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MAX: 32.0°C
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Defence Panel Clears Rs 2.12 Lakh Cr Arms Proposals

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In a major push to military modernisation, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Monday cleared defence acquisition proposals worth Rs 2.12 lakh crore, including short-range air defence systems, long-range kamikaze drones, anti-drone systems for tanks and multi-role helicopters. The council accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN), the first stage of the procurement process, for the proposed acquisitions aimed at strengthening the combat capabilities of the Army,

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Telangana, Maharashtra Set Up Joint Panel on Tummidihatti

Fadnavis gives agrees to consider Telangana's request

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The Telangana and Maharashtra governments have agreed to constitute a joint committee headed by the principal secretaries of irrigation of both states to examine the proposed Tummidihatti barrage, its height, water availability, submergence and technical feasibility, and prepare a timeline and roadmap for the construction. The decision was taken at a meeting between Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis at Sahyadri State Guest House in Mumbai on Monday.

Telangana pitched for a 152-metre-high barrage against the 148-metre height agreed upon in 2016, arguing that the enhanced height was essential to meet irrigation requirements of the erstwhile Adilabad district and maximise gravity-based water conveyance. Fadnavis responded positively, assuring that Maharashtra would reconsider the proposal and support Telangana if the project did not adversely affect the state or its people due to enhancement of barrage height to 152 metres.

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, the chief secretaries of both states and senior irrigation department officials participated in the meeting. Uttam Kumar Reddy made a detailed presentation on the historical, cultural and socio-economic conditions of the erstwhile Adilabad district, which had remained economically backward despite its rich heritage. He highlighted the deprivation of tribal and Adivasi communities and recalled that efforts to provide irrigation to the region had been continuing since October 6, 1975, but their aspirations remained largely unfulfilled.

The minister said the 148-metre barrage proposed under the 2016 agreement would not adequately address the region's irrigation needs. Rising energy costs, environmental concerns, climate change and long-term operational sustainability made gravity-based water conveyance crucial, he said, presenting the technical and operational advantages of the 152-metre proposal. He assured Maharashtra that Telangana was willing to compensate farmers whose agricultural lands would be submerged, in accordance with the land acquisition and compensation policies applicable in Maharashtra.

Revanth Reddy highlighted the historical and cultural ties between the two states, including their shared heritage associated with the erstwhile Hyderabad State. Referring to tribal leader Komaram Bheem's Jal, Jangal, Zameen struggle, he said generations of tribal communities in Adilabad had been awaiting irrigation and drinking water facilities. The Chief Minister described the barrage as vital for transforming the economically backward tribal region and urged Maharashtra to cooperate in a spirit of friendship and mutual understanding. He also highlighted the proposed defence and civilian airport facilities at Adilabad, saying they could accelerate development in the district and adjoining Maharashtra regions.

Congress Backs Kharge Amid BJP Protests

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The Congress on Monday defended party president Mallikarjun Kharge amid nationwide BJP protests over his remarks concerning Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing BJP leaders of having made similar statements against opposition leaders in the past. Congress leaders circulated videos of remarks by Prime Minister Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah targeting Congress leaders. Karnataka home minister Priyank Kharge shared a video of Modi's controversial remark referring to a Congress "widow" receiving money.

He also shared another clip in which Modi referred to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Congress leaders also circulated a video of Shah's remarks against Rahul Gandhi concerning the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. Congress leader Pawan Khera said Kharge's remark, "Modi ka baap bhi jayega", referred to the RSS, the Prime Minister's ideological mentor, and was not a personal insult.Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said there was no need to make a "big song and dance" about the remark, describing it as a common expression rather than an insult to anyone's father.

EC Defends SIR in SC, Says Form 6 Not Changed

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The Election Commission on Monday strongly defended its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls before the Supreme Court, maintaining that the exercise was authorised by law and the relevant orders were approved unanimously by all three members of the Commission. Rejecting the allegations that Form 6 had been amended, the poll panel, in its 248-page response to the petition against the chief the election commissioner (CEC) and the decisions taken by it, said that no changes were made to the statutory Form 6 used for voter registration.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant is scheduled to hear on Tuesday petitions against CEC Gyanesh Kumar and the decisions taken by the poll panel during the SIR. In a counter affidavit, the poll body sought summary dismissal of the petitions and called the allegations "misconceived" which rested on a single newspaper report. "The attempt to make aspersions against the Election Commission is unfortunate," said the affidavit, filed by Deputy Election Commissioner Bhanu Prakash Yeturu on behalf of the Commission. The EC said the affidavit itself had been approved for filing by a unanimous decision of all three members of the Commission. It said the SIR orders of June 24, 2025, October 27, 2025 and May 14, 2026 were issued on unanimous decisions taken in compliance with Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 18 of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

Section 18 requires the Commission's business to be transacted unanimously as far as possible, and by majority where members differ.

It said the three SIR orders were issued in accordance with decisions of the EC arrived at unanimously and taken in due compliance of Article 324 of the Constitution of India read with Section 18 of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

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SC Picks Chakraborty as Telangana CJ

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The Supreme Court Collegium on Monday recommended the appointment of Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty of the Calcutta High Court as Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court. The recommendation was made at a Collegium meeting held on October 26. Justice Chakraborty was elevated as an additional judge of the Calcutta High Court on October 30, 2013, and appointed a permanent judge on March 14, 2016. Before his elevation, he practised primarily in civil and constitutional matters.

The Collegium also recommended Justice P. Sam Koshy, currently serving as Acting Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, for appointment as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. Justice Manash Ranjan Pathak, currently serving at the Gujarat High Court, was recommended for appointment as Chief Justice of the same High Court. Justice Sudhir Singh of the Patna High Court was recommended for appointment as Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court. The recommendations will be processed by the Centre before the appointments receive presidential approval.

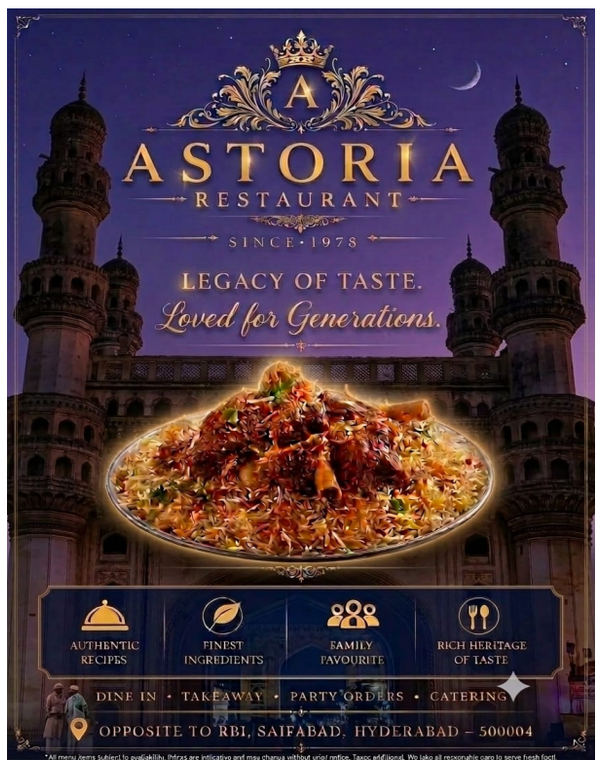
Cyclone Arnab To Hit AP Coast On Wednesday

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Cyclone Arnab that lay over west-central Bay of Bengal may intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm before crossing the Andhra Pradesh coast with a wind speed of 115-125kmph by forenoon on Wednesday and cause devastation in parts of coastal Andhra Pradesh. The IMD said the cyclonic storm over west central and adjoining east central Bay of Bengal moved west-northwestwards with a speed of 13kmph in the past six hours and lay centered 520km southeast of Gopalpur (Odisha), 540km east-southeast of Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 620km east-southeast of Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh),720km east-southeast of Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 790km east-southeast of Bapatla (Andhra Pradesh) and 680km northwest of Sri Vijaya Puram (Andaman Islands). Moving towards the mainland, the system is forecast to intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm on Tuesday, Oct 27, before crossing the Andhra Pradesh-Yanam coasts between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam with sustained wind speeds of 115–125 kmph, gusting up to 140 kmph by forenoon of Wednesday, October 28, IMD said.

IMD has issued different levels of rainfall warnings for coastal districts in Andhra Pradesh, depending on the expected intensity of the rainfall. A red warning for extremely heavy rainfall has been issued for Anakapalle, Kakinada, Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari and Eluru districts and Yanam for Tuesday. An orange warning for heavy to very heavy rainfall has been issued for Srikakulam, Parvathipuram Manyam, Vizianagaram, Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR), Visakhapatnam, NTR, Krishna, Guntur and Bapatla districts for Tuesday. Similarly, a yellow warning of heavy rainfall was issued for Palnadu, Prakasam and Nellore districts.



HC To Hear Actor Imran Khan's Petition Today

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The Bombay High Court on Monday deferred the hearing on actor Imran Khan's petition challenging a Mumbai police notice directing him to leave India by Wednesday. The court rescheduled the hearing for Tuesday following requests from lawyers representing the actor and the state government. The plea came up for hearing before a division bench comprising Chief Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi and Justice Advait Sethna. Senior advocate Venkatesh Dhond, appearing for Khan, alongside Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Union government, requested the court to post the matter for Tuesday, which the bench accepted.

The 43-year-old actor was briefly detained during a rally at Mumbai's historic August Kranti Maidan on October 10. The demonstration was held in solidarity with protests by the Cockroach Janta Party in Delhi, demanding the resignation.

Anti-Modi Slur: BJP Starts Stir

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The BJP on Monday staged a nationwide protest against Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's "abusive language" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and demanded a personal apology from the Congress president. Protests were held at several places, including in Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Bhopal, Mumbai and Kolkata among other cities, where BJP leaders and workers also burnt Kharge's effigies. Protest was also held near Kharge's residence in the national capital by the BJP state unit.

A day after Kharge's controversial "Modi ka baap bhi jayega" remark at a party event in Patna, defence minister Rajnath Singh decried Kharge's remarks as "extremely unfortunate". He said the remark reflects that the main Opposition party has not just suffered a political downfall but an ideological downfall as well. Singh said the Congress president's remarks have hurt the sentiments of crores of people of the country. The Union minister said turning ideological Opposition into "personal insults" and dragging political disagreement down to "abusive language" and targeting the Prime Minister's family reflect the Congress' "frustration and ideological bankruptcy".

"I believe this is not merely an insult to an individual or a family, but an attack on the dignity of Indian politics. In a democracy, one can oppose, question policies and criticise the government, but personal boundaries must be respected.

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State Slowly Running Out Of Water, Both Above And Below Ground

The surface water situation is expected to turn precarious if whatever water is left is not used judiciously with the water levels falling in reservoirs, tanks and lakes with each passing day, according to officials.

