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WEATHER

MAX: 32.0°C
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RH: 84%
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Congress Asks Party Cadre To Protect Genuine Voters During SIR

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AICC observer for Vote Bachao... Desh Bachao programme C.D. Meyyappan on Tuesday asked sarpanches, ward members, leaders, and active party workers to strive hard and protect the votes of genuine persons during SIR (Special Intensive Revision), thereby protecting the constitution and democracy. He asserted that the ruling BJP-led government cannot prevent active Congress leaders and cadres from reaching Delhi and participate in the demonstration against SIR demanding for the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on November 1.

Cyclone Arnab Continues Landfall Along AP Coast

Cyclone Arnab Batters Andhra Coast, Four Rescued as Floodwaters Inundate Kakinada

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The landfall process of "very severe" cyclonic storm Arnab was continuing along the Andhra Pradesh coast on Wednesday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said with the storm's centre remaining very close to the coastline.The northern spiral band of the cyclone has further entered the land and the landfall process is expected to continue for the next three hours, it said.

"The centre of very severe cyclonic storm Arnab remains very close to the Andhra Pradesh coastline, and the landfall process is continuing," the Met department said in an official press release. The cyclone was located over the west central Bay of Bengal close to the Andhra Pradesh coast, near latitude 16.4 degrees north and longitude 82.0 degrees east, about 30 km east of Narsapur, 45 km



south-southwest of Yanam, 70 km south-southwest of Kakinada and 90 km east-northeast of Machilipatnam.

The system is likely to continue moving north westwards and cross the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coasts between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam, close to the south of Yanam, as a very severe cyclonic storm, with maximum sustained wind speeds of up to 135 kmph and gusts reaching 150 kmph during the next three hours, said the IMD. Under the influence of the cyclone, heavy rain struck several places in the Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada and Konaseema districts. Meanwhile, collectors of Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Konaseema and West Godavari districts reported heavy rainfall and strong winds in their respective districts.

Officials also reported that trees had fallen at some places due to the impact of the cyclone. In Kakinada district, police rescued four people stranded in floodwaters near Bombay Katta area after heavy rain and seawater inundated the area, said a press release from the district police. The four people, who had reported for duty in the morning, remained stranded until night after floodwaters completely surrounded the place where they were staying, leaving them with no way to get out. They informed the police about their situation, following which a rescue operation was launched.

The police safely rescued all four people, helped them board a vehicle and sent them back to their homes, it said. Meanwhile, three people were reported to be stranded at the CWC godowns in Kakinada Anchorage Port due to Cyclone Arnab.

The area was flooded after heavy rainwater and seawater entered the premises, while the facility also experienced a complete disruption of power supply. The situation became critical as the night shift personnel were unable to leave the store premises because floodwaters surrounded the area.

Rahul Gandhi Vows SIR Protest Until CEC Resigns or Modi Acts

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Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday asserted that the Opposition would not stop its protests against the SIR exercise until Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar resigned or Prime Minister Narendra Modi removed him. Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal accused the Prime Minister and Union home minister Amit Shah of pressuring the Delhi police to obstruct the Opposition's October 30 "public impeachment of the CEC" ahead of the November 1 rally.

Speaking at a "Jan Sunwai" event in Trilokpuri in the national capital, Gandhi claimed that names of 416 voters were "illegally" removed under the SIR in the area. "We have seen here that in four booths 416 voters have been illegally removed. We have raised questions with the Chief Election Commissioner, but he refuses to answer and hides.

Bhatti Vikramarka To Hold All-party Meet Over El Niño On Oct 28

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka will convene an all-party meeting on Wednesday to seek suggestions from political parties on tackling the drought-like conditions prevailing in the state due to the impact of El Niño and the rainfall deficit.

The meeting, scheduled to be held on Wednesday afternoon at the state Secretariat, will focus on measures to mitigate the adverse effects of inadequate rainfall on farmers and other sections of society. The government is expected to seek constructive suggestions on ensuring an uninterrupted drinking water supply, identifying alternative crops for farmers and maintaining adequate electricity supply for agricultural irrigation.

The discussions assume significance as Telangana faces growing concerns over water availability following a deficient monsoon. The government is seeking coordinated efforts to minimise the impact on agriculture, drinking water resources and rural livelihoods.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had earlier sounded an alert on October 15, describing the possible impact of a Super El Niño event as a "major disaster" for the state. He warned that the rainfall deficit had resulted in a severe shortage of water in reservoirs, raising concerns over water availability for agricultural activities and other essential requirements.

In view of the prevailing situation, the Chief Minister appealed to farmers to postpone paddy cultivation during the upcoming Rabi season and consider alternatives to avoid potential losses caused by inadequate water availability.

Modi Holds Talks With Liechtenstein Prince to Boost Bilateral Ties

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held talks with Liechtenstein's Prince Alois on bolstering ties between the two countries and furthering the momentum in the bilateral partnership.Liechtenstein's Prince Alois is on a visit to India from October 25-28 to shore up bilateral cooperation in trade and investment, science, technology and innovation. "Furthering the momentum in our bilateral partnership. PM @narendramodi warmly received H.S.H Hereditary Prince Alois and H.R.H Hereditary Princess Sophie of Liechtenstein at Hyderabad House today. Discussions aimed at further strengthening our ties lie ahead," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post.

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Israel Exit Polls Suggest Blow to Netanyahu, No Clear Winner

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Israeli voters delivered a sharp rebuke Tuesday to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu , with exit polls indicating voters gave his opponents a solid majority in the next parliament. Whether those disparate parties can form a government is uncertain and will likely take weeks of haggling . The easiest path would involve Netanyahu's main rival, former military chief Gadi Eisenkot , partnering with Arab-led parties, but that could prove politically difficult and potentially alienate other opposition factions.

Exit polls released early Wednesday by major Israeli TV stations suggested that Netanyahu's bloc and Eisenkot's each won about 51 seats, and Arab parties won about 18. That would set the stage for weeks of political jockeying before a prime minister is declared — or another round of elections is called. Eisenkot said the exit polls show a "lack of confidence" in Netanyahu and vowed to form a new government. Arab voters celebrated the exit polls while supporters of far-



right parties aligned with Netanyahu expressed disappointment.

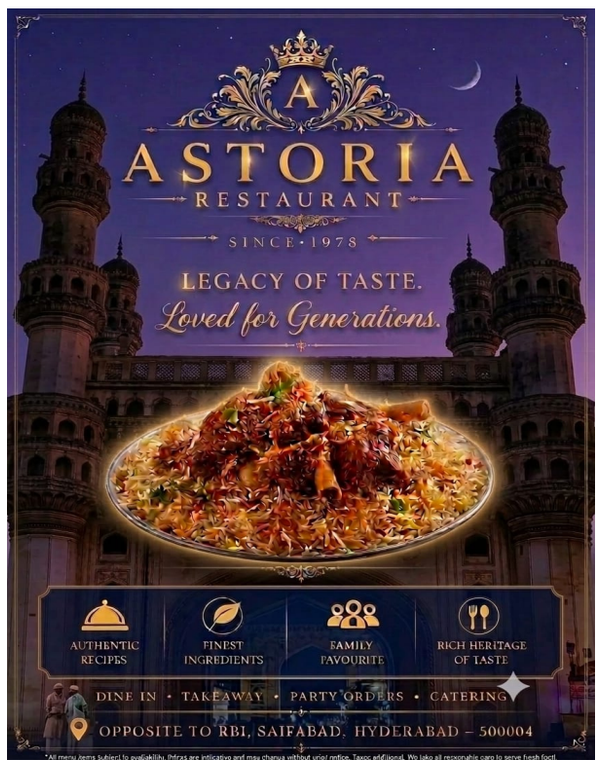
Netanyahu had yet to make a public statement early Wednesday, hours after the exit polls were released. Like all surveys, exit polls are subject to potential error. Preliminary results are expected in the coming hours. Final results are expected in the coming days and may vary from the exit polls. An inconclusive result would leave Israel in political limbo after the country's first national election since Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack.

The race was widely seen as a referendum on Netanyahu's nearly unbroken 17-year rule, which had left Israelis bitterly divided on a host of issues even before the deadliest attack in the country's history. The resulting wars in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran , along with settler violence in the occupied West Bank, have stoked worldwide outrage , straining ties with Israel's closest allies and fueling a rise in antisemitism.

Among Israelis, the election was broadly viewed as a struggle over the character of the state, pitting Netanyahu and his ultranationalist and religious allies against those seeking to preserve its liberal and secular foundations.

The opposition may soon have to grapple with the social divisions — between right and left, and between Jews and Arabs

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There'll Be Tamasha; When My Book Reveals My Side of the Story: Sonia Gandhi

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Others have spent decades telling her story and now it's her turn, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi said on Tuesday, adding with a smile that there is bound to be some "tamasha" when her memoir comes out next month. In her second post on X after she joined the social media platform last week, Gandhi put out another sneak peek video on her upcoming memoir "Belonging: A Journey of Love" that is releasing on November 10.

"There's bound to be some tamasha when this book comes out. After all, others have spent decades telling my 'story', now it's my turn," the former Congress president said in her post. In the 1.28 minute video, Gandhi is seen sifting through the pages of her memoir and thinking aloud,

"I don't know if I should tell the whole story."

"When my husband was asked to become the prime minister,

which I was totally against....," she says and drifts away.

Drought Hits 365 Mandals in 31 Dists: Nearly 60% of Telangana Affected

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Telangana is now officially in the grip of a drought, and more than half the state is impacted. Only two districts — Hyderabad and Peddpalli — have escaped the clutches of the drought brought upon the El Nino's impact on this year's southwest monsoon. The state government on Tuesday officially declared drought in 365 mandals, accounting for 58.7 per cent of the total 621 mandals, with the affected mandals spread over 31 districts and initiated the drought protocols that will see several departments getting involved in drought mitigation activities.



Of the 365 mandals in 31 districts, 111 have 'severe' drought, and 254 have 'moderate' drought, the government said, adding that the drought declaration is with respect to the Kharif crop season that is nearly at an end.

With the drought declaration focusing on rural areas, the government orders, issued by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said that notified municipal, or urban areas, should not be included in the official drought notifications to be issued by the respective district collectors for each affected mandal.

As far as such areas are concerned, the government made it clear that they will be treated as drought affected, but only with respect to their drinking water supplies. The declaration of drought followed a multi-criteria scientific assessment across all mandals. These criteria included crop sown area condition, soil moisture, groundwater drought index along with rainfall data during the South West monsoon that began on June 1 and ended on September 30.

