he said. Anupama, another visitor, said watching K-dramas initially began as a pastime but gradually became her favourite entertainment. "I like how many Korean dramas portray women as strong characters and show that education is not the only aspect of life. The chemistry between characters is also appealing," she said. She added that she had picked up basic Korean expressions, including greetings and words of affection.
Deepthi, a visitor, said she experienced the traditional Korean attire, Hanbok, for the first time after previously seeing it in Korean television series. Another visitor, Kavya, said such festivals helped people understand cultures beyond what they watched on screen. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said Korea's global cultural influence demonstrated how a nation's strength extended beyond economic and military power. He stressed that cultural exchanges could strengthen people-to-people relationships and open opportunities for cooperation in technology, education, tourism and investment.

Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Meets Andole Leaders; Constituency Development Remains in Focus

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Telangana Minister for Medical and Health, Family Welfare and Science & Technology *C. Damodar Rajanarsimha* met with representatives and local leaders from the Andole constituency during an interaction that reflected the continuing engagement between the Minister and constituency-level representatives.
The meeting brought together local leaders, who were seen with the Minister during the interaction.



The gathering provided an opportunity for representatives to meet the Minister and maintain coordination on matters concerning the constituency.
The interaction follows the recent Alai-Balai celebrations held in Andole on the occasion of Vijayadashami. The programme, organised under the Minister's leadership at Tardhanpalli in Choutakur Mandal, brought together party leaders, workers and public representatives to celebrate Telangana's cultural traditions and promote unity and social harmony.
During the Alai-Balai programme, the Minister also presented a PowerPoint overview of development initiatives in the constituency, citing works valued at more than ₹3,000 crore. These included roads, healthcare facilities, educational infrastructure, school improvements, hostel facilities and connectivity projects.

Cattle Theft Reported in Bachepally Village; Social Worker Appeals for Public Support

HYDERABAD
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A cattle theft incident involving cows belonging to Sathya Narayana, a resident of Bachepally village, who is identified as Guru Swamy, has come to attention through social media.
Gopal, a social worker and local leader, has appealed to the public through social media platforms to help trace the missing cattle and share any information that could lead to their recovery.
In his appeal, Gopal urged



villagers, farmers and social media users to circulate the information widely and remain alert.
He requested anyone who has seen the missing cows or has information about their whereabouts to come forward and assist the owner.
The contact number 94406 05605, mentioned in the circulated social media post, has been shared for information regarding the missing cattle.
The appeal highlights the difficulties cattle theft can cause to farmers and rural families who depend on livestock for their livelihood. Members of the public are requested to pass on credible information to the owner and local police.
Public Appeal: Anyone with relevant information is requested to contact the number provided in the original social media post or inform the local police.

AI-Based Monitoring System to Track MGNREGS Work Under New VB-G RAM G Scheme

The Union Government is introducing an AI-based monitoring system to track the implementation of employment guarantee works under the VB-G RAM G scheme, with a focus on improving transparency and accountability.According to reports, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that artificial intelligence (AI) and advanced monitoring technologies would be used to strengthen the monitoring of rural employment guarantee works.
The proposed system aims to track work progress, verify implementation on the ground and help ensure that funds allocated for rural employment are utilised effectively. The government is also seeking to prevent irregularities and improve the quality of work carried out under the scheme.The initiative is expected to strengthen monitoring mechanisms and help authorities identify delays and discrepancies in the implementation of employment-related projects.The use of AI-based monitoring could mark a significant step towards technology-driven governance in rural development. However, the effectiveness of the system will depend on transparent implementation, reliable field-level verification and timely resolution of workers' grievances.

Farmers Urged To Adopt Water-Efficient Crops

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) chairman and managing director Jitesh V. Patil on Sunday advised farmers to explore alternative crops and allied activities requiring less water, lower investment and reduced labour to improve incomes amid changing weather and agricultural conditions. Referring to weather variations and the possible impact of El Niño, Patil said farmers should adopt modern, water-efficient cultivation practices suited to local conditions. He suggested cultivation of leafy vegetables, drumstick, vegetables and flowers on plots of one or two guntas, or on one or two acres, instead of relying solely on water-intensive paddy.
The CMD also encouraged farmers to take up dairy farming, fisheries, sheep rearing and poultry as supplementary income sources. "Farmers can improve profitability by



making efficient use of water, investment and labour," he said, while assuring that TGSPDCL would continue to strengthen power supply services to the farm sector. Accompanied by director (Projects and IT) V. Shivaji, Patil conducted surprise inspections at Raykal, Vityala and Rameshwaram villages in Shadnagar division of Ranga Reddy district. He reviewed agricultural power supply arrangements, inspected distribution transformers and discussed measures to ensure reliable, quality electricity to farmers.
He examined reasons for recurring transformer failures and line problems, and directed officials to strengthen maintenance, identify faults early and take timely corrective action to minimise interruptions in agricultural supply. Patil also interacted with the R&D team of Kheyti on innovative farming practices for small landholdings, including crop diversification, reduced pesticide use and efficient water utilisation. At Vityala, he visited a dairy farm and enquired about cattle care, facilities and income generation.
Later, he met linemen and field staff, reviewed their challenges and instructed officials to resolve ground-level issues and improve the efficiency of the distribution network.
Shadnagar Rural DE Shyamsundar Reddy, AEs Satyanarayana, Shanmukh Reddy and Vinod, and other officials were present.

El Nino Meet On Oct 28 To Tackle Drought

The state government has convened an all-party meeting on Wednesday, October 28, to discuss the impact of El Nino, rainfall deficit and prevailing drought conditions in the state.
Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka will chair the meeting at the Secretariat.
The government has sought suggestions from political parties on measures to mitigate drought. Discussions will focus on drinking-water supply, conservation of water resources, power supply for irrigation, alternative crop planning and drought-prevention strategies.
Preliminary assessments
have identified 358 mandals as drought-affected, based on rainfall, crop coverage and other parameters. Of the state's 33 districts, 18 have recorded deficient rainfall, while groundwater conditions are reported to be critical in 324 mandals.

Congress wary of public mood, central funds ahead of pending local body elections

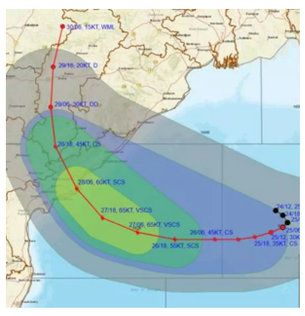
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The Congress government is facing a difficult decision over the long-pending elections to ZPTCs, MPTCs, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), and the Warangal and Khammam municipal corporations.
Elections to these bodies have been due for some time. The government is apprehensive about the possible impact of public discontent over the 22 A row, rising prices of essential commodities, unfulfilled electoral promises, water and power crises, and other pressing issues. However, further delays in holding the elections could put central funding at risk.
The 565 Mandal Parishads and 31 Zilla Parishads receive a combined annual allocation of nearly Rs. 300 crore under the 15th Finance Commission. The State government has failed to secure about Rs. 600 crore over the past two years as elections were not conducted before March 31. If the elections are delayed further, the State risks losing another Rs. 300 crore.
The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is scheduled to be completed by November 5, with the final electoral rolls expected to be published on November 9.
With elections to Gram Panchayats and municipalities already completed, polls to the Mandal and Zilla Parishads remain pending.
The State Election Commission (SEC) has directed officials to map voters ward-wise across Gram Panchayats using the latest electoral roll data provided by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on February 5, 2026.
The SEC has also instructed Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), District Panchayat Officers (DPOs) and Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs) to complete the mapping process on a war footing.
The five-year term of the GHMC council ended in February this year. The GHMC has since been divided into three corporations, including the Medchal Malkajgiri and Cyberabad municipal corporations. The terms of the Khammam and Warangal municipal corporations also ended this year.
The ruling Congress has already suffered a setback in the TGSRTC union elections. In the Singareni elections, the CPI-affiliated AITUC secured company-level representation, while the Congress-affiliated INTUC won six of the 11 individual divisions.
Meanwhile, the Left parties and Telangana Jana Samithi are keen to contest the upcoming MLC elections. These developments have added to the Congress leadership's concerns over the pending local body polls.
A senior leader from Gandhi Bhavan acknowledged these apprehensions and said the elections could be held in December. Further delays, the leader said, could have an even greater adverse impact on the party's prospects.
"As Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said that the El Nino impact would last for another 10 months, delaying elections further would not be wise," the leader added.

