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Supreme Court Slams Ministry Grip on NCLT, NCLAT

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The Supreme Court on Thursday sharply criticised the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for its control over the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and its appellate body, saying it had “completely hijacked” the institutions and was impinging on their autonomy. Hearing a petition by contractual employees of the NCLT and the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), a three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana favoured giving the pres-

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CM Revanth to Investors

No Need for Doubts Over Centre-Telangana Govt Relations

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urged investors to not have any doubts or apprehensions over relations between the BJP-led government at the Centre and the Congress government in Telangana, asserting that they were supporting each other and working together to achieve their common goals for 2047. While the Centre was pursuing its Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, the Congress government in the state was working towards Telangana Rising 2047, with the state aiming to contribute 10 per cent of India's GDP by 2047.

Political differences would not come in the way of development or investment, Revanth Reddy told the curtain-raiser event of the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 in Delhi on Thursday, attended by Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal, industrialists, CEOs of global companies and representatives of industry bodies, “Many investors ask what the Centre-State relations will be like, given that there is a BJP government at the Centre and a Congress government in Telangana. Will this affect their businesses? I want to assure them that there is no need for such apprehensions,” he said.

Pointing to the Centre's support for Telangana, the Chief Minister said Union minister Piyush Goyal had explained the relationship between the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister in the context of development. The Centre had decided to establish seven high-speed rail corridors in the country, of which three had been allotted to Hyderabad — towards Chennai, Bengaluru and Pune. The Centre was also supporting the state by facilitating two new airports at Warangal and Adilabad.

From the Regional Ring Road and Metro Rail expansion to the Navy's low-frequency radar station and several other schemes, Telangana was receiving support from the Centre, he said. “In developing India and serving the people, there is no place for party politics,” he asserted, urging investors to focus on the opportunities available in the state rather than political differences. Emphasising the need for an investment-friendly administration, Revanth Reddy said, “I believe what cannot be measured cannot be managed. We need less government rather than more government to enable growth. My job is to remove speed breakers in your path to success.”

He said Hyderabad's competition was no longer confined to Indian cities. “My competition for Hyderabad is with New York, London, Tokyo, Seoul and Dubai,” he said, calling upon investors and industry leaders to help the government realise this ambition. The Chief Minister asked investors to share their best ideas and policy inputs, assuring them that their suggestions would be translated into government policy. Hyderabad, he said, possessed a global outlook and an entrepreneurial spirit, with a strong tradition of reforms and business enterprise.Recalling the city's investment history, he said governments led by different political parties had ruled Hyderabad since 1991, with leaders holding divergent political views, but all had contributed to and supported its investment story. He said this continuity demonstrated that Hyderabad's growth transcended party politics.

Modi To Launch ₹14,000-Cr Gujarat Projects

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bjected to decisions Prime Minister Narendra Modi will begin a two-day visit to Gujarat on Friday, during which he will launch development projects worth over ₹14,000 crore, release ₹19,000 crore under the 24th instalment of PM-KISAN and flag off two train services. The Prime Minister will also inaugurate Bharat Parv 2026 at Ekta Nagar, participate in the Narmada Aarti and attend Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations marking the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

On Friday, Modi will visit the Embryo Transfer Technology-In Vitro Fertilisation Laboratory and the Bharat Bovine Breeding and Research Centre in Banaskantha. He will then lay foundation stones, inaugurate and dedicate various development projects worth over ₹14,000 crore to the nation, besides releasing the PM-KISAN instalment and addressing a gathering.

TG Taps Artistes to Spread El Nino Alert in Villages



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The Telangana government will deploy Telangana Samskruthika Sarathi artists to spread awareness about possible rainfall deficits and water scarcity linked to El Nino, using folk performances, songs and street plays to promote conservation. Tourism and culture minister Jupally Krishna Rao directed officials on Thursday to organise the campaign, particularly in rural areas, encouraging people to conserve water and electricity and adopt farming practices suited to prevailing weather conditions.

Following his directions, the department of language and Culture allocated 18 Sarathi artists to Hyderabad district for the campaign. Officials said the performances would explain the possible effects of El Nino and precautionary measures in simple, accessible language. Reviewing preparations here, the minister asked officials to draw artists from other districts wherever local Sarathi artists were unavailable. He sought coordination between districts to maintain an uninterrupted schedule of programmes. Telangana Samskruthika Sarathi chairperson Vennela Gaddar and Department of Language and Culture director Narasimha Reddy attended the meeting.