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CM Revanth: Showcase Telangana Heritage and Culture at Global Summit

Revanth Reddy said the summit offered an opportunity to enhance Telangana's standing at the international level and directed officials to ensure the successful conduct of the curtain-raiser programme scheduled in Delhi on October 29.

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to prominently showcase the state's rich cultural heritage, traditions and historical landmarks at the venue of the Invest Telangana Global Summit, scheduled to be held at Future City from December 7. He emphasised that the Kakatiya Kala Thoranam, Ramappa Temple and Bathukamma festival should receive special prominence to reflect Telangana's unique cultural identity before international delegates and investors.

During a review meeting on Tuesday to assess preparations for the three-day global summit, the Chief Minister instructed officials to ensure that the venue's designs, decorations and overall arrangements highlighted the state's history, traditions and cultural legacy. He said the summit would provide an important opportunity to introduce Telangana's heritage to representatives from different countries and strengthen the state's image on the international stage.

Officials briefed the Chief Minister on the special arrangements being planned to familiarise visitors with the Bathukamma festival, one of Telangana's most prominent cultural celebrations.

Revanth Reddy also stressed the importance of successfully organising the curtain-raiser programme scheduled to be held in Delhi on October



29. He reviewed preparations for the main summit, meetings with prospective investors and business leaders, and associated events, including the Raksha Expo and India Joy.

The Chief Minister directed officials to finalise their plans by the first week of November and ensure seamless arrangements for chief executive officers, business leaders and other delegates travelling from various states and countries. He instructed the departments concerned to coordinate effectively and ensure that visitors faced no inconvenience during their participation in the summit.

As part of the preparations, Revanth Reddy called for an extensive publicity campaign across Hyderabad to highlight Telangana's achievements and progress in technology, pharmaceuticals, aerospace and other key sectors. He also suggested drone-based promotional campaigns at several locations across the city to generate awareness about the summit and its objectives.

Officials further briefed the Chief Minister on arrangements for the animation, visual effects, gaming and comics (AVGC) sector, which is expected to be an important component of the event. The summit aims to showcase investment opportunities across emerging industries, encourage business partnerships and attract domestic and international investments to Telangana.

The Chief Minister underscored the need for comprehensive planning, effective coordination and timely completion of all preparations to ensure the successful conduct of the event.

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary V. Seshadri, TGIIC Managing Director Shashanka, Industries Special Secretary Krishna Aditya, Invest Telangana CEO B. Ajith Reddy, IT Department Deputy Secretary D. Anudeep and other senior officials attended the review meeting.

Praveen Kumar Seeks IRDAI Probe into Telangana Labour Insurance Scam

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BRS State General Secretary Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar has lodged a formal complaint with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), seeking an investigation into alleged irregularities in insurance payouts under the Telangana Labour Department and the associated welfare schemes.

In his complaint, Praveen Kumar urged IRDAI to suspend the registration of Trial Blazer temporarily and direct the government and the concerned Welfare Board to stop commission payments and other remuneration to the firm until the allegations are investigated. He also demanded a comprehensive audit of all insurance claims settled since June 2025, with particular scrutiny of cases in Peddapalli, Mancherial, Karimnagar, Hanamkonda, Warangal and Suryapet districts.

The BRS leader called for



Trial Blazer, CreditAccess Life Insurance and HDFC General Insurance to preserve all records relating to the policies issued under the Board and submit them to the regulatory authority. Citing Section 33 of the Insurance Act, 1938, he sought an immediate inquiry into Trial Blazer's appointment procedures, ownership and capital structure, qualifications, office relocations, and its alleged handling of funds amounting to Rs. 346 crore. The investigation, he said, should also examine the firm's role in claim settlements, remuneration received and responsibilities performed on behalf of the government and welfare boards.

Praveen Kumar further demanded disclosure of premium calculation methods and year-wise data on insurance claims filed, approved, rejected and pending. He sought forensic and actuarial audits of premium rates, including comparisons with the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and similar group insurance schemes. He also called for an audit of HDFC General Insurance's accounts concerning the policies under scrutiny.The complaint urged IRDAI to cancel Trial Blazer's registration and impose financial penalties if violations are established. Depending on the findings, he sought the registration of police cases and further investigations by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

TGPSC Resolves AEE-SSC JE Exam Clash, Offers November 7 Slot

Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) Chairman Burra Venkatesham has announced relief for engineering aspirants facing a clash between the Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) and SSC Junior Engineer (JE) examinations scheduled for November 6, 2026.Eligible candidates who have been allotted the same date for both examinations can request an alternative date for the AEE examination. The Commission plans to accommodate affected candidates on November 7, 2026, enabling them to appear for both recruitment tests.

Candidates must submit their requests to the TGPSC help centre by 5 PM on October 30, 2026, along with copies of their hall tickets and TGPSC One-Time Registration (OTR) details. Requests can also be emailed to helpdesk@tgpsc.gov.in.

Venkatesham said he had discussed the issue with the SSC Chairman, who assured that Telangana candidates would, as far as possible, be allotted November 4 and 5 for the JE examination.

However, some candidates continued to receive November 6 as their examination date.Following representations from affected aspirants, the TGPSC decided to make alternative arrangements to prevent eligible candidates from missing either examination.

The Commission urged candidates facing the scheduling conflict to submit their applications and supporting documents before the deadline. The proposed arrangement is expected to provide significant relief to engineering aspirants pursuing government jobs through both examinations

OBC Leaders Demand Separate Census Column

OBC Leaders Demand Separate Caste Census Column, Proportional Reservations and Equal Rights

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud called for the inclusion of a separate Other Backward Classes (OBC) column in the national census to ensure an accurate caste-wise population count and secure the community's rightful share of reservations, rights and opportunities.

Addressing a round-table meeting organised by the All India Caste Census Coordination Committee at Taj Deccan Hotel in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, he criticised the Central and State governments for their handling of Backward Classes (BC) reservations. OBC leaders representing 28 states and eight Union Territories participated in the meeting.

Goud said the BC community, estimated to comprise around 80 crore people, continued to face injustice due to the absence of reliable caste-wise population data. He pointed out that caste enumeration had been conducted during British rule and questioned the continued reluctance of governments to undertake a comprehensive caste census.

He also expressed doubts over the confidentiality of the 2011 caste census data and demanded its transparency. According to him, using existing census records could help collect accurate caste-wise statistics without additional expenditure. He cautioned that issuing government orders on reservations without adequate legal backing would mislead the BC community.

The meeting demanded reservations for BCs in government jobs, private-sector employment and contract-based work, stressing that representation should reflect their population.

National OBC leader Professor Suraj Mandal Yadav said the absence of a separate caste-based census code was harming the community's interests. He urged the BJP-led Central government to address the issue and ensure that the shortcomings of the 2011 census were not repeated.

Goud called for a nationwide movement on the lines of the Telangana statehood agitation, with a major mobilisation in New Delhi. He appealed to BC leaders, organisations and public representatives, irrespective of political affiliations, to unite for the community's rights.

The participants stressed that accurate caste data was essential to achieving equitable representation and securing the Backward Classes' rightful share of opportunities.

RPI Leader Alleges Extortion Racket in Illegal Construction Complaints

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K. Rajesh, Hyderabad City Secretary of the Republican Party of India (RPI), has accused a Nallagutta resident claiming to be a political candidate of allegedly extorting money from builders by exploiting complaints against illegal constructions.



Rajesh alleged that the individual files complaints with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) against unauthorised structures and subsequently withdraws them after alleged financial settlements with builders. He further claimed that when such efforts fail, the individual approaches courts by filing writ petitions to exert pressure.

The RPI leader also alleged that local brokers and political leaders were supporting these activities.

Rajesh urged the GHMC Secunderabad Zonal Commissioner to order a comprehensive vigilance inquiry into the complaint history, withdrawals and alleged nexus. He called for appropriate action if wrongdoing is established. The allegations remain unverified, and the accused person's response was not available.

Paddy Seed Purchases: Farmers Asked to Sign Self-Declarations?

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Allegations that farmers in Telangana are being asked to sign self-declaration forms to purchase paddy seeds have triggered concerns over farmers' rights and the government's responsibility for agricultural losses.

According to allegations, seed dealers have been instructed to obtain undertakings from farmers stating that the government cannot be held responsible if crops fail due to electricity shortages, inadequate irrigation water or other cultivation-related problems.

However, the authenticity of the reported instructions is yet to be independently established.The Congress government must immediately clarify whether the Agriculture Department has issued any such directive. If the instructions are official, the government should explain their legal basis and clarify whether the declarations could affect farmers' eligibility for compensation or other assistance.

If no such directive exists, authorities must investigate whether seed dealers are imposing unauthorised or misleading conditions and take appropriate action against those responsible.The controversy has also raised concerns about the availability of electricity and irrigation water for paddy cultivation. Critics further question whether adequate contingency planning and alternative crop seeds are being provided in view of potential weather-related risks, including El Niño.Farmers depend on timely access to quality seeds, reliable power supply, irrigation and scientific crop advisories. They should not face coercion or uncertainty while purchasing essential agricultural inputs.

Kusuma Vijaya Appointed Telangana State Women's Wing Secretary



Kusuma Vijaya has been appointed Secretary of the Telangana State Women's Wing of the National SC Welfare Association. Association National President Teegala Ashok Kumar handed over her official appointment letter.The appointment was made on the recommendation of Komaram Bheem Asifabad District President Jadi Dilip Kumar, with the approval of State Women's Wing President Gadam Lalitha.Congratulating Vijaya, Ashok Kumar urged her to work towards protecting the rights of Scheduled Caste women, promoting women's empowerment, and improving access to education and employment opportunities.He also called for greater awareness of the Chevella Declaration promises concerning SC and ST welfare and stressed the need to strengthen the women's wing across Telangana.He expressed confidence that Vijaya would work with dedication to advance social justice, equality and the welfare of Scheduled Caste women.

Telangana declares 365 mandals drought-hit, initiates relief

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The Telangana government has declared 365 mandals across 31 districts as drought-affected for the Kharif 2026 season, citing deficient rainfall, a decline in paddy cultivation and critically low water storage in reservoirs. Of the affected mandals, 111 have been classified as facing severe drought, while the remaining 254 have been categorised as experiencing moderate drought.

According to a government order (GO) issued on Tuesday, the drought notification will remain in force for six months unless withdrawn earlier.