Cyclone Arnab Unlikely to Ease Telangana Water Crisis

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Cyclone Arnab, expected to cross the Andhra Pradesh coast on Wednesday, is unlikely to provide significant relief to Telangana's drinking water crisis, despite bringing rainfall after a prolonged dry spell.
India Meteorological Department (IMD) officials issued red alerts for Bhadradri-Kothagudem, Mahbubabad, Mulugu and Khammam districts, while orange alerts were announced for Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Warangal, Suryapet, Nalgonda and Nagarkurnool.
Wind speeds are expected to reach 50-60 kmph, with gusts touching 70 kmph.
Andhra Pradesh is likely to bear the brunt of the cyclone, while Telangana may experience heavy but temporary rainfall after landfall.
Yellow alerts were issued for Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Hanamkonda, Jangaon and Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri.
Hyderabad and other remaining areas were placed under a green alert, with light to moderate rainfall forecast.
The IMD also predicted moderate rainfall in parts of northern and eastern Telangana on Thursday as the system moves northward.
However, the rainfall is unlikely to replenish major reservoirs and river systems substantially in the coming days. Heavy rain over a short period can quickly flow into streams and drains instead of soaking into the ground and increasing long-term water availability.
Telangana's water security depends on rainfall across the Krishna and Godavari river basins, including catchment areas in Maharashtra and Karnataka.
Rainfall concentrated in eastern Telangana may raise local water levels without generating sufficient inflows into major reservoirs.
The cyclone could temporarily improve soil moisture, recharge smaller water bodies and offer relief to drought-affected areas. However, sustained recovery in drinking water supplies will depend on adequate rainfall across the wider river basins, particularly amid concerns over the deficient monsoon and the potential impact of El Niño.

Public and Farmers Urged to Stay Alert Over El Niño Effects: Parigi MLA TRR

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Parigi MLA and TPCC Training Committee Chairman (SIR) Dr. T. Rammohan Reddy has urged the public and farmers to remain alert regarding the possible effects of El Niño. He also alleged that opposition parties were spreading misinformation on the issue.
Dr. Rammohan Reddy stressed the importance of public awareness and preparedness in view of the possible weather-related challenges associated with El Niño. Farmers, in particular, should stay informed about weather developments and take appropriate precautions in their agricultural activities.
He also criticised the opposition, alleging that its campaign on the issue was misleading the public. He called for responsible communication and urged people not to rely on unverified information.
The MLA's remarks highlighted the importance of awareness among farming communities and the need to respond carefully to changing weather conditions.

BRS Leaders Asked to Intensify Graduate Voter Registration Drive

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Ali Masqati, BRS incharge for the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar Graduate MLC constituency, has called on party leaders to intensify the voter registration drive and ensure that all eligible graduates complete the fresh registration process before the November 6 deadline.
A broad-based meeting of BRS leaders from the Charminar Assembly constituency was held at Kotla Alija on Sunday in the presence of Ali Masqati and Puste Srikanth, BRS in-charge for the Hyderabad Parliamentary constituency.
Addressing the gathering, Ali Masqati instructed party leaders to identify eligible graduates across the constituency and encourage them to register their names afresh, including those who had registered previously. He stressed that graduates who obtained their degrees before 2023, along with postgraduates, should complete the registration process within the stipulated deadline.
Puste Srikanth urged party leaders to coordinate their efforts and work towards the victory of the BRS candidate in the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar Graduate MLC elections.
Several BRS leaders participated in the meeting, including Pendyala Lakshman Rao, Gopi, Syed Layeeq Zubair Al-Amoodi, Raveeshwar, Deepankar Pal and Tirupati Nagaraj. The leaders discussed the importance of reaching eligible graduates and completing voter registration before the deadline.

Alai Balai Promotes Unity and Self-Respect: BRS MLC Dr. Sarvan Kumar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



BRS MLC Dr. D. Sarvan Kumar called upon the Madiga community to strengthen unity, uphold self-respect and prioritise education for social progress while participating in the Alai Balai programme organised by the community in the Khairatabad constituency.
Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sarvan Kumar said Alai Balai symbolised affection, unity and brotherhood. He stressed the importance of standing together during difficult times and sharing one another's achievements.
"Alai Balai means affection, unity and brotherhood," he said, adding that mutual support and collective responsibility were essential for the community's development.
Recalling the history of the Madiga community, he said previous generations had overcome numerous hardships through courage, determination and continuous struggle without compromising their self-respect.
He urged the younger generation to draw inspiration from their ancestors and work towards a better future through education and social awareness.
"Education is our strength, unity is our weapon, and self-respect is our identity," Dr. Sarvan Kumar asserted, highlighting the importance of education in empowering the community and creating opportunities for future generations.
He also called for united and democratic efforts to secure the community's rights and ensure social justice, equal opportunities, access to quality education, employment and a dignified life for all.
The BRS MLC said community gatherings such as Alai Balai played an important role in strengthening social bonds, encouraging cooperation and spreading awareness. He urged members to overcome differences, work collectively and make social equality and community development their common objectives.
The programme witnessed the participation of Anjan, Naveen, Kumar and several other community members, who joined the gathering to promote unity, brotherhood and collective progress.

ASHA Worker Durgeshwari Receives Prestigious Devi Award 2026

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A. Durgeshwari, an ASHA worker at Isamia Bazaar Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC), has received the prestigious Devi Awards 2026 in recognition of her dedicated contributions to community healthcare and social service. She received the award from Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at a special event organised by The New Indian Express.
Durgeshwari has been serving the community for the past 14 years, focusing on maternal and child healthcare, immunisation programmes and ensuring access to free medicines for underprivileged families. Her commitment to improving public health and supporting vulnerable sections of society earned her this prestigious recognition.
The organisers appreciated her selfless service and dedication, describing her contribution as an inspiration to others working in community healthcare.
The event was attended by Y. Chawla, Editorial Director of The New Indian Express Group; Lakshmi Menon, CEO; T. Kalyan Chakravarthy, Telangana Resident Editor; and R. V. Karnan, IAS, GHMC Commissioner, among other dignitaries.
Several other women who have made notable contributions to society were also honoured on the occasion.
Officials Congratulate Durgeshwari
Hyderabad District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Putla Srinivas, Deputy DMHO Dr. Saibaba and Isamia Bazaar Medical Officer Dr. Ayesha Tasleem expressed happiness over Durgeshwari receiving the award. They appreciated her dedication to public service and expressed hope that her journey would inspire many others and bring her further recognition in the years ahead.

MLA Shri Ganesh sensitizes colony residents on Graduate MLC voter enrollment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Cantonment MLA Shri Ganesh garu met with the residents of Jaya Nagar, New City, Pawan Vihar, Akash Nagar, Vanitha, and Nutan colonies under Ward 1 and sensitized them on the voter enrollment for the Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy-Mahabubnagar Graduate MLC elections.On this occasion, he urged every eligible graduate to register as a Graduate MLC voter.
He called on everyone to be a part of the democratic process.Later, MLA Shri Ganesh garu inquired about various local issues brought to his attention by the colony residents. He assured that he would bring the issues faced by the people to the attention of the concerned authorities and work towards their resolution soon.

Sanjeev Calls for Protection of Constitution in Ambedkar's Vision

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



People's poet and singer Sanjeev called upon citizens to protect the Constitution of India and work towards realising Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision of an egalitarian society.
Speaking at a programme held at Bollaram Sadhana Mandir Square in Secunderabad Cantonment on Sunday, Sanjeev and others paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue. He urged everyone to read Ambedkar's book Annihilation of Caste and spread awareness about constitutional rights.
Sanjeev expressed concern over the alleged failure of ruling parties to implement constitutional principles. He stressed that safeguarding the Constitution was everyone's responsibility, particularly to protect the rights of weaker sections, women, workers and citizens.
He said Ambedkar's ideals should extend beyond constitutional provisions and reach every section of society.
Poet and singer Kapuka Rajanarsimha, former Nizam College professor Talari Prem Kumar, senior journalist A.S. Sriramulu, P. Shankar, Puli Sanjay, B.M. Prithviraj and several others participated in the programme.

El Niño Scarcity Fears: Telangana Universities Put Hostels On Water-Vigil

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Universities across Telangana have begun closely monitoring water supplies and advising hostel authorities to optimise consumption amid concerns over a possible shortage in the coming months due to the anticipated El Niño effect. Although campuses have reported no immediate disruption in water supply, officials and students said the situation would become clearer in the coming days.
At Osmania University, officials said available water resources were being carefully managed to meet campus requirements. University official Radha Krishna stated that chief wardens had been instructed to take necessary measures to optimise water consumption in anticipation of possible scarcity. He added that the university was following guidelines issued by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB).
Student Ranjith said there had been no water shortage in the university hostels so far. However, as the hostels were scheduled to reopen on Monday after the Dasara vacation, the actual situation would become clearer once students returned to campus.
At Satavahana University in Karimnagar, an official said the campus was receiving water through the Mission Bhagiratha scheme. The university would implement government instructions and take appropriate measures if the situation deteriorated, the official added.
Meanwhile, the University of Hyderabad has also reported normal water supply to its hostels. Student Maloth Karteek said there had been no interruptions and water was being supplied as usual.
He added that students would follow government directions on the judicious use of water amid concerns about possible shortages in the coming months.
In a related development, Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar, which operates the IIIT campus, has extended the Dasara holidays for students from PUC-I to E4, citing extraordinary circumstances and student welfare.
The university has scheduled online classes to begin on October 26. Pre-recorded lectures will be made available through Google Classroom, while doubt-clarification sessions will be conducted every Wednesday and Saturday.
According to the revised academic schedule, PUC-I and PUC-II students must report to campus on November 10, while E1 to E4 students are required to return on November 18. Revision classes for PUC students will run from November 10 to 18.