Iran Closes Strait of Hormuz After Naval Mine Strike Sparks Tanker

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Iranian military forces have asserted full control over the Strait of Hormuz, declaring the vital maritime corridor closed to non-compliant commercial traffic after a tanker was damaged and set ablaze by a naval mine. Reporting on statements issued by the Iranian Army Navy Public Relations and senior commanders from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), state broadcaster IRIB confirmed that an unauthorised vessel suffered severe damage in the area.

"This morning, a tanker travelling in a restricted and unsafe area east of the Strait of Hormuz was damaged and caught fire after hitting a naval mine, preventing it from moving," the Army Navy Public Relations statement said. Iranian naval authorities explicitly linked the incident to navigation violations and cautioned commercial shipping against relying on security assurances from Washington."The Strait of Hormuz is closed to violating ships that intend to pass through prohibited
and unsafe areas without coordination and relying on the lies of the US President," the navy statement added. "These uncoordinated movements in high-risk areas pose and will pose serious risks to the safety of vessels and crews."

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BJP Gears Up to Counter Oppn on SIR

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The BJP prepared to sharpen its counter-offensive against the I.N.D.I.A. bloc’s campaign targeting the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, with party president Nitin Nabin holding meetings with senior leaders and Union ministers. At a meeting with Union ministers, Nabin asked party leaders to intensify their campaign against the Opposition's "narrative" on constitutional bodies, sources said. The discussions came ahead of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc's symbolic proceedings to "impeach" the CEC and its November 1 rally at Ramlila Ground in Delhi.

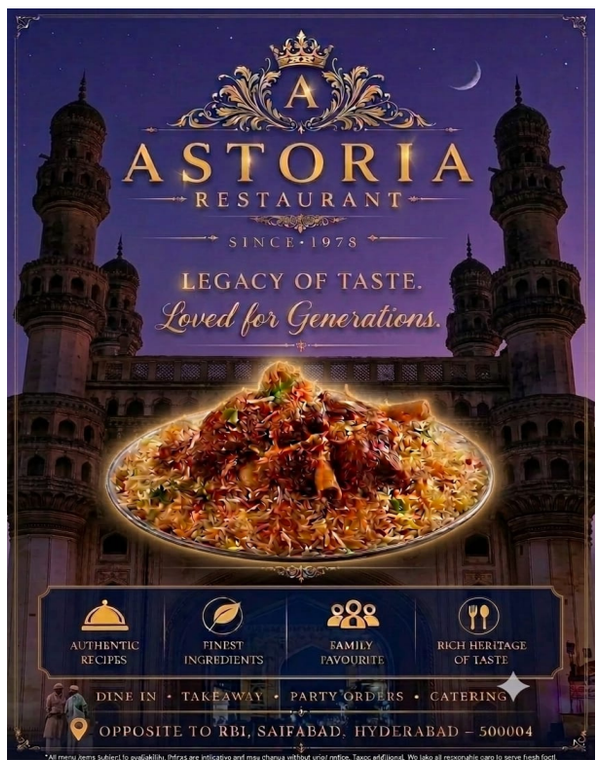
The BJP is pressing ahead with its "Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy" campaign, highlighting the importance of the SIR. Nabin, who addressed a rally in Delhi on Wednesday, is



scheduled to address another in Rohtak on November 1. Union home minister Amit Shah is likely to address a rally in Hyderabad on November 2. Earlier in the day, Nabin met the party's national general secretaries to assess efforts to counter the Opposition's campaign. Leaders also reviewed preparations for the forthcoming Assembly elections in five states and discussed organisational matters, sources said.

"Today, at the BJP headquarters, I held a meeting with the national general secretaries and had a detailed discussion on the upcoming action plan and various matters related to the organisation," Nabin posted on X. Union ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Piyush Goyal, Mansukh Mandaviya, Ashwini Vaishnaw and Kiren Rijiju attended the subsequent meeting, along with some national office-bearers. The party is also reaching out to prominent people from different fields to explain the importance of the electoral roll revision.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Rijiju dismissed the opposition's mock Parliament as having no significance and said opposition leaders should instead participate in debates in Parliament.