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Telangana appears set to face a multifront and severe water supply crisis if the continued disappearing act being pulled by groundwater, and the slow but what seems like an inevitable fall in storages in surface water sources are anything to go by. The coming months, which are expected to remain dry for most part with the northwest monsoon season too expected to give Telangana the go-by just as the southwest monsoon season did, will pose a serious challenge to the state, according to officials.

"Unless everyone steps up and starts using less water, from right now, things could turn dire as early as February," an official said. "At least we can see what is on the surface, in reservoirs, tanks and lakes. But there is no way of knowing what is happening to the ground water," the official added. The surface water situation is expected to turn precarious if whatever water is left is not used judiciously with the water levels falling in reservoirs, tanks and lakes with each passing day, according to officials.

For instance, the total storage in the 21,000 listed minor irrigation tanks in the state in the first week of October was 94.30 tmc ft ac-



cording to irrigation department data. And with less than a week to go before October ends, the storage as on October 26 in MI tanks was just 36.8 tmc ft. In good times under good conditions, these MI tanks are capable of holding 253.80 tmc ft, as per the irrigation department.

As far as the major and medium reservoirs over Krishna and Godavari are concerned, on October 26 last year, they held a combined 812.36 tmc ft of water which this year, has fallen to 421.93 tmc ft. As far as reservoirs on Krishna are concerned, this year they have at present 293.47 tmc ft compared to 494 tmc ft on October 26, 2025. For Godavari basin reservoirs which had 275.44 tmc ft last October 26, that storage fell to 164.7 tmc ft this year.

According to agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, the ground water too has started disappearing at an alarming rate. Of the 30 lakh or so agricultural borewells in the state, six lakh have already gone dry, with another five to six lakh set to go the same way, the minister had said. Telangana, according to the Central Ground Water Board, has a density of around 27 borewells in every square kilometre. On an average, each borewell in the state provides irrigation to around three acres, with around 80 per cent of the cropped area dependent on borewell irrigation. Meanwhile, the agriculture department estimates that by the end of November, as the Yasangi (Rabi) crop season gains momentum, the groundwater levels in every one of the 33 districts are set to fall from the state average of 7.52 metres below ground level (MGBL) at the end of September to 7.94 MGBL by the end of October, with November set to see further fall to 8.30 MGBL.

Vijay, Rashmika File Complaint With Cybercops

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A complaint has been lodged with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of the Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police Station against individuals allegedly spreading malicious propaganda on social media targeting Tollywood actors Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna.

The complaint was filed by a couple residing in Gachibowli, who alleged that certain individuals were deliberately circulating misleading information by distorting remarks made by the actors during their appearance on the popular television show Koffee with Karan.

According to the complainants, the alleged smear campaign has caused them considerable distress. They urged the police to initiate legal action against those responsible for spreading false and misleading content online.The couple clarified that they welcomed the expression of opinions and constructive criticism but would not tolerate deliberate attempts to distort statements and spread malicious propaganda.

As part of their complaint, they reportedly submitted details of the social media accounts involved, screenshots of the alleged posts and other relevant information to assist the investigation.Cybercrime officials assured the complainants that the matter would be thoroughly examined and appropriate legal action would be taken against those found responsible.The complaint highlights concerns over the circulation of misleading content on social media and the potential consequences of deliberately distorting public statements. Further details are expected to emerge as the investigation progresses.

Greenfield Road Project Sparks Concern as Crops and Trees Are Cleared in Ekwaipalli

The ongoing Greenfield Road project has drawn attention in Ekwaipalli village of Kadthal mandal, where agricultural crops and trees are reportedly being cleared to facilitate road development.

The situation has raised concerns over the impact of infrastructure expansion on agricultural land, green cover and the livelihoods of farming families who depend on cultivation for their income.

The road project is intended to improve regional connectivity. However, the reported removal of standing crops and trees has brought the balance between development and environmental protection into focus.

Farmers' Livelihoods at Stake

For farming families, agricultural land is not merely a property asset but a vital source of livelihood. The removal of crops, particularly when they are approaching harvest, can cause financial hardship and disrupt farmers' seasonal income.

The developments in Ekwaipalli have renewed questions about the protection of standing crops, the treatment of affected landowners and the availability of appropriate compensation wherever applicable.

Road infrastructure can support connectivity and economic growth, but the loss of trees and green cover raises concerns about environmental sustainability. Protecting existing vegetation wherever feasible and considering suitable mitigation measures are important aspects of responsible infrastructure development.

Flyover Construction Work At IIIT Junction; Traffic Restrictions In Cyberabad For 90 Days

Traffic from Radisson Hotel towards the IIIT junction will be permitted only up to DLF Gate No. 1. Movement beyond this gate will be prohibited.

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Traffic restrictions will come into effect across parts of Cyberabad for 90 days from October 27 to facilitate the construction of a multilevel flyover and underpass at the IIIT junction. The restrictions are expected to affect daily commuters, particularly IT employees travelling through the Gachibowli, DLF and surrounding areas.

As part of the traffic management measures, the road stretch from DLF Gate No. 1 to the Gachibowli Traffic Police Station has been closed. Commuters have been advised to follow designated alternative routes to avoid congestion and ensure smoother traffic movement.

According to the diversion plan, vehicles travelling from the Radisson Hotel towards



IIIT Junction will be permitted only up to DLF Gate No. 1. Movement beyond the gate will not be allowed. Vehicles heading towards IIIT Junction must proceed through Gachibowli Junction, take a right turn and continue along the Indiranagar–IIIT Junction route.

Similarly, traffic travelling from the Gachibowli Traffic Police Station towards the Radisson Hotel Junction will be diverted through the DLF building road.

Vehicles coming from Lingampally towards DLF Road will be diverted at the Gachibowli Traffic Police Station. Commuters must travel via IIIT Junction and Gachibowli Junction, take a left turn towards Radisson Junction and then turn left again to reach the DLF area.

Meanwhile, TCS employees will be allowed to use the Non-SEZ (CMC) gate for their regular entry and exit.

The multilevel flyover and underpass construction is expected to continue for at least a year, raising concerns about traffic congestion around IIIT Junction and nearby roads. Although the announced restrictions will remain in force for 90 days initially, commuters may experience disruptions for an extended period as construction progresses.

Motorists and IT employees have been advised to plan their journeys in advance, follow traffic diversion signs and cooperate with traffic police to minimise delays.

Graduate Voter Registration Drive to Intensify in Uppal

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Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy inaugurated a graduate voter registration help desk at the Round Building in Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar, Kapra, to facilitate enrolment for the Mahabubnagar–Rangareddy–Hyderabad Graduates' MLC elections.

Speaking at the programme, the MLA urged all eligible graduates who had completed their degree to register as voters and actively participate in the democratic process.

He emphasised that graduate voter registration was essential to ensuring their representation in the upcoming elections.

Lakshma Reddy called upon party leaders, workers, youth, educated citizens and colony welfare association representatives to intensify awareness campaigns across every division of the Uppal Assembly constituency. He asked them to identify eligible graduates and guide them through the registration process.

The MLA stressed that help desks should provide the necessary information and assistance to ensure that eligible graduates could complete their enrolment without difficulties. He appealed to graduates to exercise their democratic rights by registering ahead of the MLC elections.

BRS state leader Somasekhar Reddy, former corporator Kotha Rama Rao, party leaders and workers participated in the programme.

Minister Vivek Launches ₹9 Crore Development Works in Chennur

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Labour and Mining Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy inaugurated development works worth ₹9 crore in Chennur constituency, focusing on road expansion, central lighting and beautification.

The minister performed the groundbreaking ceremony for ₹5.50 crore worth of road expansion and beautification works in Chennur town. He also launched ₹3.50 crore road works connecting Mahankaliwada to the national highway, keeping the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in view.

He said approximately ₹70 crore had been sanctioned for permanent infrastructure and expansion of Godavari bathing ghats to facilitate pilgrims.

Vivek directed officials and contractors to complete the works within deadlines without compromising quality. District Collector Kumar Deepak, local representatives, municipal officials and Congress leaders attended the programme.

Legal Awareness Drive Promotes Child Safety



A legal awareness session on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, was organised at Vasudha High School, Dubba, Nizamabad, under the nationwide Surakshit Bachpan Abhiyan initiated by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).Senior Civil Judge and District Legal Services Authority Secretary Neelima Muddsani and Second Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class P. Srinivas addressed students on child protection, constitutional rights, safe and unsafe touch, and the importance of reporting abuse without fear.The judicial officers advised students to stay away from drugs, act responsibly and understand the legal consequences of unlawful activities. They also explained the support available through child protection services, SHE Teams, police stations and legal services authorities.The programme, being conducted from October 26 to 31, aims to educate children about their legal rights and promote a safe environment in schools and society.

Residents Protest Drainage Discharge into Bathukammakunta

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Residents living near Bathukammakunta lake in Amberpet have raised serious concerns over the alleged discharge of household sewage into stormwater outlet channels, resulting in foul smells, stagnant wastewater and an increase in mosquito breeding in the neighbourhood.According to residents, municipal staff recently dug up manholes and carried out repairs to drainage pipelines in the area. However, instead of ensuring that sewage flowed through the designated drainage network, the workers allegedly left the pipelines discharging household wastewater into the stormwater channel leading from Bathukammakunta lake.Residents said the accumulated wastewater had become a major source of inconvenience, particularly during the night, when the stench reportedly becomes unbearable."They are just letting the waste accumulate in the channel, causing severe problems for us in the neighbourhood. The stench is unbearable after



9 pm," a resident told.The situation has also raised concerns about public health, with residents alleging that stagnant wastewater has created favourable conditions for mosquito breeding. They said people in the neighbourhood had been suffering from fevers, including dengue and malaria, and urged civic authorities to intervene before the situation deteriorated further.Residents questioned why municipal staff had allegedly allowed household drainage to flow into the stormwater channel even after undertaking repairs. They demanded that the sewage connections be redirected into the proper drainage network and that accumulated waste be removed immediately."This is not a small issue that can be ignored. We are forced to live with the foul smell every night, and the mosquitoes are making matters worse. The authorities must understand the difficulties faced by families living here and resolve the problem immediately," another resident said.The residents appealed to civic officials to inspect the site, identify the source of the sewage discharge and take corrective measures to prevent further accumulation of wastewater.Meanwhile, HYDRAA officials clarified that the canal was meant for stormwater drainage and fell under the jurisdiction of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).GHMC officials, however, did not respond to regarding the complaints.Residents are now seeking urgent intervention from the civic body to restore proper drainage, eliminate the foul smell and address the mosquito menace affecting the locality.

BJP Opens Online Registration Office for New MLC Voters in HB Colony



The BJP's HB Colony division has opened an online registration office for new MLC voters at LIG-75 in HB Colony division under the Uppal Assembly constituency.Speaking at the inauguration, BJP HB Colony Division President Ram Pradeep Munuganti urged eligible graduates to make use of the facility and register online as voters for the MLC elections. The initiative aims to assist eligible graduates in completing the online voter registration process.