The declaration is expected to facilitate relief measures for farmers and rural communities grappling with water shortages and agricultural distress.

Telangana received a cumulative rainfall of 615.5 mm between June 1 and September 30, compared with the normal rainfall of 740.6 mm. This represents a deficit of approximately 17 per cent during the crucial monsoon period, adversely affecting agricultural operations across the state.

The rainfall shortfall has coincided with a significant reduction in paddy cultivation. The area under paddy has declined by 18 per cent, falling from 69.19 lakh acres to 57 lakh acres. The reduction highlights the challenges faced by farmers due to inadequate rainfall and uncertainty over irrigation water availability.

Water storage levels in major and medium reservoirs have also raised concerns. The combined live storage currently stands at 179.63 thousand million cubic feet (TMC), against the total capacity of 585 TMC. The low storage levels could further intensify water scarcity for irrigation and drinking purposes in drought-hit areas.

The government has directed district authorities to initiate immediate relief measures in the affected mandals. These include providing agricultural input subsidies through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), augmenting drinking water supplies, arranging fodder for livestock, establishing cattle camps and generating employment opportunities under the VB-G RAM G scheme.

District Collectors have also been instructed to coordinate with the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) to restructure agricultural loans and ensure that coercive recovery measures are not enforced against affected farmers.

The Agriculture and Cooperation Department has been directed to disburse agricultural input subsidies to eligible farmers through DBT within one month of receiving Central assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

The government has clarified that mandals not included in the current notification will continue to be monitored by the State
Drought Monitoring Cell. Depending on subsequent assessments, additional mandals may be declared drought-affected.

The beneficiary lists will be published on the websites
of the respective District Collectors and the Telangana government, enabling farmers to check their eligibility for assistance.

Karimnagar Home Guard Saves Life Of Aged Man

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

Harish Rao Slams Congress Over Ration Dealers' Pending Bills

Harish Rao Slams Congress Over Ration Dealers' Pending Bills and Unpaid Commissions

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Former Minister and BRS Legislative Party Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao criticised the Congress government for neglecting ration dealers and failing to resolve their long-pending issues, demanding immediate payment of pending bills and commissions.
Addressing a state-wide meeting of ration dealers at Bingi Ellaiah Gardens in Gajwel-Pragnapur, attended by representatives from all 33 districts, Harish Rao expressed concern over the difficulties faced by dealers and questioned the government's commitment to public welfare.
Harish Rao said ration dealers had patiently waited for three years, giving the Congress government sufficient time to fulfil its promises. However, their problems remained unresolved. He questioned why dealers had to resort to extreme protests to secure their legitimate dues.
Referring to Jadcherla Congress MLA Anirudh Reddy, the Honorary President of the Ration Dealers' Association, Harish Rao said even ruling-party legislators were expressing frustration over pending development bills. He cited allegations that bills worth ₹30–40 crore remained unpaid in Jadcherla despite damaged roads, and that a ₹5 crore bill was cleared only after a contractor's death.
Harish Rao said such circumstances reflected the seriousness of the situation, asking whether people had to sacrifice their lives to get government work completed and payments released.
He recalled his 25-year association with the association's state president, Raju, and expressed concern over the latter's willingness to undertake an indefinite hunger strike if the dealers' demands remained unaddressed.
Questioning Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's claim that his administration was a "people's government," Harish Rao asked why Raju, elected by 17,200 ration dealers, had reportedly been unable to secure appointments with Civil Supplies Commissioner or Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy.
Harish Rao urged ration dealers to unite and fight democratically for their rights, demanding the release of pending bills and payment of their commissions without further delay.

BSF Seeks Probe into Alleged Violations at Rishi Colleges

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Bahujan Student Federation (BSF) State President Borelli Suresh has lodged complaints with the Osmania University Audit Cell and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), seeking an impartial inquiry into alleged regulatory violations at Rishi Engineering College and Rishi Degree College for Women in Kukatpally.
Suresh raised concerns over the institutions' campus arrangements, laboratory facilities, academic infrastructure, faculty strength and student safety. He urged the authorities to verify whether the colleges comply with applicable university affiliation conditions and UGC and AICTE regulations.
According to the complaint, both colleges reportedly operate on the same premises with a common entrance gate.
Suresh sought clarification on whether these arrangements meet the prescribed requirements and whether students have access to adequate laboratories, classrooms and other essential educational facilities.
He called on the Osmania University Audit Cell to examine matters falling within its jurisdiction, including the degree college's affiliation conditions and academic infrastructure. He urged JNTU to inspect the engineering college's laboratories, technical facilities, faculty qualifications and compliance with applicable technical education standards.
The BSF leader also requested verification of staffing requirements, campus safety measures and the adequacy of facilities provided to students.
He stressed that any deficiencies established during the inspection should be addressed in accordance with the applicable rules.
Suresh urged both authorities to examine the complaints promptly, conduct inspections within their respective jurisdictions and initiate appropriate regulatory or legal action if violations are confirmed.
He emphasised that educational institutions must maintain prescribed standards, provide safe learning environments and ensure quality education.
The allegations remain subject to verification by the competent authorities.

Old School Friends Reunite in Bhongir

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Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy reunited with his old school friends at the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Zilla Parishad office, sharing nostalgic memories and celebrating their enduring friendship.He met Battu Hanmantha Rao, a retired BSNL officer, and Battu Chakrapani, an NRI based in Kenya. The reunion provided an opportunity to exchange experiences and revisit cherished school-day memories.The gathering highlighted how genuine friendships remain strong despite time, distance and professional commitments.Old friends, timeless memories and bonds that never fade.

Dr. Kota Neelima Leads Graduate MLC Voter Registration Drive

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Dr. Kota Neelima, TPCC Vice-President, AICC member and Sanathnagar Constituency In-charge, participated in a Graduate MLC voter registration drive organised at Orient Cafe Cross Road in S.R. Nagar.The programme was conducted under her directions by Devulapalli Ravi Kiran, President of the S.R. Nagar Division Congress Committee, to encourage eligible graduates to register as voters ahead of the upcoming Graduate MLC elections.Dr. Kota Neelima personally attended the drive and urged eligible graduates to complete their voter registration and exercise their democratic right.
She emphasised the importance of graduate participation in the electoral process and creating awareness about voter registration.The initiative aimed to ensure that every eligible graduate gets an opportunity to participate in the upcoming elections. The Congress party organised the campaign as part of its efforts to strengthen democratic participation and encourage greater electoral awareness among graduates.Party leaders called upon eligible voters to take advantage of the registration drive and actively contribute to the democratic process.

DCC CHIEF QUESTIONS ARVIND'S SUDDEN PROTEST

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City DCC President Bobbili Ramakrishna has questioned the timing and motive behind MP Dharmapuri Arvind's sudden protest, alleging that it was aimed at taking political credit for the development works proposed for Nizamabad.
Ramakrishna alleged that schoolchildren were forcibly brought into the protest, wasting their valuable time and disrupting their education for political purposes. He also claimed that the agitation lacked support from voluntary and business organisations, except for certain traders.
He said TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and Government Adviser Sudarshan Reddy had recently taken Congress leaders from Nizamabad to meet the Chief Minister and discuss the release of funds for the district's development.
According to Ramakrishna, Arvind had launched the protest to claim credit for the development initiatives expected to follow.
Referring to Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta's earlier statement expressing willingness to cooperate with Mahesh Kumar Goud on development issues, Ramakrishna criticised the MLA for joining the protest. He maintained that elected representatives should work with the State Government to accelerate development rather than oppose initiatives aimed at benefiting the public.
He further stated that funds had already been sanctioned for development works across municipal divisions without political discrimination and alleged that Arvind and Suryanarayana were now participating in the inauguration of works supported by those allocations.
Ramakrishna asserted that the Congress government was committed to the development of Telangana and Nizamabad. He welcomed efforts by Arvind to secure additional funds from the Centre but warned against obstructing State Government initiatives.
He also maintained that involving schoolchildren in political protests was inappropriate and urged public representatives to prioritise development over political rivalry.

Parigi MLA Inaugurates Buildings Worth ₹6.20 Crore in Gandeed

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Parigi MLA Tammannagari Ram Mohan Reddy inaugurated several buildings in Gandeed Mandal of Mahabubnagar district, marking a significant step towards strengthening local infrastructure and improving public facilities.
The buildings, reportedly developed at an estimated cost of ₹6.20 crore, are expected to enhance the availability of essential facilities and address the needs of local communities. The initiative reflects ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and promote development across the Parigi constituency.
The inauguration programme was attended by public representatives, government officials, party leaders and local residents. The gathering highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts between elected representatives and officials in identifying local requirements and implementing development works.
Speaking on the occasion, MLA Ram Mohan Reddy emphasised the need to prioritise public welfare while undertaking infrastructure development. He stressed that newly established facilities should serve their intended purpose and provide practical benefits to residents.
He also highlighted the importance of continued investment in local infrastructure to support community needs and improve access to public services.
Gandeed Mandal remains an important part of the Parigi constituency, where infrastructure development is essential to meeting the requirements of growing communities.
The inauguration of the buildings is expected to contribute to improving local facilities and strengthening the region's development prospects.
The programme concluded with a focus on ensuring that infrastructure projects translate into tangible benefits for the public.

Farmer Collectives Key to Higher Incomes: Telangana Agriculture Secretary

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K. Surendra Mohan, IAS, Commissioner of Agriculture Production and Secretary to the Agriculture Department, stressed the importance of strengthening farmer organisations to secure better crop prices, improved marketing facilities and higher incomes.
Addressing the 112th episode of Rythu Nestham through video conferencing, organised on the directions of Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, he urged FPOs, SHGs and PACS to utilise government schemes and explore market and export opportunities.Agriculture Director Dr. B. Gopi, IAS, highlighted measures to strengthen Farmer Producer Organisations and support small and marginal farmers.
The programme covered Custom Hiring Centres offering 37 types of agricultural machinery across seven categories, El Niño preparedness, soil conservation and export opportunities for gherkins in Sangareddy district and moringa leaf powder from Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district.Farmers were advised to sow pulses and oilseeds during the first half of November and select subsequent Rabi crops based on water availability.
The Agriculture Department encouraged farmers to strengthen collective efforts to reduce cultivation.

