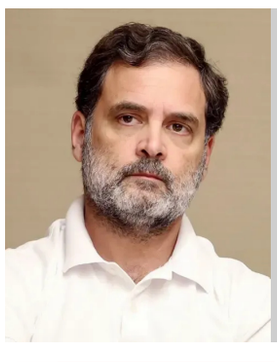
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Shah Opens Exhibition On Modi

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union home minister Amit Shah on Wednesday inaugurated an exhibition of 76 paintings depicting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25 years in public life at the National Museum in New Delhi. Titled 'Mann Ki Baat', the exhibition features works by artist Manjit Singh and has been organised by the World Punjabi Organisation.

Speaking at the event, Rajya Sabha MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney called for Modi to be awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, in recognition of his service to the nation.

Cyclone Arnab Claims 9 Lives, Devastates Crops In 14 AP Dists

Crops over 2,24,489 hectares in 14 districts were damaged, affecting 3.45 lakh farmers, while roads, power lines and homes also suffered.

VIJAYAWADA
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Cyclone Arnab crossed the coast between Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coast early on Wednesday, leaving a trail of destruction with uprooted trees and electric poles and damaged roads, while nine persons were killed in related incidents including electrocution. Crops over 2,24,489 hectares in 14 districts were damaged, affecting 3.45 lakh farmers, while roads, power lines and homes also suffered.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu wrote to Union home minister Amit Shah seeking a visit by a Central team to assess the extent of damage caused by the cyclone while detailing the damage caused by the cyclone, said standing crops, including paddy, suffered damage over thousands of hectares.. Close after the cyclone Arnab devastated Andhra Pradesh, another system was seen brewing up in the Bay of Bengal, according to the weatherman.

The Indian Railways, meanwhile, cancelled several trains including those originating from Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada and Narasapur. Flight services were either cancelled or diverted for the second consecutive day on Wednesday at the Vijayawada, Bhogapuram and Rajamahendravaram. Air India too cancelled its Delhi-Vijayawada-Delhi service while Air India Express cancelled its flights connecting Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Vijayawada, Varanasi-Bangkok and Bangkok-Visakhapatnam. Alaska Air cancelled the Delhi-Bhogapuram-Delhi service.

With roads and bridges devastated at several places road transport too took a heavy toll. The services were disrupted to various destinations. Due to rough sea conditions, a cargo ship was stranded off Antarvedi coast in the Bay of Bengal sea. The cyclone crossed with winds of 125–135 kmph, gusting to 150 kmph. Of 688 mandals, 317 recorded rainfall above 10 mm. Visakhapatnam received the highest average rainfall at 236.7 mm, followed by Vizianagaram at 212.1 mm and Anakapalli at 209.2 mm. Gopalapatnam recorded 323.2 mm.

Agricultural crops across 2,11,726 hectares in 154 mandals were inundated, including paddy over 2,09,460 hectares. Horticulture losses spanned 12,763 hectares. The damage hit 3,18,704 agricultural and 25,914 horticultural farmers. West Godavari reported the highest crop loss at 76,176 hectares, followed by Konaseema (44,232), Kakinada (42,222), East Godavari (29,866) and Krishna (22,339). Around 82 per cent of paddy in West Godavari, 75 per cent in Konaseema and 48 per cent in Kakinada was inundated. With kharif paddy at grain filling and harvesting stages, farmers face risks of lodging, sprouting and discolouration. Harvested stocks are also vulnerable. Banana plantations were flattened, vegetable fields inundated, and coconut, papaya, flower and betel leaf crops damaged.

Modi Reviews 16,000 Crore Infrastructure Projects

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday reviewed infrastructure projects worth more than 16,000 crore across 31 states and Union Territories, covering railways, PM Ekta Malls and bulk drug parks.

Chairing the 54th meeting of PRAGATI, the ICT-enabled platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, at his office in Seva Teerth, Modi emphasised timely completion of projects, inter-agency coordination and the removal of implementation bottlenecks.

Reviewing the PM Ekta Mall initiative, Modi said the malls should provide markets for local products, strengthen artisans' livelihoods and help them expand their businesses.

He called for linking the malls with tourism and local enterprises to generate employment in rural production, packaging, storage and transportation. He also directed chief secretaries to regularly review their progress and ensure timely completion.

Revanth Sets Nov. 1 Deadline for STPs

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to ensure that Hyderabad does not face a drinking water shortage under any circumstances and ordered all sewage treatment plants (STPs) in the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) limits to operate at 100 per cent capacity in view of the El Nino conditions and future water requirements. At a review meeting on drinking water supply, STP construction and treated water utilisation at the MCRHRDI on Wednesday, the Chief Minister asked officials to closely monitor water levels in reservoirs and remain alert to meet the city's drinking water needs. He stressed the need to maximise the use of treated wastewater for non-drinking purposes to conserve freshwater supplies.

Revanth Reddy directed officials to ensure that treated water was used for maintaining greenery at the Secretariat, Chief Minister's Office, Outer Ring Road, Metro Rail facilities and other government offices. Treated water should also be used for maintaining public parks and cleaning roads. He made it clear that the rule mandating the use of treated water in building construction must be implemented strictly.

The Chief Minister called for encouraging private STPs and directed officials to supply treated water to data centres as well. He also asked senior officials of the Renewable Energy Development Corporation (REDCO) to explore the possibility of using solar power to operate STPs, thereby improving energy efficiency and reducing operating costs.

Emphasising that water quality should not be compromised, Revanth Reddy instructed officials to adopt the latest technological standards for wastewater treatment. A dedicated officer should be appointed at every STP, and all plants should be connected to the Command Control Centre for continuous monitoring. He directed HYDRAA to monitor the functioning of the treatment plants on a real-time basis.

I.N.D.I.A. Shifts CEC Protest To Kharge Home; BJP Hits Streets

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The political confrontation over the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls intensified on Wednesday, with the Opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc shifting its planned "public impeachment" of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence after alleged denial of permission for other venues, while the BJP launched a counter-campaign on the streets of Delhi.

The Opposition will hold the programme at 10, Rajaji Marg, at 3.30 pm on October 30, ahead of its November 1 rally at Ramlila Maidan against alleged "vote chori" (vote theft) and irregularities in the revision of electoral rolls. Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal alleged that the government-run Ashok Hotel had initially permitted the event but later withdrew permission following police intervention. He said the party's subsequent attempt to hold the programme at Ramlila Maidan was also obstructed by police.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh accused the CEC of violating the letter and spirit of the Constitution and undermining electoral democracy. "Having been denied other locations, the I.N.D.I.A. janbandhan will be holding a public impeachment of Gyanesh Kumar at 10, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi at 3.30 pm on Friday, Oct 30, 2026," he posted on X.

Israel President Urges No Fresh Vote After Inconclusive Polls

JERUSALEM
Wakeup telangana

Anxious Israelis watched election results near completion Wednesday, as no clear winner emerged and weeks of negotiating could lie ahead for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and an array of opposition parties trying to unseat him. Arab-led parties made a historic showing, but it's not clear if the other opponents of Netanyahu's far-right government would form a coalition with them for a majority of seats in parliament. Issues around the Palestinians and their descendants remain incredibly sensitive in Israel.

Netanyahu seeks to remain the country's longest-serving prime minister. In defiant comments after the vote - which showed his Likud party losing ground since the 2022 election - he dismissed the idea of partnering with Arab parties as treasonous. On Wednesday, Netanyahu warned against a "dangerous government" that might include them. He won't work with the Arab-led parties, whose constituents make up 20 per cent of Israel's population, and



they have also ruled out any partnership with him.

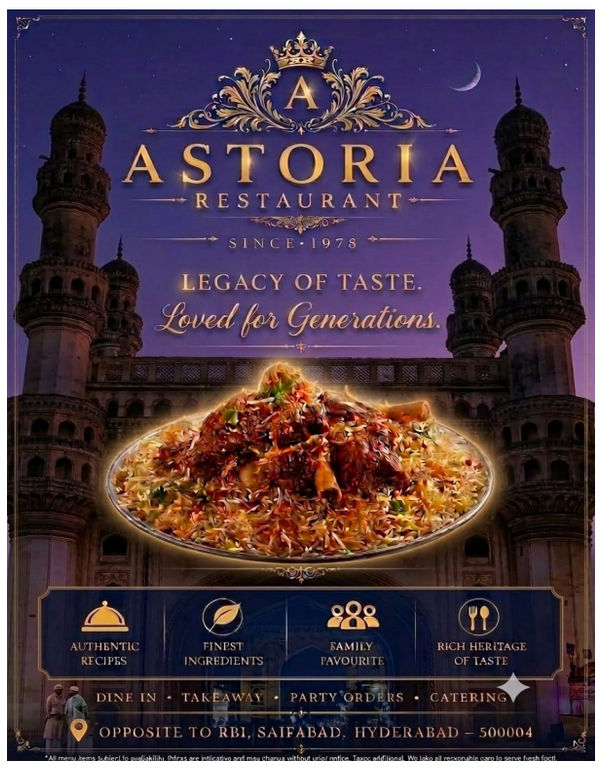
His top challenger, centrist former military chief Gadi Eisenkot, has left the door open to partnering with Arab parties under certain conditions, including their recognition of Israel as a Jewish state and of Hamas as an extremist group. It's not clear whether some of Eisenkot's likely partners who have ruled out such an alliance will change their minds to force Netanyahu from office. Israeli voters choose parties, not individuals. With 85 per cent of votes counted, Netanyahu's Likud party has 20.8 percent and Eisenkot's Yashar party has 16.1 per cent. Arab-led parties had 14.9 per cent.

Emerging results indicated that neither Netanyahu's nor Eisenkot's coalition blocs would reach the 61 seats needed for a majority in parliament, the 120-seat Knesset. Local media projected 53 seats for Likud and allied parties, 48 for Yashar and allied parties and 19 for Arab-led parties.

Counting absentee ballots will last until Thursday evening, said Elad Naveh, control manager at the Central Elections Committee.

There are an estimated half-million of them from military personnel and diplomats. Israeli law requires the official results be certified by Nov. 4.Nearly 78 per cent of eligible voters turned out, the highest since 1999.

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Iran War's Cost to American Taxpayers Grows to An Estimated USD 47.1 Billion

WASHINGTON
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The cost of the Iran war to American taxpayers has grown to USD 47.1 billion, according to a new estimate the Pentagon has provided to Congress. The fallout from the conflict has become a key issue in the midterm elections and could increase as President Donald Trump leaves open the possibility of renewed hostilities. The figure from US Central Command, which oversees operations in the Middle East, is as of Oct. 16 and offers the most up-to-date cost for the conflict since it was launched in late February by the United States and Israel. The latest price tag, obtained by The Associated Press this week, shows a USD 3.5 billion bump US spending since early September, when that figure stood at about USD 43.6 billion.

The growing cost of the unpopular war and its economic ripple effects on energy prices could hurt Republicans in next week's midterm elections.