CBSE Skill Paper To Help Students Clear Class 10

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Thursday clarified the structure of its 2028 Class 10 board examinations, under which students will have five compulsory examination subjects and the option of an additional skill paper that can help them clear the examination even if they fail in mathematics, science or social science. The clarification applies to students studying in Class 9 during 2026-27, who will appear for their Class 10 board examinations in 2028. It will not affect the current Class 10 batch.

The five compulsory board examination subjects will be two languages, mathematics, science and social science. However, students will study nine compulsory curricular
areas, including a third language,
art education, physical education and well-being, and vocational education.

Cyclone Arnab Disrupts Howrah-Chennai Route: 36 Trains Cancelled, 30 Diverted

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Rail services on the Howrah-Chennai route were disrupted on Thursday after the swollen Bahuda river crossed the danger mark at two railway bridges in Odisha's Ganjam district following heavy rainfall triggered by Cyclone Arnab, officials said. As many as 36 trains were cancelled, 30 diverted and eight regulated or rescheduled as a precautionary measure to ensure passenger safety. The East Coast Railway (ECoR) cancelled 24 trains and diverted 22, while the South Coast Railway (SCoR) cancelled 12 trains and diverted eight others.

Eight more trains were regulated or rescheduled, according to officials. The Vande Bharat Express between Bhubaneswar and Visakhapatnam, the Bhubaneswar-Visakhapatnam Intercity Express and the Visakha Express, which connects Bhubaneswar with Secunderabad in Telangana, were among the trains cancelled, the ECoR said. The SCoR also cancelled the Shalimar-Mangaluru Vivek Express, Shalimar-Vasco da Gama Express and Howrah-SMVT Bengaluru Express.

Train services in the Ichchapuram-Jhadupudi section of the Visakhapatnam division were affected after water levels crossed the danger mark at two railway bridges along the route, officials said. "Thirty-six trains have been cancelled, and 30 others diverted to ensure passenger safety. Railway officials are closely monitoring the situation. Train services will be restored once the water level recedes and the section is declared safe for train operations," an official said.

Chief Secretary Anu Garg said the state government was in constant touch with the railways and had suggested that passengers
be taken care of, with road transport arranged for short-distance travellers wherever possible.

KTR tears into Revanth for prioritising Musi beautification over drought-hit farmers

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao tore into Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for prioritising real estate interests over farmers and drinking water needs, and aggravating Telangana's drought through mismanagement of water resources. He questioned the Congress government's push for a Rs 1.5 lakh crore Musi riverfront project amid severe drought, crop losses and power shortages.

"Who asked for beautification when crops are drying up? Did Rahul Gandhi or Sonia Gandhi ask for it?" he asked.

In a full-throttle attack on the Congress government on Thursday, Rama Rao said nearly 1,000 TMCft of Godavari and Krishna water had flowed out of Telangana without being adequately utilised. With 365 mandals declared drought-hit, he accused the government of failing to conserve water and aggravating the agrarian crisis.

He contrasted Telangana's situation with that of neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, which successfully diverted river water to avert drought. He slammed Revanth Reddy for allowing water to flow downstream while refusing to act on Opposition suggestions due to his sheer arrogance.

The BRS working president pointed out that farmers were being forced to use generators and water tankers to save their crops, while some had resorted to burning standing crops because they could not afford the expenses. Referring to four farmer suicides reported in Adilabad over the preceding week, he accused the gov-



ernment of ignoring the distress.

Rama Rao said the Congress's pre-election declarations for farmers, youth, women and other sections had given way to holidays for different groups after the party came to power. He said the government had failed to provide adequate support to farmers even as it struggled to ensure uninterrupted power and drinking water.

"Crop holidays for farmers, power holidays for industries, PRC and retirement-benefit delays for employees, and a job holiday for unemployed youth. People will eventually declare a permanent holiday for the government," he remarked.

Questioning the proposed diversion of 10 TMCft of water from Mallanna Sagar to the Musi, the former Minister said Hyderabad was booking around 7,000 water tankers a day while farmers faced an irrigation crisis and livestock lacked fodder. He asked how the government could justify spending Rs 1.5 lakh crore on beautification when drinking and irrigation water remained scarce.