Jeevan Reddy Urges Government to Lift Water from Kannepalli, Demands Coffer Dam

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Former Minister and BRS General Secretary T. Jeevan Reddy has urged the Telangana government to construct a coffer dam at the Kannepalli project site and lift water to meet farmers' irrigation needs amid drought conditions.
Jeevan Reddy said a coffer dam could be constructed within a month if water levels were insufficient for lifting. Referring to Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao's proposal to use sandbags to retain water at the Sitarama project, he suggested adopting a similar approach. Lifting one TMC of water daily could secure 150 TMCs over five months, he said.
He criticised the government for asking farmers purchasing paddy seeds to submit self-declarations stating they would not demand water or electricity. Such proposals were unacceptable, he said, stressing that water was essential for drinking, irrigation and power generation.
Defending the Kaleshwaram project, Jeevan Reddy said it reflected former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's foresight and provided vital protection during droughts. He warned that declining agricultural production would affect everyone, particularly as rice prices had already risen sharply.

How Can 800 RTI Applications Be Heard in Just Four Hours?

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Questions have been raised over the transparency and effectiveness of the Telangana State Information Commission's proposed hearing of approximately 800 Right to Information (RTI) applications linked to RTI activist Mohammed Ashraf within just four hours.
RTI Rakshak Honorary President and whistleblower Mohammed Ashraf, along with RTI Rakshak Founder-President RTI Satish, stressed that the Commission must ensure justice for applicants and take appropriate action against officials who fail to provide information within the prescribed time under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
They pointed out that four hours amount to 240 minutes, leaving an average of just 18 seconds per application if all 800 cases are handled within that period. They questioned whether such a short duration would allow adequate examination of individual cases, consideration of official explanations and a fair opportunity for applicants to present their arguments.
Ashraf Seeks Postponement and Video Recording
Mohammed Ashraf stated that he had submitted a written representation to the Telangana State Information Commission requesting the postponement of the proposed hearings. He urged the Commission to examine the applications thoroughly before proceeding with the hearings.
He also requested permission for video recording to promote transparency and accountability throughout the process.
Ashraf said he had been working as an RTI activist for the past 20 years in the public interest. He clarified that he was not opposed to hearing a large number of applications but insisted that every case should receive meaningful consideration and a lawful resolution.
Questions Over Officials' Attendance
The activists sought clarity on how many Public Information Officers (PIOs) and First Appellate Authorities (FAAs) would attend the hearings. They also questioned how the Commission would examine cases when the concerned officials were absent and how records and written explanations would be considered.
Quality Must Not Be Sacrificed for Speed
RTI Satish emphasised that clearing pending cases is important, but reducing the backlog should not come at the expense of procedural fairness, transparency or the quality of decisions.
He suggested that hearings be organised systematically, considering the nature of each case, available records and the time required for proper examination. Where necessary, cases could be taken up in batches to ensure reasoned and lawful decisions.
Commission Urged to Clarify Its Stand
The activists urged the Commission to publicly clarify its hearing procedure and disclose the decisions on Ashraf's requests for postponement and video recording.
They stressed that the objective of the RTI Act is to strengthen transparency, ensure accountability and enable citizens to access public information. The Commission must prioritise justice and effective resolution alongside speed.

BRS LEGAL CELL MEETS HARISH RAO

VOWS TO STAND WITH PEOPLE AGAINST FAKE CASES!





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BRS Legal Cell Senior Advocate Jakkula Laxman, along with a team of advocates, met former Minister and BRS Legislative Party Deputy Leader T. Harish Rao on the occasion of Dussehra and extended festive greetings to him.The delegation included advocates Mir Qurram Ali, Ashok, Srikanth, Anil, Shankar, Rajander, Chandranath and others. During the meeting, the advocates conveyed their warm wishes to Harish Rao and sought his blessings on the auspicious occasion.The meeting was held in the spirit of Dussehra, which symbolises the victory of good over evil and signifies the triumph of righteousness.
The occasion also provided an opportunity for the advocates to exchange festive greetings and convey their best wishes.
The BRS Legal Cell team extended Dussehra greetings to Harish Rao, wishing him happiness, good health and continued success. They also conveyed their wishes for peace, prosperity and well-being among the people.
The advocates wished that the festival of Dussehra would bring happiness, harmony and prosperity to every household across Telangana.

TN cabinet to meet on October 29; investment approvals, welfare

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay will chair a Cabinet meeting at the Secretariat on Thursday, with discussions expected to focus on development projects, industrial policies, public welfare initiatives and proposals for fresh investments. The meeting is expected to consider several matters concerning the state's development priorities.
Decisions on new investment proposals are likely to be among the key outcomes, while the Cabinet is also expected to examine measures relating to industrial growth and the implementation of welfare programmes.The proposed deliberations have generated interest in government and political circles, particularly over the investment proposals that could receive approval. However, details of the companies involved, the proposed investment amounts and the sectors covered have not been specified in the information available about the meeting.Development projects are expected to form another major component of the discussions. The Cabinet is likely to review proposals placed before it and consider the government's next steps on initiatives intended to address the state's development requirements.No project-specific decisions have been announced ahead of the meeting.
New industrial policies are also expected to come up for detailed consideration.The discussions could provide an indication of the government's approach to encouraging investment and supporting industrial activity.
Whether the Cabinet will approve particular policy changes or seek further examination of proposals remains to be seen.Public welfare schemes will feature alongside the economic and development agenda. Ministers are expected to discuss matters relating to these programmes, although the available information does not identify individual schemes or indicate whether new benefits, revisions or implementation measures will be considered.The meeting assumes significance because it is expected to bring together several strands of government decision-making, ranging from investment approvals to welfare priorities.Attention will centre on which proposals secure Cabinet clearance and which require further consideration before a final decision.While several important decisions are anticipated, the expected agenda should not be taken as confirmation that every proposal will be approved.The scope of any policy measures, project clearances or investment commitments will become clear only after the Cabinet completes its deliberations. An official account of the proceedings will be needed to establish the decisions taken, their financial implications and the arrangements for implementation. Until then, specific announcements concerning investments, industrial policy and welfare measures remain awaited..The proposed deliberations have generated interest in government and political circles, particularly over the investment proposals that could receive approval. However, details of the companies involved, the proposed investment amounts and the sectors covered have not been specified in the information available about the meeting.Development projects are expected to form another major component of the discussio

Cyclone Arnab: Andhra braces for landfall, 3 states on alert

NEW DELHI
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Schools were shut, fishing was banned, and thousands of people were moved to safety in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on Tuesday, while Jharkhand and West Bengal were put on alert for three days of heavy rain, as very severe cyclonic storm Arnab closed in on the Andhra Pradesh coast, according to PTI.
The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said Arnab was centred over the Bay of Bengal, about 260 km southeast of Visakhapatnam, at 5.30 am, moving at 22 kmph. It is expected to move west-northwestwards until Tuesday
evening, then turn northwest and cross the coast between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam, close to Yanam,
by the forenoon of Wednesday, October 28.The IMD expects maximum sustained winds of 115 to 125 kmph at landfall, with gusts of up to 140 kmph.Centre steps up preparedness.

Adv Srikanth Mudiliyar and Adv. Rajender Meet T. Harish Rao, Extend Dasara Greetings





HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Srikanth Mudiliyar, Advocate and former Secretary of the Malkajgiri Bar Association, along with Advocate Rajender, met former Minister and BRS Legislature Party (BRSLP) Leader T. Harish Rao at his residence and extended Dasara greetings.During the meeting, T. Harish Rao conveyed his blessings to both advocates and encouraged them to work actively for the welfare of the people of Telangana. He also advised them to strengthen their commitment to public service and contribute to the BRS Legal Team
.Senior Advocate and BRS Legal Cell representative Jakkula Laxman, along with other legal professionals, was also present on the occasion.The meeting highlighted the interaction between legal professionals and BRS leadership, focusing
on public service, professional commitment, and addressing the concerns of the people of Telangana.

Inside Israel-linked call centre in Turkey scamming Indians

ISTANBUL
Wakeup telangana

The pitch almost always began with USD 250. Put that in and watch it grow, the caller would say. For many investors in India who picked up the phone, it was the first step into a scheme that did not let go until their savings were gone, two people who worked inside the fraud said.Both moved from Pakistan to Istanbul for academics. One is a computer science graduate who worked in the industry for about two years. The other a political science student who spent a few weeks there and backed off soon after. Both worked at call centres of the kind Turkish authorities now link to an international forex and cryptocurrency fraud network with Israeli connections.
Their accounts come a little over a month after one of Turkey's biggest crackdowns on such operations. On September 18, Justice Minister Akın Gürlek announced on X that police, the National Intelligence Organisation (MIT) and Interpol had carried out raids at 286 addresses in Istanbul and Muğla. Authorities targeted 42 call centres run by 28 companies, with 239 people being named as suspects.
The figures have shifted as the case has gone on. Authorities first reported 175 detentions. That number later rose to 201 – 156 Turkish nationals and 45 foreigners. On September 21, 211 suspects were produced in court.
Israeli media reported that nine Israeli citizens were
among those held.
Turkish broadcaster TRT World put the figure at 15 and said they held management roles.
Turkish officials estimate that about 13 billion lira (USD 266 million) moved through the network over two years.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Israel Exit Polls.....

The race was widely seen as a referendum on Netanyahu's nearly unbroken 17-year rule, which had left Israelis bitterly divided on a host of issues even before the deadliest attack in the country's history. The resulting wars in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran , along with settler violence in the occupied West Bank, have stoked worldwide outrage , straining ties with Israel's closest allies and fueling a rise in antisemitism.
Among Israelis, the election was broadly viewed as a struggle over the character of the state, pitting Netanyahu and his ultranationalist and religious allies against those seeking to preserve its liberal and secular foundations. The opposition may soon have to grapple with the social divisions — between right and left, and between Jews and Arabs — that have widened during Netanyahu's long and polarizing rule. The process of coalition building will begin Voter turnout was the highest since 1999, with more than 77% of eligible voters casting ballots, according to the Central Elections Committee. Over 7 million people were eligible to vote, and tens of thousands reportedly arrived from overseas . Israel's president will be tasked with asking the party leader with the best prospect of forming a government, usually one with the most seats, to cobble together a coalition. If Netanyahu's right-wing Likud emerges as the largest party, he could claim that right. Meanwhile, there will be heavy pressure on Eisenkot to reach a deal with the Arab parties, while Netanyahu and his allies are likely to cast any such alliance as illegitimate and even treasonous. Netanyahu had warned earlier that Arab parties could make or break the election, saying they were receiving "truly massive support" and heading to the polls in "unprecedented numbers." If no one can cobble together a majority coalition, new elections could be held early next year. Israel held five elections between April 2019 and November 2022 because of a similar stalemate. No single party has ever won an outright majority in the country's 120-seat parliament, forcing political leaders to forge coalitions. Minority governments are also possible, but they must rely on support or cooperation from parties outside the government to pass legislation. Netanyahu's current coalition peaked at 68 members before it began to disintegrate over the past year. Eisenkot says exit polls point to 'lack of confidence' in Netanyahu As the exit polls were broadcast, supporters at Eisenkot's party headquarters jumped for joy, chanting his name.

