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I.N.D.I.A. Bloc Begins 'Save Democracy' Drive

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The I.N.D.I.A. bloc, the Aam Aadmi Party and Opposition-backed youth groups held protests on Gandhi Jayanti against alleged "vote chori" and irregularities in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, targeting Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The I.N.D.I.A. bloc, comprising about 20 parties, launched a month-long "save democracy" campaign across districts nationwide on Friday.

In Delhi, more than 1,000 students, social activists and political leaders who arrived in small groups and tried to march towards

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Chief Election Commissioner Faces Protest

AAP Leaders, Students Among 700+ Detained in Jantar Mantar Protest

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More than 700 people, including political leaders, activists and students, were detained by Delhi Police on Friday during a protest at and around Jantar Mantar against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The demonstration was organised by political parties and student groups, including the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), AISA, SFI and NSUI. The protesters sought Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. They claimed the exercise could lead to the deletion of genuine voters, though the allegations were not established as facts in the source material. The Election Commission of India has said SIR is intended to ensure that eligible citizens remain on electoral rolls while ineligible names are removed.



The Commission has maintained that the exercise is being conducted under its constitutional and statutory powers, with the stated objective of preventing eligible voters from being excluded and ineligible names from being included. Police said permission had not been granted for the gathering and that prohibitory restrictions were imposed in the New Delhi area. Barricades were erected at several points, while additional personnel were deployed to control movement around the protest venue. More than 500 people were initially detained, with the number later rising above 700.

Among those detained or stopped were AAP leaders Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Sanjeev Jha and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh. AAP leader Anurag Dhanda was also among those detained. Sanjay Singh staged a sit-in after being stopped while attempting to proceed towards Parliament. He said he wanted to raise the issue of alleged "vote theft" in Parliament.

Authorities also enforced restrictions under Section 163 of the BNSS, barring gatherings, processions, demonstrations, dharnas, slogan shouting and public speeches without prior permission. Several Delhi Metro stations were also closed during the protest. Activists Neha Bora and Yogendra Yadav were among those detained, while CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke criticised the police action.

Stir to continue on October 3, says Neha Bora

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Neha Bora said the ongoing stir would continue on October 3, signalling that protesters intend to maintain pressure over their concerns. Addressing supporters, she urged participants to remain united and peaceful while continuing to raise their demands.

The statement comes amid heightened political activity and public demonstrations over issues surrounding the electoral process.

Organisers said further programmes are expected as part of the campaign, with participants preparing to gather and voice their concerns. Authorities are also expected to monitor developments and make necessary security arrangements.

The protest movement has drawn participation from activists, political workers, students and civil society groups.

Mumbai Erupts in CJP Protest



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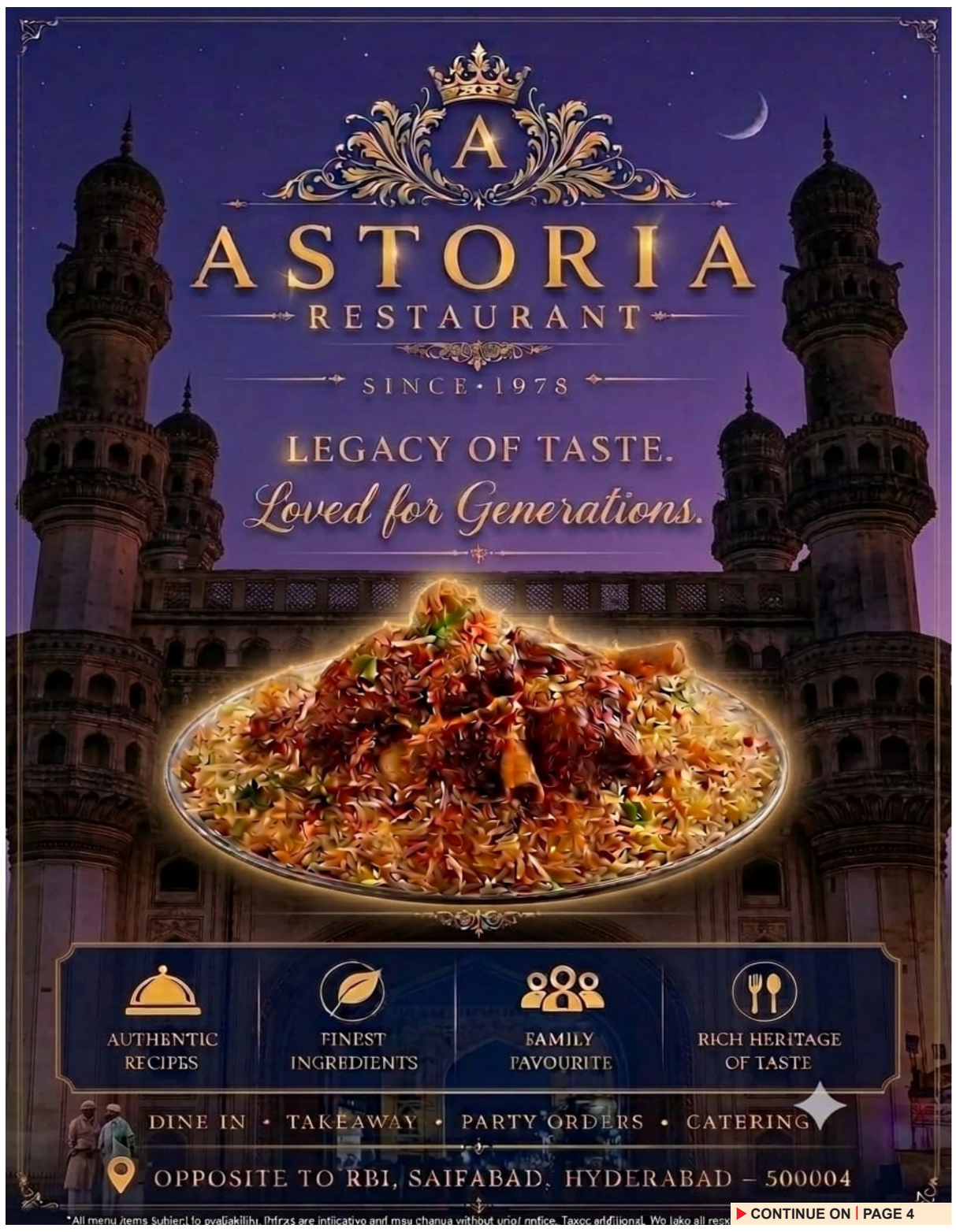
A wall of police barricades and the severe heat failed to dampen the energy at Shivaji Park on Friday, as wave upon wave of young protesters gathered for the Cockroach Janta Party's agitation, wielding placards with satirical memes and film dialogues to target Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The protest evolved into a star-studded affair as veteran actors Naseeruddin Shah and Shabana Azmi, alongside filmmakers Vishal Bhardwaj and Hansal Mehta, singer-music director Vishal Dadlani and Tushar Gandhi, great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, joined young agitators.

Despite opposition from Shivaji Park residents and heavy security deployments extending up to Dadar station, protesters filled the locality with revolutionary slogans, Gandhian quotes and signs calling for Kumar's immediate resignation.

Waving tricolours alongside posters declaring "Gyanu, Tujha Democracy Var Bharosa Nay Kay?", "Gyanesh BRO, JUST RESIGN" and "Gaddaar Gyaanu Must Go", activists from groups such as

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Central Kitchens for Students' Breakfast Scheme Launch On Dec 9: Revanth Reddy

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday announced that all the centralised community kitchens being established for the government's breakfast scheme for students in government schools would be inaugurated simultaneously on December 9. He directed officials to complete the works by November 30 so that the scheme could be extended to the entire state. After its full roll-out, the breakfast scheme is expected to cover 25 lakh students in government schools and junior colleges.

The Chief Minister also instructed officials to make arrangements to facilitate visits by students to the central kitchens and directed that all the establishments be linked to the Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) in Hyderabad for regular monitoring. Revanth Reddy was speaking at a meeting with representatives of the Hare Krishna Foundation, the main execution partner of the scheme, to review on the breakfast scheme. On the occasion, Junna Solar Systems Private Limited and Chain Labs India Private Limited signed agreements with the Hare Krishna Foundation to support the breakfast scheme for government school students.

Revanth Reddy stressed the need to ensure that quality and nutritious food was served to students, stating that the primary objective of the breakfast scheme was to ensure that children did



not attend classes on an empty stomach, and to encourage regular attendance and continuation of studies. The Chief Minister suggested maintaining a comprehensive track record of students studying in government schools to monitor their physical growth and academic progress. He also directed officials to develop an app to calculate the calorie content of food served to students. He inquired about the breakfast menu and suggested that it be prepared keeping regional dietary habits in mind. He said the breakfast programme was a long-term initiative and required utmost care in its implementation.

The scheme, initially launched as a pilot in Kodangal two years ago, has been extended to several districts. It aims to improve attendance, punctuality and classroom concentration by ensuring that students receive breakfast before attending classes. The menu, prepared with inputs from the National Institute of Nutrition, includes idli-sambar, puri-alu kurma,
dosa-chutney, upma-chutney,
millet idli-sambar and bonda-chutney on different days. Milk will also be provided on alternate days.

The scheme currently covers 1,269 government schools and 33 junior colleges in eight districts, benefiting 1.44 lakh students through community kitchens. Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy,
Rajya Sabha member Vem Narendar Reddy, Chief Minister's principal secretary N Sridhar and Hare Krishna Foundation representative Satya Gaura Chandra Das Swamiji participated in the programme.

Jeevan Reddy Blames Revanth Govt for Telangana's Drought Situation

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BRS General Secretary T. Jeevan Reddy alleged that the prevailing drought-like situation in Telangana was the result of the Congress government's failure to utilise available water resources properly. He said the situation should be viewed as a "drought brought by the Congress and Revanth Reddy", rather than one caused by natural phenomena such as El Niño.