Rama Rao also questioned the transparency of the Musi project, alleging that the public hearing on land acquisition had been conducted without meaningful public participation and that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) had not been made public, despite claims of an Asian Development Bank loan. He said the previous BRS government had completed sewage treatment plants at a cost of Rs 4,000 crore and argued that the entire project could be completed for Rs 16,000 crore.

He condemned the detention of BRS MLAs P Sabitha Indra Reddy and D Sudheer Reddy, MLC Dasoju Sravan and party leader P Kartik Reddy while they were attempting to attend the hearing. He challenged Rahul Gandhi to respond to the suppression of democratic participation in a Congress-ruled State.

The BRS working president accused the government of neglecting the Medigadda barrage, stating that there had been no adequate inquiry into reported pillar damage in October 2023, no repairs and no plan to resume water storage.

Konda Surekha withdraws remarks against KTR, expresses regret

HYDERABAD
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Taking many by surprise, former Endowments Minister Konda Surekha on Thursday adopted an apologetic tone and withdrew her comments made against BRS working president KT Rama Rao in October 2024.

The former Minister had held Rama Rao responsible for the divorce between actor A Naga Chaitanya and actress Samantha. Actor and Naga Chaitanya's father, Nagarjuna, had filed a defamation suit against the former Minister, prompting her to withdraw her comments. The remarks had triggered a political controversy in the State.

It may be recalled that the former Minister was dropped from the State Cabinet earlier this year after her daughter, Konda Sushmitha, alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was involved in large-scale irregularities and corruption.

Amid these developments, the former Minister took to X and adopted an apologetic tone. She said she wanted to clarify her position regarding the personal comments she had made against BRS working president KT Rama Rao in the past.

"In the context of the political situation at that time, while criticizing the opposition, I spoke in that manner, but it was not intentional. I should not have made those unsubstantiated remarks that I did back then," Konda Surekha said on X.

"I have absolutely no intention of hurting KT Rama Rao or his family members, nor any malicious intent to damage their reputation. If my remarks have hurt them or their family members, I regret that and hereby withdraw those remarks," she added.

However, the former Minister's remarks triggered speculation in political circles and on social media. While a few welcomed her gesture, others observed that it could be a ploy to return to the BRS.

An X user, Varadasa Kiran, asked, "Why are you apologising now? Do you want to join the BRS again?"

A few others suggested that being influenced by the Chief Minister and making baseless and derogatory remarks could land leaders in trouble.

NHRC Seeks Action-Taken Report on MVSR College Tragedy

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed three Telangana authorities to submit an Action-Taken Report (ATR) within four weeks following the fatal collapse of a lighting structure during a cultural festival at MVSR Engineering College.

The directions, issued on October 28 in NHRC Case No. 1051/36/9/2026, concern the October 17 tragedy during Sangamam 2026, in which two female students, identified as Sony and Meena, reportedly lost their lives and 12–14 others sustained injuries.

The Commission has forwarded the complaint filed by Sabavath Kalyan and Karupothula Revanth to the Ranga Reddy District Magistrate, Commissioner of Police and Telangana Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, seeking appropriate action and an English-language report within four weeks of receiving the communication.

According to the complaint, an overhead metallic lighting truss and its supporting poles collapsed during a Dandiya celebration, raising concerns over structural safety, event management and emergency preparedness.

The complainants have demanded an impartial investigation, compensation for the deceased students' families, medical assistance for the injured and accountability wherever negligence is established. They have also sought mandatory safety audits of temporary event structures at educational institutions.

Telangana farmers criticise delay in declaring drought-hit mandals, seek crop-loss compensation

Telangana has declared 365 mandals drought-affected for Vanakalam 2026, but farmers' organisations have criticised the delay, alleged exclusions despite crop losses and questioned contingency measures.

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Farmers and different farmer organisations have criticised the State government for delaying the declaration of drought-hit mandals and failing to assure them of compensation for crop losses. On Saturday, the State government declared 365 mandals across 31 districts drought-affected for the Vanakalam 2026 season. Of these, 111 were classified as severely drought-affected and 254 as moderately drought-affected.

The government said the remaining mandals would continue to be monitored by the State Drought Monitoring Cell. These mandals may be included in the list through a supplementary notification if conditions warrant. However, farmers' organisations have expressed dissatisfaction with the declaration, particularly over the delay in identifying drought-hit areas.