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Modi Taunts Congress Over Ballot Poll Rout

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Congress traded barbs on Wednesday over the Opposition party's dismal performance in Legislative Council elections conducted through ballot papers, with the Congress challenging him to abandon electronic voting machines (EVMs) in all future Lok Sabha and Assembly polls. The exchange followed the Congress drawing a blank in results declared so far for 28 Legislative Council seats across Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Karnataka, where



polling was held on October 23.

"MLC elections in 28 seats across 4 big states — Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Karnataka. Elections held using ballot papers. Guess how many seats Congress won?" Modi posted on X, taking a dig at the Opposition's campaign against EVMs. Hitting back, Congress leader Pawan Khera challenged Modi to demonstrate his confidence in the BJP's electoral strength by agreeing to conduct all future parliamentary and Assembly elections using ballot papers.

"If Narendra Modi is so confident that EVMs have no bearing on election results, let him prove his confidence in the BJP's electoral prowess through action, not rhetoric," Khera said. He also demanded suspension of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, restoration of 13.3 crore voters he alleged had been illegally deleted, removal of the Chief Election Commissioner and repeal of the law granting legal immunity to election commissioners.

"Until Modi acts on these demands, his claims are nothing but hogwash — hollow words no one can take seriously," Khera said. The Congress suffered its biggest setback in Karnataka, where the BJP-Janata Dal (Secular) alliance swept all four Legislative Council seats despite the Congress being in power. The BJP retained three seats, while the JD(S) wrested the Bengaluru Teachers' constituency from the ruling party.

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All-party meeting on El Nino crisis ends without concrete drought roadmap

The Telangana government's all-party meeting on drought conditions linked to El Nino concluded without announcing specific relief measures or a concrete action plan.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Congress government's all-party meeting on the drought conditions in Telangana due to El Nino ended without a concrete action plan. The Opposition parties criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's absence during the first-ever all-party meeting held by the government, and its failure to provide concrete assurances and relief measures to farmers.

Chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka at the State Secretariat on Wednesday, the meeting with the Cabinet sub-committee sought suggestions on drinking water, irrigation and power supply but offered no clear timelines for



crop-loss compensation, Yasangi (Rabi) cultivation or Rythu Bharosa financial assistance to affected farmers.

BRS leaders accused the government of responding late to a crisis that had already affected crops across nearly 24.3 lakh acres, according to figures cited at the meeting. They questioned why the government failed to utilise available water resources and spell out a strategy to mitigate the crisis.

Former Minister S Niranjan Reddy questioned the decision to declare a crop holiday for the Rabi season despite previous rainfall deficits and asked why Krishna River water had not been adequately utilised. He also sought clarity on Rythu Bharosa payments, power generation from the Yadadri thermal plant and support for livelihoods dependent on agriculture and allied sectors.

BRS leaders B Vinod Kumar and L Ramana said better utilisation of the Godavari and Krishna rivers' waters could have reduced the crisis. Citing estimates that 750 TMCft of Godavari River water and around 200 TMCft of Krishna river's water had flowed into Andhra Pradesh, they questioned Telangana's failure to conserve and use the water.

The Opposition demanded compensation of Rs 50,000 per acre for crop losses, with the Centre and State contributing Rs 25,000 each. It also sought clarity on disaster-relief funds and a plan to address the drought's impact in the coming months.

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi and floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi submitted a representation seeking immediate measures to safeguard agriculture, power supply and drinking water availability. They also raised concerns over declining reservoir storage and called for contingency arrangements to ensure uninterrupted water supply.

Bhatti Vikramarka said the government had submitted a drought report to the Centre and would seek additional assistance. An all-party delegation could approach the Centre if necessary, he added. He said the government had consulted experts, constituted a committee to study El Nino and was preparing contingency plans for drinking water, livestock water and fodder, and efficient use of reservoir stocks. He assured the Opposition that its suggestions would be examined.

Govt Evasive, Had No Replies To Our Questions: Oppn

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Opposition parties criticised the Telangana government's response to the drought situation at an all-party meeting held at the Secretariat on Wednesday to discuss El Nino and drought preparedness. Speaking to media persons after the meeting, leaders of various political parties said the government needed to do much more and had failed to provide satisfactory answers to their questions. BRS leaders demanded compensation of Rs 50,000 per acre for farmers and expressed disappointment over the government's response at the meeting.

Former agriculture minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy said, "We told the government it lacked the foresight to tackle the drought." "We also wanted to know whether the government would provide financial assistance under the scheme for the Yasangi season," he said. He said the BRS, as a responsible Opposition party, would support the government if it took appropriate measures to mitigate the drought and help affected people.

"We will wait for the government's action plan before commenting further," he said. The BJP also expressed disappointment, saying the government had failed to provide satisfactory answers to the questions raised at the meeting. BJP legislature party leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy said the government failed to give any assurance on compensation to farmers who lost their crops during the kharif season, and compensation for the Yasangi season, as the government had advised farmers against cultivating crops.

He said other states, such as Maharashtra and Gujarat, had already allocated funds to help farmers and other sections of the people affected by the drought and questioned why the Telangana government has failed to do so. The meeting was attended by Telangana Farmers' Commission chairman M. Kodanda Reddy; BRS leaders B. Vinod Kumar, L. Ramana, and Singireddy Niranjan Reddy, BJP's Aleti Maheshwar Reddy and M. Komuraiah, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi and Akbaruddin Owaisi, CPI's Palla Venkat Reddy and Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao; CPM's John Wesley, Telangana Jana Samithi's Prof. M. Kodandaram and leaders from the Samajwadi Party, RJD, BSP, and the Aam Aadmi Party.

Telangana Eyes US Diaspora For Tourism



The Telangana Tourism Development Corporation is engaging with investors and industry leaders from the Indian diaspora in the United States to showcase the state's untapped tourism potential ahead of the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 in Hyderabad this December.

Special Chief Secretary (Tourism) Vani Prasad highlighted opportunities across eight identified Special Tourism Areas, pointing to prospects in hospitality, attractions, museums, technology-enabled visitor services and data-driven solutions. She said investors could play a key role in building world-class infrastructure and enhancing visitor experiences beyond Hyderabad.

Tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao said the state's tourism policy aims to attract investments worth US$1.7 billion and generate about three lakh jobs. "Tourism can create livelihoods across age groups, genders and educational backgrounds, while offering opportunities for entrepreneurs. We are committed to developing Telangana as a globally recognised destination," he said.

Alleged large-scale extortion in the name of clearing CLU (Change of Land Use)

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Serious questions have emerged over the alleged absence of K. Madhavi Reddy, a Tahsildar currently on deputation at the Shankarpally Zone of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), from October 9 to 17. Allegations regarding her foreign travel without prior permission and earlier complaints over the clearance of Change of Land Use (CLU) files have triggered demands for a transparent inquiry.

The primary concern is whether Madhavi Reddy obtained sanctioned leave and the necessary government permission for any overseas travel during the period. Officials are being urged to examine attendance registers, biometric records, leave sanction orders and travel authorisation documents to establish the facts.

There are also allegations that during her earlier tenure in Balapur mandal, complaints were raised over demands for money to clear CLU-related files.



Reports further suggest that a complaint concerning the alleged demands reached the Chief Minister's office, following which the Chief Minister reportedly spoke to the HMDA Commissioner about the issue. However, the allegations require verification through official records and an impartial investigation.

Questions have also been raised over the Commissioner's alleged lack of clarity regarding her absence and claims that the Tahsildar displayed a confrontational attitude towards senior officials and their directions. These allegations, too, require examination before any conclusions can be drawn.

As land-use approvals and related administrative decisions directly affect the public and various stakeholders, the absence of a responsible officer could potentially delay file processing and disrupt public services. Authorities must clarify who handled her responsibilities during the alleged period of absence and whether any public-related work was affected.

Government employees are entitled to personal travel, including overseas trips, subject to applicable service rules and required permissions. If unauthorised absence or misconduct is established, appropriate disciplinary action must follow. If the leave and travel were duly approved, the relevant records should dispel unnecessary doubts.

The public now expects the HMDA authorities to clarify the facts, disclose the findings of any inquiry and ensure accountability in the administration.

BRS Launches MLC Voter Registration Drive in Aleru; Leaders Urge Graduates to Enrol

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

With the objective of helping eligible graduates enrol in the voters' list for the upcoming Legislative Council (MLC) elections, BRS leaders in Aleru organised an MLC voter registration awareness camp on Tuesday, October 28, under the party's local leadership.

The programme focused on encouraging eligible graduates to register as voters and ensuring that they do not miss the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. Party leaders and supporters gathered at Kalyani Online Services in Aleru to facilitate the registration process and guide applicants.



BRS Aleru leaders urged eligible graduates to make use of the registration facility and complete the required formalities. They emphasised that graduate voters have an important role in choosing their representatives to the Legislative Council and that greater awareness is needed to ensure broad participation.

The organisers also appealed to graduates who have not yet enrolled to contact the registration team for assistance. For details and registration support, eligible applicants can contact *6300 835 457*, as displayed on the camp's publicity material.

Santosh Nagar SHO K. Satyanarayana Appeals to Youth to Donate Blood and Save Lives

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Santosh Nagar Police Station Station House Officer (SHO) K. Satyanarayana has appealed to the public, particularly the youth, to come forward and donate blood to save precious lives.

The appeal comes ahead of the Mega Blood Donation Camp being organised by Hyderabad City Police in connection with Police Commemoration Day.

The camp is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Radon Function Hall, Santoshnagar, Hyderabad.



SHO K. Satyanarayana emphasised that blood donation is a noble humanitarian act that can provide life-saving support to patients in need. He encouraged eligible donors to participate voluntarily and help spread awareness about the importance of donating blood.

The initiative aims to promote community participation, strengthen public service, and encourage young people to contribute to society through meaningful acts of kindness. Hyderabad City Police has called upon citizens to join the initiative and make the blood donation camp a success.

Venue: Radon Function Hall, Santoshnagar, Hyderabad
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Organised by: Hyderabad City Police

Harish Rao challenges Uttam's claims on Krishna water utilisation figures

BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday accused Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy of misleading people over Krishna River water utilisation. He demanded an explanation for discrepancies between the State government's figures submitted to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and the Minister's claims on social media.

In a post on X, Harish Rao cited the agenda submitted by the Telangana government for the 21st KRMB meeting, which stated that Andhra Pradesh had diverted 45.791 TMCft of water from the Srisailam project to areas outside the river basin as of September 21, 2026.

However, Telangana had utilised only 10.653 TMCft through the MGKLI scheme for requirements within the basin, the agenda stated.

"Which figures are correct, those submitted to the KRMB or those in your tweet?" he asked Uttam Kumar Reddy, demanding clarification on whether the government was misleading the Board or the people.

He accused the Congress government of recording the lowest ever utilisation of Krishna River water and releasing water downstream instead of conserving it.