Jeevan Reddy claimed that the Kaleshwaram project was designed during the KCR government with adequate foresight to manage water during rainy conditions. He alleged that the present government had deliberately kept the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages aside, resulting in the wastage of lakhs of cusecs of water into the sea.

He said water could be



lifted from Medigadda if a coffer dam was constructed and argued that filling reservoirs through timely lifting of water could have prevented the current situation. He urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to set aside political differences and focus on protecting the state from drought.

On power supply, Jeevan Reddy alleged that Telangana was facing coal shortages and claimed that agricultural power supply had deteriorated. He also criticised the government over alleged plans concerning the Singareni Jaipur power plant.

He said farmers should receive loan rescheduling support and urged the government to postpone students' tuition-fee payments and clear pending fee-reimbursement dues. He also demanded increased Aasara pensions, ₹1,000 monthly assistance for job-card families and implementation of the promised unemployment allowance.Jeevan Reddy alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfil its employment promises and said the state needed immediate measures to protect farmers, students, workers and unemployed youth. He called for urgent action to "save the state from the clutches of drought."

Ashram Invites Health Minister for Shani Amavasya



The management of Sri Dattagiri Maharaj Ashram at Bardipur village in Jharasangam Mandal of Sangareddy district has invited Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha to participate in special religious programmes being organised on the occasion of Shani Amavasya.

Ashram heads Sri Vairagya Shikhamani Avadhutagiri Maharaj and Sri Siddheshwaranandagiri Maharaj met Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha at his Hyderabad residence and personally extended the invitation to attend the celebrations at the ashram.

The religious programme will feature Tailabhishekam, a traditional oil abhishekam performed to Lord Shanaishchara and Goddess Jyeshtha Devi, followed by a special Yagna. The ceremonies are being organised as part of the Shani Amavasya observances and are expected to draw devotees and spiritual seekers to the ashram.

During the meeting, the ashram representatives briefed the Minister about the proposed religious activities and invited him to participate in the ceremonies. They highlighted the spiritual importance of Shani Amavasya and the significance of offering prayers and performing traditional rituals on the occasion.

The Sri Dattagiri Maharaj Ashram at Bardipur is known as a spiritual centre visited by devotees from different parts of the region. The special ceremonies planned for Shani Amavasya are intended to provide devotees an opportunity to participate in prayers, abhishekam and the yagna.

Former ZPTC member Mallikarjun Patil and former Market Committee Chairman Ram Reddy were also present during the meeting with the Minister.

Srinivas Goud Demands PRC Announcement, Employee Welfare Measures

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Former Minister and BRS leader V. Srinivas Goud criticised the Congress government over what he described as continued delays in fulfilling promises made to government employees, pensioners, contract workers and journalists. He demanded that the government immediately address pending employee issues and announce the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) as a Dussehra gift.Goud alleged that several assurances made by Congress before the elections had remained unfulfilled even after nearly three years in office. He questioned how the release of pending Dearness Allowance (DA) dues could be projected as a special Dussehra gift when employees were already entitled to the payments.

He also sought clarity on how many more times the PRC deadline would be extended. Similar concerns over pending PRC and DA issues have been raised by Goud previously.He questioned the



government's handling of the Employees Health Scheme, alleging that employees' salaries were being deducted while proper health-card services were not being made available. Goud also raised concerns over the functioning of wellness centres and demanded effective healthcare protection for police personnel and their families.On contract employees, Goud recalled the promise of forming a corporation and questioned why the issue had not been discussed in the Cabinet. He further demanded an explanation regarding an alleged ₹1,100-crore irregularity involving agencies working with contract employees, asking why cases had not been registered or recoveries initiated if a committee had established wrongdoing.Goud also questioned the government over the pending promise to restore the Old Pension Scheme and said employee grievances should not be prolonged. He urged the government to announce the PRC immediately.

Turning to journalists, Goud demanded immediate implementation of health cards for media personnel. He recalled that during the KCR government, journalists were provided health cards along with other welfare facilities and said their contribution to the Telangana movement should not be forgotten. He urged the government to extend health-card benefits to journalists without further delay.

Telangana State Arekatika Association President Election

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The elections for the President of the Telangana State Arekatika Association, scheduled to be held on October 2, have been temporarily postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, announced their Election Committee Chairman Jamalpur Balaraj*and Secretary Chandrasekhar.

The Arekatika Election Committee appealed to all members of the community to extend their cooperation and support to ensure the smooth conduct of the election process. Arekatika Election



Committee Secretary Chandrasekhar announced that the existing voter list will be completely cancelled and a new voter list will be prepared.
The preparation of the new voter list is expected to take approximately *four months. During this period, eligible voters will be identified from all mandals, towns, Assembly constituencies and districts* across Telangana, along with voters from *Greater Hyderabad.

The Arekatika Election Committee stated that the new voter list will be prepared in a transparent and systematic manner, following which the election for the State President will be conducted in a fair and transparent manner. Arekatika Election Committee further clarified that a decision on the new election schedule will be taken and announced after the preparation of the new voter list.

Members of the Arekatika Election Committee, candidates contesting for the President's post, and senior community leaders were present on the occasion.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated at Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Zilla Parishad

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Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti was observed at the Zilla Parishad (ZPP) office in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Friday, October 2, with officials and staff paying floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and remembering his ideals of truth, non-violence and public service.

Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Superintendent (Administration), Zilla Parishad, Yadadri Bhuva-



nagiri District*, participated in the programme along with Zilla Parishad employees and other staff members. Those present paid their respects to the Father of the Nation and recalled the relevance of Gandhi's principles in public life.

The occasion served as a reminder of the values of honesty, simplicity, social responsibility and commitment to the welfare of the people.

Yelgoi Sarpanch Laxmaiah Pays Tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on Jayanti



Yelgoi Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Laxmaiah commemorated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2 by paying floral tributes to the Father of the Nation at the Gram Panchayat office.

On the occasion, Sarpanch Laxmaiah garlanded Gandhi's portrait and paid homage, recalling his ideals of truth, non-violence and service to society. Village representatives and local leaders participated in the programme and paid their respects to Mahatma Gandhi.

The programme highlighted the importance of Gandhian principles and their relevance in promoting peace, unity and community development.

Telangana's arrears mount as employees, retirees and contractors protest

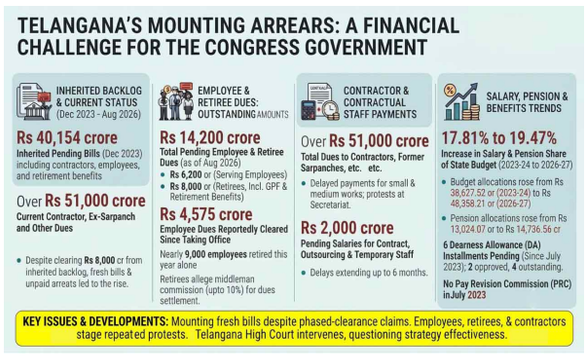
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Nearly three years into its tenure, the Congress government is still grappling with mounting arrears, with employees, retirees and contractors repeatedly protesting inside the State Secretariat, government offices and several other places over delayed payments.

When Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka presented the State finances white paper in December 2023, he put the inherited backlog at Rs 40,154 crore, including Rs 6,244 crore in employee dues. The government claimed to have cleared around Rs 4,575 crore in employee dues since taking office.

However, the employees' Joint Action Committee (JAC) had pegged the outstanding payments to serving employees and retirees at over Rs 14,200 crore as of August 2026. The dues include Rs 6,200 crore for serving employees and Rs 8,000 crore for retirees, including General Provident Fund (GPF) and other retirement benefits.

Retirees alleged that only



those who paid upto 10 per cent of their dues as commission to middlemen were able to get their dues settled.
Nearly 9,000 employees retired this year alone, while salaries exceeding Rs 2,000 crore for contract, outsourcing and temporary staff remain pending, with delays extending to six months in some cases.

In last three years, the salary and wage component of the State budget shot up by around 1.66 per cent frp, 17.81 per cent in 2023-24 to 19.47 per cent in 2026-27. During the period, salary and wage allocations rose from Rs 38,627.52 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 48,358.21 crore in 2026-27 and pension allocations increased from Rs 13,024.07 crore to Rs 14,736.56 crore.

Six instalments of Dearness Allowance arrears had been pending since July 2023. The Cabinet has approved two instalments on Thursday, leaving four pending. Implementation of revised pay scales, promised during the Assembly elections, also remains pending.

Despite claims of monthly releases of Rs 700 crore to Rs 1,000 crore and Rs 6,000 crore paid towards arrears over three months, employees and contractors continued to protest outside Bhatti Vikramarka's chambers at the Secretariat. Employees cited delayed medical reimbursements and retirement benefits.

Meanwhile, contractors, especially those who executed small and medium works, also have been staging protests and are now awaiting payments for completed works.

CPM Demands Repeal of VB-G RAM G Act, Restoration of MGNREGA in Pargi

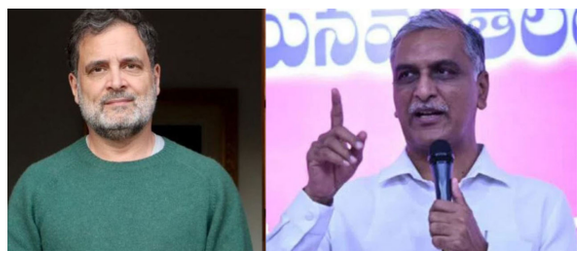


Marking Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, CPM leaders and activists staged a programme in Pargi, demanding the repeal of the VB-G RAM G Act and restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).Led by CPM leader Venkataiah, the participants paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and raised slogans calling for the restoration of the rural employment guarantee scheme associated with Gandhi's name.The protesters demanded that the VB-G RAM G Act be repealed and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act be reinstated. They stressed the importance of protecting employment opportunities and livelihood security for rural workers, particularly those dependent on wage employment.