Form 18 data reaching private hands: Telangana CEO orders probe

SIR notices were still to be delivered in some Assembly constituencies, Sudarshan Reddy said.

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Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudarshan Reddy on Monday, October 26, ordered an inquiry into complaints that personal details submitted by graduates enrolling for the Legislative Council polls were being passed on to private parties, directing officials to book cases against those responsible.

District election officers in the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad and Warangal–Khammam–Nalgonda Graduates' constituencies have been told to find out whether private persons have set up any website for the purpose and to take action against the "culprits," an official release said.

Political parties had complained about the data sharing. They also alleged that Booth Level Officers



(BLO) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AERO) were often unavailable, and that designated officers were attesting documents without properly checking the originals.

The CEO took up the complaints at a video conference with Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner RV Karnan, who is also the Hyderabad District Election Officer (DEO), and with DEOs and Electoral Registration Officers (ERO) of the two constituencies. He noted that enrolment was low and that the disposal of Form-18 applications was "very low." He directed officials to speed up the process and clear all pending Form-18 applications by November 6 without fail.

Enrolment open till nominations

The CEO said enrolment in the graduates' constituencies is a continuous process that stays open until the last date of nominations, except during the claims and objections period. He asked officials to make this widely known so that more graduates apply.

The daily count of Form-18 applications received and disposed of will be put up on notice boards and shared with recognised political parties and the media from time to time, the release said.

Designated officers were asked to verify documents properly and to make sure applicants affix good-quality photographs.

About 3.55 lakh applications had been received in the two constituencies by October 15, against 10.36 lakh voters on the 2021 rolls, according to figures released by the CEO's office earlier.

Reviewing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the CEO said he was satisfied with the progress, except in a few districts that need to clear pending anomalies and cases of electors who could not be mapped.

Notices were still to be delivered in some Assembly constituencies, while others had recorded a large number of rejections. The CEO directed that speaking orders, which are orders giving reasons, be issued in such cases. Rejections over logical discrepancies and mapping issues are to be verified again.

He also asked officials to clear pending Form-6, 6A, 7 and 8 applications quickly and to maintain records properly at the booth and ERO levels.

Kappati Demands Justice for Telangana Movement Activists

Fulfil Promises to Telangana Activists Instead of Detaining Them:, Says Kappati Panduranga Reddy

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Telangana activist and former Rangareddy District Library Corporation chairman Kappati Panduranga Reddy has urged the state government to fulfil its promises to Telangana movement activists instead of resorting to preventive arrests. He demanded that the identification of eligible activists be initiated immediately through a transparent online process.

Panduranga Reddy was placed under house arrest at his Bachupally residence by Kandukur police on Monday to prevent him from participating in the proposed 'Chief Minister's Residence Gherao' programme called by Telangana activists' organisations.

Condemning the police action, he said the govern-



ment should prioritise resolving activists' long-pending grievances rather than restricting their democratic protests.

He recalled that Telangana statehood was achieved through the sacrifices and struggles of countless activists. However, he alleged that activists were denied proper recognition and respect during the previous BRS government.

He said activists had expected the present Congress government to address their concerns and provide justice, but delays in implementing assurances had prolonged their uncertainty.

Panduranga Reddy urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to intervene personally and expedite the identification process through the Telangana Movement Activists Identification Committee.

He called for a transparent online mechanism to identify eligible activists and ensure fairness in the process. He also urged the government to honour its electoral promises in accordance with the committee's recommendations.

He stressed that fulfilling commitments and protecting activists' dignity should be the government's priority, rather than preventing them from expressing their grievances through democratic means.

TRR Inaugurates ₹3.14 Crore Power Substation in Parigi

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Parigi MLA Dr. T. Ram Mohan Reddy (TRR) inaugurated a 33/11 KV electrical substation constructed at a cost of ₹3.14 crore in Vikarabad district on October 26. The facility is expected to strengthen the local electricity distribution network and improve power supply to agricultural, residential and commercial consumers. Speaking at the inauguration, the MLA stressed the importance of developing essen-



tial infrastructure to meet public needs. Local representatives, electricity department officials and residents attended the programme and welcomed the new facility.

HMWSSB fines Paradise Biryani Rs 20k for wasting drinking water

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The Hyderabad Water Board on Monday, October 26, cracked down on drinking water wastage, imposing a fine of Rs 20,000 on Paradise Hotel.

Officials from Division 16 of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) issued the fine while conducting inspections in the Khairatabad zone. It was found that the restaurant was misusing drinking water. Subsequently,



HMWSSB officials advised its management to judiciously use the water and avoid any wastage.

Water Board officials have warned that strict action will be taken if any instances of water misuse are found.

Last week, data released by the state irrigation department showed that over half of Telangana's 600-plus mandals are currently affected by drought, and in Hyderabad there is an acute drinking water shortage due to the effects caused by El Niño. Multiple areas across the capital city have reported major water shortages, with drinking water supplied only once every three or four days.

Earlier on October 18, the water board fined a pub at Jubilee Hills Road No 45 Rs 20,000 for wasting drinking water on washing its premises. The management of Fore-Fathers Pub was asked to pay the penalty, and its drinking water connection was disconnected. The HMWSSB also discontinued the water supply through tankers.

Suryapet Farmer Sets Dried Paddy Crop Ablaze Over Water and Power Shortage

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In a distressing incident highlighting the hardships faced by farmers, tenant farmer Yathakula Mallaiah set fire to his dried paddy crop at Atmakur (S) mandal headquarters in Suryapet district after inadequate irrigation water and electricity supply reportedly caused extensive crop damage.

Mallaiah had cultivated paddy on four acres of leased agricultural land, hoping to harvest the crop and recover his investment. However, with the crop nearing maturity, insufficient water and unreliable electricity to operate his borewell reportedly left three acres of paddy withered in the fields.

Unable to bear the loss of the standing crop, the farmer reportedly set the dried plants ablaze, expressing his anguish over the destruction of months of hard work and investment.

The crop loss has pushed Mallaiah's family into severe financial uncertainty. The farmer and his family are reportedly distressed over how to pay the land lease, recover cultivation expenses and meet their household needs without the expected harvest income.

For tenant farmers, crop failure can be particularly devastating because lease payments and cultivation expenses must be



met even when the crop is lost. Seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, labour and irrigation costs can leave cultivators facing mounting financial liabilities.

The incident has once again drawn attention to the importance of reliable agricultural electricity and adequate irrigation during critical crop growth stages. When borewell pumps cannot operate because of inadequate power supply, farmers depending on groundwater can face severe losses, particularly when rainfall is insufficient.

The incident also raises concerns about the vulnerability of tenant cultivators, who often bear substantial cultivation risks without owning the land they farm.

The incident underscores the need for the concerned authorities to examine the circumstances surrounding the crop loss, assess the damage and determine whether the farmer is eligible for available relief measures.

Farmers affected by irrigation difficulties need timely information, effective grievance redressal and dependable agricultural power and water supply to protect standing crops.

Damodar Rajanarsimha Congratulates New TNGO Team

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Telangana Minister for Medical and Health, Family Welfare and Science & Technology C. Damodar Rajanarsimha congratulated the newly elected executive committee of the Telangana Non-Gazetted Officers' Union (TNGO), Sangareddy district, during a courtesy meeting.

District president Mohammed Javid Ali introduced his team members to the Minister. The delegation included Associate Presidents P. Venkat Reddy and Srinivas,



Treasurer Kasini Srikanth and Women's Vice-President Vijayalakshmi.

Congratulating the newly elected representatives, Damodar Rajanarsimha said the state government was committed to employee welfare and protecting their rights. He highlighted the important role of government employees in administration and the effective implementation of welfare and development programmes.

The Minister urged the new leadership to maintain coordination with employees across the district and ensure that government welfare schemes reached eligible beneficiaries. He expressed hope that the committee would address employee-related issues, strengthen public service delivery and contribute to Sangareddy's development.

He also emphasised the need for cooperation between employee unions and the government to improve administrative efficiency and ensure effective delivery of public services.

TNGO town unit President Yadava Reddy, Secretary Venkat and executive members Venkatesham, Nageswara Rao, Ramappa, Kiran, Ghouse Hasmi, Nawaz, Ramesh and Mohanappa attended the meeting.

Valmiki Maharshi Jayanti Celebrated with Grandeur in R. Itikyal



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Valmiki Maharshi Jayanti was celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm at R. Itikyal village in Regode Mandal, Medak district, under the leadership of the Mudhiraj Sangham. On the occasion, members of the community and villagers paid floral tributes to the statue of Valmiki Maharshi, honouring the revered sage and author of the Ramayana.

Speaking on the occasion, participants highlighted the enduring significance of Valmiki Maharshi's teachings, noting that the Ramayana continues to inspire people with its message of righteousness, ethical values, duty and moral conduct.

OU Hosts Master Class on AI for Sea Turtle Conservation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Osmania University's Department of Zoology, in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs and FoundersLab, Hyderabad, organised a master class on genomics, bioinformatics and artificial intelligence in sea turtle conservation.

Prof. Anne Ropiquet of Queen Mary University of London explained how climate change affects sea turtle hatchling sex ratios through temperature-dependent sex determination. She highlighted the role of nest depth, satellite-based GPS tracking



and artificial intelligence in improving conservation strategies.

Participants discussed the threats posed by rising temperatures and artificial light pollution near nesting beaches.

Prof. C. Srinivasulu, Head of the Department of Zoology, welcomed the delegation and thanked Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram and university officials for supporting international academic collaboration and research initiatives.

Hyderabad Hosts Global Congress on Inherited Blood Disorders

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 4th GANSID Congress 2026, a three-day international conference on sickle cell anaemia, thalassemia and other inherited blood disorders, brought together medical experts, researchers, healthcare professionals and policymakers at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC)-Novotel, Madhapur, from October 23 to 25.

The congress was inaugurated in the presence of Vinod K. Agrawal, retired IAS officer and chief



guest. Other dignitaries included Vinita Srivastava of the National Health Authority, Government of India; Dr. Pankaj Gupta of Pfizer India; Dr. Dipty Jain and Dr. Jameela Sather, co-chairs of the congress; and Dr. Suman Jain, CEO of the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad.

The inaugural session was moderated by Lanre Tunji-Ajayi, CEO of the Global Action Network for Sickle Cell and Other Inherited Blood Disorders (GANSID). She welcomed delegates and emphasised the importance of international cooperation in improving prevention, early diagnosis, treatment and long-term patient care.

Highlighting the congress's global reach, Tunji-Ajayi noted that more than 70 international delegates representing 23 countries participated, alongside healthcare professionals and experts from across India. The gathering provided a platform to exchange scientific knowledge, discuss emerging medical developments and strengthen partnerships to improve healthcare access for affected individuals.