Wake Up Telangana Impact: Sewerage Pipeline Work Begins in Karwan

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Sewerage pipeline installation work is being undertaken in Talim Amlapur, Karwan, following the civic issue highlighted by Wake Up Telangana in its English daily newspaper.The newspaper, in its September 9, 2026, edition on Page 8, published a report titled "Sewage Overflow Sparks Complaint in Karwan," highlighting persistent sewage overflow near Jamia Masjid Taleem, Amlapur Basti Dawakhana and Hospital Lane. The problem was reportedly causing inconvenience to residents, pedestrians and motorists.

The affected stretch between House Nos. 13-5-400 and 13-5-422 had been experiencing sewage flow onto the public road, raising concerns over sanitation and public health.



Following the highlighted issue, new sewerage pipeline installation work is being carried out on the left side of the basti, near the Government Hospital, Talim Amlapur, under the leadership of Sumair Khan, Vice President of BRS Gudimalkapur Division.

The initiative aims to address residents' grievances, improve drainage and prevent sewage overflow. The development underscores the role of local news coverage in bringing civic problems into public focus.



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Sewage Overflow Sparks Complaint in Karwan

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BRS Gudimalkapur Division President Sumeir V. has urged the concerned authorities to take immediate action over a persistent sewerage overflow problem at Jamia Masjid Taleem, Amlapur Basti Dawakhana, Hospital Lane in the Karwan constituency.

The affected stretch, located between H.No. 13-5-400 and 13-5-422, has reportedly been facing continuous sewage flow onto the public road, causing inconvenience to residents, pedestrians and motorists.

Sumeir V. demanded that officials immediately inspect the sewerage line, identify the cause of the overflow and clear any blockage.

If the existing line is damaged, he sought its repair or replacement with a new sewerage line.

He also urged authorities to stop the discharge of sewage onto the road, take action against those responsible for any illegal discharge or obstruction, and restore and clean the affected portion of the road. He further called for preventive measures to ensure the sewerage problem does not recur and to protect public health and sanitation in the locality.

NIZAMABAD MAYOR INITIATES CIVIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Mayor Kooragayala Uma Rani Ramesh has initiated various development works across Nizamabad city, performing bhumi puja alongside the respective division corporators. An allocation of ₹20 lakh has been earmarked for each division to address local infrastructure needs.

The Mayor said the initiative reflects the civic body's commitment to improving public amenities and resolving local issues. She highlighted the importance of better roads, efficient drainage systems and improved sanitation in making the city cleaner and more accessible.

Directing officials and contractors to maintain construction quality and adhere to deadlines, she stressed that public funds must be utilised effectively for the benefit of residents.Corporators, local representatives, municipal officials, party leaders, workers and residents attended the programmes.

Ban on new borewells threatens construction activity, livelihoods

The Telangana government's decision to prohibit new borewells for construction and other non-drinking-water purposes from November 1 has triggered concerns across the construction sector in Hyderabad.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The State government's decision to prohibit the sinking of new borewells for construction and other purposes from November 1 has triggered concerns among builders, daily wage labourers and borewell rig operators, who fear mounting financial losses, disruption of construction activity and loss of livelihood.

While builders are worried about delays in water supply pushing up project costs, thousands of workers dependent on construction activity fear losing their daily earnings. Borewell rig owners, meanwhile, are concerned about repaying bank loans and paying salaries to their employees.

The restrictions, introduced as part of the government's contingency



measures to tackle the anticipated El Nino-induced water crisis, have also raised concerns about the possibility of workers and rig operators migrating to neighbouring States in search of employment.

Last week, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju directed officials to prepare micro-level contingency plans to prevent drinking water and electricity shortages. He said department-wise plans had already been prepared to address the severe conditions expected due to El Nino. Government offices were also instructed to use electricity economically, with air conditioners to be operated at 25 degrees Celsius only when necessary during the daytime and their use significantly reduced after 6 pm.

With water supplies from the Manjeera and Singur reservoirs unavailable, officials said the usual 110 million gallons per day (MGD) supply was being supplemented through alternative sources, including 60 MGD from Mission Bhagiratha and additional supplies from the Krishna river and other sources.

As part of water conservation measures, Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan said permission for drilling borewells in Hyderabad should be restricted to drinking water requirements, subject to existing regulations. No new borewells would be permitted for construction or other activities. However, deepening of existing borewells would be allowed exclusively for drinking water requirements. From November 1, treated water from Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) would be supplied to construction sites through green water tankers.

Builders fear 2-3% increase in project costs Builders, particularly those constructing conventional apartments and individual houses, are questioning whether sufficient treated water would be available to meet the construction industry's requirements.

A member of the Telangana Builders Federation (TBF) said transporting treated water from the plant at Ramanthapur to construction sites would substantially increase expenditure.

TG-SAFE Serves Notices To 32 Medical Shops

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG-SAFE) on Wednesday served show-cause notices to 32 medical shops linked to online pharmacies over various violations. The move follows a special enforcement drive conducted at 106 medical shops associated with online medicine delivery services such as Tata 1mg, Netmeds, Zepto, Apollo 24/7, MedPlus Mart and Instamart, among others, across the CURE region.

During the drive, officials found irregularities, including non-maintenance of or



failure to produce sales bills for medicines, failure to maintain prescription drug registers and Schedule H1 drug registers. The medical shops also failed to produce purchase invoices for medicines. Dispensing prescription medicines without valid prescriptions issued by a registered medical practitioner, selling medicines without the supervision of a registered pharmacist, and improper maintenance of copies of sales and purchase records were among the violations found at the medical shops.

TG-SAFE reiterated that strict compliance with statutory requirements is mandatory for all medical shops, including those associated with online platforms. Any deviation from the prescribed norms will attract stringent action under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

People can complain about the illegal sale, distribution or diversion of habit-forming drugs, as well as any illegal practices relating to the online sale of medicines, through the TG-SAFE Drugs Wing toll-free number 1800-599-6969, between 10.30 am and 5 pm on all working days.

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Fresh Registration Needed For Graduates' MLC Polls

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy has announced that November 6 is the last date for submitting Form-18 applications for enrolment in the Graduates' MLC electoral rolls for the Mahabubnagar–Rangareddy–Hyderabad and Warangal–Khammam–Nalgonda constituencies.

Claims and objections regarding missing names or corrections to entries can be submitted between November 25 and De-



cember 10. Officials clarified that even graduates who voted in previous elections must register afresh, as a new electoral roll is prepared for every Legislative Council election.

Only the prescribed Form-18 will be accepted, and applications submitted on plain paper will be rejected. Graduates must submit their forms to the local Electoral Registration Officer or Assistant Electoral Registration Officer, generally the RDO, Sub-Collector or Tahsildar.

According to official figures, 3,75,814 applications had been received in the Warangal–Khammam–Nalgonda constituency and 2,87,995 in the Mahabubnagar–Rangareddy–Hyderabad constituency by October 27.

Meanwhile, the Congress and BRS have demanded an extension of the deadline. On Wednesday, Congress leaders sought a four-week extension, citing inadequate public awareness and difficulties in getting documents attested. On October 26, BRS leaders also requested more time, warning that strict deadlines and attestation requirements could prevent many eligible graduates from registering.

The demands have highlighted concerns over ensuring wider participation in the upcoming Graduates' MLC elections.

DCP Inspects NH-765 Accident Spots



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Future City Traffic DCP Shivam Upadhyaya inspected 11 accident-prone locations and black spots along National Highway-765 (NH-765) to identify road safety measures and prevent fatal accidents. Notices were also issued to wine shops along the highway over distance regulations. The inspection was conducted jointly by Traffic Police, Law and Order Police, National Highways, Transport Department and municipal officials across Maheshwaram, Kandukur, Kadthal and Amangal police station limits.

The locations inspected included Thummalur Gate, Rachulur Gate, Peddamma Temple, Kandukur Crossroads, Kothur Crossroads, Navaru Balreddy Garden, MRR Restaurant, Nedunur Gate and Debbadaguda Gate under Maheshwaram Traffic Police Station limits. Mucherla Gate under Kadthal police station limits and the Cotton Mill area under Amangal police station limits were also inspected. During the visit, the DCP and officials examined factors contributing to accidents and fatalities and discussed possible preventive measures and highway safety improvements with National Highways authorities. The inspection aimed to identify risks and strengthen coordination among departments to protect motorists. As part of the drive, notices were issued to wine shop owners operating along both sides of NH-765, directing them to maintain a distance of 500 metres from the highway. Officials warned that violations and illegal activities would invite legal action under applicable laws.

The joint inspection was attended by traffic and law and order police personnel, station house officers, a Motor Vehicle Inspector, National Highways officials, a deputy engineer and the Amangal municipal commissioner.

Attacks on Ambedkarites on Ambedkar's Own Land, Protesters Ask

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The All India Independent Scheduled Castes Association on Wednesday held a press conference at the Mumbai Press Club, alleging that police restrictions were imposed on Ambedkarites at Chaityabhoomi, the memorial of Dr B.R. Ambedkar.

Association president Prashant Randhive, general secretary Deepali Salve, Sahil's father Rajendra Wakode, and Ashutosh Vidrohi and Shripad from Delhi attended the press conference.

The leaders criticised the



restrictions on entry to Chaityabhoomi during the candle march organised on October 25 in memory of Sahil. They alleged that the police had turned the memorial into a battleground. The association said FIRs had been registered against 14 activists and demanded the immediate withdrawal of the case against Randhive. It also sought transparency regarding the reported house arrest of Deepali Salve.

Rajendra Wakode questioned the whereabouts of CCTV footage showing discussions between his son Sahil and professors on the first floor. Alleging that evidence was being concealed, he demanded the suspension of Director Kedare and Professor Dulla and appropriate legal action against them.

Ashutosh Vidrohi questioned the silence of Dalit political leaders. The association also urged the Central and State governments to implement the Rohith Act to address caste discrimination and institutional harassment in higher educational institutions.

DCP Inspects Balanagar Police Station



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Kukatpally DCP Riti Raj inspected Balanagar Police Station along with ACP Naresh Reddy and reviewed police records, AI Rakshak usage, pending cases, notices under Section 35(3), and court proceedings.

She directed investigating officers to reduce case pendency, conduct weekly parades, ensure visible policing in isolated areas, and upload documents promptly on CCTNS. She also reviewed patrol duties, summons, and warrants.

The DCP appreciated the maintenance of records and case files. She felicitated SI Haji Miya, who is retiring this month, in recognition of his service.

Secunderabad Celebrates 375th Urs of Hazrat Syed Hassan Dulhe Shah Quadri

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The 375th Sandal and Urs celebrations of Dargah Hazrat Syed Hassan Dulhe Shah Quadri (RH) were held with religious fervour at the New Bowenpally Pension Lines graveyard in Secunderabad.

The celebrations featured the traditional chadar offering and special prayers for peace and prosperity.