PM Modi attends grand 'Wings Over Ganges' aerial show by Air Force

VARANASI
Wakeup telangana



Varanasi witnessed the mega air show 'Wings Over Ganges' organised by the Indian Air Force (IAF) over the Ganga River here on Sunday to mark its 94th anniversary, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi among the audience at the Namo Ghat here. The spectacular aerial display saw various aircraft showcase their capabilities. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were also present at the event. The event gave spectators an opportunity to witness a wide variety of aircraft and aerial manoeuvres, showcasing the Indian Air Force's capabilities across different operational roles, from fighter operations and helicopter formations to transport and coordinated flying. The air show was organised to commemorate the 94th anniversary of the Indian Air Force, bringing together a range of aircraft for an aerial display highlighting the force's operational capabilities, precision flying and coordination. The event featured aircraft such as the Tejas, Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand, Su-30MKI and Rafale, along with several transport and other military aircraft. The second phase of the programme began with three Mi-17 V-5 helicopters carrying the national flag and the Indian Air Force flag in an 'Omkar' formation. The formation was led by Group Captain Anuj Gupta, marking the beginning of another series of aerial manoeuvres during the event. The air show also featured the 'Bhagirathi' diamond formation, comprising LCH and Apache helicopters, followed by the Tridev formation. The latter brought together the Indian Navy's Kamov 31 helicopter and Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark 3 helicopters from the Indian Air Force and the Indian Army, showcasing coordination among the three services. As part of the programme, flowers were showered from the sky, adding a ceremonial element to the display. This was followed by a performance by Rudra aircraft led by Wing Commander S. Bhargava, which carried out a spectacular flare display while soaring across the sky. The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) also performed a precision aerial display over the River Ganga, drawing attention with its coordinated manoeuvres and tight formations. The team operates nine red-and-white Hawk Mk 132 aircraft, which painted the skies with a series of signature formations and aerobatic routines during the performance. The aerial display further showcased the Indian Air Force's airlift and formation-flying capabilities, with aircraft including the Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system, MiG-29, P-8I, IL-78, Mirage-2000 and Su-30MKI participating in different formations. The formations were named Freelocean, Nataraj, Mahadev, and Vishwanath, adding to the significance of the display held in Varanasi. The 'Neelkanth' formation, featuring three Rafale aircraft flying in a 'V' formation, was led by Squadron Leader Kaustubh Nalawade. An indigenous Tejas fighter aircraft brought its aerial display over Varanasi to a close with a distinctive Spider-Man farewell, providing a memorable conclusion.

LS Birla, Russian Volodin Duma Speaker Volodin Discuss Parliamentary Cooperation

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



LS Speaker Om Birla met Russian State Duma Chairman Vyacheslav Volodin on Sunday and held discussions on expanding parliamentary cooperation through sustained institutional engagement between the two parliamentary chambers, regular exchanges of parliamentary delegations, and greater interaction among young and women parliamentarians. During the meeting, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen the India–Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. The meeting between the legislative presiding officers took place ahead of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum 2026. BJP MP Sambit Patra, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Sibi George, and other officials were present during the meeting. Sharing details about the meeting, Birla on X wrote, "Had a warm and fruitful meeting with H.E. Mr Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, ahead of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum 2026. The enduring bonds of friendship, mutual trust and understanding between India and Russia form the bedrock of our longstanding partnership. As our two nations mark 80 years of diplomatic relations, we reaffirmed our commitment to further deepening the India–Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership, rooted in mutual respect, trust and shared aspirations." During the meeting, the Lok Sabha Speaker spoke about India's initiatives to leverage technology, including Sansad Bhashini, to make parliamentary proceedings more accessible, inclusive and citizen-centric. He expressed confidence that stronger parliamentary engagement will impart fresh momentum to the partnership between India and Russia. "We discussed expanding parliamentary cooperation through sustained institutional engagement between Lok Sabha and the State Duma, regular exchanges of parliamentary delegations, and greater interaction among young and women parliamentarians. I also shared India's initiatives to leverage technology, including Sansad Bhashini, to make parliamentary proceedings more accessible, inclusive and citizen-centric," Birla posted on X. "We also exchanged views on strengthening cooperation among BRICS Parliaments, combating terrorism through concerted international efforts, and advancing reforms of the United Nations Security Council.

Jamia Protest Enters 14th Day, Students Stick to Key Demands

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The protest at Jamia Millia Islamia entered its 14th day on Sunday, as students continued the sit-in demonstration inside the campus, demanding the restoration of their union body. Security officials have been deployed outside the campus gate as a precaution. The protesting students are demanding the restoration of the Jamia Millia Islamia University Students' Union (JMIUSU), the revocation of the suspension of students, and action against those responsible for the alleged use of force during the protests. Speaking to IANS amidst the ongoing protests at Jamia Millia Islamia, student Anish Khan stressed that while the initial primary demand was the restoration of the students' union, the movement has since expanded to include three key demands. "The first is the restoration of the students' union. The second concerns the actions taken against protesting students on October 17... students were treated harshly, with many facing disciplinary measures such as suspensions, show-cause notices, and bans from entering the campus," he said. The third demand, he said, calls for action against those accused of "mistreating students during the protests". He also demanded the resignation of the university Proctor. Another student, Farhan Israel,, said, "The Jamia Millia Islamia students' union must be restored. Furthermore, the university Proctor and the chief security advisor should resign. Additionally, all disciplinary actions taken against the students must be revoked." Regarding the controversial slogans written on the walls, he said: "It has not yet been confirmed that any slogans were written. Even if they were, they must have been written by people from the RSS or ABVP. Such actions are being taken to divert attention from our issues. We will not back down until our demands are met. The university administration is attempting to forcibly end our protest, which is why they have deployed security forces." An argument broke out between the students and the security officials at the university's Gate No. 4 over entry restrictions. Students without hostel identification cards were denied entry, which led to a brief commotion at the gate. However, the situation was soon brought under control. Meanwhile, amid the protests, the university has decided to conduct classes for all courses online. The ongoing protest at Jamia Millia Islamia has highlighted the students' concerns over campus representation, disciplinary action and the handling of demonstrations by the university administration. The demand for the restoration of the students' union has remained central to the agitation, with protesters maintaining that an elected representative body would provide students with a formal platform to raise academic, administrative and welfare-related issues. The students have also called for dialogue with the university authorities to address their grievances and resolve the matter peacefully.

AI avatar of late Swami praises Modi for transforming India

Wakeup telangana

New Delhi: The internet is divided over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent interaction with an AI holographic avatar of Swami Chinmayanda Saraswati, who praised the PM for transforming education, strengthening the economy and realising his vision.The avatar went on to praise Modi, stating the Prime Minister is "realising my vision by restoring temples, transforming the education system, strengthening the economy, and confronting challenges" with "indomitable strength and courage." The avatar said he was "deeply proud of everything" that Modi has done for India. "The pillars (of Hindu religion) are standing tall again," it said, urging the PM to preach the message of the Bhagavad Gita to the youth.The PM had inaugurated the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan in New Delhi on Friday, October 23, when he interacted with the holographic avatar of Swami Chinmayananda, recalling his meeting with the spiritual leader in 1993."Hari Om, Narendra," the holographic Swami said. "Mujhe bohot khushi hui ki jis vyakti se maine 1993 mein mulakaat ki thi woh aaj Bharat ka mananiy pradhanmantri hai (I was very happy that the person I met back in 1993 is today the Honourable Prime Minister of India)."For a moment, felt I had gone back in time: PM

Indian Army Heads to Indonesia for Garuda Shakti Exercise

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The Indian Army contingent, comprising Special Forces personnel, departed on Sunday for Indonesia's Banyuwangi to participate in the 12th edition of 'Exercise Garuda Shakti'. The exercise will enhance interoperability between the armies of the two nations through the exchange of tactics, techniques, and procedures for special operations in jungle terrain under counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism scenarios, according to an Indian Army statement. In a post on X, the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information said: "The Indian Army contingent comprising of Special Forces personnel, departed for Banyuwangi, Indonesia, to participate in the 12th edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti. The bilateral exercise will enhance interoperability through the exchange of tactics, techniques and procedures for special operations in jungle terrain under counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism scenarios." Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Shaunak was on a goodwill visit to Jakarta from October 17-19, strengthening cooperation between India and Indonesia, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) stated. Its port call to Jakarta included productive professional interactions and mutual exchanges aimed at bolstering bilateral maritime cooperation and enhancing regional maritime security. "Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Shaunak undertook a goodwill visit to Jakarta, Indonesia, from 17–19 Oct 2026, reinforcing the strong maritime friendship between India and Indonesia. During the visit, Commanding Officer ICGS Shaunak called on the Ambassador of India to Indonesia and the Chief of Indonesia Coast Guard. The port call featured productive professional interactions and mutual exchanges aimed at bolstering bilateral maritime cooperation and enhancing regional maritime security," the ICG posted on X. The Commanding Officer of ICGS Shaunak and the Defence Attaché called on the Head of Bakamla and discussed augmenting bilateral Coast Guard cooperation, according to a statement released by the Indian