Several mandals have suffered severe crop losses but have not been included in the list. Talamadugu mandal, for instance, was excluded on the grounds that it had received normal rainfall.

Rythu Swarajya Vedika convenor B. Kondal Reddy said a single heavy spell of rain did not mean the mandal had received normal rainfall. Farmers in several villages under the mandal were in distress, he said.

The government has also not provided any assurance on compensation for affected farmers. The farming community is facing considerable hardship due to crop losses, and the government needs to instil confidence among farmers, Kondal Reddy said.

Farmers' organisations also alleged that the government had failed to implement contingency measures effectively despite warnings from scientists and weather experts about the adverse impact of El Niño since February this year.

Questions have also been raised about the government's concern for the farming community, particularly its response to the situation and the contingency measures adopted. Farmers' organisations said the declaration of drought-hit mandals had been delayed for reasons best known to officials."It is the last week of October. When will the State government initiate the second phase of drought assessment?" Kondal Reddy asked. He pointed out that the governments of Maharashtra and Karnataka had already submitted their drought assistance reports to the Centre, while Telangana was lagging behind.

GI-Tagged Tandur Red Gram Makes Maiden Entry into Australian Market

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Telangana's GI-tagged Tandur red gram, popularly known as Tandur Kandi, has made its debut in the Australian market, with the first consignment of 2.5 metric tonnes flagged off on October 28, opening new international opportunities for farmers in Vikarabad district.

The export marks a significant milestone for Telangana's agricultural sector, highlighting the growing global potential of the state's region-specific agricultural produce. The initiative was undertaken under the leadership of K. Surendra



Mohan, IAS, Commissioner of Agriculture Produce (APC), with the objective of expanding overseas markets for Telangana's agricultural products.

Officials said the export would enhance the international recognition of Tandur red gram and create opportunities for farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to access global buyers, strengthen market linkages and secure better prices.

Tandur red gram has received Geographical Indication (GI) recognition for its distinctive regional identity. Its entry into Australia is expected to encourage further exports and promote value addition across the agricultural supply chain.

The maiden shipment is also expected to strengthen Tandur's agricultural reputation internationally while opening new avenues for Telangana farmers to participate in global markets.

Mulugu Medical College Students Forced to Sleep on Floors Amid Bed Shortage

MULUGU
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Serious concerns have emerged over hostel facilities at the Government Medical College in Mulugu after photographs reportedly showed medical students sleeping on mattresses spread across the floor due to an apparent shortage of beds.The photographs show students' belongings and suitcases placed along the walls, raising questions about the adequacy of accommodation facilities at the institution.The reported situation has prompted



calls for immediate intervention by the college administration and health department authorities. Officials should assess the availability of beds and ensure proper, hygienic and comfortable accommodation for students.Medical students require adequate rest to manage demanding academic schedules and clinical duties. The administration is expected to clarify the reasons behind the situation and take corrective measures without delay.

TGSRTC plans new bus terminals around Hyderabad

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), as part of its plan to expand its public transport infrastructure, is checking possibilities to develop bus terminals in the city's suburbs.

Authorities are reportedly checking the possibility of developing terminals, including at the already announced Gajularamaram, Shamshabad, LB Nagar and Ghatkesar, with modern passenger amenities, waiting halls and parking facilities.

The State government is learnt to have also been considering around 100 acres at Gajularamaram and 150 acres around Shamshabad for the proposed terminals. The LB Nagar and Ghatkesar terminals will be planned based on passenger demand.

The terminals are also expected to serve as hubs for last-mile connectivity, with city buses, Metro Rail and MMTS services being coordinated to ferry passengers into different parts of Hyderabad.

Meanwhile, the government plans to introduce 2,200 new electric buses in the coming days, which will connect the proposed terminals with major parts of the city.

Further, as per the government's plan, interstate buses from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, as well as buses from other Telangana districts, would be restricted.

HAM Roads Project in Limbo, Roads Condition Turned Worse With No Repair Works

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Ministers and Congress MLAs are making a beeline to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy with a request to expedite road repairs, stating that the poor condition of roads was bringing a bad name to the government. They have pointed out that road works under the ₹18,006-crore hybrid annuity model (HAM) remained stalled even three months after the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone on July 28.