Jampana Pratap, former Vice President of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB), attended as



the chief guest and participated in the religious ceremonies.

Speaking on the occasion, Pratap said the annual Urs festival symbolises communal harmony, brotherhood and peace, bringing people from diverse communities together.

The Khadar Jhanda Intezamia Committee organised the event under the supervision of Dargah Committee President Mirbha. Committee members Shakib Hussain, Javed, Azam and Afashadd also played an important role in making the celebrations successful. Devotees participated in the spiritual gathering with devotion and reverence.

BRS leaders Sabitha Indra Reddy, Karthik Reddy placed under house arrest over Musi hearing

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS deputy floor leader P Sabitha Indra Reddy and Rajendranagar constituency in-charge Karthik Reddy were placed under house arrest on Wednesday to prevent them from attending the public hearing on the Musi Riverfront development project, triggering strong protests from the BRS leadership.

Police personnel from Madhuranagar police station reportedly deployed outside Sabitha Indra Reddy's residence in Srinagar Colony from 4 am.



Questioning the move, Sabitha Indra Reddy said the BRS had not called for any protest and she had no connection with the public hearing. She demanded to know why she had been placed under house arrest when she was not planning to participate in any demonstration, accusing the government of imposing an Emergency-like situation in the State and curbing democratic rights.

Reacting to the house arrests, BRS working president KT Rama Rao condemned the house arrests and demanded the unconditional release of both leaders. He termed the house arrests as undemocratic, reminding people of the Emergency-era. He said the restrictions were intended to silence the BRS and prevent it from standing with residents of the Musi river basin who faced displacement due to the proposed project.

Accusing the Chief Minister of prioritising the Musi project over farmers' distress, the BRS working president said the government was planning to divert Rs 1.5 lakh crore under the guise of beautification while lakhs of farmers were struggling with drought and crop losses. He demanded compensation of at least Rs 50,000 per acre for farmers whose crops had dried up, alleging that the government had failed to support affected families.

He also accused Revanth Reddy of attempting to demolish homes of lakhs of families under the Musi project to promote real estate interests. He asserted that the BRS would continue its agitation until the alleged plan was scrapped.

PM Modi Urges India to Lead the World in Emerging Technologies

NEW DELHI,
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India must innovate and lead the world in shaping the technologies of tomorrow. Speaking at the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave in New Delhi, Mr Modi said India must embrace the technologies of the future, innovate boldly and lead the world in creating them. He stressed that a Viksit Bharat will be built on strong foundations of scientific research, discoveries and the spirit of innovation. The Prime Minister stated that the nation is rapidly advancing its Fast Breeder Reactor technology. He highlighted that just a few months ago, the 500-Megawatt Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor successfully achieved first criticality. Mr Modi said that science truly succeeds when it steps out of the lab, improves the lives of common citizens, solves massive problems, and strengthens healthcare, agriculture, education, employment, and disaster resilience. He also highlighted that over the past year, the government has committed 12 thousand crore rupees to market-ready lab technologies, matched equally by 12 thousand crore rupees from private investors. He noted that annual patent filings have grown from fewer than 50,000 ten years ago to nearly 1.5 lakh last year, reflecting a deeper structural shift beyond mere numbers. Mr Modi said India aims to achieve self-reliance and build strength in critical technologies. He highlighted that the India of the 21st Century is moving ahead with a new mindset and newfound confidence. He stated that the goal is to create new technology for India, for the world, for today, and for the days to come.

Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has said that India has established its position in science, innovation and technological capabilities, and the world is looking at the country with respect and admiration. He added that the international conference is witnessing enthusiastic participation, with thousands of experts and delegates joining the event on Indian soil.

Prime Minister Modi also visited different sections of the exhibition and interacted with people. The exhibition includes around 150 deep-tech startup stalls, which will highlight technological developments and their potential applications across sectors. The three-day Conclave brings together leading scientists, researchers, academicians, policymakers, industry leaders, startups and international experts to deliberate on emerging technologies and India's science, technology.

Ex-SC Judge Denies Claims of Mentoring CJP's Saurav Das

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Amid the controversy surrounding a picture of his with Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) member Saurav Das, former Supreme Court judge Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul has clarified that he was not mentoring the activist, and had met him as a journalist only a couple of times.In an interview with ANI, Justice Kaul said a photograph of him with Das, taken at a Diwali gathering about a year ago, was being used to suggest that he had a particular ideology."So, it was one year ago. He was not even in the news then," Justice Kaul said, explaining how he came to meet Das.Saurav Das was a legal journalist before he joined the CJP movement founded by Abhijeet Dipke. The CJP has been at the forefront of the protests against the Election Commission and also spearheaded the protest against NEET paper leak before that, which resulted in the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan."He was a journalist, maybe met me a couple of times. He was insistent that I must, at Diwali time, come. I was going somewhere else. I said, 'Okay, I'll drop in for ten minutes.' I told my wife, 'Have a cup of coffee, I'll drop in for ten minutes, and then we'll go.' That's all that happened," he said.When asked whether he had mentored Das at any point, Justice Kaul denied doing so, while acknowledging that he had advised him on his choice of words."I was not mentoring him, but once or twice he met me, I told him that, I will always tell you to taper down a little in your language," he said.Justice Kaul said differences in language across generations could sometimes be a source of discomfort, particularly for people accustomed to more civil forms of conversation."That's my view, because we belong to a generation where talking is in far more civil language when it happens. That's maybe not the Gen Z's language sometime," he said.Asked whether such language could eventually make its way into courtrooms and whether this was a matter of concern, Justice Kaul said people needed to exercise restraint."I think people need to draw a couple of steps back on the language, at least for people of our generations. We are not used to that language, so, it hurts at times," he said."I wouldn't like to advise them in any way. Tomorrow, you'll have a news that I am advising them!" he said with a laugh.

Tata Group being criminally destroyed: Rahul Gandhi



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Tata Group is being criminally destroyed, and no business leader dares say a word, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged on Wednesday, October 28, asserting that "we will ensure justice for these crimes".Gandhi's remarks come amid Tata Group's bitter dispute over Tata Sons' leadership. The conflict has already split trustees and spilled into the Tata Sons boardroom as well.Earlier this week, Tata Trusts chairman Noel Tata challenged the resolution to reappoint N Chandrasekaran as the chairman of Tata Sons, which was passed at the September 17 board meeting of the holding company of the country's largest conglomerate.In a post on X, Gandhi said, "Tata is being criminally destroyed, and no business leader dares say a word. How long will you stay silent? Until they own you?"Indian business is not Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah's plaything, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said."You lack courage. We don't. We will ensure justice for these crimes," Gandhi said.There was no immediate reaction from the government or Tata Group on Gandhi's allegations.Gandhi's strong remarks have added a political dimension to the ongoing leadership dispute within the Tata Group, one of India's most prominent business conglomerates. The controversy has drawn attention to the governance of Tata Sons and the role of Tata Trusts, which holds a significant stake in the holding company. The disagreement over the reappointment of N. Chandrasekaran has raised questions about the future leadership of the group and the relationship between its key stakeholders. Tata Sons oversees businesses operating across several sectors, including information technology, automobiles, steel, aviation, telecommunications and consumer products. The group has played a major role in India's industrial development and has an extensive international presence. Rahul Gandhi's allegations have intensified the political debate surrounding the dispute, with attention now focused on the responses of the Tata Group's leadership and the developments expected in the coming days. However, the allegations made by the Congress leader have not been independently established, and no immediate response was available from the Tata Group or the government.The Tata Group has historically been regarded as one of India's most respected corporate institutions, with a legacy spanning more than a century and a reputation for contributing to industrial growth, employment generation and social welfare.

Andhra Pradesh bears brunt of Cyclone Arnab as 3 die

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Andhra Pradesh bore the brunt of Cyclone Arnab, with three people killed and 31 houses damaged, a senior National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) officer said on Wednesday, October 28.The disaster response and rescue teams of the Centre and those of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha are now bracing to tackle the effects of rainfall, which is expected to continue in the two states and adjoining areas, NDRF Inspector General (IG) Narendra Singh Bundela told reporters here during a press briefing.The cyclone has made landfall near Yanam, Puducherry, and has weakened from a very serious cyclonic storm to a severe cyclonic storm. It is estimated that it will gradually lose strength to convert into a cyclonic storm and finally into a deep depression by the evening, he said."North of Andhra Pradesh and the southern part of Odisha have been the most affected due to Cyclone Arnab. Strong winds and rainfall are being witnessed in a few

BJP releases 'Modi kahin nahi jaayega' song after Kharge's remark

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Upping its social media blitzkrieg against Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's 'baap' remark about Narendra Modi, the BJP has released a song to underline its assertion that the prime minister is not going anywhere, as he is the 'chosen one' by the public.From top BJP leaders to Union ministers to numerous office bearers of the party, everyone flooded the social media platforms like X and Instagram with their posts on this issue while tagging the song comprising of various images of Modi.BJP leaders Sambit Patra, Piyush Goyal, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi also shared the music video on their respective X handles.The song repeatedly asserts, "Modi kahin nahi jaayega" (Modi is not going anywhere), while targeting the Congress over its remarks against the prime minister.aankhein jhuka lo, kaan khol ke sun lo, Modi kahin nahi jaayega, Modi kahin nahi jaayega," (lower your eyes, and listen carefully: Modi is not going anywhere, Modi is not going anywhere) the song says.It also takes a swipe at the opposition, saying, "Tumne socha jhuka doge, par sher nahi jhukta, janta ka jo saath hai, woh kabhi nahi rukta" (You thought you could make him bow, but the lion does not bow; the support of the people never stops).Accusing the opposition of resorting to abusive language, the song says, "Tum gaali pe gaali do, woh kaam dikhata hai, sapno ke Bharat ko woh aage badhata hai" (You hurl insult after insult, but he shows his work; he takes the India of our dreams forward). The song further declares, "Kaan khol kar suno, yeh desh Modi ka hai, Modi kahin nahi jaayega" (Listen carefully: this country belongs to Modi, and Modi isn't going anywhere).The BJP and the Congress have intensified their social media war following Kharge's controversial remarks against Modi, with both parties sharing videos, graphics and AI-generated content to target each other.

UAE honours Indian pilot Smit Machchhar with Order of Zayed II

ABU DHABI
Wakeup telangana

The United Arab Emirates has honoured Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and fellow flydubai crew members with the First Class Order of Zayed II for their actions during an in-flight emergency on September 30.UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan conferred the award, which was presented by Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who also serves as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, the Dubai Media Office (DMO) reported.Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed received the crew members in the presence of UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. The UAE leadership praised their courage and professionalism.What happened aboard flydubai flight FZ1073?The Dubai-to-Tel Aviv flight was diverted to Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, on September 30 after the Omani co-pilot allegedly attacked Machchhar with a crash axe and attempted to seize control of the aircraft.According to the UAE, the attack occurred in flight. Despite being seriously injured, Machchhar managed to open the cockpit door, allowing other crew members, off-duty pilots and passengers to intervene.What happened aboard flydubai flight FZ1073?
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FROM FRONT PAGE

Israel President.....