Harish Rao urges Rahul, Kharge to halt proposed privatisation of Telangana PSUs

BRS leader T Harish Rao has urged Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and KC Venugopal to intervene and stop the proposed privatisation of key public-sector institutions in Telangana, including TG-TRANSCO, TG-GENCO, SCCL and the DISCOMs.

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BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao has urged Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and K.C. Venugopal to intervene immediately against the reported proposals to dilute public ownership in key Telangana public-sector institutions, including TG-TRANSCO, TG-GENCO, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and the power distribution companies (DISCOMs). He also demanded that the Telangana government make its plans regarding the future ownership and control of these institutions public.

In a letter addressed to Rahul Gandhi, Harish Rao questioned the reported proposal to sell a 26 per cent stake in TG-TRANSCO through an Initial Public Offering (IPO). Reports in September had indicated that the Telangana Power Coordination Committee was considering a 26 per cent stake sale and preparations for an IPO.

Harish Rao described TG-TRANSCO as a crucial component of Telangana's electricity transmission network and argued that its infrastructure had been developed over several decades through public investment. He questioned the rationale for reducing government ownership and sought clarity on whether similar equity dilution or privatisation proposals were being considered for TG-GENCO, SCCL and the DISCOMs.

The BRS leader also sought to highlight what he described as a difference between the Congress's stated economic position at the national level and the reported proposals in Telangana. He referred to the Congress's 2019 manifesto and the party's 2023 Raipur Economic Resolution, citing their stated positions on limiting disinvestment in strategic and core public-sector institutions. He further pointed to Rahul Gandhi's criticism of privatisation and monetisation measures involving public-sector institutions at the national level.

Harish Rao argued that the same principles should apply to Congress-ruled Telangana. He called upon the Congress leadership to clarify whether the proposed measures were consistent with the party's declared economic policies.

He demanded that the proposed TG-TRANSCO IPO and 26 per cent equity dilution be stopped and that similar proposals involving other strategic public-sector institutions be withdrawn. He also sought a public explanation from the Telangana government on its long-term plans for these entities.

While the reported TG-TRANSCO stake sale has been widely discussed, the company's FY2024-25 annual report continues to record the Telangana government as its ownership authority, underscoring the distinction between the existing ownership position and the reported proposal.

TJS Holds Silent Protest Over Alleged SIR Irregularities

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Demanding a halt to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process and protection of voting rights for all eligible citizens, the Telangana Jana Samithi (TJS) organised a silent protest at its state office in Nampally on Gandhi Jayanti.

The protest was led by TJS president and MLC Prof. Kodandaram and inaugurated by Telangana Media Academy Chairman K. Srinivas Reddy. Government Whip and MLC Dr. Addanki Dayakar, along with party leaders, students and activists, participated.

Speaking at the programme, Prof. Kodandaram alleged that irregularities in the SIR process could adversely affect eligible voters. He called for the process to be stopped and a transparent system implemented in accordance with Supreme Court guidelines. He stressed that voting rights were fundamental to protecting citizens' democratic rights and said TJS would continue its campaign across Telangana.

Srinivas Reddy raised concerns over reports of differences among Election Commission officials and the inclusion of additional details in Form-6 for new voter registrations. He said unnecessary hurdles should not be created for young voters and urged the Election Commission to ensure transparency in voter registration and the use of technology.Dr. Addanki Dayakar called for all political parties to come together to protect democracy and voting rights. He said eligible voters, including youth, Dalits and Adivasis, should not lose their voting rights during the revision process. TJS state youth president Saleem Pasha said the party would continue its campaign for transparency in elections and protection of eligible citizens' voting rights. Several state and district-level TJS leaders, student representatives and activists attended the protest.

'Midhun Spoken Hindi' Book Launched in Hyderabad



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Former Telangana Sahitya Akademi Chairman Juluru Gouri Shankar emphasised the importance of learning Hindi to understand India's diverse society and culture. He was speaking at the launch of Midhun Spoken Hindi, authored by Midhun Kumar of the Midhun Hindi Tutorial YouTube channel, at the Telangana Book Trust office in RTC Cross Roads, Hyderabad, on Thursday.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated at Bhongir Gandhi Park; Gnana Prakash

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An awareness and yoga training programme was organised at the Pranam Day Care Centre in Sangareddy on October 1 to mark the International Day of Older Persons 2026. The programme focused on promoting healthy, active and dignified ageing among senior citizens.

Retired Divisional Accounts Officer Gattu Ravinder participated in the programme and interacted with elderly participants. The event highlighted the importance of regular yoga, physical activity, meditation and a balanced lifestyle for maintaining physical and mental well-being in old age.

The programme was conducted as part of Elder-Friendly Awareness Week 2026, based on the theme, "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives." Senior citizens enthusiastically took part in yoga exercises and meditation under expert guidance.

Officials and representatives, including CDPO Chandrakala, Child Protection Officer Ratnam, Senior Assistant Venkatesham, Field Response Officer Satish, Red Cross Society member Jyothi, District Women Empowerment Coordinator Pallavi, Community Educator Umera and Venkat, attended the programme.

Pranam Day Care Centre representatives Mamatha, Jayashree and Sai were also present. Organisers stressed the importance of social interaction, community support and an active lifestyle in helping senior citizens lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated at Bhongir Gandhi Park



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Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti was observed at Gandhi Park in Bhongir on Friday, October 2, with *Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy* leading the programme and paying floral tributes to the Father of the Nation on his birth anniversary.Gnana Prakash Reddy, along with other participants, paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi by garlanding his statue and remembering his enduring message of truth, non-violence, peace and social harmony.The programme highlighted the continued relevance of Gandhi's ideals in public life and the importance of promoting unity, service and responsibility towards society.Participants gathered at Gandhi Park to honour the legacy of the freedom movement leader and reflect on the values he championed throughout his life.

J. Ramakrishna Urges People to Follow Gandhi's Ideals

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Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board vice-president J. Ramakrishna called upon people to follow Mahatma Gandhi's principles of truth, non-violence, peace and tolerance in their daily lives.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Ramakrishna paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi's statue at Gandhinagar in Ward-5 and recalled his contribution to India's freedom struggle.Ramakrishna said Gandhi's life, sacrifices and service to the nation would continue to inspire generations.

He urged people to uphold the path of truth and non-violence and work collectively to strengthen peace, harmony and brotherhood in society.He also stressed the importance of translating Gandhi's vision of equality, village self-governance, self-reliance and cleanliness into action at the grassroots level.

He said Gandhi's ideals should not be remembered only on his birth anniversary but should become part of everyday life."Practising his principles in our daily lives is the true tribute to Mahatma Gandhi," Ramakrishna said.Mallaiah, Bannappa, Gaddam Raju, Yadagiri, Veeresh, Vijay, Shekhar, Mallesh, Kashi, Raju, Satish, Santosh and others participated in the programme.

Manjeera Writers' Association Marks 40 Years



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Former Minister T. Harish Rao said the Manjeera Writers' Association completed four decades because of the commitment, honesty and dedication of its poets and writers.

Speaking at its 40th anniversary celebrations in Medak, he recalled poet Nandini Siddha Reddy's contribution to the Telangana movement through his iconic song "Nageti Saalallo Naa Telangana." Harish Rao praised the former BRS government for promoting literature and arts and alleged that the present Congress government had not appointed a chairman for the Sahitya Akademi.

He also highlighted KCR's role in developing the Manjeera region through check dams. He said AI cannot replace human creativity in poetry and literature.



Emphasising the importance of water conservation and responsible water use, Jal Mahotsav was organised at Jagiryal Gram Panchayat under the leadership of Village Sarpanch Ryakala Veeramma.

Gram Sabha Held at Bidekanne on Gandhi Jayanti; VBG RAM G Works Proposals Discussed

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A Gram Sabha was conducted at Bidekanne village in Jharasangam Mandal on Friday on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti. The meeting was presided over by Village Sarpanch C. Ravinder.

During the meeting, proposals for works under VB–G RAM G (formerly MGNREGS) were discussed, along with various village-level issues and development priorities. Participants deliberated on the proposed works and the need to address local needs through collective participation.

On the occasion, the participants also took an oath, reaffirming their commitment to the values of Mahatma Gandhi and to the development and welfare of the village.

The Gram Sabha highlighted the importance of public participation in local governance and collective efforts to address village issues and promote rural development.

Malkajgiri Traffic Police Translocate Two Trees, Total Reaches 45

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The Malkajgiri Traffic Police successfully translocated two Peltophorum trees from opposite RBI Quarters at Shyamlal, Begumpet, to a nearby graveyard close to the airport on Thursday.

The operation was carried out following necessary permissions from the concerned departments. The trees were relocated to address traffic obstruction while ensuring their preservation and contributing to environmental protection.

With the latest operation, the total number of trees successfully translocated by Malkajgiri Traffic Police has reached 45, up from the earlier 43.

The initiative was undertaken on the instructions of B. Sumathi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, and under the supervision of K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, DCP Traffic-I, Malkajgiri. Officials said the police remain committed to ensuring smooth traffic movement, road safety and environmental protection.

The translocation was carried out through coordinated efforts involving G. Shankar Raju, ACP, Traffic Trimulgherry Division; K. Srinivasulu, Inspector of Police, Traffic PS Begumpet; K. Devi Das, SI of Police, Traffic PS Begumpet; and A. Ashok Reddy, RSI of Police, Traffic PS Begumpet, along with other Traffic Police personnel and the DRF Team.

The coordinated efforts of the Traffic Police and DRF personnel enabled the trees to be safely relocated without causing inconvenience to commuters and other road users.

The Malkajgiri Traffic Police stated that such measures are aimed at balancing the requirements of traffic management with the need to preserve existing greenery and protect the environment.

Govt Proposes Decriminalising Petroleum Licence Breaches

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The government has proposed decriminalising regulatory breaches such as violations of petroleum licence terms and introducing a civil-penalty regime, while retaining or strengthening criminal penalties for serious offences involving public safety, critical infrastructure and unauthorised petroleum operations.The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has sought public and industry comments on draft amendments to the Petroleum Act, 1934, proposing a major overhaul of the law's provisions dealing with offences, penalties and enforcement.