With neither the HAM projects taking off nor repairs to damaged roads being undertaken, the situation was worsening, they told the Chief Minister. Expressing concern over the deteriorating condition of the road network, they called for Revanth Reddy's urgent intervention to address the problem. The finance department has not yet approved the ₹9,161-crore Hudco loan sought by roads and buildings department to pay mobilisation advances to contractors to begin works under the HAM.

The delay has worsened road conditions, particularly on routes connecting district headquarters with Hyderabad and with mandal headquarters. Heavy rain, floods and inadequate maintenance since 2022 have further damaged roads, causing hardship to commuters and increasing accident risks. Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy reportedly took up the issue with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and sought his intervention in resolving the issue with finance department.

Under HAM, the government has decided to develop 6,092.37 km of R&B roads at a cost of ₹13,006.27 crore across 441 roads in 34 packages. Another 18,472 km of panchayat raj roads were to be developed at a cost of ₹6,000 crore. The government was to bear 40 per cent of the project cost, while contractors would finance the remaining 60 per cent through bank loans. The government's share would be paid as mobilisation advances, and the contractors' investment repaid through 30 semi-annual annuities over 15 years. Construction was scheduled to take 30 months, followed by 15 years of maintenance, with Phase-I works targeted for completion by March 2029.

To mobilise its share for the R&B projects, the department sought a ₹9,161-crore loan from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (Hudco). Hudco agreed to extend the loan with a government guarantee, and an agreement was signed with the Road Development Corporation (RDC) recently. However, the approval remained pending with the finance department, official sources said. Sources added that Hudco offered interest rates of 8.6 per cent for the portion repayable within five years and 9.1 per cent for the amount repayable over 15 years. The finance department reportedly sought a uniform rate of 8.6 per cent for the entire loan and asked the R&B department and RDC to negotiate with Hudco. They sought a revision, but there is no response from HUDCO, they said. Without mobilisation advances, contractors have refused to commence work, leaving the projects stalled despite the award of contracts. The funding impasse has also disrupted routine maintenance.

Karimnagar Home Guard Saves Life Of Aged Man

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

Harish Rao alleges conspiracy to damage Mallanna Sagar bund

Harish Rao Alleges Unauthorised Blasting Near Mallanna Sagar, Cites House Cracks and Leakage Concerns

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Former minister and BRS MLA T. Harish Rao has raised serious concerns over alleged unauthorised blasting near the Mallanna Sagar reservoir bund, warning that the activity could potentially threaten the safety of the major irrigation project.

Harish Rao alleged that blasting operations were being carried out within 100 metres of the reservoir bund without obtaining mandatory permissions from the Irrigation Department, police or the concerned gram panchayat. He questioned how such activities could be permitted so close to a critical irrigation structure.

According to the BRS leader, the impact of the explosions has reportedly caused cracks in houses in a nearby village located nearly one kilometre from the blasting site. He also pointed to complaints from local residents about alleged water leakage from the reservoir bund following the blasting activity.



"Blasting is being carried out close to the Mallanna Sagar bund without the necessary permissions. Residents are reporting damage to houses and leakage from the bund," Harish Rao alleged.

Expressing concern over the possible consequences, he questioned the purpose of the blasting operations and demanded accountability from the officials responsible for monitoring activities around the reservoir.

Drawing a comparison with the damage reported at the Medigadda barrage, Harish Rao questioned whether Mallanna Sagar could face similar structural problems if the alleged activities were allowed to continue without proper scrutiny.

The allegations have triggered concerns over reservoir safety, construction regulations and the protection of communities living near major irrigation infrastructure.

Harish Rao called for serious intervention by the concerned authorities, emphasising the need to examine the alleged violations and assess any possible impact on the reservoir's structural integrity.

Official response awaited: The allegations concerning unauthorised blasting, house damage and water leakage have not been independently established. A detailed technical inspection of the bund, verification of permissions and an official response from the Irrigation Department, police and other authorities are necessary to determine the facts and ensure public safety.

KTR's sewage treatment plan aids HMWSSB's water supply

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A blueprint envisioned during the previous BRS government by the then MA&UD Minister KT Rama Rao to make Hyderabad India's first city to achieve 100 per cent sewage treatment has now come as a boon to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) in generating bulk treated water across the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) area.