Voting reflected unease over Netanyahu's alliance with the far-right and anger in a war-weary nation over military draft exemptions for the significant ultra-Orthodox Jewish population. The Likud party's share of the vote declined from 23.4 per cent in 2022. But results suggest opponents were unable to capitalize on the grief caused by the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attack to decisively push him from office. One far-right partner losing support was national security minister Itamar Ben-Gvir. For many Israelis, he represented the worst strain of Netanyahu's government, openly taunting Palestinian detainees and asserting that many in Gaza are "not even people." Vote-counting suggested Likud would remain the largest party and most likely to be tapped to form a government by Israel's president, Isaac Herzog. The president, however, isn't required to task the leader of the party holding the most seats. "We must do everything we can, certainly after yesterday, to avoid another round of elections," Herzog said Wednesday. The most obvious path to a parliamentary majority could involve Eisenkot partnering with Arab-led parties - which have 14.9 per cent of the votes counted - but that's politically challenging. If no one can put 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. It is unclear whether thousands of Israelis living abroad would again fly back home to vote, and whether Arab voters would again surge to the polls. "After an election with such high voter turnout, it would be a mistake to hold another election," Eisenkot told supporters early Wednesday. "It is our duty, and my personal duty, to do everything possible to respect the will of the people." Minority governments also are possible, but they must rely on cooperation from parties outside the government to pass legislation.

Modi Taunts.....

In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP won five seats and the Samajwadi Party three, with counting continuing in three constituencies. In Bihar, Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party opened its account in the Legislative Council, while the BJP, JD(U), RJD and an Independent won one seat each. Counting continued for the remaining three seats. In Maharashtra, the BJP-led Mahayuti was leading in three seats, while the Opposition NCP (SP) was ahead in two. The results have sharpened the political confrontation over EVMs, with the Congress and other Opposition parties demanding a return to ballot papers and questioning the Election Commission's handling of electoral rolls.

Iran War's Cost.....

The growing cost of the unpopular war and its economic ripple effects on energy prices could hurt Republicans in next week's midterm elections. Voters on Tuesday will decide which political party controls Congress during Trump's last two years in office.

The Republican president has said new strikes on Iran are an option after the midterms and is sending more military resources to the Middle East, despite initially promising Americans a military campaign that would last only a matter of weeks. As the war's costs in lives, tax dollars and economic impact grow, most voters say they want Congress to prioritize ending the conflict, according to a recent AP-NORC poll.

The expense of the conflict and military spending in general are already a contentious issue on Capitol Hill, where the Trump administration is pushing for the passage of a historic USD 1.5 trillion military budget proposal. The White House also is asking lawmakers to approve a USD 95 billion package that would help fund the Iran war and other priorities. Wednesday marks eight months of the war, which Democrats have been trying to end through legislation that has failed to pass the Republican-controlled Congress.

"Trump and his ego led us into this war with
no plan, no authority, and no exit strategy," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said in a news release. "Senate Democrats will continue to do everything in our power to end this disaster of a war and stop the costs, chaos, and corruption seeping from the White House."

CRIME

Sexually abused live-in partner's daughter, man gets 20-yr jail

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A special fast-track court at LB Nagar on Wednesday, October 28, sentenced a 25-year-old man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for sexually harassing the minor daughter of his live-in partner and trying to assault her, the police said.The Special Fast Track Court for Rape and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Cases also fined the convict, Jarpula Ganesh, Rs 32,000. It directed that Rs 1.5 lakh be paid to the girl as compensation.Ganesh is a private employee from Maheshwaram mandal in Rangareddy district.Threatened to post photos online
According to the prosecution, Ganesh had been living with the woman and her daughter. During that time, he sexually harassed the girl several times and warned her of dire consequences if she told anyone.He also threatened to put out explicit photographs and videos of the mother and daughter on social media to keep them quiet, the police said.On October 29, 2024, he took the two to a secluded spot in Mamidipally village and again tried to sexually assault the girl. He fled when the mother resisted and shouted for help.Pahadishareef Police registered a case on the mother's complaint on November 27, 2024.
The court found the charges proved beyond reasonable doubt and pronounced the sentence nearly two years after the case was registered.
The verdict comes a month after another Pahadishareef case ended in a conviction. In that case, a special court for child-related offences sentenced a madrasa teacher in Mamidipally to life imprisonment for sexually assaulting a 13-year-old boy, and awarded the child Rs 2 lakh in compensation.The case highlights the importance of protecting children from sexual abuse and ensuring that offenders are held accountable under the law.
The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act provides a legal framework to address sexual offences against minors, with provisions for stringent punishment depending on the nature and severity of the offence.
Special courts have been established to ensure the speedy trial of cases involving children and to reduce delays in delivering justice.Police officials have repeatedly urged parents and guardians to remain vigilant about the safety of children and encourage them to report any inappropriate behaviour or threats without fear. Authorities have also stressed the need to handle such cases sensitively, protect the identity of minor victims and ensure that children receive appropriate support during legal proceedings.Threats involving the circulation of private photographs or videos on social media can further intimidate victims and their families.
Officials have advised the public to preserve relevant evidence, avoid sharing sensitive material and approach the police or cybercrime authorities when faced with online threats or blackmail.Note for publication: The supplied report says the sentence was delivered on October

EDITORIAL

EAM JAISHANKAR TO VISIT US FOR G20, QUAD FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING: MEA

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar will travel this week to the US to attend the G20 and Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Wednesday.
Addressing a bi-weekly media briefing in New Delhi on Wednesday, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that EAM Jaishankar will also hold meetings with his counterparts on the sidelines of the meeting in Atlanta.
The External Affairs Minister will be attending the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting to be held in Atlanta, United States, from 30th to 31st October, 2026. On the sidelines of this meeting, he will also participate in a QUAD Foreign Ministers' Meeting and also have several bilateral engagements with his counterparts," he said.
Jaiswal said that EAM Jaishankar after concluding his engagements in the US will travel to Antigua and Barbuda, where he will lead the Indian delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) .From Atlanta, the External Affairs Minister will be travelling to St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, where he will be leading the Indian delegation to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, which is to be held from 1st to 4th of November. This time, the theme of the forthcoming CHOGM is 'Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth'. India looks forward to its participation in this particular event," the MEA spokesperson mentioned.US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will host the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta on October 30-31. He will convene foreign ministers from the world's leading economies to advance practical cooperation on shared economic and security challenges.Throughout the ministerial, the United States will work with G20 partners to address geopolitical crises contributing to global economic shocks, including threats to freedom of navigation, energy and food security, and supply chains. Global security and economic prosperity are inextricably linked, and these discussions will set the stage for President Trump's G20 Leaders' Summit and the broader economic agenda that leaders will tackle," the US State Department mentioned.
The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) will be held in Antigua and Barbuda from November 1-4.Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said the theme of the CHOGM reflects the country's enduring belief in unity, progress, and equality among nations."The theme speaks to a truth we live by in Antigua and Barbuda: when each of us plays our part - in our homes, our communities, and our nations - we all move forward. It echoes our national motto, 'Each Endeavouring, All Achieving', reminding us that real progress happens when we work together to build a future where everyone has the chance to thrive. Antigua and Barbuda is proud to open our doors to the Commonwealth in 2026 - to host, to listen, and to lead with purpose," commented Browne.Jaishankar's participation in the three major diplomatic engagements is expected to provide India with opportunities to discuss key international developments, strengthen strategic partnerships and advance cooperation on economic and security issues. His meetings with foreign ministers from participating countries are also expected to cover bilateral relations, trade, investment, regional stability and emerging global challenges.The G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta comes at a time when countries are facing challenges related to geopolitical tensions, disruptions to global supply chains, energy security and food prices. The discussions are expected to focus on areas where major economies can work together to promote stability and strengthen international economic cooperation. India is likely to use the plat-

Hyderabad: Bihar man caught with 1.8 kg ganja in Quthbullapur

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Prohibition and Excise Department's District Task Force (DTF) team seized 1.80 kilogram of ganja from a Bihar native during a special operation in Hyderabad'sQuthbullapur.The personnel of the Prohibition and Excise DTF team jointly conducted the operation and apprehended the suspect, identified as Kuldi Prasad. During the operation, the officials recovered the ganja allegedly in his possession.Following the seizure, the suspect, along with the contraband, was handed over to the Quthbullapur Excise Station for further action, Excise Sub-Inspector R Praveen said.The excise officials are investigating the source of the ganja and determine whether the suspect was involved in its transportation or distribution.The Excise Department officials are continuing efforts to curb the illegal possession, transportation and sale of narcotic substances across Hyderabad and its surrounding areas. The latest seizure forms part of enforcement measures aimed at identifying individ-

Two injured in explosion at Katedan dumpyard

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Two people were injured in a blast at a dumpyard in Katedan on Tuesday, October 27. One of them reportedly sustained severe injuries to his face and legs.A video of the incident shows a person hauling a trash bag full of bottles. The bag rips, and its contents spill all over the ground.While the man takes the bag to a different location, two people examine the bottles on the ground. One of them steps on a white container which explodes.

18-Year-Old Assaulted, 3 Held

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Three Myanmar nationals were on Tuesday, October 27, apprehended for allegedly repeatedly sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman, also from Myanmar, in a rented house here where she was "confined" by her husband, police said.Based on her complaint, the Kanchanbagh Police registered a case under Sections 64(2)(m) (acts of rape against the same victim), 127(4) (wrongful confinement for 10 days or more), and 351 (criminal intimidation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).The woman's husband and his three friends are Myanmar nationals, police said.Came to Hyderabad in May this year.As per the complaint, the victim came to Hyderabad in May 2026 along with the main accused, Mohammed Fayaz, who had promised to marry her. Their marriage was reportedly solemnised, following which they lived together in a rented house in Camp No. 21, Hafeez Baba Nagar.The complainant stated that, after some time, her husband brought his three associates, Ahmad Mujeeb, Noor Kamal and Zia-ur-Rehman, aka Ibra-

ACB nabs Banjara Hills SI for demanding Rs 2 lakh bribe

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday, October 28, arrested a Sub-Inspector of Police attached to Banjara Hills Police Station for allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 2 lakh from a complainant.According to ACB officials, the complainant was facing a cheating case registered in 2026. He was also facing two other cheating cases registered in 2024, which are still under investigation.The SI, identified as Vijay, allegedly initially demanded Rs 10 lakh from the complainant before producing him for remand, claiming that the amount was meant for both himself and the police inspector.When the complainant expressed his inability to pay the amount and offered only Rs 10,000, he was taken into custody and produced before a court the following day.However, the magistrate rejected the remand request, observing that the offence fell within the category of cases punishable with less than seven years of imprisonment, and returned the ac-