The Petroleum Act, 1934, was enacted to consolidate and amend the law relating to the import, transport, storage, production, refining and blending of petroleum.

CJP threatens Delhi protest on October 10 if CEC Gyanesh Kumar refuses to quit

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After leading a massive demonstration at Shivaji Park in Mumbai which drew thousands of people, Cockroach Janta Party leader Abhijeet Dipke on Friday night announced a fresh protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on October 10 if Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar did not resign.

"If Gyanesh Kumar doesn't resign, cockroaches from across India will march to Delhi & protest at Jantar Mantar on October 10," he said in a post on X, adding that it will be a peaceful agitation and every citizen who wants free and fair elections must join it.

Earlier, speaking at the protest at Shivaji Park, a ground associated with landmark political rallies, Dipke warned of "Jantar Mantar 2.0" if Kumar did not step down. Defying afternoon heat and barricades, young men and women turned up for the protest in central Mumbai in huge numbers even though police had denied permission for the event.

"Gyanesh Kumar must resign and face criminal proceedings," demanded CJP leader Ajinkya Shinde. He also demanded freezing of voter lists of 2025 and abolition of the 2023 law laying down the procedure for the appointment of Election Commissioners.

After "deletion of voters", the BJP won states which it had not won even when the Narendra Modi wave was at its peak, Dipke said, addressing the crowd at Shivaji Park.

"If Gyanesh Kumar does not resign, the Gen Z of the entire nation will go to Delhi. There will be Jantar Mantar 2.0," he said as he gave a call for "Chalo Delhi".

"The government is so incompetent that we have to protest again in two months (after the Jantar Mantar protest over the NEET paper leak)," the CJP founder said.

Referring to the proposal for simultaneous elections, he claimed that the real objective of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party was "One Nation, One Election, One Party".

The CJP chose Maharashtra to start its protest against CEC Kumar because the alleged irregularities started from the state, Dipke said.

He claimed that 13 crore voters have been deleted in two years. In 2024, there were 97 crore registered voters and the gap between the victory between the NDA and INDIA grouping was just 2 per cent in the Lok Sabha polls, he said.

Kumar was appointed 15 days before the polls to increase the gap, Dipke alleged.

Also in 2024, the BJP "stole" the Maharashtra assembly elections as 40 lakh voters were added to the electoral rolls, he claimed.

In Delhi, 40,000 voters were deleted in AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal's assembly constituency and he lost by 4,000 votes, Dipke said.

EC Orders Drive for Left-out, New Voters in States Where SIR Over

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Accused of disenfranchising crores of eligible citizens during the Special Investigative Review (SIR) exercise, the Election Commission has directed its state poll officials to launch a special drive to immediately include "left-out" and new voters in areas where the poll roll revision is complete. The drive aims to re-enrol eligible voters who were omitted or deleted during the intensive revision, as well as register first-time and "young voters".

The instructions, conveyed in an official communication issued on Thursday, followed a virtual meeting with state CEOs. The Commission emphasised that voter registration is an ongoing process and that no eligible citizen should be disenfranchised because they were not included during the SIR enumeration. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been instructed to cross-verify current electoral rolls against pre-SIR lists to identify electors whose names were present previously but dropped from the final roll.

BLOs will conduct house-to-house verifications for all identified missing individuals.
Each officer is assigned a target of covering 20 to 25 electors per week, aiming to complete the verification drive within one month. BLOs will collect Form 6 applications on the spot from newly eligible young electors and genuine left-out voters. Lists will then be shared directly with Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of recognised political parties to maintain transparency.

Opposition parties have accused the EC of working in tandem with the BJP and disenfranchising eligible citizens by holding SIR. Data shared by the poll authority and its state officials shows that the combined voters' list of nine states and three Union territories has been pruned by 10.2 per cent following the SIR exercise, with over 60 lakh dead voters removed. The decision to hold a special drive also comes amid reports of differences within the EC over SIR decisions. The EC, however, said it took all SIR decisions unanimously.

Modi Praises Pilot's Effort to Save Plane

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"I was fighting for my life, but I was determined not to let others die," Indian pilot Capt. Smit Machchhar told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday as he recalled the desperate moments after being stabbed by his co-pilot aboard flydubai flight FZ1073. During an emotional 10-minute video call, Capt. Machchhar, who described Modi as his "biggest idol", recounted how he lay injured on the cockpit floor, felt the aircraft descending and summoned his remaining strength for what he believed could be his "last push" — opening the cockpit door so that others could intervene.

"I was lying injured on the floor of the cockpit. With whatever energy was left in me, I managed to act and save the plane. It was such a crucial moment. There came a point when I realised that if I did not do something... I could feel that the aircraft was going down," he said. Capt. Machchhar told Modi that his 17 years of flying experience, including 11 years as a captain, helped him understand what was happening even as he lay injured.

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"I told myself: this will be the last push, Smit, do it, the door is right there. I was being assaulted at that time. I just opened the door and all the others came; all of them too had an equal role. But honestly, I was acting out of survival, yet at the same time, I knew I couldn't let all of them die." Commending his "courage, patience and swift presence of mind in taking critical decisions in a fraction of a second to save numerous lives", Modi said the pilot had put the safety of his passengers ahead of his own despite sustaining severe injuries and battling for his life.

"At that time, you received so many injuries and were engaged in a fight between life and death. But you ignored your own safety and were concerned about the safety of the passengers. You have enhanced the honour of 140 crore Indians. I feel proud from the bottom of my heart," the Prime Minister said.

Gujarat UCC Bill 2026 Gets President's Assent, Says Govt

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The Gujarat Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill 2026 has received the assent of President Droupadi Murmu, paving the way for implementation of the legislation, a notification published in the Gujarat Government Gazette has informed. The Act will come into force on a date to be appointed by the state government through a notification in the Gazette. The legislation, passed by the BJP-ruled Gujarat Assembly in March 24 after a debate lasting more than seven hours, was published in the extraordinary gazette dated October 1. The notification said the Act received the President's assent on September 17.

The Act seeks to "govern and regulate the laws relating to marriage and divorce, succession, live-in relationship and matters related thereto" and extends to the whole of Gujarat, also applying to residents of Gujarat living outside the state. The Act, however, specifically excludes members of Scheduled Tribes covered under Article 342 of the Constitution and persons or groups.

Rahul Questions EC, TCS Over Form 6

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged that the online Form 6 used for fresh voter registration had been changed "illegally" and asked who in the Election Commission had ordered Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to make the alteration. In a post on X, Gandhi questioned who at the commission had authorised the change, who at TCS had approved it and whether the company had been pressured to make the modification.

"The online Form 6 was changed illegally — as the EC's own Commissioners have recorded. Who at the ECI ordered Tata Consultancy Services to make that change?" he asked. Responding to the post, Congress general secretary in charge of communications Jairam Ramesh alleged that the Chief Election Commissioner had introduced the changes in mid-July 2026 to remove Gen Z voters from electoral rolls.



"Clearly, the move was orchestrated by the PMHM (Narendra Modi-Amit Shah) duo," Ramesh said, without providing further evidence for the allegation. The remarks came a day after the Opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc announced programmes against what it described as threats to democracy and irregularities in electoral processes. At a meeting attended by leaders of 19 parties, the bloc announced joint "Save Democracy" marches in all districts and five major rallies. Opposition MPs are scheduled to march to the Election Commission on October 6, while Opposition leaders plan to meet the President to raise concerns over alleged irregularities in voter-list revision.

PM Modi, VP pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi in Delhi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday attended a special interfaith prayer meeting at Gandhi Smriti in the national capital on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The Prime Minister offered floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, honouring his enduring ideals of truth, peace, and non-violence. During the event, school students and artists rendered devotional bhajans.

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan also paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Smriti, remembering his pivotal role in India's freedom movement and his universal message of harmony and social upliftment.



Mahatma Gandhi, also known as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, was born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat. Gandhi Jayanti is observed annually on his birth anniversary. October 2 is also observed as the International Day of Non-Violence after the United Nations designated the day to spread the message of non-violence associated with Gandhi's philosophy.

He was a pivotal figure in India's freedom struggle, leading movements including the Salt Satyagraha and Quit India Movement.

Earlier today, Prime Minister Modi paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat, as leaders and citizens across the country observed Gandhi Jayanti and remembered his message of peace, non-violence and cleanliness. PM Modi reached Rajghat and attended the Sarva-Dharma Prarthana held at Gandhi's samadhi to mark the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Mumbai Erupts.....

Waving tricolours alongside posters declaring "Gyanu, Tujha Democracy Var Bharosa Nay Kay?", "Gyanesh BRO, JUST RESIGN" and "Gaddaar Gyaanu Must Go", activists from groups such as the Students' Federation of India (SFI) and youngsters thronged the area.

Demonstrators brought unconventional props to highlight their demands, including Manish Mandal, a student from Sion, who sported jewellery fashioned from "Melody" chocolate wrappers while holding a banner with "Fraud detergent powder" written in Devanagari script.

Groups affiliated with the All India Students' Federation (AISF) from Pune added rhythm to the demonstration by playing musical instruments while leading chants of "Chale Jao", "Vapas Do" and "Band Karo" near the park's perimeter.

Coinciding with Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, the protest stage featured quotations on non-violence and simplicity alongside tributes invoking Babasaheb Ambedkar.

Although the demonstration was scheduled for 4 pm, CJP activists and other protesters began congregating near entry points by early afternoon, prompting the Mumbai Police to erect barricades and restrict vehicular access near Sena Bhavan.

The Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force also stationed extra personnel at Dadar railway station to prevent commuter disruption.

The CJP announced its protest demanding CEC Kumar's resignation after recent media reports found that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had recorded objections on at least 14 occasions over 10 months to decisions and orders related to the Special Intensive Revision of the electoral rolls, some of which they said were issued without their knowledge.