Drought Hits 365.....

The government said Telangana received a cumulative rainfall of 615.5 mm as against the normal rainfall of 740.6 mm with a deviation of minus-17 per cent during the monsoon, with 18 of 33 districts recording deficit fainfall. The Kharif crop area reduced from 139.28 lakh acres to 126.06 lakh acres. The area under paddy reduced by 18 per cent, from 69.19 lakh to 57 lakh acres. The drought has also raised the prospect of water shortages, the government said with a rising risk to drinking water supplies, water for livestock, and for agriculture, and there could also be power shortages. The live storage in major and medium reservoirs as on date was 179.63 tmc ft against 585 tmc ft, which raised concerns on water supplies, the orders said.

Modi Holds Talks.....

This is Prince Alois's second visit to India this year. He earlier visited New Delhi in February to attend the AI Impact Summit. The Prince had previously visited India in 2010 and 2018. Earlier in the day, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called on the Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein. "Our bilateral partnership is witnessing strong momentum across a wide range of domains, driven by the opportunities enabled by India - EFTA TEPA. Look forward to his meeting with PM @narendramodi later today to advance our cooperation," Jaishankar posted on X.
The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) was signed between India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in March, 2024 following nearly 16 years of negotiations. The pact came into effect in October last year. Under the mega trade pact, the EFTA states of Iceland.

CRIME

75-yr-old woman held for selling ganja from residence

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 75-year-old woman was arrested for her alleged involvement in illegal possession and sale of ganja from her residence here, officials of Telangana's anti-narcotics unit– EAGLE Force said on Monday, October 26.In the operation, the Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Force uncovered the alleged ganja sales from a residential premises in Fateh Nagar and seized 179.1 grams of the substance, Rs 43,340 in cash and a mobile phone, an official release said.During the operation, a total of 70 suspected consumers reportedly visiting the premises to purchase the contraband were identified, it said, adding the case also brought to light the involvement of three juveniles among those identified."Medical examination conducted on 66 individuals tested positive for THC, the principal psychoactive compound in cannabis," the release said. A total of 65 consumers were handed over to rehabilitation centres, it said.Preliminary investigation has further indicated the possible involvement of five other persons, identified as suspected associates of the arrested accused. They are currently absconding, and efforts are underway to trace and apprehend them, the EAGLE Force officials said.Investigators are examining the alleged source of supply, the role of the suspected associates and the wider network, if any, connected with the distribution of ganja, the release added.A case was registered under relevant sections of the NDPS Act and the Juvenile Justice Act.Officials said the operation forms part of the ongoing efforts by the EAGLE Force to curb drug trafficking and prevent the sale and consumption of narcotic substances in residential areas. The identification of a large number of suspected consumers, including three juveniles, has raised concerns about the accessibility of drugs and the potential impact on young people. Authorities are focusing on establishing the source of the seized ganja and determining whether the premises was being used as part of a wider drug distribution network. Police are also working to trace the five suspected associates who remain absconding and establish their alleged roles in the case. Officials reiterated that enforcement drives and public awareness initiatives would continue to tackle drug-related activities, while urging citizens to report information about suspected drug sales to the authorities. The investigation is ongoing, and further action will be taken based on the evidence gathered.The EAGLE Force is also examining whether the alleged drug sales were connected to other locations in Hyderabad and whether the suspected network had been operating for an extended period. Investigators are expected to question individuals identified during the operation to establish the frequency of their visits, the circumstances under which they allegedly purchased ganja and whether they can provide information about the suppliers. The seized mobile phone is also likely to be

Rajasthan youth held for cheating Telangana man of Rs 4.20 lakh

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A Rajasthan youth has been arrested for defrauding a Telangana resident in Adilabad of Rs 4.20 lakh through unauthorised transactions from the latter's bank accounts.The accused, Dinesh Patel, aged 23, was arrested in Gujarat and has been connected with at least 220 complaints across India and 20 in Telangana alone.Akhil Mahajan, Adilabad Superintendent of Police, during a press conference on Monday, October 26, said Patel was traced via technical evidence, phone numbers, and online transaction records. The probe stems from a complaint by a resident of Sangidi village under the Bela police station limits. The victim said he received a link to 'royalescort.com' from an unknown number on WhatsApp.After opening the link, he was directed to pay Rs 2,200 through PhonePe. Rs 4,20,210 was instead debited from accounts linked to his credit cards through 16 transactions, which he never authorised, he

Chennai man arrested for bomb threat calls at Hyderabad airport

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 45-year-old man from Chennai was arrested for making bomb threat calls to the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad.The accused was identified as Sharath Subramanyam. Speaking to Siasat.com, the RGIA outpost police said, "Subramanyam was arrested by the Chennai police two months ago. He made bomb threat calls to the Hyderabad airport also. Hence, we took him into custody on Sunday, October 25."

Hyderabad Student Dies in Highway

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 21-year-old engineering student died in an accident in Hayathnagar Police limits on Monday, October 26, on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada Highway.According to the police, the victim was identified as Emmireddy Abhilash Reddy, who was pursuing BTech from CVR College.The accident occurred at 5:30 pm when Reddy was returning after dropping his friend at the Hayathnagar bus stand. A tanker hit him, resulting in his death on the spot.Reddy's father, Vishnuvardhan Reddy, is the principal of Prerana School in Nalgonda town.he Hayatnagar Police said, "A tanker hit Abilash's bike from behind on the highway, leading to the student's death. A case of death due to rash and negligent driving has been registered under Section 106(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)."The Police said that the accused driver has been arrested, but refused to reveal his name since the matter is under investigation.The accident occurred at 5:30 PM when Reddy was returning after dropping his friend at the Hayathnagar bus stand.

Sacrifices of Police Martyrs Remain a Guiding Light for Every Police Personnel: ASP Sai Kiran

MUDHOLE
Wakeup telangana

A bike rally was organised in Mudhole on Tuesday to pay tribute to police martyrs who laid down their lives while protecting the lives and property of the public and maintaining law and order. Bhainsa ASP P. Sai Kiran participated in the programme and remembered the selfless services and supreme sacrifices of the police personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty.Speaking on the occasion, ASP Sai Kiran said that police personnel perform their duties day and night without worrying about their own lives to ensure public safety and maintain peace and order. He stated that the sacrifices of such dedicated personnel could never be forgotten. He further said that the services and sacrifices of police martyrs would continue to serve as a guiding light for future generations and that it was everyone's responsibility to keep their memory alive. He added that the main objective of the bike rally was to strengthen cordial relations between the police department.

Laws Are a Strong Shield for Child Protection: Senior Civil Judge P. Ravinder

MUDHOLE
Wakeup telangana



Senior Civil Judge P. Ravinder advised students to develop legal awareness from an early age and grow into responsible citizens by understanding their rights and duties. As part of the "Suraksha Bachpan Abhiyan," the District Legal Services Authority organised awareness programmes on children's rights, safety and legal protection on Tuesday at Ravindra High School and Government High School in Mudhole Mandal.Addressing the students, Judge P. Ravinder explained that the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act provides legal protection to children against sexual offences. He urged students not to remain silent out of fear if they face harassment or inappropriate behaviour, and to immediately inform their parents, teachers or the police. He stated that anyone facing injustice could approach the courts to seek justice.The judge cautioned minors against driving vehicles and advised parents not to allow underage children to drive. He also urged students to stay away from child marriage and drug addiction and to avoid excessive and unnecessary use of mobile phones. Warning about the growing threats of cybercrime and online fraud, he advised students never to share one-time passwords (OTPs) received on their mobile phones with strangers.He further stressed that girl students should give priority to their personal safety and immediately inform their elders whenever they encounter any threat or danger.

EDITORIAL

HUNDREDS OF HYDERABAD UMRAH PILGRIMS STRANDED IN SAUDI ARABIA

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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 governmentassistance.The appeal comes amid wider disruption to air travel in Saudi Arabia following reported attacks attributed to Yemen's Houthi movement.Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport was reportedly targeted earlier in October. According to the civil aviation authority, a projectile strike on October 11 killed one person and injured 11, while an attack on October 10 reportedly killed 14 people and injured more than 300. Several hundred Umrah pilgrims from Hyderabad are stranded in Saudi Arabia following flight cancellations and have appealed to Indian authorities to arrange alternative flights and provide food and accommodation until they can return home.
They had left for the pilgrimage early this month, when the security situation in the region was relatively calm. However, recent developments and flight disruptions have left many uncertain about their return.We have sought help from the consulate but have not received any response. We request its intervention to facilitate our earliest possible return to India. The money we brought with us has run out, and the government should step in to help us," a pilgrim stranded in Makkah told reporters, adding that several elderly people are also stranded .However, some tour operators said their groups had not faced any major difficulties so far. Mohammad Faiyaz Ali of Al Mizaan Tours and Travels, Masab Tank, who is in Saudi Arabia with a group of around 100 pilgrims, said Umrah rituals were continuing as usual.Hyderabad MP and AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi has urged the union government to intervene and ensure the safe return of Indians stranded in Saudi Arabia. He called for coordination with airlines to arrange alternative flights, including deploying larger aircraft or operating special services ifnecessary.Around 4,000 Indians are reportedly stranded in Saudi Arabia, including an estimated 1,500 to 1,800 from Telangana. The disruptions come amid heightened security concerns following reported drone and missile attacks attributed to Yemen's Houthi movement. Flight operations have been affected, leaving Indian pilgrims in Makkah and Madinah uncertain about their return schedules.The Indian Consulate in Jeddah is coordinating with Saudi authorities, airlines and tour operators to facilitate the pilgrims' return and address their im-