TSCS Hyderabad, the local partner for the congress, supports more than 4,800 patients living with thalassemia, sickle cell disease and other inherited blood disorders. Its initiatives include blood transfusion support, awareness campaigns, antenatal screening, patient counselling and financial assistance for bone marrow transplantation.

Through its collaboration with GANSID, TSCS aims to promote awareness, strengthen medical cooperation and encourage accessible healthcare services for patients and their families.

PM Modi Meets Iranian Delegation at BRICS Forum

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar and Congress MP Shashi Tharoor met Iranian parliamentary representatives on the sidelines of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi on Monday. Sharing glimpses from the interaction on X, the Iranian Embassy in India stated, "On the sidelines of the 12th Parliamentary Forum 2026, Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, and senior parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor received Iranian parliamentary representatives in courtesy calls, underscoring the importance of bilateral relations between Iran and India."
The Forum, which commenced earlier in the day, has brought together parliamentary leaders from BRICS member and partner countries to discuss ways to strengthen parliamentary cooperation and advance people-centric development. The event brings together Presiding Officers and parliamentary leaders from BRICS member and partner countries, Union Ministers, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Harivansh, Presiding Officers of State Legislatures, Members of Parliament and other dignitaries. Earlier, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chaired the meeting and welcomed the delegates representing BRICS member nations, highlighting the importance of dialogue, mutual respect and cooperation among the participating countries. In his inaugural address, Birla welcomed the delegates and said, "On this occasion, the presence of parliamentary delegations from BRICS member nations in India, coming to the world's largest democratic nation and sharing a joint commitment, will in itself be a special experience." Highlighting the significance of parliamentary engagement among BRICS countries, the Lok Sabha Speaker said, "The presence of the BRICS Parliamentary Cooperation in India demonstrates our shared commitment to dialogue, mutual respect, and our shared trust in democratic values."
Speaker Birla mentioned that the BRICS Parliamentary Forum is marking its 20th anniversary this year and noted that the organisation is "expanding rapidly", and so is its "capacity to influence global developments and international relations". Earlier in the day, the visiting Iranian parliamentary delegation met Om Birla at the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum. "



Complaint filed over Kharge's 'baap' remark targeting Modi

PATNA
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A BJP worker in Bihar filed a police complaint against Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge over his controversial remarks targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi.An officer at Kotwali police station in Patna said a complaint was submitted on Sunday evening regarding Kharge's comments.Since the incident occurred within the Gandhi Maidan police station area, we are transferring the complaint there," he said.During an event in Patna, Kharge courted a controversy with his remarks "Modi ka baap bhi jayega" in response to an audience member's comment that "the PM would not go anywhere".Krishna Kumar Singh, the BJP worker who filed the complaint, urged Kharge to apologise within 24 hours for the remarks.The BJP worker maintained that such statements against a constitutional office-holder should not be made during public meetings and demanded accountability for the language used. The complaint has brought the exchange into the spotlight, with the political debate focusing on the need for decorum in public speeches. The development is likely to add to the war of words between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress, as both parties continue to challenge each other over political issues and leadership. Police action will depend on the assessment of the complaint and the applicable legal provisions.The incident has further intensified the political debate in Bihar, with the BJP and Congress likely to face questions over the language used by their senior leaders during public gatherings. Political observers note that statements made at rallies often become a major point of contention between rival parties, particularly when they involve the Prime Minister or other prominent constitutional authorities. The controversy has also renewed discussions about maintaining civility in political discourse and ensuring that public speeches remain focused on policies, governance and public welfare. The complaint submitted by Singh is now expected to be examined by the police station concerned, which will decide the next course of action in accordance with the law. Further developments in the matter may depend on the police inquiry and any response issued by Kharge or the Congress leadership. Meanwhile, the episode has added another flashpoint to the ongoing political confrontation between the BJP and Congress, with both parties continuing to trade allegations over leadership, public conduct and political accountability.



YSRCP MP Seeks President's Probe into SEC Failures in Andhra Polls

TIRUPATI
Wakeup telangana

YSR Congress Party MP Dr. Maddila Gurumoorthy has written to President of India Droupadi Murmu and Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, seeking an independent enquiry into the alleged 'failures' of the State Election Commission (SEC) during the ongoing municipal, MPTC and ZPTC elections in Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu-ruled Andhra Pradesh. In his representation, the MP from Tirupati raised serious concerns over alleged violence, intimidation, attacks on Opposition candidates, destruction of nomination papers, police interference and the failure of election authorities to ensure free and fair participation. He cited incidents in Punganur, Pulivendula, Kadapa, Proddatur, Mydukur, Badvel, Rayachoti, Tirupati and other places. He referred to the attack on Rajampet MP P.V. Midhun Reddy, burning of vehicles, house arrests of Opposition leaders and obstruction of candidates attempting to file nominations. Gurumoorthy pointed out that the Supreme Court had directed the SEC to examine complaints and provide protection. However, nomination extensions were granted only in four Urban Local Bodies, leaving several affected municipalities without similar relief. He highlighted reports that 222 wards across seven municipalities recorded no YSRCP nominations because candidates were allegedly prevented from filing them. He also cited complaints that 1,345 MPTC and ZPTC candidates faced obstruction during nominations. The MP requested the President and Governor to order an independent examination of the SEC's conduct, including its response to complaints, police deployment, nomination irregularities and compliance with Supreme Court directions. He demanded the preservation of CCTV footage, nomination records, police reports and electronic evidence. He also sought central security forces, fresh nomination opportunities for affected candidates and independent judicial oversight. Gurumoorthy urged the President and Governor to consider appropriate constitutional action against officials, including the State Election Commissioner, if misconduct or serious failures are established through an impartial enquiry.The MP further stressed that the credibility of the electoral process depends on ensuring equal opportunities for all political parties and protecting candidates from alleged threats and coercion. He urged the authorities to examine whether election officials and police personnel had acted impartially while handling complaints from Opposition candidates. Gurumoorthy also called for transparency in the nomination process and demanded that all complaints regarding alleged irregularities be properly documented and investigated. He maintained that candidates should be allowed to exercise their democratic rights without fear or pressure and that voters must be given a fair opportunity to choose their representatives. He also urged the concerned authorities to take corrective measures wherever violations.



Rahul Gandhi's convoy vehicles collide in UP; SIT to probe

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi was unharmed on Monday, October 26, after several vehicles in his convoy collided on the Purvanchal Expressway while he was travelling to Sultanpur for a court hearing in a defamation case against him.According to Press Trust of India (PTI), a police officer said the incident was not serious and no major injuries were reported. The convoy soon resumed its journey towards Sultanpur.The pile-up occurred around 10.15 am, the officer said. A private vehicle at the front of the convoy, belonging to local Congress leaders, braked suddenly for an unspecified reason, causing the vehicles behind it to ram into one another. Police said the vehicles involved had joined the convoy midway and were carrying passengers, including Congress workers from neighbouring Amethi district.Later on Monday, Uttar Pradesh Police constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the accident, on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Rajeev Krishna, officials said.The SIT will examine the circumstances and causes of the collision and determine whether there was any negligence or lapse in security, escort arrangements or traffic management, according to a police statement. It has been directed to carry out a

Rahul Gandhi Acquitted in Amit Shah Defamation Case

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was acquitted by a special MP-MLA court here on Monday, October 26, in a defamation case over his 2018 remarks against then BJP president Amit Shah.Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Raebareli MP, appeared before the court for the pronouncement of the verdict.Plaintiff Vijay Mishra's lawyer Santosh Pandey said Gandhi has been acquitted by the court.Congress workers celebrated the verdict outside the court complex with beating of drums and distributing sweets among themselves.Security arrangements had bee strengthened in Sultanpur-particularly around the court complex, in view of the proceedings, police officials said.The case relates to the remarks made by Gandhi against Shah at a rally in Bengaluru ahead of the 2018 Karnataka Assembly elections.Mishra, a local BJP leader and former chairman of the District Cooperative Bank in Sultanpur, filed the defamation complaint against Gandhi on August 4, 2018.Gandhi appeared before the court in 2023 and secured bail. The court had earlier fixed October 13 for pronouncing its verdict, which was subsequently scheduled for October 26.The development is likely to renew political discussions over the use of defamation laws in public life and the limits of political criticism during election campaigns. The case also highlights the role of the judiciary in adjudicating disputes arising from statements made by political leaders. The detailed reasoning behind the acquittal will be important in understanding the court's assessment of the complaint and the evidence presented during the proceedings. Meanwhile, the Congress is expected to highlight the verdict as a legal development in Gandhi's favour, while the case remains a reminder of how political speeches can lead to prolonged legal proceedings.The proceedings had attracted attention among political circles because the complaint concerned remarks made during a high-profile election campaign involving.



Defence Panel Clears Rs 2.12 Lakh Cr Arms Proposals

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In a major push to military modernisation, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Monday cleared defence acquisition proposals worth Rs 2.12 lakh crore, including short-range air defence systems, long-range kamikaze drones, anti-drone systems for tanks and multi-role helicopters. The council accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN), the first stage of the procurement process, for the proposed acquisitions aimed at strengthening the combat capabilities of the Army, Navy and Air Force.
About 82 per cent of the proposed procurements will be sourced from Indian industry, giving a major boost to indigenous defence manufacturing.The Army's proposals include very short-range air defence systems (VSHORADS), long-range kamikaze drones, surveillance unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), counter-drone systems, self-propelled tracked guns and light multi-role helicopters. The VSHORADS will help counter emerging threats from small aerial targets, while platform-based counter-unmanned aerial systems will improve the survivability of tanks against drone attacks. Long-range kamikaze drones and integrated surveillance and strike systems will strengthen the Army's reconnaissance, targeting and attack capabilities.The council also cleared proposals for high-mobility vehicles to improve troop mobility and logistics in difficult terrain, besides gunshot response systems to provide real-time situational awareness.

FROM FRONT PAGE

SC issues notice.....

Section 18 requires the Commission's business to be transacted unanimously as far as possible, and by majority where members differ. It said the three SIR orders were issued in accordance with decisions of the EC arrived at unanimously and taken in due compliance of Article 324 of the Constitution of India read with Section 18 of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.
The poll body said any suggestion, observation or query raised by a commissioner while a file is being processed "does not constitute a decision" of the Commission. It explained that files move first to one election commissioner, then to the other and finally to the CEC, and that approved decisions bear the signatures of all three. Where urgent orders are needed and members are not available in person, approval is taken by electronic means and recorded on the file later, it said. On the Form 6 row, the EC said it "unequivocally rejects the misleading contention" that the statutory form had been changed. Form 6 is an application through which an eligible person seeks inclusion in the electoral rolls, it said. According to the affidavit, the declaration attached during the SIR is a separate document provided by the SIR orders and "is not a part of Form 6". It said the declaration used in the Bihar SIR was later replaced in the subsequent orders so that applicants could give details of themselves, their parents or grandparents from the 2002-03 rolls and avoid submitting further documents once successfully mapped. The Commission, however, admitted that the way the declaration was displayed on its online platform "could be construed as though an amendment of Form 6 had been made". It said the declaration had been merged into the online Form 6 page so that applicants would need only one OTP and one e-sign instead of two. After deliberation, the Electoral Rolls Division decided on October 21 that online applications will now also be in two parts, as is the case with physical forms. Responding to allegations concerning communications between the election commissioners and the cabinet secretary, the poll body said an office order on internal work allocation was issued on July 28 by an IAS officer of additional secretary rank posted on deputation to the Commission. The two election commissioners wrote separate letters to the cabinet secretary the next day about the order and the officer's conduct, and the order "was never implemented" in view of their joint direction of July 30, the EC said.