Unauthorised Pak.....-

In Delhi, more than 1,000 students, social activists and political leaders who arrived in small groups and tried to march towards Jantar Mantar were detained after police-imposed restrictions on gatherings of five or more people. Reports said many protesters were detained in their own localities. Security was tightened across New Delhi district with multiple barricades. Internet access was restricted and about a dozen nearby Metro stations were closed ahead of the protest. Slogans such as "Ek kachori, do samosa, Gyanesh tumhara kya bharosa" and "Gali-gali mein shor hai, Modi-Gyanesh vote chor hai" rang out in Connaught Place, where most business establishments remained shut.

Those detained in Delhi included former chief minister Atishi, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, AAP leaders Saurabh Bharadwaj and Sanjeev Jha, RJD MP Manoj Jha, CPM leader Brinda Karat, CPI national secretary and MP P. Sandosh Kumar, CPI Delhi secretary Prof. Dinesh Varshney, AISF general secretary Dinesh Seerangara, social activists Yogendra Yadav and Nikhil Dey, All India Student Association president Neha Bora and NSUI national president Vinod Jakhar.

The CPM said Delhi Police had "converted the entire city into a fortress" and detained people approaching Jantar Mantar after denying permission for a gathering at the designated protest site. "The police brutally manhandled the protesters and threw them into the buses, injuring many," the party alleged. It said police took more than two hours to detain all the Democratic Youth Federation of India and Students' Federation of India activists, which it said "demonstrates the stiff resistance put up by the youth."

The party alleged that denying permission to protest at Jantar Mantar curtailed the constitutional right to agitate. "Under the BJP-led Union government, democratic rights are being drastically curtailed, and the denial of permission to protest, even at Jantar Mantar -- the designated site for protest -- demonstrates how intolerant this government has become," it said. The CPM accused Kumar of being "instrumental in converting the ECI into a back office of the BJP's election work" and demanded his removal. Karat, who arrived with youth wing workers, said every street in Delhi had become Jantar Mantar. "Godse was Gandhi's murderer. People of Godse's ideology are in power in the Centre. Today they are murdering democracy through vote theft," she said.

CRIME

Illegal gutka manufacturing unit busted in Muradnagar, 3 held

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The Commissioner's Task Force (Golconda Zone), in coordination with Asif Nagar police, busted an alleged illegal pan masala and gutka manufacturing unit at Muradnagar and apprehended three workers. Two children allegedly employed at the premises were also rescued during the operation.

Acting on credible information, police conducted a raid at the premises in Asif Nagar and reportedly found unbranded AAA, Badshah and Sagar pan masala and gutka/tobacco products being manufactured without the required licences and statutory declarations.Police seized large quantities of raw tobacco, gutka, packing material and machinery from



the unit. The total value of the seized property was estimated at around Rs 50 lakh.

The seized material reportedly included loose zarda, approximately 260 kg of ready-mixed gutka, and raw materials such as katha, supari and chunna. Police also recovered packing rolls, sachets and other materials allegedly used for manufacturing and packaging the products.Three workers identified as Rohit Kumar alias Rohit Yadav, 25, Saurabh alias Saurabh Chowhan, 20, and Matadeen alias Rahul Permer, 21, were apprehended. Two children found at the premises were rescued and handed over to the appropriate authorities.According to police, Zubair and Muzzaffer alias Dada were allegedly operating the unit, while Muzzaffer was reportedly the owner of the premises. Both suspects are currently absconding, police said.Officials alleged that the products were being manufactured and sold in Hyderabad without valid FSSAI, GST and tobacco-related licences. The packets allegedly did not carry mandatory information, including manufacturing and expiry dates, batch numbers, MRP, ingredients and statutory health warnings.During the raid, police also seized three gutka packing machines, a mixer, oven, supari-cutting machine, weighing machines, a sealing machine and a bag-sewing machine.

The Asif Nagar police have taken up further investigation into the alleged illegal manufacturing and the employment of children at the premises.

Female medical student's decomposed body found in Hyderabad hotel

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A 27-year-old postgraduate medical student was found dead in a hotel room here on Friday, October 2, while the male friend who had accompanied her was absconding, police said.

The woman's body was found in a decomposed condition on the bed in the hotel room.

In a complaint lodged with the police, the woman's father alleged that she had been murdered. Based on the complaint, a murder case was registered at Miyapur Police Station, a police official said.

According to police, the woman, a native of Sangareddy district, was pursuing her postgraduate course at a medical college in Hanamkonda. After her family members were unable to contact her, they went to Hanamkonda and approached the police, who traced her mobile phone location to a hotel here.

"However, the woman was found dead in the hotel room, with the body in a decomposed state. No external injury marks were visible on the body," the official said, citing the preliminary investigation.During the investigation, police found that the woman had joined her male friend at the hotel on September 30 after he called her there to return her gold chain, the official said.

Hyderabad court sentences man to life imprisonment for 2020 SR Nagar murder

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A local court on Thursday sentenced a man identified as Raju Naik to life imprisonment and imposed a total fine of Rs 16,000 for the murder of P. Ramesh (50) in SR Nagar in 2020.

Ramesh had gone missing after leaving his Vikaspuri Colony home on February 1, 2020. Though a WhatsApp message was later sent from his phone, subsequent calls went unanswered and the phone was switched off.The SR Nagar lolice investigated

4 Unauthorised Clinics Identified

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The Telangana State Medical Council (TGMC) identified four unauthorised clinics, allegedly providing allopathic treatment without recognised medical qualifications during surprise inspections in Kamareddy town. The inspections were conducted by a team led by TGMC chairman Dr K. Mahesh Kumar and vice-chairman Dr T. Kiran Kumar as part of checks against unqualified practitioners and unauthorised clinics.

The council identified Popular First Aid Centre, run by MD Ghulam Dastagiri near the old bus stand; Naresh First Aid Centre, run by Naresh near Shanti Talkies; Sri Sai First Aid Clinic, run by M. Srinivas opposite Shanti Talkies; and Sri Sai First Aid Centre, run by A. Shivaji Rao on Sircilla Road. According to the council, the centres were found providing injections and antibiotics to patients without the required medical qualifications and authorisation. The TGMC said criminal cases and legal action were being initiated against those involved under TMPR Act and National Medical Commission Act.

Hyderabad man dies in Sudan, family says repatriation delayed

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The family of a 60-year-old Hyderabad man who died in Sudan on Wednesday, September 23, is seeking the intervention of the Minister of External Affairs (MEA) of India to bring his mortal remains back to India.

Syed Khaja Moinuddin, a resident of Tadbun, died in Port Sudan following a prolonged illness. He worked as a driver in Sudan for over 12 years.

Speaking to Siasat.com, his son Syed Shah Sikander Pasha said he had contacted the Indian authorities about his father's deteriorating health before his death and requested that arrangements be made to bring him back to Hyderabad.

Pasha said he emailed the Indian Embassy on Sunday, September 20, informing officials that his father's condition was serious and requesting that the necessary process be initiated. However, Moinuddin died three days later.

Ameerpet Construction Raises GHMC Norm Concerns

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Concerns have been raised over alleged violations of GHMC building norms at a construction site adjacent to Minerva Complex in Ameerpet.

The ongoing work reportedly includes scaffolding and structural additions that appear to be inconsistent with prescribed setbacks, construction standards and safety requirements.The developments have drawn attention amid renewed concerns over unauthorised constructions and structural safety in Hyderabad following a recent incident in Kondapur.

Residents and observers have questioned how construction activity allegedly violating civic norms could continue in a prominent and busy commercial area.Questions have also been raised over the role of GHMC Town Planning officials in monitoring the site and ensuring compliance with approved plans and safety regulations. The alleged lapses have particularly put the spotlight on Town Planning ACP T. Ramesh and the department's enforcement mechanisms.The matter highlights the need for effective inspections and timely action wherever construction violations are found, especially in densely populated areas.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

HYDERABAD
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The Supreme Court's position that a "conscientious objector" should not be punished for refusing to sing 'Vande Mataram' has come as a welcome relief for those who believe that India belongs to all Indians; it has also struck a body blow to the propensity of the BJP, which leads the Union government, to push its divisive agenda even on matters of national importance. The court has reminded the government of its position in 1986 when it decided that a citizen can respectfully decline to sing even the national anthem and that the state is not going to subject him to criminal action. The court stopped short of sending notice to the Union government in deference to the request of its law officer and limited itself to seeking its response on the subject.

The contention of Carnatic vocalist and author T.M. Krishna before the court was that mandating the singing of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram' violated the country's secular character. Extending penal provisions to the national song, coupled with directions for rendition of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram', raises fundamental questions concerning freedom of speech and expression, freedom of conscience, equality, religious freedom and secularism as enshrined in Articles 19, 25 and 26. The court appeared to have agreed with him in the larger point and has said it will examine whether the rights of one who declines to sing on religious grounds are protected under the law.

'Vande Mataram', the national song, has been a venerated symbol of India's national movement, passed down by generations of patriots. The song in Bengali was sung by freedom fighters across the country, as they found it a means to unite them in the fight for a noble and legitimate cause. When the nation's political climate changed, the context of the song and its meaning also underwent a change, which resulted in the leaders of the movement restricting the rendition of the song to its first two stanzas. Dr Rajendra Prasad's announcement in the Constituent Assembly that 'Vande Mataram' will be the national song of India and will be venerated at par with the national anthem was received with cheers.

Three quarters of a century later, the BJP has suddenly woken up to those forgotten stanzas and made it part of the national song. It also got a piece of legislation passed providing for the same protection to 'Vande Mataram' that the national anthem and the national flag command. It is not that there is a national emergency and people have revolted against all those symbols.

The party knows that this move has the potential to divide people on religious lines and that it can spread the message of hate through those fault lines.

From the Preamble to the last Article, the Constitution talks about discarding the old baggage of bigotry and creating a new world for all Indians premised on the best of human attributes. Those ideals have stood the test of time. The Supreme Court's stand on the issue reaffirms the belief that it will stand in the way of attempts to undo all those values, and is hence reassuring.