Uttarakhand SIR: BLA's 5,359 Form 7s cleared on 'plaint to ECI'

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Amid reports of bulk Form 7 applications being filed to seek the deletion of voters' names across states during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, an investigation in Uttarakhand has traced thousands of such objections to BJP workers, with most targeting Muslim voters.In the Kichha constituency of the Udham Singh Nagar district, 4,390 names that appeared in the draft electoral roll were missing from the final list released on October 3. Of these, around 670 voters had faced Form 7 objections in August, with 509 applications filed by Rajesh Tiwari, a BJP booth-level agent (BLA), according to Newslaundry.The report points out that most of the 6,884 Form 7 objections accepted in Kichha, 5,359, were from Tiwari, who is an aide of former legislator and BJP district cell coordinator of Udham Singh Nagar, Rajesh Shukla.Tiwari claimed that initially, the local electoral registration officer (ERO) refused to accept bulk Form 7 objections, citing the absence of any such provision in the Election Commission of India (ECI) rules. He said that he emailed his complaint [against the ERO] to the ECI. Within two days of sending the email, the ERO's office called and asked me to submit the objections," he said to Newslaundry, claiming that his bulk Form 7 objections were accepted following directions from the ECI.On his part, Kichha ERO Gaurav Pandey neither confirmed nor denied Tiwari's claims. He said, "Our SIR has been completed. We have heard the claims and objections, and that process is also over. Other than that, I cannot comment on this."

FROM FRONT PAGE

Chandrachud Was.....

"The Chief Justice drew me aside into a separate room and wondered aloud whether he should telephone out to check the government's view," Justice Kaul wrote. He said he opposed the move, drawing a distinction between consultation with the executive and seeking its approval before the Collegium had formally considered a candidate. Speaking to senior journalist Karan Thapar for The Wire, Justice Kaul said he had informed Justice Chandrachud that the sixth name was unacceptable to him and would not secure the support of other Collegium members.

He said Justice Chandrachud wanted him to support the proposal, but the other members also opposed the name. Justice Kaul expressed concern over what he described as the practice of discussing proposed judicial appointments with the government before formal Collegium meetings. He said the judiciary should have been firmer in dealing with the executive, particularly in matters concerning appointments.

Justice Kaul clarified that his criticism did not concern Justice Chandrachud's judicial abilities, acknowledging his intellectual depth, capacity and hard work. His reservations concerned the former CJI's administrative approach and interactions with the government. He said the practice of consulting the government before Collegium decisions could establish a precedent that subsequent Chief Justices, particularly those with shorter tenures, might find difficult to reverse.

Justice Kaul, who retired in December 2023, said these differences over dealing with the executive had strained his relationship with Justice Chandrachud. He also expressed reservations about the Supreme Court's decision to transfer a case concerning reconsideration of aspects of a Prevention of Money Laundering Act judgment from a bench headed by him to another bench.

Row Over Tree.....

However, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has defended the project, saying it complies with environmental conditions and is necessary to meet Maharashtra's soaring peak-hour power demand and facilitate the integration of renewable energy. The Saidongar-1 Pumped Storage Project, adjacent to the Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, is a proposed 3,000-MW hydroelectric power plant being developed by Gujarat-based Torrent Power Ltd. The project is expected to contribute to grid reliability and energy security in the state and other regions. It envisages an investment of Rs 13,505 crore.

However, local villagers, environmental activists and opposition parties have protested against the project, pointing to the felling of 32,490 trees across forest land. On October 10, the Forest Department issued orders for the clearance of thousands of trees across 370 hectares of land, which includes forest land. The hydropower project is being planned along the Pej river and involves the construction of two reservoirs.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray has raised strong objections to the indiscriminate felling of trees for the project. In a post on X, he wrote, "In Karjat taluka, the indiscriminate felling of thousands of trees for the hydroelectric project of Gujarat's 'Torrent Power' company is blatantly underway. Wiping out the rich natural bounty in the 'Saydongar' area and trampling the opposition of locals and environmentalists underfoot, under whose blessings is this slaughter proceeding?"

"Despite opposition from local residents, the Maharashtra government is sidelining the state's interests to benefit a company from Gujarat," he alleged. "Even as locals and the entire Maharashtra fiercely oppose this rampant tree-felling, under whose pressure exactly did the Forest Department grant permission for it? When will this agenda of ravaging Maharashtra's nature to fill the pockets of private companies come to a halt?" he said. "Why is Maharashtra's environment being sacrificed in the mad rush for the groundbreaking ceremony scheduled in November? While filling the pockets of their 'builder friends' and benefactors, does this regime not realise that Maharashtra is suffering a loss? On the one hand, 265 talukas are facing drought, yet the BJP regime has set out to turn Maharashtra into a desert by clearing its forests," he added.

CRIME

New Future City Police Commissioner conducts crime review meeting

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: Newly appointed Future City Police Commissioner Dr Tarun Joshi reviewed 108 criminal cases under his commissionerate on Saturday, October 24.Amongst these, 68 are non-grave and 40 are registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act.The meeting focused on strengthening investigations, addressing delays in pending cases, improving coordination among investigating officers and ensuring timely action in serious and sensitive cases.Joshi stressed effective investigation, proper evidence collection, regular monitoring of pending cases and speedy completion of investigations to ensure justice to victims.DCP Maheshwaram K Narayana Reddy, DCP Chevella Yogesh Gautam, DCP Shadnagar Ch Sirisha, Additional DCP Shaik Jhangir and ACP Special Branch M Hussaini Naidu, along with other ACPs, Inspectors and senior police officials, attended the meeting.The Commissioner also emphasised the importance of strengthening public confidence in the police department through transparent procedures, professional conduct and prompt responses to complaints. He stressed that investigating officers must ensure that every case is handled on its merits and that all relevant evidence is examined thoroughly before reaching conclusions. Senior officers were advised to maintain regular communication with their teams, review investigation reports and provide guidance wherever required to overcome procedural challenges. The focus, he said, should remain on improving the quality of investigations while ensuring accountability at every level.The review meeting also highlighted the need for better coordination among police stations and supervisory units to ensure the smooth exchange of information and effective monitoring of cases. Officers were encouraged to identify recurring issues affecting investigations and adopt appropriate measures to improve efficiency. Particular attention was emphasised for cases involving vulnerable sections of society, with officers expected to follow applicable legal procedures and ensure that complaints receive due attention. Through regular case reviews and close supervision, the commissionerate aims to improve investigation standards, reduce pendency and ensure that criminal cases progress in accordance with the law.Police officials also discussed the importance of maintaining accurate case records, preparing comprehensive investigation reports and ensuring that all necessary procedural requirements are completed within the stipulated timelines. The Commissioner stressed that investigating officers should regularly update senior officials on the status of pending cases and promptly report any obstacles affecting progress. Proper coordination between field-level personnel and supervisory officers, he noted, would help identify shortcomings at an early stage and facilitate timely corrective action. The emphasis was on ensuring that investigations remain thorough, transparent and consistent with established legal

Camera found in Hyderabad govt office women's washroom, one held

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A mobile phone camera was discovered in the women's washroom of the Power Grid Corporation of India office in Hyderabad's Kawadiguda. The office attendant has been arrested.The camera was discovered by a 35-year-old chief manager under the wash basin located on the sixth floor of the office on October 13. In her complaint to the Gandhinagar Police, she alleged that the phone was covered in a white paper with two holes and taped to the wall beneath the washbasin, directly opposite the commode.The complainant initially thought it was an air freshener, and later realised it was a mobile phone. When she questioned the attendant, he snatched the phone and tried to flee. The office staff and security apprehended him.The phone was password-protected. When asked to open the folder, the attendant threw the phone to the ground. Based on the complaint, the Gandhinagar police registered a case under

Father's last message to daughter before suicide

Wakeup telangana

Bye, Ammulu was 45-year-old Venkagouni Narasimhulu Goud's last message to his daughter before he hanged himself in a forest area near Ranga Reddy on Saturday, October 24.Goud worked for a private company in Hyderabad. He had informed his family that he was travelling to his native village of Timmapur in Medak. He also shared his location with his daughter and sent her the message, which concerned her gravely.She alerted other family members, who tried to contact him but received no response. They sub-

CID busts rice diversion racket, 14

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) has registered three criminal cases into alleged irregularities in the delivery of Sanna Rakam rice to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the Kharif 2025–26 season, with 14 rice millers arrested so far.According to the CID, the investigation followed a complaint lodged by the General Manager (Procurement) of the Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation on Saturday, October 24.
The alleged irregularities involve the diversion of Sanna Rakam paddy allotted to rice mills to the open market and its substitution with cheaper coarse rice, including rice allegedly sourced from outside Telangana.The State government procured 71.86 lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the Kharif season against a target of 59.60 lakh metric tonnes of rice for delivery to the FCI. Inspections by Enforcement and Task Force (ETF) teams, followed by laboratory analysis, reportedly found that samples supplied did not conform to the Sanna Rakam variety specified in the allotments.In Nizamabad, Karimnagar and Mulugu