5-yr-old dies after getting sick at Anganwadi centre in Khammam

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A five-year-old girl died after allegedly getting sick at the Tekulapalli Anganwadi centre in Khammam district, police said on Tuesday, October 27.The parents of the deceased, Dhanyashree, staged a protest on the Tekulapalli Bridge Bypass Road on Tuesday, alleging negligence on the part of the Anganwadi centre.an official from Khanapuram Haveli Police Station said that the parents had dropped the girl off at the centre on Monday morning, and a helper called them back an hour later, as the girl "had rashes" on her body.She was initially shifted to a private hospital in Khammam and was later shifted to Hyderabad for better treatment. She died later that night. An autopsy was conducted, and results are awaited to determine the cause of death, the official said.A case has been registered under Section 194 (unnatural or suspicious deaths) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.The incident has raised concerns among the family members over the circumstances in which the child's health deteriorated while she was at the Anganwadi centre. The parents have demanded a thorough investigation into the incident and accountability if any negligence is established. Their protest on the Tekulapalli Bridge Bypass Road brought attention to the need to ascertain what happened during the time the child was at the centre.Police officials said the exact cause of death would be determined after the post-mortem examination report and other relevant medical findings become available. Investigators are expected to gather details from the parents, Anganwadi staff and other persons who may have information about the incident. The sequence of events, in-



EAM Jaishankar, Austrian counterpart Meinl Reisinger discuss ties, global developments

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana



External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar met his Austrian counterpart, Beate Meinl-Reisinger, in New Delhi on Wednesday, with discussions focusing on strengthening bilateral cooperation in infrastructure, trade, investments, technology, education and culture. The two leaders also exchanged views on global developments, their impact on international relations and multilateral cooperation. In a post on X, Jaishankar said the meeting involved an in-depth discussion on various aspects of the enhanced India-Austria partnership, including new opportunities in startups, space, skill development and mobility. He said the discussions also covered global developments and reflected the warmth of the friendly ties between the two countries. Welcoming the visiting delegation, Jaishankar recalled Austrian Chancellor's visit to India in April and described it as productive, adding that the latest meeting provided an opportunity to review the progress made on agreements and understandings reached during the visit. He said India and Austria could work together to contribute to international peace and security amid challenging global circumstances. Jaishankar also congratulated Austria on becoming a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), highlighting the long history of cooperation between the two countries within the United Nations framework. He noted that bilateral economic cooperation was progressing well but offered further scope for growth. The minister also underlined expanding exchanges in science and technology, climate-related issues and people-to-people contacts, while referring to the strengthening relationship between India and the European Union. He expressed hope for the entry into force of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement in the coming months and said cooperation in security and defence was also advancing. MEA Secretary (West) Sibi George and other senior officials were present during the meeting. Meinl-Reisinger is on an official visit to India until November 2 and is scheduled to participate in various engagements in Jaipur from October 29 to November 2.The meeting reflects the growing importance of India-Austria relations at a time when both countries are seeking to expand economic cooperation and strengthen their engagement on international issues. Increased collaboration in technology, infrastructure, research and innovation could create new opportunities for businesses, investors and skilled professionals in both countries. Cooperation in startups, space technology and skill development is also expected to open avenues for knowledge-sharing and joint initiatives.

HM Amit Shah to inaugurate Martyrs Memorial in Ambala on Nov 5

CHANDIGARH
Wakeup telangana



Haryana's Transport Minister Anil Vij on Wednesday said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Aazadi ki Pehli Ladai ka Shaheed Smarak in Ambala Cantonment on November 5. It has been built at a cost of approximately Rs 800 crore. After the inauguration, he will address a public meeting in Gandhi Ground.It is significant to attend the rally as people will be participating in an event honouring a martyrs' memorial," said the minister.The Martyrs' Memorial will be opened to the public from November 6.Vij said the government has issued instructions for the visit of students from schools and educational institutions across the state to the memorial to educate them that the freedom struggle began in Ambala before Meerut in 1857. He urged people to attend the rally at Gandhi Ground in Ambala Cantonment in large numbers as it will mark the inauguration of a national-level memorial.Vij was addressing BJP office-bearers at Ambala Club in Ambala at a meeting chaired by state party President Archana Gupta to review preparations for the Martyrs' Memorial programme.Minister Vij said he had been working for the construction of the Martyrs' Memorial for the past 25-30 years. He said books taught that the Congress fought the Independence struggle, but when he read, he found that in 1857, before the Congress was even founded, an armed struggle for Independence was fought across India and it began in Ambala.He said documents showed that in 1857 at 9 a.m., 10 hours before the uprising in Meerut, the 60th and 5th Native Infantry regiments sounded the bugle of the freedom struggle in Ambala Cantonment. "Yet history never remembered those heroes who were tied to trees and shot, or those upon whom oil mills were operated; the nation never paid tribute to those martyrs, which is painful. The martyrs of 1857 were also sons of the motherland who joined the struggle for Independence."The minister said anyone who took even one step out of their home for Independence deserves homage, whether they were a Congress member or not.Vij, who also holds the Energy portfolio, said the First War of Independence took place across the country in 1857.

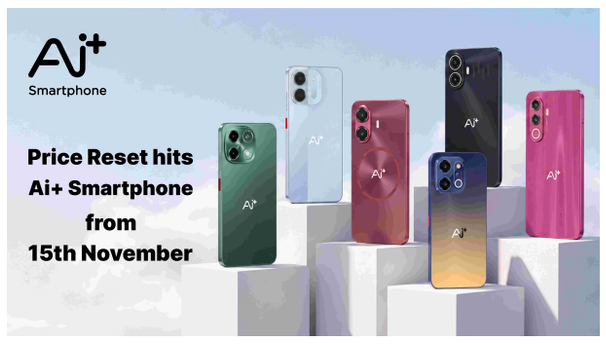
Sitharaman hits back at Rahul Gandhi over remark on Tata Group

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday hit back at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of politicising issues and casting baseless aspersions on Indian industry following his remark that the Tata Group was being "criminally destroyed".Being the Leader of the Opposition, I suggest you refrain from politicising every issue. Also, casually labelling commercial and legal matters as criminal is unacceptable," the Finance Minister said in a post on X. Gandhi had alleged that Indian businesses were being treated as the "plaything" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. "Tata is being criminally destroyed, and no business leader dares say a word. How long will you stay silent? Until they own you?" the Congress leader had said.He also claimed that the business leaders lack courage.In her riposte to Rahul Gandhi, the Finance Minister said, "You have repeatedly decried the successes of Indian industry and our entrepreneurs. Now, are you trying to incite our business leaders to join you in spreading distrust and toxicity?" For decades, your party had smothered the spirit of the Indian entrepreneurs under the stifling 'Licence-Quota Raj' and inflicted poverty on crores of Indians. On the other hand, our government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi values the Indian industry as job creators and drivers of economic growth. Our policies have been tailored to enable enterprise, support industry and encourage investment," Sitharaman further stated. She pointed out that political parties, leaders, governments and institutions share an equal responsibility to support Indian industry, strengthen farmers and secure the future of the country's youth.Therefore, it is essential to engage constructively rather than casting baseless aspersions to suit your narrow political motives. The Constitution of India ensures justice to all its citizens & our Honourable Courts are entrusted with upholding it. History is witness to the shoddy manner in which you, your party and the PMs belonging to your party have demeaned the judiciary," the Finance Minister added.So Rahul ji, refrain from seeing ghosts everywhere," Sitharaman remarked.Sitharaman hits back at Rahul Gandhi.

Ai+ Smartphone Prices to Rise by ₹3,000 from November 15



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ai+ Smartphone has announced a price hike of ₹1,000 to ₹3,000 across select smartphone models, effective November 15, 2026. Consumers can purchase the devices at existing prices until November 14.

The revised prices will cover the Ai+ Pulse 2 FE, Pulse 2, Nova 2 5G, Nova 2 Neo 5G, Nova 2 Power 5G, Nova 2 Pro 5G and Nova 2 Ultra 5G. The price of the Ai+ Pulse 2 FE 4GB+64GB variant will increase from ₹8,999 to ₹10,999.

The Nova 2 Neo 5G variants will see increases of up to ₹3,000, while select Nova 2 Power 5G models will also become costlier. The Ai+ NovaFlip 5G, priced at ₹49,999, will remain unchanged.

The company attributed the revision to elevated component and input costs, stating that it aims to balance affordability with product experience while delivering value to Indian consumers.

KL Deemed to be University Hosts School Innovation Challenge 2026



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

KL Deemed to be University is hosting the School Innovation Challenge 2026, organised by the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH), at its Vijayawada campus from October 27 to 29, 2026. An extension of the PAN IIT Summit, the three-day initiative brings together 20 school teams from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, giving young students a platform to explore innovative ideas, develop practical solutions, and sharpen their problem-solving skills.

Participating students are taking part in activities designed to foster creativity, teamwork, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving. Over the three days, the teams will refine their ideas and build prototypes of their proposed solutions, supported by expert guidance, mentorship, and hands-on assistance. The programme aims to show students how innovative thinking can be translated into practical solutions to real-world challenges.

As host, KL University is providing the infrastructure, technical facilities, and innovation ecosystem needed to run the programme. The challenge also gives students a chance to experience design thinking, experimentation, and early-stage product development, going well beyond conventional classroom learning.Commenting on the initiative, Er. Koneru Satyanarayana, Chancellor, KL Deemed to be University , said, "We believe that innovation begins when young minds are encouraged to question, experiment, and explore new possibilities. We are delighted to welcome 20 school teams from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and support their innovation journey. Initiatives like these help nurture future-ready thinkers, innovators, and entrepreneurs who can contribute meaningfully to society."