G7 to Release 100 Million Barrels of Oil, Including Diesel, in Boost for Trump

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The Group of Seven industrial nations said they agreed to release 100 million barrels of oil, starting with "substantial" amounts of diesel after the fuel recently hit record high prices in the United States, where President Donald Trump said the diesel release would happen "immediately." Trump and his Republican Party face pressure to address surging prices ahead of November's midterm elections. Trump announced the action Friday on social media, saying, "Europe has just agreed to release a massive amount of their heavily stocked Diesel Oil. The process will begin immediately."The president faces lagging approval ratings as the Iran war and his trade battles have increased US prices for oil and other goods. Gas prices in the US and abroad have soared during the eight-month-long war, a cost Trump has repeatedly said is worth it for making sure Iran does not obtain nuclear weapons. Trump has insisted prices will come down after the war, though there's no end in sight. The national average for a gallon of diesel in the US was USD 6.37 on Friday, according to AAA, after hitting a record USD 6.52 on Sept. 22.

Trump had a conversation overnight with French President Emmanuel Macron, the chair of the G7, about the need to address rising fuel prices and the availability of petroleum products, according to the French Embassy in the US. Macron on Friday then chaired a video conference of G7 leaders to discuss the issue. France holds the rotating presidency of the G7 group and made the announcement in a statement released after video-conference talks that Macron presided over.

The International Energy Agency will coordinate the effort to combat soaring fuel prices. "We will implement our commitments with a coordinated release through the IEA of 100 million barrels (MB) to begin immediately over 4 months, including a frontloaded substantial diesel release within the first 20 days by G7 members and partners," the statement said. A new AP-NORC poll found that a majority of US adults blame Trump for higher prices, and approval on his handling of the economy hit a new low. Trump has grown increasingly frustrated with what he sees as a disconnect between his achievements and the public's view of his work. Trump this week gave himself an A-plus for his work on the economy but said "we're doing an extremely poor job of promotion."

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Reports 27.8% Rise in Q1 Profit

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ICICI Prudential Life Insurance reported a 27.8% year-on-year increase in Profit After Tax (PAT) to ₹386 crore for the first quarter of FY2027, reflecting continued growth across its business segments and a focus on customer-centric services.

The company's retail protection business, including term plans, grew 60.4% year-on-year during the quarter, highlighting increased demand for life insurance protection products.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance also reported an industry-leading claim settlement ratio of 99.3% in Q1-FY2027. The insurer said its average turnaround time for non-investigative claims was just one day. During the quarter, the company settled ₹1,306 crore in death claims and paid ₹3,360 crore towards maturity and survival benefits, taking the total benefits paid to customers to ₹4,666 crore.

For FY2026, the company had settled ₹5,149 crore in death claims and paid ₹15,363 crore in maturity and survival benefits, according to the company.

MD and CEO Anup Bagchi said the company's customer-first approach remained central to its strategy. He said ICICI Prudential Life would continue leveraging technology, artificial intelligence and digital capabilities to improve operational efficiency and customer experience.

The company also reduced its savings cost-to-premium ratio by 50 basis points to 13.6% during Q1-FY2027.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors has approved a proposal to rename the company as 'ICICI Life Insurance Limited', subject to the necessary regulatory and other approvals. The company said the proposed name reflects the strength and legacy associated with the ICICI brand and that its operations would continue as usual.

Sensex, Nifty Fall For Eighth Straight Week Amid FII Selling

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Indian equity markets fell for the eighth consecutive week on Thursday, with selling pressure intensifying amid a sharp decline in the rupee, sustained foreign fund outflows, rising bond yields, high crude oil prices and below-normal monsoon rainfall. Markets will remain closed on Friday on account of Gandhi Jayanti. After opening lower, the market plunged into the red during the afternoon session before recovering partially in the closing auction. The Nifty-50 ended 198.50 points, or 0.88 per cent, lower at 22,421.95, while the Sensex declined 570.59 points, or 0.79 per cent, to 71,909.70. The Nifty touched an intra-day low of 22,217.30, while the Sensex fell as much as 1,187.41 points to 71,292.88. Broader markets also declined, with the Nifty Midcap index falling 1.01 per cent and the Nifty Small-cap index 0.97 per cent.

"On a weekly basis, Nifty-50 ended down by 3.10 per cent, while the Sensex fell nearly 2,000 points. Almost all major sectoral indices saw profit-booking at higher levels. The Consumer (-6.15 per cent) and Auto (-5.85 per cent) indices lost the most," said Amol Athawale, VP, Technical Research, Kotak Securities. Foreign portfolio investors were net sellers of equities worth Rs 9,484.22 crore on Thursday, while domestic institutional investors were net buyers to the tune of Rs 10,041.84 crore.

Investors' notional wealth declined by over Rs 4.89 lakh crore as the BSE market capitalisation fell to Rs 466.96 lakh crore, or USD 4.86 trillion. Power transmission equipment makers gained after the Union Cabinet approved the Rs 1.86 lakh crore PM DHARA scheme, aimed at evacuating 135 GW of renewable energy. Siemens Energy gained 4.19 per cent, CG Power & Industrial Solutions 2.90 per cent, Hitachi Energy India 2.15 per cent and GE Vernova T&D India 1.24 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, Nifty IT gained 2.17 per cent ahead of the upcoming second-quarter earnings, while BSE Telecom rose 0.52 per cent. All other sectoral indices declined, led by Nifty Auto (-3.56 per cent), Metal (-2.35 per cent), FMCG (-1.61 per cent), Consumer Durables (-1.91 per cent), Realty (-1.46 per cent), Oil & Gas (-1.32 per cent) and Bank (-0.33 per cent). The NSE India VIX rose 7.04 per cent to 14.44, signalling increased market volatility.

"Indian equities are likely to stay under pressure in the near term as a record global bond rout, renewed strength in crude oil and the heaviest foreign selling in six months weigh on sentiment.

IFFCO Promotes Balanced Fertiliser Use in Telangana



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IFFCO has called for balanced fertiliser use, soil health management and adoption of modern agricultural technologies to promote sustainable farming in Telangana.

Speaking at the Cooperators and Farmers Conference on "Nano Fertilisers for Sustainable Agriculture" at Kanha Shanti Vanam, IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani said farmer self-reliance was essential for building a self-reliant nation. Around 800 farmers, cooperators, agricultural scientists, officials and representatives of farming institutions participated in the conference.

Sanghani said IFFCO was working to take science-based technologies and farmer-centric initiatives to villages while supporting productivity and efficient management of input costs.

Telangana Director of Agriculture B. Gopi, IAS, stressed the need for balanced nutrient application and improved soil health. He urged farmers to adopt Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and use Nano Fertilisers according to scientific recommendations.

IFFCO Marketing Director Dr. Yogendra Kumar said improving farmers' incomes remained a key priority and highlighted field-level awareness programmes on Nano Fertilisers and efficient nutrient management.

ACIC-CBIT Engages Chinchalpet Gram Sabha for Rural Innovation



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ACIC-CBIT (Atal Community Innovation Centre–Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology), supported by Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, participated in the Gram Sabha at Chinchalpet village in Nawabpet mandal on Gandhi Jayanti, focusing on identifying grassroots challenges and promoting innovation-led rural development.

The programme was attended by Sarpanch Anusuja Anantha Ramulu, Upa Sarpanch Balraj, Village Secretary Jagadeeshwar, ward members, Self-Help Group (SHG) representatives, farmers and villagers.

The ACIC-CBIT team interacted with residents to understand key challenges in agriculture, livelihoods and village development. Farmers highlighted issues including post-harvest management, crop drying, market access, water management and farm mechanisation.

The team explained initiatives such as the Grassroots Innovation Program (GRIP), Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF), makerspace facilities, mentorship, prototyping support and capacity-building programmes. Special focus was given to the Gram Prerana Programme and initiatives aimed at strengthening SHGs, farmers and rural youth.

Community Innovator Fellow Arvind shared his entrepreneurial journey and explained how ACIC-CBIT supported his innovation efforts. He also demonstrated his Paddy Dryer solution, designed to minimise post-harvest losses and improve farmers' incomes.

The interaction concluded with discussions on identifying local innovators and developing community-driven solutions.

TSCS Marks 4,000 Voluntary Blood Donation Camps in Hyderabad

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The Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad, marked a major milestone with the completion of its 4,000th voluntary blood donation camp, reaffirming its commitment to supporting patients suffering from Thalassemia and Sickle Cell disorders.

The milestone was celebrated on the occasion of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day at the TSCS premises in Shivrampally, Hyderabad. As part of the programme, the organisation felicitated members of its Blood Bank and Blood Donation Camp staff in recognition of their dedicated service and contribution to maintaining a regular supply of blood for patients requiring transfusions.

Rajya Sabha MP Dr. K. Laxman attended the programme as the chief guest and felicitated the dedicated staff members. The event was attended by TSCS Board members and senior representatives of the organisation, including Dr. Chandrakant Agrawal, President, TSCS; Dr. Suman Jain, Chief Medical Research Officer and Secretary; Aleem Baig, Joint Secretary; and Mrs. Ratnavali, Vice President, who proposed the vote of thanks.

The completion of 4,000 voluntary blood donation camps represents a significant achievement in TSCS's sustained efforts to promote voluntary blood donation and strengthen support systems for patients who depend on regular blood transfusions.

Speaking at the event, Dr. K. Laxman appreciated the efforts of TSCS, its staff and volunteers in promoting voluntary blood donation and supporting Thalassemia and Sickle Cell patients. He stressed the need for greater public participation in voluntary blood donation and encouraged healthy individuals to donate blood regularly.

He noted that timely availability of blood can be crucial for patients requiring transfusions and called for continued awareness initiatives to motivate more people to become regular voluntary donors.

Dr. Chandrakant Agrawal expressed gratitude to blood donors, volunteers, staff members and supporters for their continued contribution to TSCS initiatives. He said their collective efforts had helped the organisation achieve the milestone of conducting 4,000 voluntary blood donation camps.