Anti-Modi Slur.....

A day after Kharge's controversial "Modi ka baap bhi jayega" remark at a party event in Patna, defence minister Rajnath Singh decried Kharge's remarks as "extremely unfortunate". He said the remark reflects that the main Opposition party has not just suffered a political downfall but an ideological downfall as well.
Singh said the Congress president's remarks have hurt the sentiments of crores of people of the country. The Union minister said turning ideological Opposition into "personal insults" and dragging political disagreement down to "abusive language" and targeting the Prime Minister's family reflect the Congress' "frustration and ideological bankruptcy".
"I believe this is not merely an insult to an individual or a family, but an attack on the dignity of Indian politics. In a democracy, one can oppose, question policies and criticise the government, but personal boundaries must be respected. This is what I would like to suggest," Singh said. He added that given the position Kharge holds, he was expected to demonstrate "greater seriousness, restraint, dignity and responsible conduct in public life". Singh also said that the standard of Congress politics was declining by the day.He also slammed the Congress for attempting to "justify" Kharge's remark and defend him, instead of "accepting the mistake and expressing regret." Meanwhile, in Delhi, the protesters were stopped by the police when they tried to march from Sena Bhavan circle towards Kharge's residence on Rajaji Marg. Around 2,000 BJP workers and leaders, including state president Harsh Malhotra, were detained as protesters attempted to break barricades.

CRIME

329 booked for drunk driving in Cyberabad over the weekend

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cyberabad Traffic Police apprehended 329 persons during a special drunk driving enforcement drive on October 23 and 24.These comprise 270 two-wheelers, 12 three-wheelers, and 47 four-wheelers. Among those booked, 255 recorded a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 36 mg/100 ml-200 mg/100 ml; 53 recorded a BAC of 201-300; and 21 had a BAC of 301 and above.The maximum permissible Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) limit in India is 30 mg per 100 ml of blood (0.03 per cent).All the offenders will be produced before the court.Anyone found to be driving in an inebriated condition is booked under Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The maximum punishment under this Section is 10 years of imprisonment along with a fine.Between October 19 and October 24, the court disposed of 146 drunk driving cases, all of which were let off with a fine.

The Cyberabad Traffic Police said the special drive was conducted to curb drunk driving and prevent road accidents caused by motorists driving under the influence of alcohol. Officials reiterated that drunk driving poses a serious threat to the lives of drivers, passengers and other road users, particularly during late-night hours and on busy city roads. Motorists were urged to arrange alternative transportation, such as taxis or designated drivers, if they consume alcohol. The police also warned that offenders would face legal proceedings and penalties in accordance with the applicable laws. Traffic personnel are continuing enforcement operations at key locations across the Cyberabad Commissionerate to identify violations and improve road safety. Authorities appealed to the public to follow traffic regulations, avoid driving after consuming alcohol and cooperate with enforcement teams to reduce accidents and protect lives. The police stressed that responsible driving and strict compliance with road safety rules are essential to ensuring safer journeys for everyone.Police officials said drunk driving checks would continue at vulnerable locations and major junctions across the Cyberabad Commissionerate as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen traffic enforcement. Special teams are using breath analysers to identify motorists who exceed the permissible alcohol limit, while vehicles found involved in violations are being recorded for further legal action. The police have also urged parents to educate young drivers about the dangers of speeding, reckless driving and alcohol consumption before getting behind the wheel. Officials emphasised that even a small amount of alcohol can affect concentration, judgement and reaction time, increasing the risk of collisions. They advised motorists to wear helmets, use seat belts, follow speed limits and avoid using mobile phones while driving. The traffic police reiterated that road safety is a shared responsibility and called on citizens to report dangerous driving and cooperate with authorities in preventing avoidable accidents. Regular enforce-

Woman conductor pushed off TGSRTC bus, suffers leg fracture

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: A female bus conductor was allegedly shoved out of a bus by a passenger in Bhadradri Kothagudem district on Sunday, October 25, leaving her with a fractured leg.The passenger, Maunika, had gotten on the TGSRTC Palle Velgu bus with her son at Manuguru. While purchasing a ticket for her son, she produced a Rs 100 note and had an argument with the conductor, Pravalika, over change, an official from Aswapuram Police Station.While getting off at Mittagudem village in Aswapuram mandal, the two women again had an argument and the passenger reportedly shoved Pravalika out of the bus.The bus ran over her legs, causing a fracture in her right leg, the official said.She was first shifted to Bhadrachalam Government Hospital and later to Hyderabad for better treatment.Maunika was taken into police custody but was later released on a surety. A case has been registered under Section 121 (voluntarily caus-

Cyberabad police invoke PD Act against 24-yr-old with 64 cases

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 24-year-old man accused of robbing pedestrians, burgling homes and stealing two-wheelers across Cyberabad has been jailed under the Preventive Detention (PD) Act, with police saying 64 criminal cases are registered against him.Cyberabad Police Commissioner M Ramesh ordered the detention of Derangula Ravi, alias Gaja, also known as Gaja Donga, declaring him a "goonda." He has been lodged in Central Prison, Cherlapalli, in Medchal district.Police said Ravi, a resident of Suraram Col-

ACB Seizes ₹2.4 Lakh from Water

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad: The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday, October 24, seized Rs 2.4 lakh in unaccounted cash from Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) Joint Director A Srinivas.According to ACB, they acted on information received from an anonymous caller saying that a higher official of the HMWSSB was carrying cash allegedly collected illegally from his office and proceeding towards his residence.ACB intercepted the car opposite Metro Residency Apartments located at Raj Bhavan Road and found the cash with Srinivas. On enquiry regarding the possession of such cash while returning from office, he failed to provide a satisfactory explanation and gave inconsistent versions, ACB said.The unaccounted cash was seized under a panchanama for verification of the corruption angle, for taking further necessary action, and for intimating the Income Tax Department, ACB said.On enquiry regarding the possession of such cash while returning from office, he failed to provide a satisfactory explanation and gave incon-

Woman, 26, dies of electrocution from water heater in Borabanda

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 26-year-old woman died of electrocution after coming into contact with a water heater at her residence in Bharath Nagar, Borabanda, on Sunday evening, October 25.The deceased, Ayesha Begum, wife of Abdul Rauf, was a homemaker. According to preliminary information, she suffered an electric shock when her hand came into contact with the water heater.The incident occurred within the limits of Borabanda police station, and a case has been registered. Further details surrounding the circumstances of the incident are being ascertained.Police officials are investigating the circumstances that led to the fatal incident and are expected to examine the water heater and electrical connections at the residence to determine the exact cause of the electrocution. The body was taken for necessary legal formalities, and further details are awaited. The incident has raised concerns about electrical safety while using household appliances, particularly water heaters in bathrooms and other wet

Man steals car's spare tyre in Hyderabad, video surfaces

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: A man was caught on closed-circuit television (CCTV) fleeing with a spare car tyre on his two-wheeler The incident occurred in Chandrayangutta on Saturday morning. The 13-second video, shared on social media, shows the accused riding through a narrow lane with the tyre. While the police said the incident occurred on October 24, the date displayed on the CCTV footage was October 22.Chandrayangutta police Inspector R Ravinder said the accused had been identified as Subhan and that a theft case had been registered against him under Section 303 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).A search has been launched to nab the accused.Police are examining the CCTV footage and gathering information to establish the sequence of events and trace the stolen tyre. Investigators are also expected to verify the ownership of the vehicle from which the spare tyre was allegedly taken and identify any witnesses who may have seen the incident. The footage has attracted attention on social media, with the incident highlighting how CCTV cameras can assist police in identifying suspects and investigating property-related offences. Police have appealed to residents to remain alert and report suspicious activities in their neighbourhoods. Vehicle owners have also been advised to park in secure locations and take precautions to protect spare tyres and other accessories from theft. Further investigation is underway to trace the accused and recover the stolen property.Police officials are continuing efforts to locate the accused and establish the full circumstances surrounding the alleged theft. The investigation will also focus on whether the suspect was

EDITORIAL

ISRAEL ELECTION UNLIKELY TO ALTER TIES WITH INDIA, SAYS ANALYST

TEL AVIV
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Strong ties between India and Israel are likely to remain unaffected by the outcome of the upcoming Israeli elections, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's close personal relationship with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu and growing cooperation in defence and technology underpinning the partnership, Israeli author and political analyst Alec Pollard has said."Whoever wins the election, Israel and India will continue to be good friends and to be close," the Israeli author told PTI Videos, adding that the relationship is highly valued by Israel.He said that a change in leadership could, however, bring a new dimension to bilateral ties, with a new prime minister's ability to establish a rapport with Prime Minister Modi remaining a key factor.The Israeli elections, scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 27, are expected to be closely contested, with Netanyahu facing questions over the October 7 Hamas attack, exemptions from compulsory military service for the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community, and concerns over Israel's international isolation.Pollard said the October 7 Hamas attack, widely seen in Israel as a major security and intelligence failure, had emerged as a key electoral issue, with many holding Netanyahu responsible."Netanyahu has been trying to sort of offload that blame onto the security establishment, onto the intelligence establishment, even his political rivals," he said.But he is taking credit for some of the military successes that Israel has had since the Hamas attack, the author noted."So the question is, will Israel believe that version or not? And that's going to be quite crucial because a lot of people have been personally burned by this," Pollard added.He said Netanyahu's opponents have criticised exemptions from military service for ultra-Orthodox Jews, while reservists face repeated deployments."Equal conscription of everybody is a major focus. Those who don't serve shouldn't be able to benefit from the welfare state. But the issue is more about the ultra-Orthodox because they're core members of Netanyahu's coalition," Pollard highlighted.The analyst also flagged the unresolved debate over a national commission of inquiry into the October 7 attack and Netanyahu's proposed judicial reforms as significant issues for Israeli voters.He said while "Netanyahu has projected himself as a leader willing to withstand international pressure", the opposition has argued that his far-right coalition partners have contributed to Israel's growing isolation.The election outcome would not bring major changes to Gaza policies, Pollard further stated, adding that Israel cannot afford to return to the security conditions that prevailed before October 7."There was a ceasefire deal with US President Trump, which said that the hostages will be returned. That did happen, and Hamas will disarm. That did not happ.Pollard said the future of Gaza would remain a major challenge for whichever government emerges after the election, as Israel continues to face security concerns and international pressure over the conflict. He noted that implementing any long-term arrangement would require addressing the question of Hamas's disarmament, the security of Israeli communities and the future administration of the Palestinian territory. The analyst also pointed to the continuing influence of the United States on regional developments, particularly through diplomatic efforts aimed at maintaining ceasefire arrangements and preventing a wider escalation. He said Israel's next leadership would have to balance domestic political demands with international relations and security priorities. On India-Israel ties, Pollard emphasised



Yezdi Brings 2026 Motorcycle Range to Amazon, Flipkart for Festive Buyers

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana



Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles has introduced its refreshed 2026 Yezdi motorcycle range on Amazon.in and Flipkart, offering customers a convenient way to explore and book the Yellow Falcon Adventure, Green Mamba Roadster and Grey Panther Scrambler during the festive season.