India's industrial growth stands at 6.7 pc in Sep led by manufacturing, electricity and gas

NEW DELHI
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India's industrial production registered a 6.7 per cent growth (year-on-year) for the month of September, supported by 7.6 per cent growth in the manufacturing sector and strong growth of 11.2 per cent in the electricity and gas supply sector, official data showed on Wednesday. The quick estimate of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) came at 6.7 per cent, which was 8.0 per cent (quick estimate) in the month of August. The quick estimate of IIP stood at 124.3 against 116.5 in September 2025. The indices of Industrial Production for Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity & Gas Supply and Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management for the month of September stood at 90.4, 128.0, 128.6 and 146.4, respectively.Within the manufacturing sector, 17 out of 23 industry groups at 'NIC 2' digit-level have recorded a positive growth in September 2026 over September 2025. The top three positive contributors for the month of September 2026 are – "Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers" (19.0 per cent), "Manufacture of electrical equipment" (33.9 per cent), and "Manufacture of rubber and plastics products" (19.9 per cent).In the industry group "Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers" item groups "Auto Components, Spares and Accessories", "Passenger Cars", and "Commercial Vehicles" have shown significant contribution in growth. In the industry group "Manufacture of electrical equipment", item groups "Electrical Apparatus for Switching or Protecting Electrical Circuits (e.g., Switchgear, Circuit Breakers/Switches, Control/Meter Panels) and Parts Thereof", "UPS and Solid-State Drives" and "End-Face Connectors for Optical Fibres and Cables" have shown significant contribution in growth.As per the Use-Based Classification, the indices stand at 111.6 for Primary Goods, 153.4 for Capital Goods, 131.7 for Intermediate Goods, and 133.0 for Infrastructure/ Construction Goods for the month of September 2026.Further, the indices for Consumer durables and Consumer non-durables stand at 133.1 and 111.8, respectively. Based on Use-Based Classification, the top three positive contributors to the growth of IIP for the month of September 2026 are Intermediate Goods, Primary Goods, and Capital Goods.The Ministry of Statistics has decided to adopt output PPI as a deflator in place of WPI for item groups for which output is collected in value terms. This affects 234 out of the 463 item groups in the IIP basket, representing 36.02 per cent of the total index weight. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the new series of the All India Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with base year 2022–23 on June 1, 2026, using the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) as the deflator.The planned recruitment of more than 500 employees is expected to create opportunities for professionals with expertise in cloud engineering, AI infrastructure, cybersecurity, network management and customer support. The expansion could also contribute to Hyderabad's growing technology employment market, particularly in specialised areas linked to emerging digital infrastructure.

Assam: Over 2 lakh register for sporting event in Kamrup

ASSAM
Wakeup telangana

More than two lakh registrations have been recorded for Khel Maharan 3.0 in Assam's Kamrup district, reflecting strong participation by young sports enthusiasts ahead of the sporting event, officials said on Wednesday. Khel Maharan is a sports initiative of the Assam government aimed at promoting grassroots sports, encouraging youth participation and identifying sporting talent across the state. The initiative seeks to provide aspiring athletes with a platform to demonstrate their abilities and strengthen the sporting culture at the community level. Kamrup District Commissioner Deba Kumar Mishra chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee for Khel Maharan 3.0 to review preparations and ensure the smooth conduct of the event across the district.

The meeting focused on the responsibilities of committee members, the event schedule and the venues for various sporting activities. Officials also discussed the arrangements required to facilitate participation and ensure effective coordination among the departments concerned.

Emphasising the need for coordinated efforts, Mishra urged all departments and officials to work closely together and complete the necessary arrangements on time.

He also stressed the importance of motivating young athletes across the district to participate actively, noting that the event would offer them an opportunity to showcase their sporting talent and nurture their potential.

Ranbir Kapoor's Ramayana first review out: Hit or flop?

MUMBAI
The buzz around Ramayana: Part 1 is getting bigger by the day, and the first reactions to the much-awaited mythological epic have finally started pouring in. Starring Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Yash as Ravana and Sai Pallavi as Sita, the film has generated considerable excitement, with early viewers praising its grand visuals, performances and emotional moments.So, is Ramayana the blockbuster Bollywood has been waiting for? Here is what the first reviews say.Ramayana first reviews are out
Ahead of its much-anticipated release, the makers hosted a special screening of Ramayana: The Rise of a Legend in Los Angeles on October 27. Several viewers took to social media and Letterboxd to share their reactions, with many praising the film's scale and the performances of its lead actors.Calling it one of the year's most immersive cinematic experiences, a viewer wrote,



"Ramayana Rise of a Legend was spectacular! The visuals, the dances, the music, the action were all colossal. Ranbir Kapoor was sublime, Yash was magnetic. One of this year's most immersive cinematic experiences. A grand spectacle!" Another viewer expressed confidence in the film's box-office prospects, writing, "It's going to be rampage next week. Blockbuster guarantee! Literally everyone has done a great job. Those two NRIs will need to buy a dozen Burnols and Gelusil's next week." Ranbir Kapoor's portrayal of Lord Rama also received appreciation, with one viewer claiming that the film left Western audiences emotional."Ramayana made western audience EMOTIONAL. Ranbir Kapoor is some serious talent, Moved into tears. We won guys!!! #Ramayana," the user wrote.Producer Namit Malhotra, director Nitesh Tiwari, his wife Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, Ranbir Kapoor, Yash and Sai Pallavi attended the grand screening in traditional attire. Videos from the event have also been circulating on social media.Ranbir Kapoor's Rama and Yash's Ravana impress viewers Several early reviews highlighted the contrast between Ranbir Kapoor's portrayal of Lord Rama and Yash's performance as Ravana. While Ranbir was praised for bringing purity and emotional depth to the character, Yash emerged as a standout for viewers who appreciated his screen presence.One viewer who gave the film five stars on Letterboxd wrote, "Just can't describe the feeling it carries, the purity of Rama is absolute beauty of this film, fight sequence feel fresh. You will have a fresh feel after watching it." Another reviewer praised the intent behind the adaptation, writing, "one of the best movie in recent times, most impactful thing about movie was the intent of the makers .. they stayed true to it's core, and emotions, music, vfx everything was world class. exited for part 2."The reactions suggest that the film's emotional moments, visual effects and ambitious storytelling have struck a chord with several viewers. However, the response has not been entirely positive.Ramayana reviews also point out negatives Despite the praise, a section of viewers expressed disappointment with certain aspects of the film, particularly its musical score, pacing and visual effects.One reviewer listed the absence of a divine feel.

Rohit Sharma reveals how Rajpal Yadav's films helped him overcome difficult days on the field



MUMBAI
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During the latest episode of 'Family Full House' host Rohit Sharma revealed how Rajpal Yadav's films helped him overcome difficult days on the field. Reliving some personal memories, Rohit said, "Jab mai khelta hu, out ho jata hu, hum match haar jaate hai toh jab hotel jata hu dukhi rehta hu toh mai aapki movie dekhta hu, woh movie dekhne ke baad subah jab uthta hu toh mujhe aisa lagta hai ki kal toh kuch hua hi nahi, mai toh jaldi out hua hi nahi. (When I play and get out, or we lose a match, I feel sad and when I go to the hotel, and I watch your movie. After watching the movie, when I wake up in the morning, I feel like nothing has happened, like I didn't get out early at all.)Rohit then even shared proof of just how much he enjoys Rajpal's comedy. Asking the actor if he would like to see it, he said, "Toh proof ki baat, aap dekhna chahoge? (So you would like to see proof?)" After this, a video played from 2016, when Rohit used an app to create videos featuring Rajpal Yadav's dialogues. Sharing some fond memories associated with the video, Rohit shared, "Ye 2016 ki baat hai. Ek app aaya karta tha. Woh app me aap aise video create karte the, toh maine bataya na jab na hum hotel me aate the khelne ke baad, hotel me baithke yehi karte the, toh ye tha proof mera, ye 2016 ki baat hai, 10 saal phle ki baat hai (This is from 2016. There used to be an app. On that app, you could create videos like this, so when we used to come to the hotel after playing, we used to do this while sitting in the hotel, so this was my proof. This is from 2016, from 10 years ago)."'Family Full House' hosted by Rohit Sharma airs every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television and streaming on Sony LIV.Rohit's heartfelt revelation highlighted the emotional connection between entertainment and sports, showing how comedy can help athletes cope with the disappointment of defeats.

Mohammed Asim Iqbal: 18 Years of Dedication to Fitness



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Mohammed Asim Iqbal, a fitness trainer and bodybuilding expert with 18 years of experience, has trained several athletes who have won medals in various competitions.
Coming from a middle-class family, Asim faced financial challenges in pursuing bodybuilding, which requires considerable spending on nutrition, training and competition preparation. He supported his passion by taking up part-time jobs while continuing his fitness journey. After several years, he returned to competitive bodybuilding by participating in the A.R. Classic competition held in Hyderabad.
Asim believes that discipline, dedication and hard work are the keys to success in bodybuilding. His journey serves as an inspiration to aspiring bodybuilders striving to achieve their dreams despite financial difficulties.

Top para-athlete Neeraj Yadav Was allegedly dies by suicide in Delhi (Ld)

WUHAN
Wakeup telangana



Three-time Asian Para Games gold medallist Neeraj Yadav allegedly died by suicide inside his car in northeast Delhi's Maujpur area late on Tuesday night, police said on Wednesday.
The 42-year-old para-athlete, who ran an online sports training venture in Sonipat, Haryana, was taken to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead.
According to the police, Jafrabad Police Station received information from GTB Hospital about a person who had been brought to the emergency department and declared 'brought dead.'An enquiry team of Sub-inspector Vishal Tyagi, along with staff, reached Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, where the emergency services of GTB Hospital are currently being operated, and found out that the body had already been shifted to GTB Hospital mortuary.As per preliminary police enquiry, a woman, who had brought the deceased to the hospital, stated that she had been Neeraj's friend since December 2025. On October 27, she had travelled to Sonipat to meet Neeraj and informed him that she could no longer remain in touch with him. Neeraj subsequently drove her back to Maujpur in his Scorpio-N car.
Later that evening, around 9:00 PM, growing suspicious about his well-being, she returned near Gate No. 1 of the Maujpur Metro Station, where she found the para-athlete lying on the road beside his car. She immediately rushed him to the hospital, where attending doctors declared him "brought dead.
"Neeraj, a decorated F55 category thrower who won gold medals at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Para Games and double gold at the Hangzhou Games in 2023, is survived by his wife and a three-year-old daughter.
Police have initiated an investigation under Section 194 of the BNSS at Jafrabad Police Station. Further investigation into the circumstances leading to the para-athlete's death is in progress.The death of the accomplished para-athlete has come as a shock to the sporting community, given his achievements at major international competitions and his contribution to Indian para-sports. Neeraj Yadav represented India in the F55 category, which includes field athletes with eligible impairments affecting muscle power and movement. His gold-medal performances at the 2018 Asian Para Games in Jakarta and the 2023 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou established him as a prominent name in para-athletics. His achievements brought recognition to India on the international stage and highlighted the determination and dedication of athletes competing in para-sports. Following the incident, police are examining the circumstances surrounding his death and recording statements from people who may have relevant information. Investigators are also expected to examine other available evidence as part of the inquiry. Officials have not yet disclosed a final conclusion regarding the cause and circumstances of death, and the investigation remains ongoing. Yadav's death leaves behind his wife and young daughter, while further details are awaited as the police continue their investigation.Yadav's sporting journey also reflects the growing presence of Indian athletes with disabilities in international competitions, where they continue to achieve recognition through their performances and dedication. His success at the Asian Para Games served as an example for aspiring para-athletes seeking to compete at the highest level.
Beyond his competitive career, his involvement in an online sports training venture in Sonipat indicated his continued connection with the sporting field. His death has brought renewed attention to the personal challenges individuals may face behind their public achievements.

BRS seeks El Niño drought policy, State-funded relief

MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar criticised the government's drought declaration, citing declining sowing, reservoir levels, drinking-water shortages and irrigation concerns.