Rumour during Hyderabad's Durga procession sparks tension

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: Tension prevailed in Hyderabad's Madannapet area after miscreants allegedly threw eggs on a passing Durga pooja procession on the night of Saturday, October 24.Senior police officers, including Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Kiran Khare, Additional DCP Majid, Saidabad Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Shyam Sunder, ACP Venkat Reddy and Madannapet Station House Officer (SHO) K Chandra Sekhar, rushed to the spot to assess the situation and address the concerns."At around 2 am, we received information that some people threw eggs on the procession while passing through Santosh Hotel. We have initiated an investigation and are reviewing CCTV footage. So far, two people have been taken into custody," police said. Police warn against spreading false information.After reaching the spot, police appealed to the public not to believe unverified reports or circulate information with-

Two killed in Kollur as trolley hits municipal worker

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

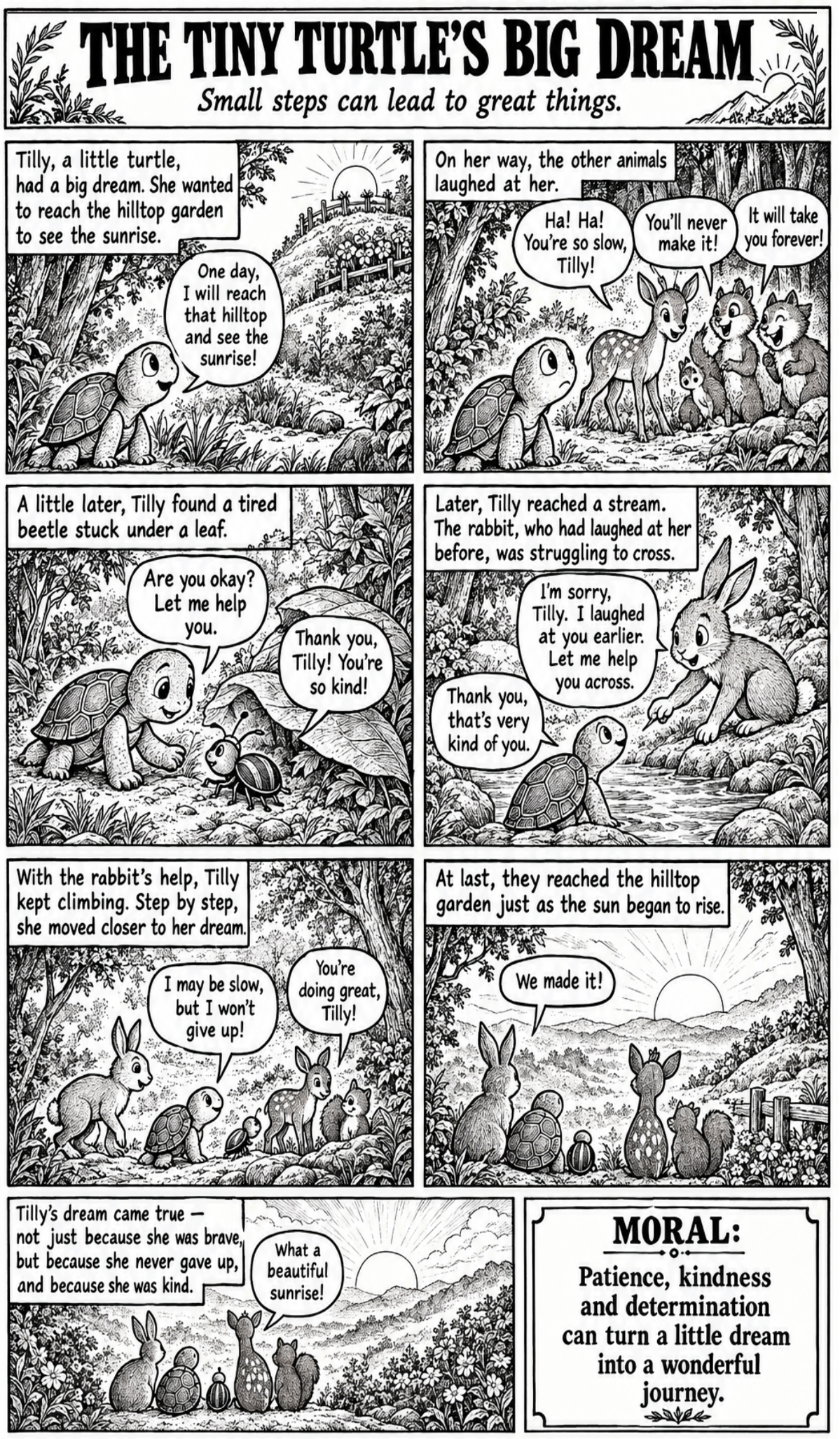
Two persons were killed when a trolley auto rammed into a municipal worker watering trees on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) near Exit 2 within the limits of Kollur police station on Sunday, October 25.The deceased were identified as Srinivas (30), a GHMC worker, and Srinath (28), the auto driver.According to preliminary information, Srinivas was watering trees on the ORR median using a water tanker when the trolley auto, travelling at high speed from Kokapet towards Patancheru, hit him. The impact proved fatal for both Srinivas and Srinath.Kollur police reached the spot, registered a case and launched an investigation. The bodies were shifted to the government hospital in Patancheru for post-mortem examination.Further details of the accident are awaited.Police are investigating the circumstances that led to the fatal collision and are gathering details to establish the sequence of events. Investigators are expected to examine the condition of the vehicle, the speed at which it was travelling and other factors that may have contributed to the accident. The exact cause of the collision will be determined after the completion of the investigation.The incident has once again drawn attention to the risks faced by municipal workers engaged in roadside maintenance, particularly while carrying out activities such as watering plants along busy highways. Workers performing duties on road medians and other traffic-exposed locations face potential dangers from fast-moving vehicles, especially on high-speed stretches such as the Outer Ring Road.The Kollur police are continuing their investigation, and further

EDITORIAL

JAISHANKAR SAYS USING TERRORISM AS STATECRAFT IS UNACCEPTABLE

NEW DELHI
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The usage of terrorism as an "instrument of statecraft" is simply unacceptable, and it can never be justified or rationalised, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday, October 25, and flagged that it continues because "not all states really display zero tolerance" to the menace.Despite history holding so many lessons on it, "some still allow political calculations to take precedence", he said in his address at an event here without naming any country.At an event held here to mark the 75th anniversary of Chinmaya Mission, he underlined the importance of peace, especially amid the ongoing conflicts in the world."Let us consider the indivisibility of peace. Now, war anywhere threatens peace everywhere," the Union minister said.He cited the conflicts in Ukraine and the West Asia region curently underway, and asserted that India expresses global sentiment when it says that dialogue and diplomacy is the only solution. Terrorism is another deadly threat to peace. Its usage as an instrument of statecraft is simply unacceptable. It can never be justified. It can never be rationalised. Yet, it continues because not all states really display zero tolerance. Despite history, holding so many lessons, some still allow political calculations to take precedence," Jaishankar said.The world must, therefore, develop sharper awareness about this common threat, and it must come together with stronger resolve and counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, he said.Jaishankar stressed that the international community must adopt a firm and consistent approach towards terrorism, irrespective of where it originates or who is responsible. He said that selective responses and political considerations could weaken collective efforts to tackle the threat, underlining the need for countries to work together to prevent terrorist activities and ensure that those responsible are held accountable. He also emphasised that peace and stability depend on mutual respect, international cooperation and adherence to established principles.Referring to the broader global situation, the External Affairs Minister said that conflicts in different parts of the world have far-reaching consequences, affecting economic stability, security and the lives of ordinary people. He reiterated that dialogue and diplomacy remain essential tools for resolving disputes and preventing further escalation. India, he said, has consistently advocated peaceful solutions to international conflicts while maintaining that terrorism cannot be accepted as a legitimate instrument of political or strategic objectives.The minister's remarks come amid continuing international concerns over armed conflicts, geopolitical tensions and the threat posed by terrorist organisations. He called for greater awareness of the interconnected nature of global security challenges and urged nations to strengthen cooperation in addressing common threats.
He maintained that lasting peace requires sustained diplomatic engagement, collective responsibility and an unequivocal rejection of terrorism in all its forms.Speaking at the event marking the 75th anniversary of Chinmaya Mission, Jaishankar also highlighted the importance of values, awareness and responsible leadership in addressing contemporary challenges. The event provided a platform to reflect on the relevance of peace, harmony and human values at a time when several regions are facing conflict and uncertainty. His address underscored the need for countries to place peace and security above narrow political considerations and work towards a more stable international environment.Jaishankar further said that addressing terrorism requires a coordinated international response and a clear recognition that the threat cannot be contained through isolated efforts. He