The three motorcycles cater to different riding preferences, combining distinctive colour schemes with rider-focused features and established engine performance. The online availability complements the company's network of more than 450 sales and service touchpoints across India.

The Yellow Falcon Yezdi Adventure features tubeless cross-spoke wheels and a 334cc liquid-cooled Alpha2 engine producing 29.6 PS and 29.8 Nm of torque. The Green Mamba Roadster sports a matte green finish, Arabica-brown seats and copper decals, retaining its 334cc Alpha2 engine, six-speed gearbox and assist-and-slipper clutch. The Grey Panther Scrambler gets a metallic grey finish, brown seats and matching tank pads, alongside a 334cc KATAR engine delivering 30 PS and 30 Nm of torque.

Anupam Thareja, Co-Founder of Classic Legends, said the refreshed range reflects Yezdi's commitment to riders seeking motorcycles suited to their individual riding styles. He added that listing the models on Amazon.in and Flipkart would improve accessibility and provide another channel for customers to discover and book their preferred motorcycles.

Under the online purchasing process, customers can select a motorcycle and pay the applicable ex-showroom price through either platform. An authorised local dealer will subsequently confirm the order and assist with the remaining payment and documentation. Delivery arrangements follow completion of registration and insurance formalities, with handover at the nearest Jawa-Yezdi dealership.

The company also continues to offer its Ownership Assurance Program, which includes a standard four-year or 50,000-km warranty, extended warranty options of up to six years, roadside assistance for up to eight years and annual maintenance contracts for up to five years, subject to applicable terms and conditions.

With online booking options and an extensive dealership network, Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles aims to make its latest range more accessible to customers during the festive buying season.

Dubai Welcomes Cooler Season with Six Outdoor Experiences

DUBAI
Wakeup telangana



Dubai is welcoming the cooler season with a range of outdoor experiences, including beach activities, fitness events, mountain adventures, weekend markets and open-air dining. From Kite Beach and the Hajar Mountains to desert cycling routes and Global Village, the city offers residents and visitors several ways to enjoy the pleasant weather.

One of the key attractions is Kite Beach, where visitors can enjoy running tracks, water sports, beach volleyball and beachfront cafés. The return of Kite Beach Market for its 22nd season, featuring 15 kiosks, adds shopping and leisure opportunities along the Jumeirah coastline.

Dubai Fitness Challenge, scheduled from October 31 to November 29, will mark its tenth edition, encouraging participants to complete 30 minutes of physical activity daily for 30 days. Major events include Dubai Ride on November 1, Dubai Stand Up Paddle at Hatta Dam on November 7–8, Dubai Run on November 22 and Dubai Yoga on November 29.

For nature enthusiasts, Hatta offers kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, camping and glamping amid the Hajar Mountains. Al Qudra Cycle Track and Al Qudra Lakes provide additional opportunities for cycling, bird-watching and desert exploration.

Seasonal markets, including Ripe Market at Academy Park, will bring together independent businesses, artisanal products, fresh produce, food stalls and family activities. Meanwhile, Dubai's beachfront cafés, waterfront restaurants and garden terraces offer outdoor dining options.

Global Village, which has begun its 31st season running from October 2026 to May 2027, combines international cuisines, cultural pavilions, shopping and live entertainment.

With experiences spanning fitness, nature, shopping and dining, Dubai's cooler months provide visitors with opportunities to explore the city beyond its urban attractions and enjoy its outdoor lifestyle.

Govt Signs ₹116-Crore MoU with Manastu Space for Green Propulsion

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In a significant step towards strengthening India’s indigenous space technology capabilities and promoting sustainable access to space, the Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science & Technology (DST) on Monday signed an agreement with Manastu Space Technologies Private Limited, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra for financial support of Rs 116 crore under the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund. The project, with a total project cost of Rs 277.63 crore, focuses on developing a scalable, integrated green propulsion system for satellites and launch vehicles across the 5 mN to 300 N thrust class, the Ministry of Science & Technology said. The programme aims to advance the technology from Technology Readiness Level (TRL)-6 to TRL-9, supporting further development, validation and deployment of the propulsion system.The financial support will be



provided through Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD), the ministry stated.Manastu Space is developing an indigenous green propulsion system designed to provide a complete propulsion solution for satellites and launch vehicles. The technology uses a hydrogen peroxide-based green propellant with additives, supported by an integrated engine and catalyst system. The system offers improved performance and cost efficiency while reducing the operational challenges associated with conventional propellants, as per the report.A key feature of the technology is its scalable architecture, serving propulsion requirements ranging from small satellite applications to higher-thrust systems.The project encompasses the development of propulsion engines and propellant feed systems, including an ultra-high-temperature ceramic catalyst designed for reliable operation under demanding conditions.Indigenous propulsion technologies are important for strengthening India’s capabilities across the space value chain. As the country’s space ecosystem continues to expand, there is a growing need for propulsion systems that combine performance, reliability, operational safety and cost efficiency," Rajesh Kumar Pathak, Secretary, TDB, said. The support from TDB under the RDI Fund will help us advance our green propulsion technology through further development, integration and validation. Our objective is to develop a scalable

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Posts Record ₹365 Crore Quarterly Profit

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Ujjivan Small Finance Bank reported its highest-ever quarterly net profit of ₹365 crore for the second quarter of FY2026-27, registering a 199.9% year-on-year increase. The bank’s board also approved a ₹409 crore capital infusion through a preferential share issue, subject to shareholders’ approval.

The bank’s deposits crossed the ₹50,000 crore milestone, reaching ₹50,643 crore, up 29.2% year-on-year. Its gross loan book expanded 32.1% to ₹45,699 crore, while quarterly disbursements rose 32.3% to a record ₹10,495 crore.

The secured loan portfolio grew 47% to ₹23,803 crore, accounting for 52.1% of the overall portfolio. Affordable housing loans increased 31.4% to ₹10,056 crore. Micro mortgages, MSME lending and gold loans also recorded strong growth.

Asset quality improved, with gross and net non-performing assets declining to 2.10% and 0.31%, respectively. The provision coverage ratio stood at 85%, while collection efficiency in Group and Individual Loan Bucket-X reached 99.71%.

Net interest income increased 35% year-on-year to a record ₹1,244 crore. Return on assets stood at 2.4%, while return on equity reached 19.7%. The bank maintained a capital adequacy ratio of 20.69% and an average daily liquidity coverage ratio of 131%.

Whole-Time Director and Interim CEO Carol Furtado said the capital raise would support the bank’s growth plans. The preferential issue involves International Finance Corporation, Bajaj Life Insurance, HDFC Life Insurance and Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance.

The bank also received ₹500 crore through securitisation in October. During the first half of FY2027, it added 104 branches and 1,335 employees. Its new brand campaign, featuring actor R. Madhavan, was launched in September under the tagline “Nothing Small About Us.”

The bank said it remains focused on expanding its distribution network,

Krystal Acquires Citelum India, Targets ₹350 Crore Revenue



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Krystal Integrated Services Limited (KISL) has acquired a 100% equity stake in Citelum India Private Limited from its existing shareholders, including France-based Citelum S.A.S., marking its entry into the city lighting and urban infrastructure sector.

Following the acquisition, Citelum India will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Krystal. The company aims to generate annual revenue of ₹300–350 crore from the new business vertical over the next three to four years.

Krystal plans to invest approximately ₹100 crore in engineering capabilities, technology platforms and business expansion. It aims to expand operations across 30–40 cities in 12–15 states, with infrastructure services expected to contribute 12–15% of its consolidated revenue.

The acquisition will combine Citelum India's expertise in street lighting, connected lighting systems, engineering, installation and maintenance with Krystal's integrated facility management and technical operations capabilities.

Krystal also plans to expand into smart metering, electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and other electrical solutions for urban areas.

Sanjay Dighe, CEO and Whole-Time Director of Krystal Integrated Services, said the acquisition would strengthen the company's infrastructure services portfolio and enable it to pursue long-term operations and maintenance projects.

B. Sivakumar, CEO and Director of Citelum India, said the partnership would support expansion, innovation and sustainable infrastructure development.

ICICI Life Launches Guaranteed Indexed Pension Plan for Retirement

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ICICI Life Insurance Limited has launched the ICICI Life Guaranteed Indexed Pension plan, combining lifelong guaranteed income with the potential for market-linked growth to help customers manage retirement expenses and plan their long-term financial security.

The product allows customers to choose a guaranteed annuity component ranging from 60% to 100%, while the remaining portion can be linked to the NIFTY 50 Total Return Index, offering potential growth in retirement income based on market performance.

According to Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer of ICICI Life Insurance, increasing life expectancy, rising living costs and changing financial priorities have created a need for retirement solutions that balance income stability with growth opportunities. He said the new plan offers flexibility to help customers make informed retirement decisions with greater confidence.

The pension plan offers single-life and joint-life options, along with a return-of-purchase-price benefit. In the event of the annuitant's death, or the death of the last surviving annuitant under the joint-life option, the nominee will receive a death benefit equal to the total premiums paid, subject to the applicable policy terms.

The plan also features an 'Annuity Advance' facility, allowing eligible customers to receive up to 99% of the next five years' guaranteed annuity payments in advance as a lump sum. This option is designed to address immediate liquidity requirements.

Customers can select monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annual annuity payouts according to their financial needs. The product also provides health management and wellness services to support customers during retirement.

With this launch, ICICI Life Insurance aims to expand its retirement solutions portfolio by offering greater flexibility and a combination of guaranteed income and index-linked growth potential.

Ampere Expands Retail Footprint in Hanumakonda with New Experience

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Ampere has inaugurated Ramagiri E Bikes at Hunter Road in Hanumakonda, strengthening its retail and service network and expanding access to electric mobility in the region.

The new Ampere Experience Centre will offer customers sales and service facilities under one roof, showcasing the company’s electric scooter portfolio. The lineup includes the Ampere Nexus EX+, featuring a 5 kW motor, the Magnus GMax, the comfort-focused Magnus Neo and the recently launched Reo Vyb, aimed at younger riders, including students.