The felicitation programme also highlighted the contribution of people working behind the scenes, including blood bank personnel, camp coordinators and volunteers, who play an important role in organising donation drives and ensuring the availability of safe blood.

TSCS reiterated its commitment to expanding voluntary blood donation programmes, creating greater public awareness about regular blood donation and continuing its support for individuals living with Thalassemia and Sickle Cell disorders.

Star Fitness Studio to Open 5th Branch at Boduppal



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Star Fitness Studio is set to inaugurate its fifth branch at Boduppal on October 4 th. The new fitness studio is located at Peerzadiguda, Boduppal.

The inauguration ceremony will be attended by Naini Rajender Reddy, MLA, West Warangal Assembly Constituency, Hanamkonda District, and Malla Reddy, MLA, Medchal, along with fitness enthusiasts and well-wishers.The new branch aims to provide quality fitness, bodybuilding and training facilities to people in Boduppal and surrounding areas. The opening of the fifth branch marks another important milestone in the growth of Star Fitness Studio.

Bhagyashrii Borse pens heartfelt note for Mohanlal during 'Operation Ganga' shoot

Actress Bhagyashrii Borse, who plays the female lead in actor Mohanlal's upcoming film, 'Operation Ganga', has now told the Malayalam superstar that it felt like a blessing to be his co-actor.

Taking to her Instagram page to post a picture of herself with her 'Operation Ganga' co-star Mohanlal, she wrote, "Dearest @mohanlal sir, To be your co-actor feels like a blessing. Every day of shoot, I get to see cinema through your eyes and learn from you.. you are truly gifted sir. #OperationGanga #AgentOnDuty."

Sources close to the unit of 'Operation Ganga' said that the crew was in Georgia filming some important sequences for the film.

For the unaware, the film, which is being directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, was tentatively being referred to as L367 before being titled 'Operation Ganga'. 'Operation Ganga' refers to India's evacuation mission



launched to bring back Indian citizens, including thousands of students, who were stranded in Ukraine following the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war.

'Operation Ganga', which has the tagline 'A Nation's Promise' will be a film on one of the most daring and intriguing operations on international borders by India.

Apart from Malayalam superstar Mohanlal and Bhagyashrii Borse, the film will also feature Bollywood star Arjun Rampal and actors Parthiban & Adil Hussain in pivotal roles.

The film is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, who is best known for having directed the devotional blockbuster 'Meppadiyan'.

'Operation Ganga' also boasts of an extraordinarily talented technical team. The technical crew includes cinematographer Miroslaw Kuba Brozek, known for having shot the blockbusters 'Pushpa 1' and 'Pushpa 2' and production designer Rajeevan, who is best known for having worked in critically acclaimed films such as 'GOAT', 'Meiyazhagan', 'Amaran' and 'Kathanar'. The film will have its stunts choreographed by action director Sea Young Oh, known for his work in 'Dhurandhar' and 'Kill'. Music composer Shashwat Sachdev, following the success of the pan-Indian film 'Dhurandhar', is scoring the music for 'Operation Ganga'.

Produced by Gokulam Gopalan under the banner of Sree Gokulam Movies, Operation Ganga's crew also includes editor Shameer Mohammed and sound designer Bishwadeep Chatterjee, best known for his work in 'Dhurandhar', 'Uri', '3 Idiots' and 'Padmaavat'.

Rishab Rikhiram Sharma Makes History With Sold-Out Royal Albert Hall Debut



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Acclaimed sitarist, music producer and mental health advocate Rishab Rikhiram Sharma cemented his status as a global classical music trailblazer with a historic debut at the iconic Royal Albert Hall. Performing to a completely sold-out arena of 5,000+ attendees, Sharma became the first sitarist of his generation to grace this legendary stage, bridging centuries-old Indian classical tradition with modern contemporary production. Vedanta's Anil Agarwal and Bollywood actress Neha Sharma were spotted in the audience.

Presented by Metropolis Music and Live Nation, the performance was a monumental milestone for the globally renowned Sitar for Mental Health initiative. The evening seamlessly moved the audience through a profound spectrum of emotion, stillness and sonic power. Alongside his celebrated ambient tracks like Chanakya, Tandavam, Shiv Kailash, Roslyn and The Burning Ghat, Sharma stunned the audience with a breathtaking cinematic sitar rendition of the Christopher Nolan's Interstellar theme and a brand-new evocative Diwali single called Rama Rama. The immersive setlist was accompanied by guided breathwork and meditation.

Beyond the auditory experience, the performance was a visual masterclass in structural storytelling and ancestral heritage, reflected deeply through Sharma's avant-garde performance attire. Sharma took the stage in a bespoke ivory brocade silhouette by couturier Amit Agarwal. Functioning as a somatic bridge between ancient Vedic mysticism and contemporary expression, Sharma donned a hyper-conceptual, full-arm henna sleeve designed in collaboration with multidisciplinary visual artist Santanu Hazarika. Paying homage to the departed during the sacred period of Shraddh, the design featured a towering temple shikhara mirroring the cosmic geometry of Mount Meru and crows as earthly embodiments of ancestors. The artwork served as a holy conduit connecting ancestral blessings directly to his fingers, which trailed into fire patterns symbolizing Mukti. Encompassed by a stylized cosmic ring representing the unbroken circle of life, the piece masterfully wove Hazarika's signature graphic edge with the powerful iconography of Lord Shiva, seamlessly integrating the Trishul, the Naag, the third eye and the Damru.

CATC-XIII Begins at Pragnapur with 600 NCC Cadets



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 10-day Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC-XIII) under the Secunderabad Group, NCC Directorate (AP & Telangana), commenced at St. Mary Vidyaniketan School, Pragnapur, with the participation of around 600 NCC cadets from 48 educational institutions.

The camp, being held from October 1 to 10, brings together Senior Division/Senior Wing and Junior Division/Junior Wing cadets for intensive training, discipline-building activities and inter-company competitions.

The camp was inaugurated by Camp Commandant Lt Col Javid Hussain, who addressed the cadets and outlined the objectives and schedule of the training programme. He urged them to uphold discipline, unity, respect for seniors and compassion towards juniors throughout the camp.

Highlighting the importance of NCC training beyond drill and weapon training, Lt Col Hussain said the camp would help cadets develop leadership qualities, confidence and a sense of responsibility. On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, he also encouraged the cadets to follow the ideals of truth, non-violence and cleanliness.

The commandant briefed participants on camp security, safety during firing and adventure activities, health and hygiene measures, and responsible use of mobile phones. A Senior Under Officer was appointed as Camp Senior, while six companies were formed for various competitions, including the race for the CATC-XIII Champion Company Banner.

The training programme will cover drill, weapon training, map reading, field craft, leadership and personality development. Lectures on career opportunities, disaster management and traffic awareness, along with social service activities in and around Pragnapur, are also planned. The opening day concluded with barrack allotment, distribution of kits and an ice-breaking cultural programme presented by the cadets.

India Races To Asian Games Top-5 With Six-Gold Haul On Penultimate Day

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The women's hockey team's perseverance earned it a long-awaited gold as well as Olympic qualification, while boxers, archers and wrestler Sujeet Kalkal also exceeded expectations as India surged into the Asian Games top-five with a brilliant six-gold haul on the penultimate day of competitions here on Friday. India are now at the sole fifth position with 76 medals, including 16 gold, 25 silver and 35 bronze. The country has more medals than fourth-placed Uzbekistan (65) but lags in the gold count by four.

But India seems to be heading for a strong finish if the Friday show is any indication. It was the end of a 44-year wait in women's hockey when India defeated defending champions China 1-0 in the final to secure the gold as well as a direct qualification to the 2028 Los Angeles Games. Lalmremsiami's 10th minute strike was enough to close the day as brilliantly as it started when the women's recurve archery team clinched its maiden Asiad gold by shocking 10-time Olympic champions South Korea in the final.



The recurve trio of Ankita Bhakat, Kirti Sharma and 17-year-old Kumkum Mohod produced a composed performance under challenging conditions to stun the Koreans 5-3. In between, Indian boxers were quite literally the 'Lords of the Ring' as Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), celebrating her 29th birthday, Parveen Hooda (65kg) and Ankush Panghal (80kg) outwitted higher-rated opponents to ensure three gold medals.

It was the best gold haul in Asiad boxing by India and can easily be considered the among the best performances of all time by the country's boxing contingent. Sujeet's determination on the wrestling mat was exemplary as he took the men's 65kg category gold, defeating an Olympic champion en route to the title and erasing a massive 2-9 deficit in the final. Adding to the joy were the silver medals claimed by mixed and men's recurve archery teams and bronze medals from sailor Nethra Kumanan in women's dinghy and the men's quadrant team in sepaktakraw.

The late surge in the Games has bolstered India's overall campaign that had looked patchy due to the under-performance in disciplines such as shooting and badminton. The latter was particularly disappointing for failing to deliver beyond a men's team bronze this time.

Lalremsiami's superb reverse-stick strike in the 10th minute gave India the lead, but it was goalkeeper Bichu Devi's heroics and a defence that refused to yield that ultimately settled the women's hockey final against China. With the defending champions throwing everything at them, India absorbed wave after wave of pressure, putting their bodies on the line to protect their slender advantage and complete a memorable triumph. For India, the victory delivered two long-awaited prizes -- their first Asian Games women's hockey gold since 1982 and direct qualification for the Los Angeles Olympics, which was a key target for coach Sjoerd Marijne's side. The final began an hour behind schedule after the team buses of both finalists were caught in a traffic snarl caused by an accident unrelated to either side. But once the contest got underway, India made their mark early and then showed the resilience to withstand everything China threw at them.