Elon Musk unveils X Money feature that could let users send $1 by long-pressing

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The proposed X Money feature could allow users to send $1 to content creators or other users by pressing and holding the Like button, according to an announcement by Elon Musk on Sunday. The feature aims to simplify tipping and enable users to financially support posts they appreciate without leaving the platform. Musk said the functionality would be integrated into X Money as part of his broader plan to transform X, formerly Twitter, into an all-in-one application combining social networking, messaging and financial services. Under the proposed mechanism, users would initiate a payment to a post's author by long-pressing the Like button, with transactions processed through X Money. However, the company has not announced a detailed rollout schedule or confirmed broader eligibility requirements for the feature. X Money has recently introduced services in the United States, including peer-to-peer money transfers and an X Visa debit card for physical and digital transactions. The card can also be linked to Apple Pay for contactless payments where supported. The platform has been working to expand its financial services as Musk seeks to integrate payments more closely with social interactions. Such features could create new opportunities for content creators to receive small contributions directly from their audiences, potentially offering an additional source of income for users who regularly publish engaging content. The proposed $1 tipping option could also make digital payments more convenient by allowing users to support creators through a familiar interaction rather than navigating a separate payment process. Nevertheless, questions remain about transaction fees, payment security, eligibility and the availability of the feature across different markets. X Money currently focuses on the US market, and the company has not announced when the service or the proposed Like-button payment feature will be introduced in India. Its expansion into India would place it in one of the world's largest digital payments markets, where platforms already compete to offer fast and convenient money transfers. The feature's eventual adoption will depend on its availability, applicable payment regulations and the terms established by the company. For now, the long-press payment option remains a proposed addition to X's evolving financial ecosystem.The proposed integration also reflects a broader shift in the social media industry towards combining content creation, audience engagement and digital payments.

Budget outlay hiked 10-fold to give big push to urban sector: Top official

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NITI Aayog member Rajiv Gauba said the budgetary allocation for the urban sector has increased tenfold since 2014, driven by major initiatives such as Smart Cities, AMRUT, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission and the Urban Livelihoods Mission. He said investments of around Rs 3.7 lakh crore had also been made in metro rail and bus transport systems to improve urban mobility and connectivity. Speaking at the valedictory session of the 2nd National Urban Conclave in Bhubaneswar on Sunday, Gauba highlighted the Centre's Urban Challenge Fund of Rs 1 lakh crore, announced in the 2025-26 Union Budget, to support cities as engines of economic growth. He also referred to the allocation of Rs 5,000 crore each for seven city economic regions over five years, aimed at strengthening urban infrastructure and boosting regional development. Gauba stressed that empowering municipal governments was essential for improving public services, strengthening accountability and ensuring greater citizen participation in urban governance. Referring to the report 'Moving Towards Effective City Governance', jointly prepared by NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, he advocated directly elected mayors with five-year terms, a Mayor-in-Council system and timely municipal elections. He urged states to transfer all 18 functions listed under the 74th Constitutional Amendment to urban local bodies, including master planning, water supply, fire services and traffic management. He said cities must have sufficient authority and institutional capacity to address local challenges instead of depending excessively on state capitals for decisions. Highlighting municipal finances, Gauba said property tax collection and user-charge recovery needed improvement, while state governments should ensure adequate financial transfers to urban local bodies. He noted that Central Finance Commission grants to urban local bodies had increased substantially, with their share rising to 45 per cent from 36 per cent, but devolution of funds from states remained inadequate. He called for the regular constitution of State Finance Commissions to strengthen municipal finances and improve the delivery of essential services. On urban planning, Gauba called for reforms to restrictive floor area ratio (FAR) limits and building regulations that limit land availability and increase residential and commercial property costs. He advocated mixed-use zoning, transit-oriented development and land pooling to expand land supply, reduce housing costs and support.

DevFest unveils Telangana IT Minister's AI avatar

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Hyderabad: Telangana on Saturday, October 24, unveiled an AI avatar of IT Minister D Sridhar Babu at the DevFest 2026 event organised by Google Developer Group (GDG) Hyderabad.In a live on-stage interaction, the 'AI Minister' engaged with Gen Z attendees and answered their questions, including queries on Telangana's vision and technology-led growth in both English and Telugu.

The demonstration highlighted how emerging AI technologies can make information about the state's priorities, initiatives and ambitions more accessible while creating new avenues for citizen engagement with public leadership, an official release said.A key highlight of the event was the unveiling of Telangana's AI Minister, the first pre-AGI avatar of D Sridhar Babu, Minister for Information Technology, marking its first-ever live on-stage launch," it said.The event also featured Sridhar



Babu, addressing the gathering virtually with a keynote on "Innovation at Scale".Telangana set to be global AI hub'Sridhar Babu said as Telangana works towards becoming a global AI hub, the government want the young innovators to be at the centre of that journey."We have the talent and ambition; our focus is on building an ecosystem where young people can turn their ideas into solutions and take them to the world," he said.The next big breakthrough in AI could come from a student, a startup or a young developer, and the government wants Telangana to be the place where those ideas get the opportunity to grow, the minister added.TensorGo's HumAIN developed initiative
The initiative was developed by TensorGo's HumAIn, an enterprise-grade platform for deploying pre-AGI AI teammates, under the guidance of Sai Krishna, IT Advisor to the Minister.Telangana's AI Minister marks a new approach to citizen engagement, demonstrating how emerging AI technologies can create new ways for people to interact with public leadership, it said. Centred around the theme "Build, Secure, Scale: Developers and Builders in the Agentic Era," DevFest 2026 featured hands-on learning sessions led by over 30 industry experts, alongside interactive experiences designed to connect talent with industry. DevFest 2026 brought together over 3,300 developers, students, engineers, architects and founders.

Govt extends deadlines for FY26 annual filing, waives additional fees for companies

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The extension is expected to provide relief to companies, company secretaries, chartered accountants and other professionals responsible for completing statutory compliance requirements. The additional time will allow businesses to prepare and verify financial statements, reconcile corporate records and complete the necessary documentation before submitting their filings to the Registrar of Companies. The decision is particularly significant for companies that experienced delays while accessing the MCA-21 Version 3 portal, where technical issues reportedly disrupted several stages of the filing process.
Frequent session timeouts, automatic logouts and slow response times created difficulties for professionals handling multiple company filings within prescribed deadlines. Errors in pre-filled information and problems with profile updates and user access management also added to the compliance burden. By allowing companies to submit the specified forms without additional fees within the extended period, the ministry aims to reduce the immediate pressure on businesses and compliance professionals. The move is also expected to help companies avoid extra financial costs arising from delays associated with the portal's technical performance. However, businesses must ensure that they submit the correct forms within the revised deadlines and comply with other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

Indians' overseas equity and debt investments surge 111pc to $321.53 million in August



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Investment in overseas equity and debt markets by Indians more than doubled, jumping 111 per cent to $321.53 million in August year-on-year under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS), according to the RBI's October 2026 bulletin.According to the central bank's monthly bulletin, the investment in equity/debt segment was $152.18 million a year ago, in August 2025.On a month-on-month basis, the outflow in this category posted a 7 per cent decline. Investment in equity and debt abroad hit an all-time high of $460 million in June.In FY26, total outward remittances under LRS were $28,979.36 million, according to the RBI data.

In August alone, the category accounted for about 11.7 per cent of total LRS outflows, up from 5.8 per cent a year earlier.Outflows towards investment in equity and debt led outward remittances in August and are now a much bigger part of the LRS basket compared to last year.In addition, total outward remittances under LRS rose to $2,738.58 million in August 2026 from $2,642.91 million in the year-ago month, a 3.6 per cent growth year-on-year and 6 per cent up from July.On a sequential basis, LRS outflows rose from $2,582.62 million in July 2026.Meanwhile, travel remained the largest component at $1,630.26 million in August 2026, marginally up from $1,618.81 million a year ago. It accounted for around 59 per cent.

Humanity First Foundation Serves 10 Million Meals

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What began as a promise to feed 10 people in 2016 has grown into a decade-long humanitarian mission, with the Humanity First Foundation serving more than 10 million meals and expanding its services to affordable healthcare.
Dr. Mohammad Sujathullah, founder of the Humanity First Foundation, started the initiative after pledging to feed 10 people if he passed an examination. After clearing it, he purchased 10 food packets and distributed them among homeless people. The experience inspired him to dedicate his life to helping the underprivileged.
Initially, the foundation distributed dinner to homeless people two or three nights a week. Later, it introduced a daily breakfast programme, serving upma prepared with milk and pure ghee. By preparing food in bulk, the organisation reduced the cost to just ₹5 per person, enabling it to provide free breakfast to 1,000 people daily for approximately ₹5,000.
The programme began outside Niloufer Hospital, catering to patients and attendants arriving from distant villages with limited financial resources. It subsequently expanded to Koti Maternity Hospital and NIMS. Despite adverse weather conditions and the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation continued its services. According to Dr. Sujathullah, the organisation has distributed more than 10 million meals over 3,650 consecutive days without missing a morning.
While serving near hospitals, the team noticed that many patients postponed treatment or avoided surgeries because they could not afford medical expenses. Recognising this urgent need, the foundation expanded its mission to healthcare.
Four years ago, it established Humanity Hospital, a 24-hour multi-specialty facility developed entirely through public donations. Operating on a no-profit, no-loss model, the hospital reportedly provides treatment at costs 40–50 per cent lower than those of corporate hospitals.
The facility has an eight-bed intensive care unit, three operation theatres and four dialysis machines. It performs approximately 50–60 major surgeries and records 100–150 inpatient admissions every month.
The foundation also organises medical camps, supports skill development and provides assistance to widows and orphans.
Dr. Sujathullah said the initiative had evolved from a small act of kindness into a broader mission addressing hunger, healthcare and social welfare. He reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that financial difficulties do not prevent people from accessing essential food and medical treatment.
Through its continued efforts, the Humanity First Foundation aims to bring hope and dignity to vulnerable communities.