Modi, Adani documentary banned from publication till Jan 31, 2027

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana



The Calcutta High Court on Monday, October 26, barred the publication, uploading, and sharing of a documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and industrialist Gautam Adani till January 31 next year.The injunction followed a plea by Adani Enterprises Limited before the high court's vacation bench against tech entrepreneur Sabeer Bhatia, who is alleged to have made the video, and others, seeking a ban on its circulation and damages for defamation.Justice Aryak Dutt restrained the respondents, including the owners and operators of X, YouTube and Instagram, their agents and all acting under their authority, from publishing, republishing, uploading and sharing the video or any clip, excerpt, or materially identical reproduction of it, through any medium or platform.The court directed that the interim injunction will remain in force till January 31, 2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. It said the matter will come up for hearing before the regular bench in the monthly list of January next year.Justice Dutt directed the respondents to "forthwith remove or cause the removal of the concerned video, and any clip, excerpt or reproduction thereof containing any such defamatory statements, from every account, channel and page owned or controlled by them".The court directed social media platforms to remove or disable access to the video at each URL listed in the petition and to also disable the engagements — reposts, quote posts, shares and the like — through which the said video is accessible at those URLs.YouTube, X asked to save info of users mentioned in pleaYouTube, X and Instagram were also directed by the court to preserve the subscriber information, registration details, IP logs at the time of upload and access logs relating to the accounts and URLs listed in the petition.They were also directed by the court to disclose the basic subscriber information of the accounts whose holders are not identifiable in the list, in a sealed cover, by an affidavit filed within two weeks of communication of this order.Order pertains to defamatory statements, not a restraint on fair reporting: HC."It is made clear that this order does not restrain constructive criticism or fair reporting on the petitioner, the Adani Group or any Government policy, otherwise than by means of the impugned video, its reproductions or the defamatory statements referred to," the court observed.The petitioner stated that access to the original upload on YouTube has been disabled within

Govt clears way for E100 petrol: What it means for motorists

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Union government on Monday, October 26, cleared the way for cars that run on almost pure ethanol, notifying changes to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules that bring E100 fuel into the country's emission norms alongside E85.But motorists shouldn't head to the pump just yet. The rules cover only vehicles built and certified for high-ethanol fuel. The petrol car you have, approved for E20 (20 per cent ethanol), cannot be filled with E85 or E100, officials said."This notification doesn't require owners of existing vehicles to switch to E85 or modify their vehicles either at present or in future," an official said.The Road Transport Ministry's move comes about six months after it put out the draft rules for public comment in April. Carmakers are expected to roll out E100 models within months. Toyota, Tata Motors and Hyundai are among the companies developing flex-fuel vehicles for the Indian market.Apart from the fuel provisions, the ministry has revised vehicle classification thresholds, fuel specifications and technical references in emission tables and testing provisions. The weight limit for light petrol and diesel vehicles covered by the changes has been raised to 3,500 kg from 3,000 kg. The draft had also sought to widen the use of B100 biodiesel and hydrogen-CNG blends.Eye on the oil billThe ethanol push is about crude oil. India imports most of the oil it consumes and that import bill is one of the biggest drivers of its current account deficit. The US-Iran conflict has left the country exposed to an energy crunch, so the government is looking for every litre of petrol it can replace with homegrown ethanol. Officials said higher ethanol blends also cut tailpipe emissions of carbon monoxide and certain hydrocarbons, and that ethanol has a lower fossil carbon footprint than petrol.Flex-fuel vehicles, widely used in Brazil and the US, run on varying mixes of ethanol and petrol from a single tank. To handle high-ethanol fuel, they need compatible fuel pumps, pipes, seals and injectors. The engine control unit also has to be calibrated to adjust the air-fuel mix and ignition timing.Maruti Suzuki launched India's first flex-fuel passenger car, a version of the Wagon R, in June. Priced at Rs 7.24 lakh and sold only for commercial use, it is rated for blends of up to E85, according to reports.Here's the catch Ethanol carries less energy than petrol. The US Department of Energy estimates that E100 has about 30 per cent less energy per gallon, which means fewer kilometres per litre. Cheaper fuel at the pump will not necessarily.

Parachute Advansed Gold Invites Andhra Women to Relive Girlhood Joy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Parachute Advansed Gold Coconut Hair Oil has launched its new brand campaign, 'Feel Like a Girl Again', encouraging women across Andhra Pradesh to reconnect with the happiness, freedom and friendship of their childhood days.

The campaign celebrates cherished memories of long braids, carefree play, laughter and friendship, highlighting how these experiences continue to hold a special place in women's lives despite the responsibilities of adulthood.

Vikram Karwal, Chief Marketing Officer – India, Marico Limited, said the campaign aims to connect with consumers through emotions and memories associated with long hair. He noted that the initiative celebrates the confidence, beauty and freedom that beautiful, long hair can inspire,



while reinforcing the brand's commitment to meaningful storytelling.

Directed by acclaimed South Indian filmmaker Gautham Vasudev Menon, the campaign follows three friends who step away from their daily routines to rediscover the joy of girlhood. Set against the scenic backdrop of Andhra Pradesh, the film captures the women running, dancing and playing by the sea, with their long braids flowing freely.

Gautham Vasudev Menon said the campaign's simple yet meaningful message inspired him to portray the little girl who lives within every woman, regardless of age. He highlighted friendship, nostalgia, music and Andhra Pradesh's familiar beauty as key elements in bringing the story to life.

The campaign also features an original composition by Karthik, soulful vocals by Swetha Mohan and evocative lyrics by Anantha Sriram. Renowned choreographer Brinda Master adds graceful movements inspired by traditional dance, creating a musical experience filled with warmth and nostalgia.

Through 'Feel Like a Girl Again', Parachute Advansed Gold encourages women to embrace carefree moments, celebrate their friendships and rediscover the playful spirit of their younger selves.

T. Kishan Singh Elected FPTA National President for 2026–27



The newly elected President of the Federation of Paper Traders Associations of India (FPTA), T. Kishan Singh (3rd from left), savours his moment of glory following his election to the prestigious post. Flanking him (L–R) are Mr Ashish Jain Bhansali, Hon. Secretary, Telangana Paper Merchants' Association (TPMA); Abhishek Vijaywargiya, President, TPMA; and Rajesh Jain, Immediate Past President, FPTA.

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T. Kishan Singh, Director of Tirumala Balaji Paper Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, has been elected as the 64th President of the Federation of Paper Traders Associations of India (FPTA) for 2026–27.

The organisation represents over 10,000 paper traders across India.With more than two decades of experience in the paper and packaging industry, Kishan Singh has held several leadership positions, including President of the Telangana Paper Merchants' Association (TPMA) and Vice-President of FPTA.

He has also served as a managing committee member of both associations and convened FPTA's Public Awareness Committee for over a decade.

As president, he aims to strengthen FPTA's national presence, expand into new regions, address industry challenges and promote international collaboration. He will also pursue Government of India recognition for National Paper Day.

Kishan Singh holds a B.E. degree, an MBA from Greenwich University, UK, and a postgraduate certificate from IIM. His election marks another milestone for Hyderabad, following three city-based leaders who previously headed the national organisation.

Yemeni source claims investing in Saudi Aramco is not safe



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A Yemeni military source has described investing in Saudi Aramco as unsafe, claiming the state-owned oil giant has lost more than USD 100 billion in market value as fighting intensifies between Saudi Arabia and Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi movement.We advise all investors in Saudi Aramco to monitor the financial indicators and the value of the company's shares before making any investment decision," the source told Yemen's Saba News Agency.The source also accused Saudi Arabia of concealing the impact of repeated attacks by Yemen's armed forces, reiterating its warning against investing in Aramco.The warning comes amid broader threats from the Yemeni armed forces, which have urged travellers and airlines to avoid Saudi airports, except those serving Makkah and Madinah. They have also warned employees, workers and civilians to stay away from Saudi oil facilities.The incidents came amid an escalation in Houthi attacks against Saudi Arabia since July 2026, with missile and drone activity reported in October against airports, oil facilities and military sites.Saudi Arabia has led a military coalition in Yemen since March 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government. The Houthis have controlled the capital, Sanaa, and other parts of Yemen since 2014.The warning comes amid escalating attacks targeting Saudi airports, oil facilities and military sites.

10,000 plus women participants join 4th edition of Pinkathon Day

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The 4th edition of Pinkathon Day witnessed strong participation of women across Hyderabad, bringing them together through a shared commitment to physical fitness. Organised by Pinkathon, India's biggest women's running movement, the event saw participants take part in a 3 km run beginning at 6:00 AM, encouraging women to incorporate physical activity into their everyday lives. Mutual Funds Sahi Hai was the Title Partner of this year's edition.

The city's participation was part of a wider effort that brought together over 10,000 participants across 168 locations in 65 cities in three countries: India, Bangladesh and the Netherlands. The initiative continued Pinkathon's efforts to build local running communities and encourage women across age groups and fitness levels to embrace an active lifestyle.

Family participation was another highlight of this year's edition, with major participants across the initiative joining alongside their family members. Among the participants was a 96-year-old woman who took part with her family, demonstrating how fitness can bring generations together.

Mr. Venkat N. Chalasani, Chief Executive, Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), "Through our association with Pinkathon Day, we aim to encourage women to take an active role in managing their finances and securing their financial future. Just as regular physical activity contributes to long-term health, informed financial decisions and disciplined investing can help build financial resilience and enable women to pursue their long-term goals with confidence.

With participants coming together across 168 locations in 65 cities and three countries, Pinkathon Day provides a valuable platform to connect women's physical well-being with financial awareness. At AMFI, we believe that financial inclusion goes beyond access to financial products; it is about equipping women with the knowledge, confidence and opportunity to make informed financial decisions, participate meaningfully in the financial system and work towards greater financial security and independence."

Milind Soman, Founder of Pinkathon, said, "Every edition of Pinkathon Day is an opportunity to see how local communities can come together around a shared goal. The participation across cities reflects the efforts of our ambassadors, volunteers and running groups who encourage women to take that first step towards fitness. What matters now is for participants to carry this momentum into their everyday lives and find ways to stay active beyond the event.

Building a healthier lifestyle is a continuous journey, and we hope Pinkathon Day inspires more women to make it a priority."

As Title Partner, Mutual Funds Sahi Hai supported the initiative in extending the conversation around women's well-being to include financial awareness and planning. The association highlighted the importance of informed financial decisions and long-term preparedness alongside physical health.