The Nexus EX+ and Magnus GMax are also available with Intellipack technology and more than 30 intelligent features. Ampere’s portfolio is supported by next-generation LFP battery technology and a standard battery warranty of up to five years or 75,000 km, subject to applicable terms.Highlighting its performance capabilities, the Magnus GMax recently completed an endurance ride covering nearly 4,000 km in 15 days, from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat.

The Nexus platform has also navigated Kolli Hills’ 70 hairpin bends and reached Shipki La Pass at 13,200 feet.The dealership expansion reflects Greaves Electric Mobility’s efforts to strengthen Ampere’s retail and service presence and make electric scooters more accessible to customers across India.

UAE Property Grand Expo 2026 to Be Held in Hyderabad

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Hyderabad will host the UAE Property Grand Expo 2026 on October 31 and November 1 at JRC Conventions and Trade Fairs. Organised by UAE-based Global Edge Advertisements LLC, the two-day exhibition is supported by the Dubai Land Department and Ajman Land Department.

The expo will connect Indian investors with UAE property developers, government representatives and real estate experts, offering insights into residential projects, luxury homes and emerging investment opportunities.

Visitors can learn about property ownership regulations, investor protection, financing options, potential rental returns and Golden Visa eligibility.

The India–UAE Real Estate Forum will also discuss investment prospects, regulatory transparency and developments in the UAE property sector.

Global Edge CEO Mr. Raghu said the initiative aims to strengthen India–UAE business ties and connect Hyderabad’s growing investor community with international real estate opportunities.

The expo will be open from 11 am to 9 pm on both days.

Venue: JRC Conventions and Trade Fairs, Hyderabad

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Shah Rukh Khan won't meet fans on birthday, know why...?

Mumbai. Mumbai: For Shah Rukh Khan fans, November 2 is no ordinary date. It is practically a festival, with thousands of admirers travelling to Mumbai from across India and even overseas to catch a glimpse of their favourite Bollywood superstar outside his iconic residence, Mannat, in Bandra. But this year, the birthday celebrations are set to be different, and the news has left fans disappointed.Shah Rukh Khan, who will turn 61 on November 2, will reportedly not host his much-awaited #SRKDAY event this year. While fans have been eagerly looking-forward to celebrating the special occasion with King Khan, the superstar's team has now communicated the decision to his fan clubs, citing his upcoming film King as the reason.A well-placed



source informed about the development and revealed what SRK's team may be planning for his fans instead.Why Shah Rukh Khan will not meet fans on his birthday A source from one of Shah Rukh Khan's fan clubs told Siasat.com that they had been informed that there would be no birthday event on November 2 this year. Instead, the actor's team is planning something bigger for fans ahead of the release of King in December.The fan club source also shared a message received from Red Chillies Entertainment, the production house owned by Shah Rukh Khan, explaining the decision and acknowledging the disappointment among fans.In its message to fan clubs, the team wrote, "The love and dedication you shower on SRK is deeply valued. We see and truly appreciate all the wonderful work you do, especially the efforts being made for the release of King.Acknowledging the significance of the birthday celebrations, the team added, "We know how much #SRKDAY means to you and your members, and how eagerly everyone looks forward to celebrating SRK's birthday together. As SRK has often shared, he too genuinely looks forward to spending his birthday with his fans."SRK's team hints at a bigger celebration before King Explaining why the traditional birthday event will not take place this year, the message stated that the team had also explored the possibility of arranging a larger venue to accommodate more fans, but the plan did not work out.However, as we put the final touches on King, it will not be possible to hold the #SRKDAY event on 2nd November this year. We also explored a larger venue to accommodate more fans, but unfortunately, this has not worked out at present," the message read.The team also expressed regret over the disappointment this could cause, particularly for fans planning to travel from different parts of India and abroad.

Popular K-pop band surprises Hyderabad with live performance



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Hyderabad turned into a K-pop paradise on Sunday as thousands of fans gathered at Shilpakala Vedika for Korea Culture Day 2026, also known as K-Harmony Festa. South Korean boy band NTX emerged as one of the biggest highlights of the event, with videos of their energetic performance and interaction with fans going viral on social media.The band won local hearts by attempting to speak Telugu, sending the crowd into a frenzy. Fans cheered loudly as the members interacted with the audience, making the evening a memorable celebration for Hyderabad's growing Korean culture community.NTX, formed by Victory Company, has eight members – Hyeongjin, Yunhyeok, Xiha, Changhun, Hojun, Rawhyun, Eunho and Seungwon. The group officially debuted in March 2021 with the single Kiss The World.Korean culture meets Hyderabad,Organised by the Korean Cultural Centre India in collaboration with the Telangana government, the festival celebrated the cultural ties between India and South Korea under the theme One Light, Two Cities.The event brought together K-pop performances, traditional Korean folk arts, Taekwondo demonstrations and Telangana's vibrant drumming traditions. Visitors also explored Korean street food, beauty products and interactive experiences, including trying on traditional Korean Hanbok attire.Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka attended the event alongside representatives of the Republic of Korea, highlighting the growing cultural relationship between the two regions.With packed crowds, enthusiastic K-pop fans and a lively fusion of Korean and Telugu culture, K-Harmony Festa showcased Hyderabad's growing love for the Korean wave.South Korean boy band NTX emerged as one of the biggest highlights of the event, with videos of their energetic performance and interaction with fans going viral on social media

PG Dasara Cricket Tournament Concludes in Grand Style

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The PG Dasara Cricket Tournament, organised by senior Khairatabad leader and Bhagyanagar Utsav Samithi secretary Pallapu Govardhan on the occasion of Dasara, concluded on a grand note with a prize distribution ceremony held at Film Nagar. Speaking on the occasion, Govardhan said the tournament had received an overwhelming response from young cricket enthusiasts across various localities. He stated that the primary objective of organising the tournament was to encourage youth to participate in sports, develop discipline and stay away from negative influences. Govardhan said he had been organising cricket tournaments every year to promote sporting talent and provide young people with a positive platform to showcase their abilities. He emphasised that sports play a crucial role in building confidence, teamwork, leadership qualities and a sense of responsibility among youth. The 15-day tournament witnessed enthusiastic participation from 19 teams representing different localities and slum areas, with a total of 47 matches played. The competition provided an opportunity for young cricketers to demonstrate their skills, compete in a healthy sporting environment and strengthen bonds among communities.

Recalling his own childhood, Govardhan said he had grown up in the Film Nagar slums and was familiar with the challenges faced by young people in such neighbourhoods. He said his personal experiences had motivated him to support local youth and create opportunities for their development through sports and community initiatives.

At the concluding ceremony, the Friends Playing team, which emerged as the tournament champion, was presented with a cash prize of ₹50,000 along with a trophy. The Kumar team from Durga Bhavani Nagar, which secured the runner-up position, received ₹30,000 and a trophy in recognition of its performance.

The organisers said the tournament was aimed at nurturing local sporting talent, encouraging healthy competition and motivating young people to pursue constructive activities. The successful completion of the event highlighted the importance of community-led initiatives in promoting sports and providing opportunities for youth to grow and excel.

The tournament concluded amid enthusiasm, with the organisers expressing their commitment to continuing similar initiatives in the coming years.

Wild card Guo Hanyu overturns Cirstea at Wuhan Open

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Former South African cricketer Lance Klusener believes Indian cricket has the talent to move smoothly into its next era, backing Shubman Gill to lead the team for years while identifying young batter Vaibhav Sooryavanshi as a potential future superstar following the eventual departures of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.Klusener said Kohli and Rohit's stature should not prevent Indian cricket from embracing its next generation, stressing that the sport has repeatedly produced players capable of carrying forward the legacy of those who came before them.The former Proteas all-rounder, currently the head coach of the Arabian Aces in the Abu Dhabi T10 League, made the remarks while on the sidelines of an event organised for the tournament, as Indian cricket continues to manage the transition from two of its most influential modern-day players."As good as Virat and as good as Rohit have been in the past, they will have to walk away from the game when their time comes. But the beauty of cricket is that it carries on. It gets stronger sometimes."When we played, people never thought that Sachin Tendulkar's records would ever be broken. And people are challenging those already. So, players come and go. It's a sad day when legends of your game and legends of your country step away. But on the bright side, there are always younger, fitter, faster players in the wings as well," Klusener.The former all-rounder described Gill as an "absolute superstar" with the bat and said the young captain's next challenge would be to separate his responsibilities as a leader from his role as India's premier batter. For me personally, I'm convinced already. I think he's the right man for the job. He's an absolute superstar with the bat. It's probably just being able to separate Shubman Gill as a batter and Shubman Gill as a captain as well. I think all the great captains have been able to separate that. And I'm sure he'll have a lot of opportunities and a lot of people to lean on in helping him do that."But absolutely, I think he's as good as it gets with a cricket bat. And captaincy, even for old-established captains, you're learning all the time. He'll do the same. So, I'm absolutely excited for him. I think he's a superstar. He's going to be someone who will serve India with great courage and great purpose for many years to come, hopefully," he opined.Gill's emergence as a leader comes as India prepares for life beyond Kohli and Rohit, who have shaped the country's cricketing fortunes for more than a decade. While their eventual retirements will leave a considerable void, Klusener believes the transition should be viewed as a natural part of the sport rather than a threat to India's competitiveness.He pointed to Sooryavanshi as evidence that another generation of Indian talent is already emerging."It's a balance. Every team is different. Every nation works the retirement of players differently, and players retire every single season. India are facing that now with those two stars.

Harish Rao accuses Congress of neglecting Kaleshwaram

BRS leader T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of neglecting Kaleshwaram and aggravating drought conditions. He demanded a white paper on river flows, immediate repairs to Medigadda barrage, and disclosure of the Tummidihatti project's feasibility, water availability and estimated

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BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao termed the Congress government's renewed engagement with Maharashtra over the proposed Tummidihatti project as diversionary politics to cover up its failure to revive the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme. He asserted that the Kaleshwaram project remained Telangana's only lifeline to mitigate drought.

He rubbished the government's arguments on water availability, questioning why it failed to lift water when flows were better. He also called the government's argument blaming El Nino for drought conditions a lame excuse and demanded the release of a white paper on water flows in the Godavari and Krishna rivers over the last five months.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Harish Rao held the Congress government squarely responsible for the drought conditions. He pointed out that the ruling Congress had kept the Kaleshwaram project idle for nearly three years to deny credit to BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao. He urged the government to set aside politics and prioritise water supply to people. He demanded the immediate resumption of water lifting from the Kannepalli pump house, besides repairs to the Me-



digadda barrage.