Though Rama Rao had then proposed 31 sewage treatment plants (STPs) with a combined capacity of 1,259.50 million litres per day, the water board built 20 plants with a capacity of 1,106 MLD due to the unavailability of land. A senior HMWSSB official told Telangana Today that 20 STPs had been completed and were generating treated water.

HMWSSB Chief General Manager G Sujatha said a total of 1,872 MLD of sewage water was being treated and arrangements were being made to supply the treated water through the Green Water Tankers facility. The water will be supplied for construction, landscaping, industrial cooling, manufacturing, data centres and government agencies.

Of the 1,873 MLD of treated water, 1,520 MLD had been kept ready for supply to consumers in need from November 1. HMWSSB currently supplies treated water at Rs 25 per kilolitre, but there was no clarity on whether it should be supplied at the same price or free of cost, the CGM said.

The State government has proposed 39 STPs with a combined capacity of 972 million litres per day, according to a senior HMWSSB official. Of the first 16 STPs, 14 have been taken up, including two cascaded plants.

Work was under way on 13, while one was involved in a court case. Of another 22 STPs, 14 have been taken up, including eight flow-cascaded plants. Work was under way on 10, while four faced court cases. A 7-MLD STP is being developed in public-private partnership mode.

JNTUH Students Allege Continued Exclusion Despite High Court Relief

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Ten students of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH) alleged that university authorities continue to deny them access to classes and hostel accommodation despite the Telangana High Court suspending the disciplinary circular against them.

In a letter to higher education principal secretary Yogita Rana and the Telangana State Council of Higher Education chairman Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, the students said they had been staying in private hostels for 55 days, paying expenses despite being unable to attend classes.

"We are not in a position to spend thousands of rupees on private accommodation while being kept away from classes," they said, appealing to the authorities to intervene.

The students said the dispute began when they objected to a fellow student allegedly harassing a woman student.

Osmania University Conducts Women's Safety Training Programme

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Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram has stressed the need for behavioural change and transformation in societal attitudes to ensure women's safety, stating that laws and police action alone cannot address the issue.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the two-day #StandWithTraining of Trainers (ToT) programme organised by the Telangana Police Women Safety Wing at the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Osmania University, on October 29.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the collective responsibility of parents, teachers, students and law enforcement agencies in creating a safe environment for women. He urged educational institutions to promote gender equality, respect and responsible behaviour among youngsters.

Telangana Police Women's Safety Wing Director General Charu Sinha, IPS, called upon students to challenge gender stereotypes, respect personal boundaries and actively oppose harassment and discrimination.

The programme, held on October 29 and 30 under the theme "Awareness – Awareness – Action," will train over 250 participants in four batches. They will subsequently conduct awareness sessions in their respective institutions.

The initiative aims to reach more than 2,000 students and faculty members across Telangana within six months, creating a wider network for promoting women's safety.

Farmer lifts drain water by hand amid drought in Siddipet



HYDERABAD
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Necessity is the mother of invention. A farmer in Sheripally village has proved this adage right again by using the age-old method of lifting water bucket by bucket with a counterbalanced wooden pole, known as a shadoof, to irrigate his paddy field. The traditional method appears to have come to his rescue as the ongoing El Nino weather pattern has led to severe drought conditions.

A video of elderly farmer Kurakula Kanakaiah (61), who was seen lifting water from a village drain into his paddy field, went viral on social media on Thursday after some villagers shared it in WhatsApp groups.

Kanakaiah, who cultivated paddy on his one-and-a-half-acre plot, was finding it difficult to save the crop due to power cuts and depleting groundwater levels. When his borewell pumpset burnt out recently, a part of his field dried up. In a desperate bid to save the remaining crop, Kanakaiah decided to lift water from the drain passing close to his field by building a shadoof-like structure, locally called 'Gudu' or 'yatam', using a tree.

For the last one week, he has been lifting water from the drain with a bucket. As the drains carry water in full flow during the mornings and evenings, he puts in nearly four hours of effort every day to irrigate his field. The farmer wants to continue lifting water until the crop is ready for harvesting. Until last year, farmers in this village used to receive irrigation water through canals from Kondapochamma Sagar.