Bars And Restaurant Observe Bandh Against Privilege Tax Hike

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Bars and restaurants remained shut on Monday in protest against a hike in privilege tax. The owners of the bars and restaurants also staged a protest at Bank Street in Suryapet. Speaking on the occasion, Bar and Restaurants Association leader Guvva Krishna Reddy said that they had closed the bars and restaurants in Suryapet following the call given by the Telangana State Bars and Restaurants Association. He reminded that the state government has increased the privilege cess from 10 per cent to 16 to 20 per cent. It has created financial losses to the owners of the bars and restaurants He urged the state government to reduce the privilege tax on bars and restaurants to protect the industry from severe financiallosses.Bars and restaurants remained shut on Monday in protest against a hike in privilege tax: Reports

'CID' producer BP Singh passes away, Ashoke Pandit pays an emotional tribute

MUMBAI
Veteran television producer and director B. P. Singh, best known for creating popular crime shows 'CID' and 'Aahat', passed away at the age of 77 following a massive heart attack. Filmmaker Ashoke Pandit expressed grief over his demise and paid an emotional tribute to the veteran producer. He remembered him as a brilliant filmmaker and a dear friend. Taking to Instagram, Ashoke wrote, "Sad to know about the demise of an ace producer-director B. P. Singh ji due to massive heart attack today early morning."He further praised Singh's contribution to Indian television, saying that his crime shows 'CID' and 'Aahat' had captivated audiences across the country.Recalling his association with Singh, Ashoke said he was fortunate to have



shared a close bond with him during his tenure as president of the Indian Film and Television Directors' Association (IFTDA).Sharing his image, he wrote, "A brilliant filmmaker who captivated the nation with his crime shows C.I.D and AAhat. His work is still & will continue to be a an inspiration to generations to come. Was fortunate to be a very close associate of him when he was the President of @iftda. A great human being & a dear friend.Will always be remembered with his contribution in the entertainment world. Heartfelt condolences to the family & near ones. The last rites will be performed Tom the 28th of Oct. Details will be shared soon."B. P. Singh, whose full name was Brijendra Pal Singh, was one of the prominent names in Indian television. He earned widespread recognition for 'CID', one of the country's longest-running crime investigation series, and the horror show 'Aahat'.Apart from producing and directing, Singh also appeared in 'CID' as DCP Shamsher Singh Chitrole.Singh's work played a significant role in shaping the crime and suspense genre on Indian television, earning him a loyal audience across generations. 'CID', featuring its iconic team of investigators, became a household name through its gripping cases, memorable characters and distinctive presentation. The show's popularity continued for decades, making it one of the most recognisable programmes in Indian television history.
Meanwhile, 'Aahat' es-

Imran Khan's India exit deadline nears, HC to hear his plea



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The Bombay High Court would hear on Tuesday a petition filed by actor Imran Khan, a US citizen, challenging a police notice directing him to leave India by October 28 for attending a political protest.Khan's counsel Venkatesh Dhond and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Union government, sought for the plea to be kept for hearing on Tuesday.The court then said it would hear the plea on Tuesday. Khan was briefly detained during the protest at Mumbai's historic August Kranti Maidan on October 10, organised in solidarity with the protests by the Cockroach Janta Party in Delhi demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over the issue of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.The Mumbai Police later issued the notice to Khan, directing him to leave India by October 28.The 43-year-old actor claimed in his petition that he had not participated in any gathering and had no association with the organisers of the protests.
While he moved the HC on October 17, Khan also received a show-cause notice from the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), seeking a clarification as to why his Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) status should not be revoked.In his petition, the actor claimed the notice issued by the Mumbai police was "illegal, arbitrary, perverse and drastic".The petition, filed through advocate Zulfikar Memon and MZM Legal, claimed the police notice "reflects patent non-application of mind and the arbitrary targeting" of Khan as a public figure.Khan sought quashing of the notice, and also requested the court to grant a stay of its operation during the pendency of his petition and restrain the authorities from taking any coercive steps against him.Not only is the notice manifestly disproportionate, if implemented, it would reduce the very principles of natural justice that the authorities are duty-bound to uphold, to nothing but a dead letter," the petition

Para-cyclist Arshad Shaikh recovering after surgery following Asian Para Games

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Indian para-cyclist Arshad Shaikh is recovering well after undergoing surgery for injuries sustained in a crash during the men's time trial at the Asian Para Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
Shaikh is receiving treatment at the Chutoen General Medical Center in Shizuoka Prefecture after suffering a displaced fracture of his left femur. The 2024 Paris Paralympian fell during the event last Wednesday, sustaining injuries to his previously operated left residual limb.The injury is particularly significant for Shaikh, an above-knee amputee who relies on a prosthesis for mobility and competition.Indian Ambassador to Japan Nagma Mohammed Mallick visited the athlete at the medical facility on Monday and wished him a speedy recovery. She also assured Shaikh and his team that the Indian Embassy would extend the necessary assistance until he is medically cleared to return home.



The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India are coordinating with the embassy and remaining in regular contact with the athlete to ensure he receives the required support during his recovery.Shaikh was India's sole representative in para-cycling at the Asian Para Games. His crash had raised concerns about the medical assistance available to the Indian contingent, particularly given the severity of the injuries to his previously operated limb.Team India chief physician Dr Ameya Kagali had earlier confirmed that Shaikh was in a stable condition following the accident and required surgical intervention for the displaced fracture.With the cyclist now recuperating in Japan, the immediate focus remains on his recovery and ensuring that he receives appropriate medical care before travelling back to India. The full implications of the injury for his rehabilitation and return to competitive cycling remain unclear.Officials are closely monitoring Shaikh's progress and will take a decision on his return to India based on medical advice and his fitness to travel. The Indian Embassy is coordinating with the hospital and relevant sports authorities to facilitate any additional assistance required during his stay in Japan. Given the nature of the fracture and the involvement of his previously operated residual limb, doctors are expected to assess the healing process carefully before determining the next stages.

Harry Kane wins Ballon d'Or, ends 25-year wait for English football

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Zheng Qinwen, they all come from Hubei. It's because of your love of the sport that tennis in Hubei is so strong."
In other matches, Daria Snigur of Ukraine stunned 14th-seeded Elise Mertens 6-4, 7-5; Maria Sakkari of Greece came from behind to beat 8th-seeded Marta Kostyuk 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Ann Li of the United States progressed to the next round when Camila Osorio of Colombia retired while trailing 6-1, 3-0.The Bayern Munich star says the achievement was built on so much more.Anything is possible with hard work, when no one else is watching, to go through the ups and downs, to learn through resilience, determination and self-belief," an emotional Kane said in a message to young boys and girls, after reflecting on his early career struggles.My



journey wasn't straightforward. I wasn't the kid who went straight to the top. I had to experience the downs," he added. "I had to fight my way to be the very best right now. I hope that can give you inspiration as well.The 33-year-old Kane was followed in the voting by Kylian Mbappé, Lamine Yamal — voted best young talent for a third straight year — 2024 winner Rodri and record eight-time winner Lionel Messi. Kane thanked his teammates, coaches, parents, children — "It's past your bedtime" — and wife Kate, "my best friend. We've been through ups and downs for sure. You're my biggest supporter. You always want the best for me."He led Bayern to the Bundesliga and German Cup double, scoring a hat trick against Stuttgart in the cup final.At the World Cup, he scored six times to pass Gary Lineker as England's all-time leading World Cup scorer and place himself among the all-time top five in tournament history. They lost to Argentina in the semi-finals but beat Mbappé's France for third place, England's best World Cup placing in 60 years.An Englishman hadn't won the Ballon d'Or since Michael Owen in 2001. England coach Thomas Tuchel said the Three Lions were "lucky to have you as our leader."I ran out of superlatives to describe your performances a long time ago, but I'm delighted to see that you have now been formally recognized by the football world," Tuchel said.Monday's ceremony was held in London for the first time in recognition of the inaugural winner 70 years ago, England's Stanley Matthews in 1956.Putellas hat trick of awardsEarlier, Spain star Alexia Putellas won her third women's Ballon d'Or after leading her former club Barcelona to multiple trophies last season including the Women's Champions League. Putellas, who joined London City Lionesses in the offseason, also helped Spain win the Women's Nations League last December. The 32-year-old midfielder ended Spain teammate Aitana Bonmati's three-year reign.

KCR to Be Made Prime Accused in Phone Tapping Case

Sources said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had been briefed about the latest developments and a go-ahead obtained from him.

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BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao will be made prime accused in the phone-tapping case of the BRS government tenure, in which the special investigation team (SIT) probing the matter is all set to file an additional chargesheet any time now. Party working president K.T. Rama Rao, former minister T, Harish Rao and MLC K. Naveen would also be listed as accused. Official sources told Deccan Chronicle that the top brass of the police had recently held discussions with a senior Supreme Court lawyer in Delhi on making the chargesheet watertight and had decided to proceed with its filing after getting the go-ahead from the legal expert.

Sources said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had been briefed about the latest developments and a go-ahead obtained from him. "It will be a combination of scientific evidence and statements of the victims, which form a crucial part in any criminal investigation," sources in the government said. The SIT has listed six police officials, including the former Special Intelligence Bureau chief T. Prabhakar Rao, as accused and would now be including political bosses of the BRS



regime. However, there was no hope in the present dispensation that coercive steps could be taken against Chandrashekar Rao or the three other leaders, as the courts had earlier given protection to Prabhakar, prime accused so far, mainly on the grounds that he cooperated with the investigating agencies by appearing for questioning.

Sources said the SIT had accused Chandrashekar Rao as the mastermind behind the illegal operations and supported its claim based on the approvals given at the highest levels of government and statements given by some accused as well as victims. With regard to Rama Rao and Naveen, the SIT built its case around the statement by the realtor "Sandhya" Sridhar Rao who claimed to have been coerced to donate `13 crore in the form of electoral bonds. The allegations against Harish Rao pertained to enforcing surveillance against his political rivals.

The BRS has been dismissing the case as one of political vendetta, lacking any evidence of involvement of Chandrashekar Rao and other party leaders. "Top police officials themselves were having divergent views on initiating the probe into the phone-tapping case, leave alone the sustainability of the charges against the political leadership of the BRS regime," a senior BRS leader said. There was stiff resistance from among the senior police officials when then city police commissioner K. Srinivas Reddy got a case booked into the case. "Now, the latest move (of making Chandrashekar Rao the prime accused) is to divert people's attention from the government failures, the latest being the mishandling of water utilisation in the wake of El Nino," he added.