Dismissing the government's El Nino argument as an excuse, he questioned why Telangana had announced a crop holiday despite a 17 per cent rainfall deficiency, while downstream Andhra Pradesh, with a reported 33 per cent deficiency, had not. He demanded that the government disclose water availability, pump operating hours and the quantity lifted, alleging that its failure to utilise available water had aggravated the drought.

The former Irrigation Minister sought white papers on the operation of the Devadula and Kalwakurthy lift irrigation schemes. He alleged that effective operation of Devadula could have irrigated parts of the erstwhile Karimnagar district and large areas of the erstwhile Warangal district. He said that at Kalwakurthy, only two of the five motors were operating, with pumping restricted to 12 hours a day.

Contrasting this with Andhra Pradesh's use of the Pattiseema lift scheme, he asked why Telangana was not operating its irrigation projects effectively. He stated that the Congress government was allowing water to flow downstream while farmers faced challenges.

He also alleged that retired engineers who recommended operating the Kannepalli pumps had been threatened with punitive action. He urged the government to stop political diversions and safeguard the State's interests. Harish Rao said the BRS government held negotiations with Maharashtra soon after assuming office in 2014 to take up Tummidihatti, holding several rounds of talks that year and in 2015. The then Chief Minister Chandrashekar Rao personally urged Maharashtra to agree to a water level of 152 metres.

BJP holds protest over Kharge's 'Modi ka baap' remark

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday staged a protest at Moazzam Jahi Market in Hyderabad, condemning Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge over his controversial remarks targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. BJP leaders participated in the demonstration, holding posters denouncing Kharge's statement.

The protest was part of a series of demonstrations being organised by the BJP across the country in response to the Congress chief's remark, "Modi ka baap bhi jayega", which triggered sharp political reactions.

The controversy erupted on Sunday, October 25, when Kharge made the statement while addressing an event in Patna, Bihar, organised to mark the 139th birth anniversary of the state's first Chief Minister, Shrikrishna Singh.

During his speech, Kharge was discussing the Congress's allegations of irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. When he said those responsible for the alleged irregularities would be sent to jail, a person in the audience remarked that Modi would not leave office as long as there was no rebellion.

Responding to the comment, Kharge made the controversial statement, drawing condemnation from BJP leaders and other political parties.

Senior leaders from the BJP, Janata Dal (United), Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) and Hindustani Awam Morcha criticised the Congress president's language.

BJP chief Nitin Nabin said people were closely watching what he described as indecent politics and would respond appropriately. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also condemned Kharge's remarks, accusing him of violating standards of political decorum.

The Hyderabad protest added to the nationwide political confrontation over the statement, with the BJP demanding accountability from the Congress leadership over the language used against the Prime Minister.

BRS seeks extension of graduate voter registration deadline to December 6

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to extend the current deadline of November 6 for graduate voter registration by at least a month, citing a massive verification backlog, inadequate outreach and difficulties in getting educational certificates attested.

A BRS delegation led by the party deputy floor leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav submitted a representation to Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy on Monday, seeking urgent measures to ensure that eligible graduates are not deprived of their voting rights in the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduate MLC constituencies.

In its representation, addressed to the Chief Election Commissioner through the CEO, the BRS sought an extension until December 6, deployment of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) with clear targets, and a Statewide awareness campaign. The party stated that around 5.23 lakh Form 18 applications had been received by October 24, but only 26,085 had been approved, while 4.96 lakh applications were pending verification. The approved applications accounted for just 2.52 per cent of the 10.36 lakh.

Eatala Rajender to lead Jawaharnagar dumpyard march

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Malkajgiri Member of Parliament Eatala Rajender will launch a padayatra on Tuesday, October 27, to mobilise public support for the relocation of the Jawaharnagar dumping yard, intensifying the campaign over the long-standing concerns of residents living in and around the facility.

The padayatra will commence at 9 am from Edulabad Lakshminarayana Cheruvu. The march is



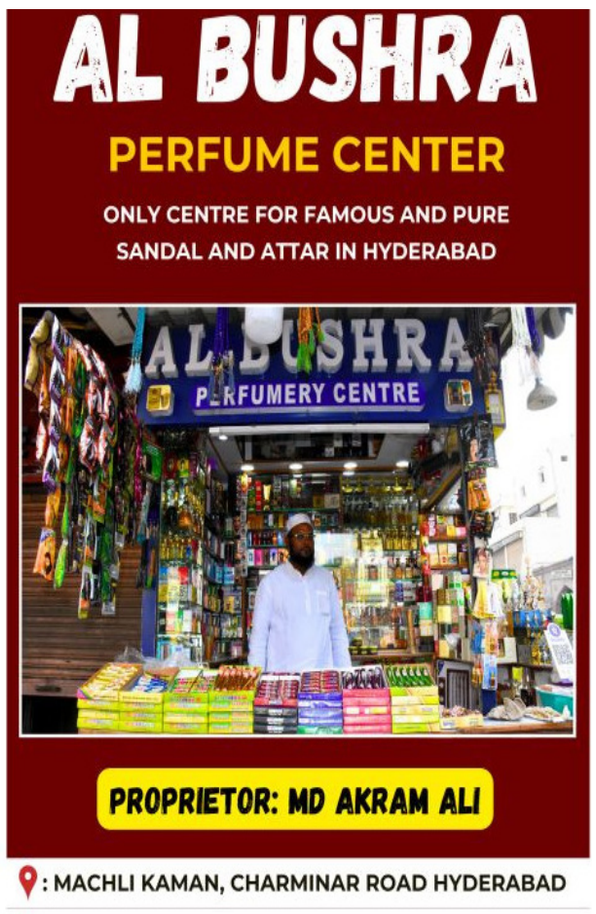
being organised as part of the campaign to save Jawaharnagar and bring together residents affected by the dumping yard, with the objective of strengthening the demand for its relocation.The organisers have appealed to people from Jawaharnagar and surrounding localities to participate in large numbers and make the programme a strong expression of public concern. They stressed that a united and sustained struggle was necessary to draw the attention of the authorities and secure a lasting solution to the problems faced by residents.

The Jawaharnagar dumping yard has remained a major concern for people living in nearby habitations, particularly over the management and disposal of waste and its potential impact on the surrounding environment and residential areas. Residents have repeatedly sought effective measures to address the difficulties associated with the facility and have demanded a permanent solution to their concerns.

The proposed padayatra is expected to provide a platform for affected residents to express their grievances, highlight local issues and renew their demand for the dumping yard to be shifted. By bringing people together through a public march, the campaign seeks to strengthen community participation and increase pressure on the authorities to respond to their concerns.Rajender, a BJP leader representing the Malkajgiri parliamentary constituency, is seeking to intensify the movement by mobilising residents and drawing wider attention to the issue. The campaign aims to make the relocation demand a priority and encourage the authorities to take appropriate steps towards addressing the concerns of the affected population.



Telangana's tallest temple chariot rolls through the streets of Sircilla during the annual Rathotsavam of Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Swamy, drawing thousands of devotees. (



HMWSSB tankers waste thousands of litres of water

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Tankers hired by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) are wasting thousands of litres of water daily due to broken, ill-fitting or open-top lids, even as residents pay premium rates and wait days for deliveries.

Although HMWSSB mandates the use of lids during delivery to prevent wastage when licences are granted or renewed, most operators fail to comply, undermining the board's "Every drop Counts" tagline. The board deploys 5,000-litre tankers for domestic users, 10,000-litre tankers for commercial and bulk users, and 20,000 to 25,000-litre tankers for heavy commercial supply, based on standard tariffs.

The HMWSSB currently runs a fleet of 1,200 to 1,500 tankers, supplying purified water daily to consumers who book through Metro Customer Care. A senior official noted that the board supplies 2 to 4 million gallons of water daily in the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) area, alongside regular tap water.

Officials estimate that each tanker loses two to three litres per trip due to unsecured lids, leaks or faulty taps during braking, turns and speed breakers, spilling water onto roads and leaving consumers' sumps empty. With 1,200 to 1,500 tankers each making 10 to 12 daily trips, thousands of litres are wasted.

Run out of money: Hyderabadi Umrah pilgrims stranded in Saudi

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Several Hyderabadi Umrah pilgrims stranded in Saudi Arabia have appealed to AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Indian authorities for help after their scheduled departure on Monday, October 19, was cancelled.

A video widely circulating on social media shows a group of pilgrims describing their difficulties and seeking intervention. One of them says their attempts to contact the Indian Embassy and Haj House have not yielded a response.

The pilgrims claim they have run out of money and are struggling to arrange food and accommodation. Women and children are also among those reportedly stranded. The speaker further alleges that their hotel owners and travel agency have not responded to their requests for assistance.

The group has urged the authorities to arrange their return to India and provide essential support in the meantime.

On Thursday, October 22, Owaisi called on the Centre to facilitate the return of around 4,000 Indian pilgrims stranded in Makkah and Madinah. In a post on X, he said their return journeys had been affected by flight cancellations involving IndiGo, Akasa Air and Air India.He urged the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to allow airlines to deploy larger aircraft or arrange special flights. Owaisi also alleged that travel agents had abandoned pilgrims and called for urgent government assistance.

Telangana's slow paddy procurement raises concerns over foodgrain buffer and fine rice prices

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With millers and private traders from Telangana and neighbouring States buying paddy directly from farmers, slow paddy procurement by the Congress government is posing a threat to its efforts to build a 14-month foodgrain buffer amid the El Niño crisis. Even as October nears its end, fewer than 2,000 of the 8,283 planned paddy procurement centres have opened so far.

Soon after harvesting began earlier this month, millers and traders from Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh joined local buyers in purchasing paddy directly from farmers. Anticipating demand for fine rice varieties amid concerns over El Niño's impact on production, they are offering Rs 3,100 to Rs 3,700 per quintal for fine variety paddy, with prices in several areas exceeding the minimum support price.

At the Kesamudram Agricultural Market in Mahabubabad district on Monday, the Jai Sriram variety reportedly fetched a record Rs 5,016 per quintal. Fine paddy varieties are also commanding Rs 3,100 to Rs 3,700 per quintal in districts such as Nalgonda, Karimnagar, Nizamabad and Khammam.

Osman Al Hajri Meets Avinash Pandey, Raises Vote Theft and Minority Welfare Issues

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Contested MLA and Karwan Constituency incharge Janab Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri met AICC General Secretary and former MP Shri Avinash Pandey at Gandhi Bhawan on Monday to discuss alleged vote theft and minority welfare in Telangana.

During the meeting, Osman Al Hajri raised concerns over alleged irregularities in the electoral process and discussed issues concerning the welfare, development and upliftment of minorities in the State. He brought several community-related concerns to Pandey's attention, seeking appropriate intervention and action.

Pandey has been entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the Congress party's "Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao Abhiyan" in Telangana. The campaign focuses on issues related to electoral integrity and the protection of voting rights.

The meeting provided an opportunity to highlight concerns affecting the Karwan constituency and minority communities, with Osman Al Hajri urging attention to these issues through the party's organisational channels.



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