Birthday girl Lovlina, Parveen and Ankush produced contrasting yet stirring performances in their respective finals. Lovlina and Parveen ended a 12-year wait by joining the legendary MC Mary Kom in the select group of Indian women boxers to have won Asian Games gold. Lovlina defeated China's Ziyi Bao 5-0 to upgrade the silver she had won at the last edition. Parveen then eked out a narrow 3-2 split-decision win over Paris Olympic bronze-medallist Chen Nien-chin of Chinese Taipei to claim her maiden Asian Games gold. Ankush then became the first Indian male boxer since Amit Panghal in 2018 to win an Asian Games gold medal. India thus finished atop the boxing medals tally, signing off with six medals, including three golds.

Gandhi Jayanti: Governor, Revanth Reddy Pay Homage at Bapu Ghat

New Digital Museum Showcases Mahatma Gandhi's Life, Legacy and Enduring Principles

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Bapu Ghat in Langer Houz on Thursday on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

The leaders recalled Mahatma Gandhi's enduring message of truth, non-violence and peaceful coexistence and paid their respects at the historic memorial. The programme was attended by several senior members of the Telangana government, elected representatives and top officials.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud, and Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Mohammed Azharuddin and Ponnam Prabhakar were among those present.

MP Vem Narendar Reddy, Government Advisor V. Hanumantha Rao, Government Whips Addanki Dayakar and Ramachandra Naik, along with several MLAs, also participated in the commemorative programme.

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Director General of Police C.V. Anand and other senior government officials attended the event.

As part of the Gandhi Jayanti programme, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy jointly inaugurated a digital museum at Bapu Ghat. The facility is intended to provide visitors with a modern and interactive way of learning about Mahatma Gandhi's life, principles and contribution to India's freedom movement.

The inauguration of the digital museum added a significant feature to this year's Gandhi Jayanti observances in Hyderabad. Through digital technology, the museum is expected to help visitors, particularly younger generations, connect with Gandhi's ideas and understand their historical significance.

The gathering at Bapu Ghat concluded with leaders and officials paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi and reaffirming the importance of his principles of peace, equality, truth and non-violence in public life.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations Held at LB Stadium



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Grand Gandhi Jayanti celebrations were held at LB Stadium in Hyderabad under the aegis of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) and Gandhi Pratishta Samstha. The programme marked the 157th Gandhi Jayanti with participation from several senior leaders and public representatives.

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Azharuddin and Vivek, Government Advisor V. Hanumantha Rao, Harkara Venugopal and others attended as chief guests. Leaders paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and recalled his enduring message of truth, non-violence and national unity.

The celebrations witnessed the participation of party leaders, activists and members of the public.

Gandhi Jayanti and Wildlife Week Celebrations Begin at Zoo

HYDERABAD
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The 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, with Curator J. Vasantha, IFS, and zoo staff paying floral tributes to the Father of the Nation.

Vasantha recalled Gandhi's contribution to India's freedom struggle and his commitment to non-violence. The 72nd Wildlife Week celebrations also commenced with a series of activities, including a Swachh Zoo campaign, online quiz and drawing competition. Zoo staff participated in cleaning and greening the premises. Around 86 visitors from different age groups took part in the drawing competition on the theme "My Favourite Animal."

Journalists Stage Protest at Gun Park Over Centre, State Govts' Neglect

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



A large number of journalists staged a protest at Gun Park near the Telangana Legislative Assembly in Hyderabad on Thursday, demanding immediate resolution of their long-pending grievances and protesting what they described as the negligent attitude of the Central and State governments towards the journalism fraternity.

The dharna was organised in response to the call given by the Indian Journalists Union (IJU) and jointly organised by the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ), Hyderabad Union of Journalists (HUJ), Telangana State Photojournalists Association and Telangana State Video Journalists Association.

Journalists raised slogans and highlighted various issues concerning their welfare, working conditions and professional security. The protesters urged both governments to take immediate steps to address the problems faced by working journalists, photojournalists and video journalists.

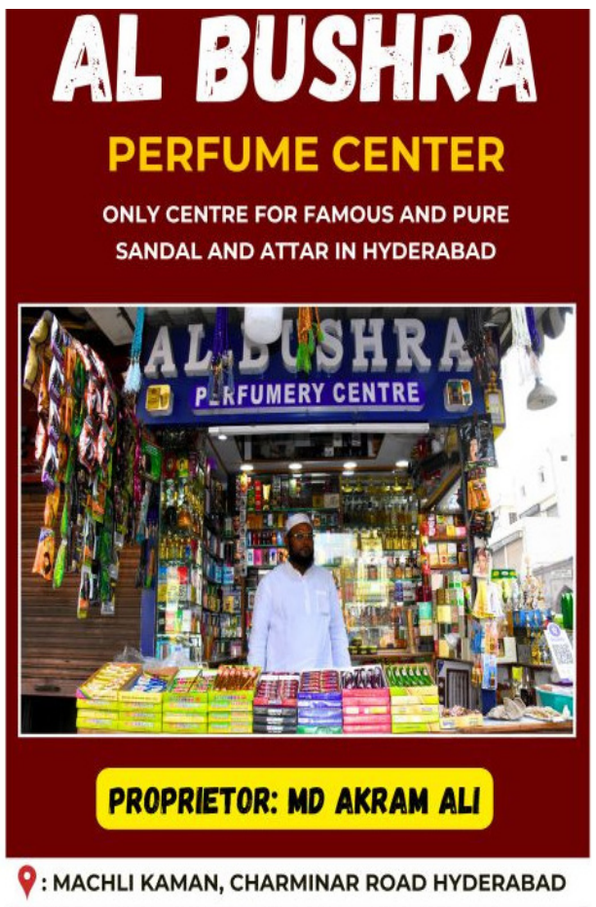
Representatives of the participating organisations said repeated representations regarding journalists' concerns had not received the desired response. They demanded that the authorities initiate discussions with journalist unions and take concrete measures to resolve the pending issues.

The protest brought together journalists from different sections of the media community, who stressed the need for timely government intervention and effective welfare measures.

The organisers said they would continue to pursue the grievances of journalists until appropriate action is taken by the concerned authorities.



The photographs show Preethi Munde of Indravelli, who bagged 'Miss Earth Water India 2026'.Adilabad MP Godam Nagesh, the collector Rajarshi Shah and SP Akhil Mahajan felicitating Preethi Munde at a function held in Adilabad on Friday.



Outrage over attack on woman doctor at Bhoodan Pochampally PHC

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The medical fraternity including associations representing doctors in Telangana, strongly condemned the assault on a woman doctor who was on duty at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Bhoodan Pochampally on Friday.

The incident, which was caught on CCTV and went viral on social media, has triggered widespread concern over the safety and security of healthcare workers, particularly women deployed in rural medical facilities across Telangana.

Expressing anguish, TGO Doctors Forum and TMPHDA president Dr. Katti Janardhan said that medical staff are quite often forced to work in fear without adequate protection in remote areas. "All our colleagues in remote locations work in vulnerable conditions at the grassroot levels," he said.

Condemning the incident, members of Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association (HRDA) said that an attack on a medical professional is essentially an assault on the public healthcare system itself. Highlighting the urgency of the situation, the associations have jointly urged the state government to guarantee a secure and fearless working environment across all PHCs and hospitals.

The medical associations demanded immediate legal action against the perpetrator, full-scale security deployment in medical institutions, and strict preventive protocols to ensure such safety breaches do not recur. The associations have urged the health authorities to act swiftly to restore confidence and protect the dignity and safety of healthcare providers serving the public.

Begumpet Police Station Observes Gandhi Jayanti with Grandeur

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Gandhi Jayanti was observed with due respect at Begumpet Police Station to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation and a global symbol of truth, peace and non-violence.

Begumpet Police Inspector Saidulu highlighted Gandhi's enduring message that difficult goals can be achieved through truth, non-violence and peaceful means. He said Gandhi's life continues to inspire people to uphold discipline, integrity and strong moral values.

Recalling Gandhi's three promises to his mother, Putlibai, before leaving for London, Inspector Saidulu said the Mahatma had pledged to stay away from alcohol, meat and immoral conduct. He urged people to draw inspiration from such commitment and self-discipline.

He also encouraged everyone to read Gandhi's autobiography, The Story of My Experiments with Truth, describing it as an important work for understanding the Mahatma's life and principles.

Inspector Saidulu said Gandhi proved that character, conviction and non-violence could achieve historic change without relying on wealth or authority. His philosophy of Satyagraha introduced the world to peaceful resistance as a powerful instrument for social transformation.

Congress Leader M. Balaswamy Seeks Blessings of Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on His Birthday

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M. Balaswamy, a Congress Party state-level leader and former Sarpanch of Chukkaipally village in Kollapur Mandal, sought the blessings of Telangana Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and his wife on Thursday on the occasion of his birthday.Balaswamy visited the Minister's residence and received the couple's blessings, marking his birthday with a gesture of respect and affection.Balaswamy, who previously served as a Municipal Councillor of Kollapur Municipality, has maintained a long-standing association with Jupally Krishna Rao and has been a follower of the Minister since the inception of their political association.

The birthday visit reflected the longstanding personal and political bond between the two leaders in the Kollapur constituency.Balaswamy shared photographs of the occasion on social media, expressing his happiness at receiving the blessings of the Minister and his wife on his special day.

NRR Accuses Cong., BRS Of 'Quid Pro Quo' Deal

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BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao on Friday accused the Congress and the BRS of striking a "quid pro quo" deal to shield each other's corruption, saying the public was losing out while the two parties traded blame. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office,

Rao said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent remarks on BRS leaders' assets and the BRS counter-allegations on Congress corruption amounted to a "you ate, I ate" fight that helped no one. He recalled the Congress promise to act on BRS corruption within 100 days of coming to power and asked why not even one arrest had been made so far.

Rao said the state government had failed on public issues and was using police to silence those who questioned it. He cited GO 190, brought as an alternative to the controversial GO 317 on teachers, and claimed that of nearly 4,000 eligible for transfers or deputations, only 100–200 had been covered. He condemned the arrest of teachers protesting peacefully near Gandhi Bhavan and demanded that their legitimate demands be met.

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