Over 5 Lakh Votes Deleted Ahead of SIR Deadline

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The ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral apart, over five lakh votes appear to have been deleted through Form-7 this year, including more than a lakh from Hyderabad. Most deletions were recorded in the pre-SIR period, including those flagged as Demographically Similar Entries. Before the exercise began on June 15, 4,54,338 deletions were made via 5,13,375 applications. During the 'claims and objections' period between October 8 and 26 as part of the SIR, 35,511 deletions were made based on 38,279 Form 7 applications.

By Tuesday, 5,02,873 votes had been deleted from 5,76,030 applications. Hyderabad accounted for 1,00,687 deletions, followed by Rangareddy (50,979), Nizamabad (35,277) and Karimnagar (24,713). Officials said they could not clarify individual cases due to lack of details. Activists pointed to the use of AI-powered software such as ERONET, claiming deletions may have been carried out online without physical submission of forms.

"Similar to other States, even in Telangana voters might have been deleted during pre-SIR mapping," said M.A. Mujeeb Ayyub, an activist. Congress leaders termed the deletions massive and demanded an inquiry. "This is a huge number, even if pre-SIR. We shall demand details to come clean," said PCC Election Commission coordination committee chairman Pulipati Rajesh Kumar. Meanwhile, officials said nearly 90 lakh of the 92 lakh voters who received notices during the SIR had been cleared for inclusion in the final roll to be published on November 9.

Only 1.15 lakh notices remain pending. By Tuesday, 92,88,188 notices were generated statewide, of which 89,13,300 names were cleared, amounting to 95.96 per cent. Among them, 5,74,693 were cleared without hearings. Officials said relaxed norms, including acceptance of digital documents without in-person hearings, contributed to smoother processing. Among these voters, 5,74,693 were cleared 'without hearing'.

From over 60 lakh with anomalies, 59 lakh had been cleared. Of the 32 lakh voters who were 'unmapped' close to 30 lakh were cleared for the final roll. From 64,821 Form-6 applications received during the claims and objections period, 14,158 were accepted. "We are trying our best to help people with Form-6, but the response has been lower than expected. Many seem reluctant to visit local booths to reclaim their votes," an official said.

HYDRAA seizes fake HMWSSB tankers, removes 7 illegal borewells

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The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Tuesday, October 27, continued its crackdown on those extracting and selling water without the required permissions at Fox Sagar in the Jeedimetla area.

In the Kompally outskirts, HYDRAA uncovered an operation where water was secretly being filled into tankers parked among containers near a lake and transported away.

Excavator and officer at a site near a concrete wall, handling hoses and equipment in Hyderabad, India. Those involved in the racket had affixed HMWSSB stickers on the tankers to pass them off as Water Board vehicles.

HYDRAA intervened to stop the illegal water trade and seized the vehicles.

Meanwhile, checking the racket of illegal water extraction around Fox Sagar, HYDRAA officials uprooted seven borewells on Tuesday.

The agency also exposed how those involved had set up large sheds and used plastic tanks to facilitate the operation.

Workers inspect a damaged site with exposed piping and a blue barrel in a backyard area.

HYDRAA officials also dismantled preparations to drill new borewells. It had earlier removed 25 borewells near Sunnam Cheruvu and six near Thammidikunta.

CM, Cong Govt Incompetence Led To Drought: KTR

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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao on Tuesday blamed the Congress government's alleged administrative failures and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's negligence for the drought situation in Telangana, accusing the government of failing to address farmers' problems.

Addressing a party meeting at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad, where Congress and BJP leaders



from the Nirmal constituency joined the BRS, Rama Rao alleged that farmers were facing severe difficulties due to inadequate irrigation water, electricity supply problems and shortages of urea.

He claimed that despite water flowing in rivers, the government was allowing it to drain into the sea instead of utilising it for agricultural purposes. He described this as a failure to effectively manage available water resources and provide relief to farmers.

Rama Rao also criticised the Chief Minister for allegedly prioritising visits to Delhi over addressing agricultural distress in Telangana. In a sharp political attack, he referred to Revanth Reddy as a "renewal" Chief Minister, alleging that his continuation in office depended on meeting financial commitments to the Congress leadership in Delhi.

Targeting the government over farmers' financial assistance, Rama Rao contrasted the pending Rythu Bandhu payments, as alleged by him, with what he called the timely delivery of "Rahul Bandhu" to the party leadership.

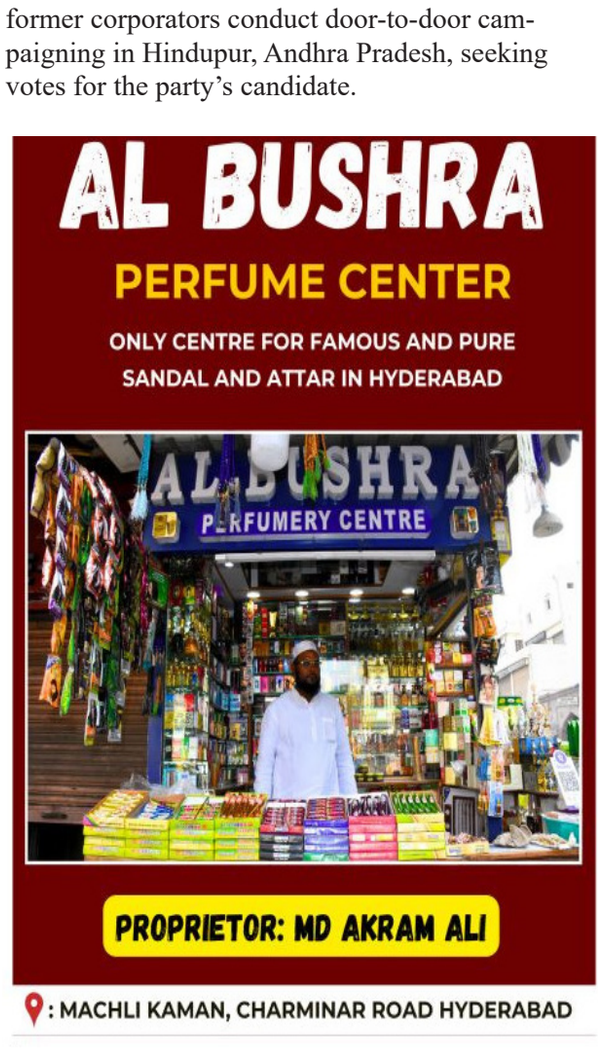
He further said people were looking forward to the next elections and expressed confidence that BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao would return as Chief Minister.

Recalling the previous BRS government's initiatives, Rama Rao highlighted the provision of 24-hour electricity and irrigation facilities to farmers, asserting that the party had prioritised agricultural welfare during its tenure.

The meeting also witnessed the entry of political leaders from the Nirmal constituency into the BRS, providing the party an opportunity to strengthen its organisational presence.



AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin and former corporators conduct door-to-door campaigning in Hindupur, Andhra Pradesh, seeking votes for the party's candidate.



Loud Thud Sparks Panic In Rajendranagar

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Residents of Yerraboda and surrounding areas under Rajendranagar police limits reported loud explosive sounds and tremors on Tuesday morning, prompting police teams to rush to the scene. Police said the sound was recorded on CCTV cameras at 9.14 am, and teams reached the locality by 9.45 am. "We thoroughly examined the area for over eight hours and found no evidence of a blast. It was a thud sound," said S. Sreenivas, inspector.

Officials warned against spreading rumours of tremors or earthquakes on social media, saying such posts were creating panic. Statements from locals indicated they had never experienced such loud sounds before. CLUES teams inspected the area but found no property damage. SHO R. Venkatesh said CCTV footage even showed a pet dog reacting to the sound. "The cause is yet to be known. Tremors or earthquakes have been ruled out," he said. During searches, police found a car damaged by a fallen tree. "There are possibilities that the thud sound came from the tree falling on the parked car," Venkatesh added.

Resurvey Of Agri, Abadi Lands Across TG Will Be Completed In 18 Months: Ponguleti

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Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the resurvey of agricultural land holdings and 'abadi' properties would be completed within 18 months to resolve disputes permanently and ensure transparency in the records. He said the resurvey was underway in 70 villages in each district in the first phase. He directed district collectors and revenue officials to closely monitor the exercise and ensure its timely completion.

Interacting with tahsildars and surveyors, the minister sought details on the progress of the survey, the number of villages covered, daily targets and the time required for completion. He instructed officials to clearly inform farmers about land measurements and boundaries and address their doubts to prevent future disputes. Revenue officials, from tahsildars to district collectors, should personally inspect fieldwork, interact with farmers and resolve grievances without delay.

Reviewing the functioning of the revenue, registration and housing departments in the erstwhile Medak district at the Sangareddy Collectorate on Tuesday, Srinivas Reddy expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of some revenue employees and warned of strict action against officials who failed to discharge their duties responsibly. Despite repeated instructions, the expected results had not been achieved, he said, stressing that accountability was essential to resolving farmers' problems.

The minister said the government would continue sanctioning Indiramma houses in phases until every eligible poor family owned a house. To reduce construction costs for beneficiaries, steps were being taken to supply cement bags at `230 each.

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla To Attend 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' Campaign At OU Today

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Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla is scheduled to participate in the "Nasha Mukt Bharat" anti-drug awareness programme at Osmania University on Wednesday. Organised by the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Telangana state branch, the programme will be held at Tagore Auditorium 11 am, with more than 1,200 students, National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers and IRCS members expected to participate in a rally. The Governor will address the students on the importance of youth participation in building a drug-free society, and will inaugurate a blood donation camp and distribute fruits and certificates to blood donors. He will also unveil "Nasha Mukt Bharat" posters and stickers, and administer an anti-drug pledge to students and youth.

Gandhi Hospital Gets ₹8 Lakh Medical Equipment Under CSR

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Gandhi Hospital in Secunderabad has received point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) and arterial blood gas (ABG) machines worth ₹8 lakh from enGen Global under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative to strengthen emergency care. The equipment was inaugurated on Tuesday



by Director of Medical Education Dr N. Vani and hospital superintendent Dr Usha Rani and enGen Global CEO Manoj Kapoor.

Dr K. Sunil Kumar, head of the emergency medicine department and deputy medical superintendent, outlined the department's requirements and sought additional equipment, including digital radiography units, patient monitors, infusion and syringe pumps, and transport ventilators. The enGen Global team expressed its willingness to support the department's further requirements. Dr Vani appreciated the company for its CSR contribution and support for public healthcare facilities. The new equipment is expected to assist emergency teams in assessing patients and making timely clinical decisions.

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