China's plan to tighten grip on Bangladesh seaports hits a hurdle

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The developments reflect Bangladesh's effort to diversify foreign participation in its maritime infrastructure while attracting investment, technology and expertise from multiple countries. The involvement of international operators in major port projects could help improve cargo-handling efficiency, expand container capacity and strengthen the country's position in regional and international trade. Chittagong Port, also known as Chattogram Port, handles a substantial share of Bangladesh's international trade and is particularly important for the country's garment exports and industrial supply chains. Modernising its terminals is therefore a key priority for supporting export growth and reducing logistical bottlenecks.
The participation of Danish shipping group Maersk and Saudi Arabia's Red Sea Gateway Terminal highlights the growing role of international port operators in Bangladesh's maritime sector.
Meanwhile, Japanese-backed infrastructure development at Matarbari reflects Tokyo's continuing involvement in Bangladesh's transport and connectivity projects.
These partnerships also provide Dhaka with opportunities to compare investment proposals, operational capabilities and financing arrangements before awarding.

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

NEW DELHI

Actor Rajinikanth surprised his fans as he joined them in the theatre to watch his latest film "Jailer 2".The film, which is directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, released on October 15 and is the sequel to Rajinikanth's 2023 blockbuster "Jailer". It features the actor in the role of retired jailer Muthuvel Pandian.The sequel continues the story of the character, also known as Tiger, whose peaceful life is disrupted by a new threat from the criminal underworld.Production banner shared the video, which featured the actor in the theatre on the X handle on Saturday. "For the first time in 40 years, Superstar Rajinikanth joins fans to witness #Jailer2 on the big screen! #Jailer2 Industry Mega Blockbuster. #Jailer2 Rampage in theatres worldwide." read the



caption.The film reunites Rajinikanth with director Nelson and music composer Anirudh Ravichander, who also collaborated on the first instalment. Kalanithi Maran has produced the movie under the Sun Pictures banner.The ensemble cast includes Ramya Krishnan, who returns as Rajinikanth's wife, alongside Yogi Babu, Mirnaa and Vinayakan.Malayalam actor Mohanlal and Kannada star Shiva Rajkumar also feature in the film, reprising their roles from the first instalment.The sequel also brings together actors from different film industries, including Vidya Balan, S J Suryah, Mithun Chakraborty, Suraj Venjaramoodu and Jatin Sarna.Rajinikanth's decision to watch the film alongside audiences added to the excitement surrounding the sequel, with the production house sharing the moment on social media. The appearance offered fans an opportunity to see the veteran actor enjoying the theatrical experience in their company, creating a memorable moment for those present at the screening. Known for his distinctive screen presence, energetic performances and signature style, Rajinikanth continues to enjoy a strong following across generations of moviegoers. His films often attract considerable attention from fans, particularly during theatrical releases, when celebrations take place outside cinemas and audiences gather to watch his latest projects. The success of the original "Jailer" established Muthuvel Pandian as one of the actor's notable recent characters, combining action, humour and family drama with a story centred on a retired jailer confronting criminal elements. The sequel builds on that character and brings back several familiar faces while introducing additional performers from different regional film industries. Nelson Dilipkumar's collaboration with Rajinikanth and Anirudh Ravichander has also drawn attention because of their work on the first film, which featured a widely discussed

Javed Akhtar gets corrected by social media users for calling Rashmika Mandanna a Tamil



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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.

Mudhole Techno Team Wins Friendship Cricket Tournament

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Mudhole Techno Team emerged victorious in the Friendship Cricket Tournament final, defeating Dharmabad Sarpanch XI by 138 runs at the school ground in Mudhole.
Mudhole MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel attended the prize distribution ceremony as the chief guest and presented awards to the winning team and outstanding players.
Addressing the gathering, the MLA highlighted the importance of sports in promoting physical fitness, mental development, discipline and teamwork among youth. He appreciated the participation of players from different communities, stating that sports strengthen communal harmony and promote brotherhood beyond caste and religious differences.
Emphasising the message of Hindu-Muslim unity, Patel said that mutual respect, friendship and solidarity were essential for building a peaceful and progressive society. He encouraged youngsters to use sports as a platform to develop their talents and strengthen social relationships.
The MLA also announced that efforts were underway to establish a mini stadium at Mudhole mandal headquarters near the Junior College and ZPHS School. He said he had recently met the concerned minister to discuss the proposal and expressed hope that the project would receive approval soon.
The proposed stadium would provide better sporting infrastructure and create opportunities for local players to improve their skills and participate in competitions.
Patel advised players to accept victory and defeat with equal spirit, learn from their mistakes and continue working hard to achieve success. He assured them that efforts would be made to provide essential facilities for sportspersons in the constituency.
The programme was attended by Bhainsa Municipal Chairperson, Mudhole Sarpanch Shabana Begum, Ijazuddin, Mudhole SI Betla Persis, public representatives, senior leaders, party workers, cricket players and others.

Gujarat athletes win eight medals at Asian Para Games, including one

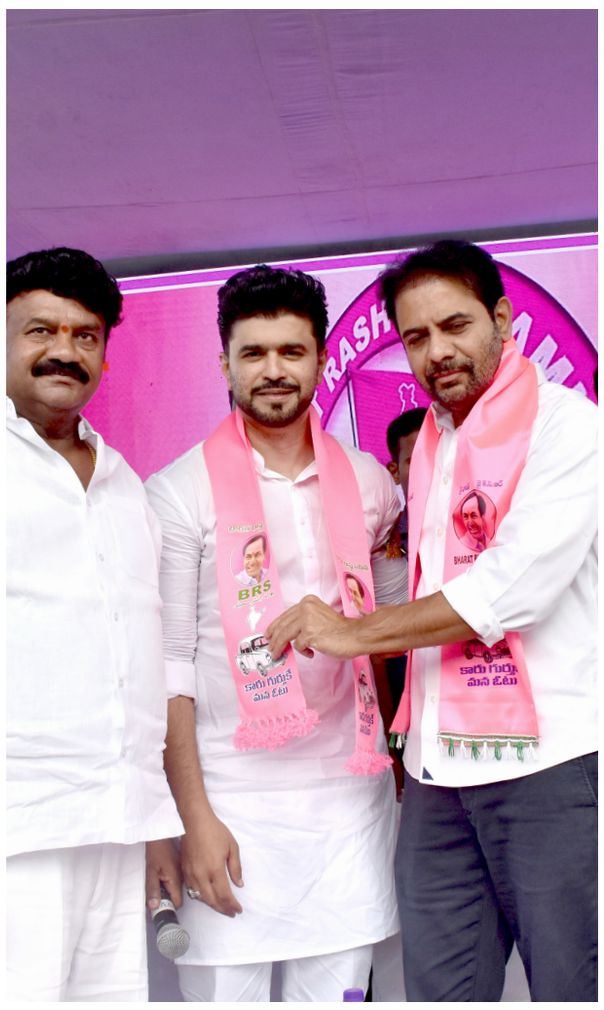
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The medal tally highlighted Gujarat's growing contribution to India's para-sports achievements, with athletes from different districts demonstrating their abilities across track and field events and para table tennis. Their performances reflected months of preparation, disciplined training and determination to compete against leading athletes from across Asia. Anjana Bumbadiya's gold medal in the women's 400m T47 event was a major achievement for the state, while her winning time of 59.97 seconds underlined her strong performance on the continental stage. Tejalben Damor's two-medal performance in the T12 category further strengthened Gujarat's tally, demonstrating her consistency across different sprint distances. Nimisha's silver medal in the T47 long jump, with an effort of 5.37 metres, added another significant achievement for the state's athletics contingent. Rakesh Bhatt's bronze medals in the men's 100m and 200m T37 events also highlighted Gujarat's presence in para-sprinting. In para table tennis, Bhavinaben Patel and Sonalben Patel secured bronze medals in their respective women's singles classifications, bringing recognition to the state's athletes in another competitive discipline. Their achievements also drew attention to the importance of providing para-athletes with access to coaching, sports facilities, specialised equipment and opportunities to compete at international events. Financial assistance from the Gujarat government has formed part of its efforts to support athletes participating in major competitions, including the Asian Games and Paralympic Games. Such assistance can help cover training expenses, travel, equipment and other costs associated with high-level competition. Support from sports authorities, coaches, families and local communities also plays an important role in helping athletes sustain their performance and prepare for future championships. The results could encourage more young people with disabilities to explore competitive sports and pursue opportunities at district, state, national and international levels. Para-sports have increasingly provided athletes with platforms to demonstrate their abilities, challenge stereotypes and inspire communities through sporting excellence. Gujarat's medal-winning athletes have also highlighted the importance of identifying talent at the grassroots level and creating pathways for promising competitors to receive professional training. Continued investment in accessible sporting infrastructure, qualified coaching and athlete welfare could help strengthen the state's performance in future national and international competitions. The achievements of the eight-medal contingent serve as recognition of the athletes' individual efforts and the wider support.