HYDERABAD
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The main opposition BRS on Wednesday demanded that the Congress government announce a comprehensive El Niño drought policy, release input subsidies from State funds, publish its relief budget and implement a drinking water plan through June 2027. The party also sought supervised lifting of Godavari water and an explanation for failing to utilise Krishna and Godavari flows during peak floods.

Accusing the Revanth Reddy government of criminal negligence, MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar said Telangana declared 365 mandals drought-hit, including 111 severely affected, through G.O. Ms. No. 3 on October 27, nearly a month after Andhra Pradesh declared drought in 388 mandals on October 1. The Cabinet sub-committee on El Niño was constituted only on October 19, despite warnings since May, he said.

The BRS MLC stated that the government order specified neither an input subsidy rate nor allocations from the State budget or State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Its provision linking input subsidy payments to the receipt of National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) assistance left farmers dependent on Central funds, he said.

The Assembly had sought Central assistance, the State's SDRF share, additional employment days, 1,500 MW of



power, a Rs 20,000-crore package and a higher borrowing limit on September 18. Yet the drought order issued 36 days later committed no State funds, he alleged.

Sravan Kumar said the government had also failed to act on its expert committee's Rs 802.92-crore contingency plan, prepared in July for seeds, drip irrigation, fodder and drinking water. Kharif sowing had declined from 139.28 lakh acres to 126.06 lakh acres, with paddy acreage down 18 per cent, he said.

He also criticised the absence of interest relief for farmers and said the order merely asked Collectors to pursue loan restructuring with banks. Urban areas were also excluded from the drought declaration despite the prevailing drinking-water crisis.

Citing government data, he said reservoirs held 179.63 TMCft against a capacity of 585 TMCft. Hyderabad was receiving water once in three days, power demand had approached 20,000 MW, and farmers reported less than eight hours of three-phase power supply.

He questioned why Annaram and Sundilla pumps remained idle while Kaleshwaram command-area mandals faced drought, and demanded an explanation for Godavari water flowing downstream. He also cited the NDSA chairman's description of barrage repairs as very slow.

BRS demands

Declare an El Niño drought policy immediately.

Lift Godavari water under expert supervision.

Pay input subsidies to farmers from State funds immediately.

Publish the relief budget and provide drought relief to farmers.

Announce a drinking water plan through June 2027.

Explain to the public why Krishna and Godavari waters were not lifted during peak floods.

Telangana reshuffles 12 IAS officers across key departments

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The Telangana government on Wednesday transferred and reassigned IAS officers across key departments, including Energy, Transport, Revenue, Environment and Health, while entrusting several officials with additional responsibilities. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju issued orders in this regard.

Jayesh Ranjan, who was Special Chief Secretary for Metropolitan Area and Urban Development, has been posted as Special Chief Secretary for Environment, Forests, Science and Technology, with additional charge as Director General of EPTRI.

Vikas Raj, who held the Transport, Roads and Buildings portfolio, has been shifted as Special Chief Secretary for Energy. He will replace Naveen Mittal, who has been appointed Special Chief Secretary for Transport, Roads and Buildings, besides being given charge of Revenue.

Special Chief Secretary for Youth Affairs, Tourism and Culture A Vani Prasad has been assigned additional responsibilities as Director of Sports and Director General of the Telangana Sports Authority.

Shailaja Ramaiyer has been posted as Principal Secretary for Revenue (Endowments), while Principal Secretary for Revenue (Disaster Management) Rahul Bojja has been given additional charge as Principal Secretary for Tribal Welfare and BC Welfare.

K Ilambarithi has been appointed Secretary for Transport, Roads and Buildings, with additional charge as Transport Commissioner.

He will continue to hold full additional charge as Secretary for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries.

HMDA Metropolitan Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed has been given additional responsibilities as Secretary for Metropolitan Area and Urban Development (HMDA limits), as well as Special Officer for the Greater Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri municipal corporations.

Shruti Ojha has been posted as Special Secretary for Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare, while S Sangeetha Satyanarayana has been appointed Director of the department.

Md Musharraf Ali Faruqui has been posted as Director of Medical, Health and Family
Welfare, with additional charge as Director of the Institute of Health and Family Welfare. He has also been given additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Telangana Rythu Power Distribution Company Limited (TGRPDCL).

Jitesh V Patil, currently Chairman and Managing Director
of TGSPDCL, has been given additional charge as Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of TGREDCO.

Hyderabad remains pleasant as cyclone Arnab impacts AP; IMD forecasts intense showers in eastern Telangana

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad and its neighbouring districts continue to experience a spell of pleasant weather, marked by overcast skies and cool breeze for the past 24 hours. Inclement weather conditions have remained active in districts as well, even as several regions of neighboring Andhra Pradesh bear the brunt of the Arnab cyclone system. Nighttime temperatures have steadily dropped, currently hovering comfortably in the range of 19 degrees Celsius and 20 degrees Celsius.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad forecast, minimum temperatures in various parts of the city have dipped, with areas under GHMC like Patancheru recording 19.2 degrees Celsius while Medak district recording a low of 18.8 degrees Celsius. Daytime maximum temperatures too have remained stable at around 31 degrees Celsius to 32 degrees Celsius, maintaining a comfortable balance throughout the day.

Meanwhile, the IMD, Hyderabad bulletin, regarding the impact of the severe cyclone system active between October 27 and 29, said that heavy to very heavy rainfall along with intense downpours and gusty
winds are expected in eastern region of Telangana including Mulugu, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam, and Mahabubabad.

The central and northern districts of the State including Warangal, Peddapalli, Mancherial, and Karimnagar will witness moderate rains with isolated heavy spells.

Telangana plans to promote private STPs amid water concerns

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana government is planning to promote private sewage treatment plants (STPs) and expand the use of treated wastewater in Hyderabad to prevent drinking water shortages amid El Niño concerns. The government decided to implement the new directions for optimum use of treated water from November 1.

At a review meeting on drinking water supply and STPs on Wednesday, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed officials to ensure that all STPs in the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) area operate at full capacity. Officials were asked to launch awareness campaigns and introduce a toll-free number for treated-water supplies.

As per the latest decision, the State government will ensure strict enforcement of the rules mandating the use of treated water for construction activities.

Treated wastewater will also be used for greenery maintenance at government offices, including the Secretariat and Chief Minister's Office, public parks and road cleaning.

Treated water will be supplied to data centres, while REDCO officials were asked to explore solar power for operating treatment plants.

Emphasising water quality, Revanth Reddy called for modern treatment standards, dedicated officers at each plant and round-the-clock monitoring through the Integrated Command Control Centre. He also wanted officials to monitor reservoir storage levels regularly and ensure an uninterrupted drinking water supply.

HYDRAA would monitor plant performance, while a tracking system would be introduced for treated-water tankers. Officials informed the meeting that treated water from 26 STPs was being distributed through green tankers, with consumers paying only transportation charges.

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IS Sadan SHO B. Sai Prakash Goud Appeals to Youth to Donate Blood and Save Lives

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Sadan Station House Officer (SHO) B. Sai Prakash Goud has appealed to the public, particularly the youth, to donate blood and help save precious lives.

The appeal comes ahead of a Mega Blood Donation Camp being organised by Hyderabad City Police in connection with Police Commemoration Day. The camp will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at Radon Function Hall, Santosh Nagar, under Santosh Nagar Division.

The programme is being organised under the leadership of Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, to promote voluntary blood donation and serve the community.

SHO Sai Prakash Goud urged eligible donors to participate in large numbers, emphasising that every blood donation can make a life-saving difference. He encouraged citizens to support the humanitarian initiative and contribute to public welfare.

The camp aims to strengthen community participation while honouring the sacrifices of police personnel.

HYDERABAD DEO FOCUSES ON ENROLMENT AND QUALITY EDUCATION

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



District Educational Officer S. Yadaiah stressed the need to increase student enrolment in government schools, improve academic standards and ensure effective utilisation of available facilities.

Accompanied by Deputy Educational Officer R. Suman of Bahadurpura Mandal and Deputy Inspector of Schools Yadagiri of Bahadurpura Range-I, he inspected Government High School Dar-ul-Shifa, the School for the Blind and Government Primary School, Bazar Noor-ul-Umara, along with other government educational institutions on the campus.

During the inspection, the DEO reviewed teaching activities, students' academic progress and school facilities. He directed teachers to maintain regular contact with parents, raise awareness about government schools and take proactive steps to encourage admissions.

He highlighted the benefits available to government school students, including free textbooks, notebooks, uniforms, footwear, midday meals and medical check-ups, urging teachers to inform parents about these facilities.

Headmaster Maulana Mufti Dr. Hafiz Mohammed Sabir Pasha Quadri briefed the officials on students' academic performance and achievements. The DEO appreciated the importance of nurturing students' learning abilities and providing a supportive educational environment.

Telangana launches digital CID services to improve policing

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Telangana Director General of Police CV Anand on Wednesday, October 28, launched six digital initiatives for the Crime Investigation Department (CID) to modernise policing and improve investigations.

This includes a Citizen Feedback Centre to collect public feedback on petitions, First Information Reports (FIRs), e-challan services and passport verification.

A Bharosa software was also launched which connects all 35 centres through a unified digital case-management system to track survivors' cases, counselling, medical and legal assistance, and rehabilitation.

A jail-release monitoring system was launched to integrate prison records with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and enable automated alerts and intelligence-based monitoring.

A mobile face-search application was introduced to provide facial-matching results in about 15 seconds. This will help identify suspects, missing persons and unidentified bodies. It has a database of over 9.8 lakh photographs.

Telangana Waqf Board paralysed as key decisions remain pending

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The Telangana Waqf Board is facing a prolonged administrative deadlock, with key decisions stalled due to repeated postponements of its meetings. The delay, reportedly stemming from the state government's failure to grant permission to convene meetings, has raised concerns over the Board's ability to protect valuable Waqf properties.

The Board last met on October 26, 2024, before the passage of the Waqf Act, 2025. The continued suspension of meetings has prompted allegations that the Board's functioning is being deliberately paralysed.

Several crucial matters remain unresolved, including the review of pending litigation, appointment of special counsels to represent the Board in courts, and formation of mosque management committees. Disputes involving Jamia Nizamia land and Waqf properties in Malkajgiri also await resolution.

Maulana Abul Fateh Syed Bandagi Badshah Qadri, a Board member and joint secretary and executive member of the All India Jamiat-ul-Mashaikh, has warned that the prolonged impasse could jeopardise
Waqf properties and damage the reputation of the Revanth Reddy government.

He feels the Board ought to continue functioning even with a reduced number of members.
The Board currently has only seven members. Interestingly, Waqf Boards in other states continue to discharge their responsibilities under similar circumstances. The erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh Waqf Board, he pointed out, had functioned with as few as three members.
Bandagi Badshah, who is also a trustee of the Mohsin-e-Insaniyat Foundation,
questioned the legal status of the Board's nominated members and chairman.

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