KTR Welcomes Prominent Businessman Jibran

Jibran Sharif Joins BRS, Fathe Affan Rejoins Party; Working President K.T. Rama Rao Welcomes Both Leaders at Telangana Bhavan



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Prominent businessman Mohammed Jibran Sharif joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), the party in the presence of BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Sunday.
A rally was organized from Jibran Sharif's residence at Bazaar Ghat, near the DCP Office, to Telangana Bhavan in Banjara Hills. Former Deputy Chief Minister Mahmood Ali, former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav and other senior BRS leaders participated in the programme.

Addressing the gathering, KTR criticised Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for his alleged silence on corruption and unfulfilled electoral promises in Telangana.
He accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's government of turning the State into an "ATM" for the Congress party.
KTR questioned the implementation of the six guarantees promised within 100 days and sought accountability over commitments to unemployed youth and minority communities, including the promised Rs. 4,000 crore allocation for minority welfare.
He also raised allegations concerning land transactions and an alleged business deal involving members of the
Chief Minister's family, demanding transparency from the government.
Expressing confidence in the BRS's political prospects,
KTR said the party would return to power and work towards restoring Telangana's development and progress.

Fateh Affan Calls for BRS Return to Power

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Businessman Mohammed Fateh Affan rejoined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the presence of party working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad. Former Deputy Chief Minister Mahmood Ali, former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, newly joined leader Mohammed Jibran Sharif and other prominent BRS leaders attended the programme.
Speaking after rejoining the party, Affan said he had been associated with the BRS for the past 15 years but had taken a break due to business commitments.
He expressed his willingness to resume his political activities and work with the party.Affan highlighted several issues currently affecting people in Telangana, including water and power shortages,
delays in Rythu Bandhu assistance, and concerns surrounding welfare schemes such as Shaadi Mubarak, Kalyana Lakshmi and the Aasara pensions.He expressed confidence that these issues would be addressed once the BRS returned to power.
He said the party had experience in implementing welfare and development programmes and assured people that their concerns would receive attention under a BRS government.Affan appealed to the public to support BRS candidates in the upcoming elections and work towards bringing the party back to power in Telangana. His return marks a renewed association with the party as it seeks to strengthen its presence among supporters and business circles in Hyderabad.

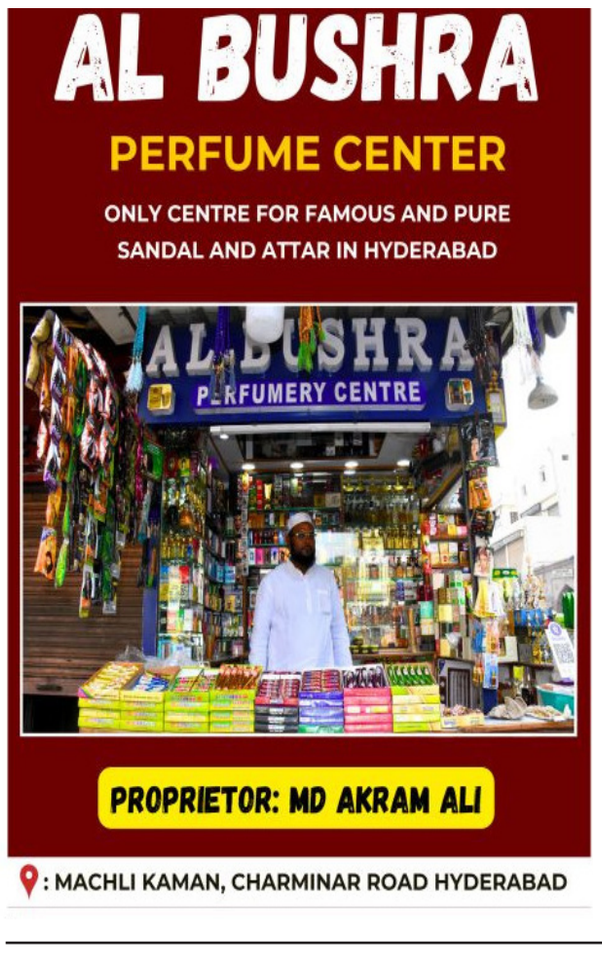








Somireddy (RJD), K. Srinivas Goud, Katta Srinivas and other association representatives, physical education teachers, coaches and officials at the Alai-Balai gathering organised by PETA-TS Hyderabad District and the Hyderabad District School Games Federation.



Godavari water to meet shortfall in Singur, Manjira reservoirs

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With water reserves in the Singur and Manjeera reservoirs declining significantly, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) is diverting Godavari waters to the areas dependent on these reservoirs.
Work has been undertaken to connect the 3000 mm diameter Godavari Ring Main with the 1200 mm diameter Manjira Phase-III, IV gravity main pipelines at Velimela village near the Outer Ring Road (ORR).
Water Board Technical Director Prabhu and Chief General Manager Rajasekhar inspected the progress of these works at the field level on Sunday, October 25.
They instructed the concerned officials to complete the works expeditiously and make necessary arrangements to divert Godavari waters into the Singur-Manjeera supply system. This will help to prevent interruptions in drinking water supply even during water shortages, officials said.

Rapido driver bites traffic cop during drunk driving inspection

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An intoxicated Rapido bike taxi driver allegedly bit a traffic constable's finger during a drink-and-drive inspection in the Chandrayangutta police jurisdiction.
According to Chandrayangutta Station House Officer R Ravinder, the incident occurred on Friday night, October 23, near the chowrasta. The inebriated man, identified as Azeez, reportedly created a ruckus when traffic police personnel asked him to take a breathalyser test. He refused to go through with the check and attempted to flee the scene.
"When told to blow into the breathalyser during the check, he refused," SHO Ravinder told.Aziz was driving an Activa, the SHO said, adding that when a police personnel stationed at the site intervened, the situation worsened.
Chandyanagutta Sub-Inspector Sridhar Goud made a complaint and subsequently registered a first information report (FIR) against Aziz.
Meanwhile, constable Naveen Babu, who was allegedly bitten on his finger, was taken to the hospital for treatment, Ravinder said.
Police served Aziz notices after reaching out to his family. An investigation into the matter is ongoing.
During Hyderabad Traffic Police's special weekend drive, a total of 481 motorists were booked for drunk driving between October 23 and 24.
Among the offenders, 397 were two-wheeler riders; 54 were four-wheeler riders; 28 were three-wheeler riders; and two were heavy-vehicle drivers.
Police have warned that anyone causing a fatal accident while driving under the influence of alcohol will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which deals with culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and could face.

P.V. Rajiv Kumar Appointed SC Rights Society Convenor in Bollaram



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P.V. Rajiv Kumar has been appointed Convenor of the SC Rights Protection Society's Bollaram branch in Secunderabad Cantonment. B.N. Prithviraj and M.R. Ashok will serve as advisers. B. Shyam Sharan, K. Pradeep Kumar, P. Srinivas, B. Datta Sai, Chittibabu and C.L. Tulsidas have been appointed as committee members.The committee members stated that the society was established in Bollaram in 1963 to protect Scheduled Caste rights and registered in 1965 under Registration No. 79/1965. The organisation has worked across the twin cities and erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh. The new committee aims to revive its activities in Bollaram.

Hyderabad water board declares emergency over acute shortage

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Data released by the state irrigation department indicates that over half of Telangana's 600-plus mandals are currently affected by drought, with water remaining in approximately 500 out of more than 6,000 lakes statewide, according to a report by ThePrint. In Hyderabad, its 1.5 crore population is suffering from an acute drinking water shortage due to irregular water availability, challenging agricultural and industrial demand, and an El Niño-resulted monsoon deficit.
Data shows that with only three of Hyderabad's 16 mandals receiving adequate rainfall, residents are forced to rely on paid water tankers.
Around 6000 to 8,000 tankers are being booked a day in Hyderabad, and the city Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) Managing Director has instructed officials to start additional tanker operations and launch the registration process. Multiple areas, including the Secunderabad Cantonment and the outskirts of the capital city, have reported major water shortages, with drinking water supplied only once every three or four days.
"With water in the Singur Dam and Nagarjuna Sagar Dam dropping to precarious levels due to sparse rainfall, the HMWSSB is actively shifting its standard alternate-day supply schedule to a restricted routine of once every three days for major parts of the city to conserve what remains," water board managing director Ashok Reddy said during a review meeting.
Water for Hyderabad's core urban area covering 2,053 sq km inside the Outer Ring Road (ORR) comes from four main sources: the Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar reservoirs, and the Singur and Nagarjuna Sagar dams. All of these draw water from the Krishna and Godavari river basins.

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