However, former sarpanch V Srinivas said the government had failed to lift water from the Godavari to Kondapochamma Sagar. Like Kanakaiah, every farmer in Sheripally had a story to narrate, as portions of their fields had dried up due to a lack of water and power cuts. The farmers said they had no hope of cultivating any crop during the yasangi season under the prevailing circumstances.

Aleru Voltage Fluctuations: Officials Plan Additional Equipment

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Electricity officials have confirmed voltage fluctuation problems affecting farmers and villagers in Aleru constituency and said steps are being taken to arrange additional equipment to improve the power supply.The issue has caused concern among agricultural workers and local residents who depend on a stable electricity supply for irrigation, farming operations and household needs.

Frequent voltage fluctuations can also affect agricultural motors, electrical appliances and other equipment.Following complaints from farmers and villagers, the concerned electricity officials acknowledged the problem and reportedly informed them that arrangements were being made to provide additional equipment to stabilise the supply.

The assurance has raised hopes among affected residents that the problem will be resolved.

Farmers, in particular, are looking for a permanent solution to ensure uninterrupted and reliable power for their agricultural activities.Villagers have urged the electricity department to complete the proposed arrangements without delay and take necessary measures to prevent recurring voltage fluctuations.A stable electricity supply is essential for agricultural productivity and the daily lives of rural communities.

The timely installation of the proposed equipment is expected to help address the concerns, although the effectiveness of the measures will depend on their implementation.Residents are now awaiting further action from the electricity department to secure lasting relief from the problem.

Ghatkesar Police Lodge Complaint Against News Reporter For Abusing Them

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A reporter was accused of obstructing police personnel from discharging their duties and verbally abusing a constable at the Ghatkesar police station.

Constable Vidyasagar lodged a written complaint with the station house officer, seeking action against the reporter.

According to the complaint, the incident occurred when police were conducting a confession-cum-seizure panchanama involving one B. Jaganmohan who was booked for cheating. The constable alleged that the reporter and some others entered the technical team room at the police station and attempted to meet the accused. When police personnel asked them to meet the accused one at a time and avoid disrupting official work, the reporter raised his voice and used objectionable language against the constable. The policeman alleged that the reporter had no permission or instructions from the admin sub-inspector Shekar to meet.

Rural Telangana Girl Secures MBBS Seat; BRS Leaders Felicitate Her for Remarkable Achievement

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A young woman from a remote rural area of Sangareddy district has achieved a significant milestone by securing an MBBS seat, bringing pride to her family and village. Her achievement has drawn appreciation from local BRS leaders, who felicitated her for her academic success and determination.

The student, hailing from Mandal Peddaloddi, is reported to have secured admission to an MBBS course, marking an important step towards fulfilling her dream of becoming a doctor. Her success has been widely appreciated as an inspiration for students from rural backgrounds who aspire to pursue higher education in medicine despite challenges.

Former minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao felicitated the aspiring medical student by presenting her with a bouquet and congratulating her on her accomplishment. The interaction took place in the presence of local party leaders and public representatives.

Health Minister Directs Officials to Speed Up Two Major Hospital Projects

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Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha has directed officials and construction agencies to accelerate work on two major healthcare infrastructure projects in Hyderabad, stressing quality standards, inter-departmental coordination and timely completion.

The Minister reviewed the progress of the NIMS expansion project and the construction of the new Osmania General Hospital building at Goshamahal during a high-level meeting at the Secretariat on Thursday.

During the review, officials informed him that 80 per cent of the building works under the NIMS expansion project had been completed, while construction of the new Osmania General Hospital building had reached 23 per cent completion.

Expressing the government's commitment to strengthening public healthcare infrastructure, Rajanarsimha said both projects would significantly improve medical facilities and expand access to advanced healthcare services for people across Telangana.

He instructed the officials concerned and construction agencies to speed up the remaining works without compromising construction quality. He emphasised that all activities must be carried out according to approved plans and within the stipulated timelines.

The Minister also stressed the importance of coordination between different government departments and executing agencies to resolve administrative and technical hurdles without delay. He directed officials to regularly monitor construction progress, identify bottlenecks and take immediate corrective measures wherever necessary.

Rajanarsimha reiterated that the state government was giving priority to strengthening government hospitals and improving healthcare infrastructure to ensure better medical services for the public.

He called upon all departments and construction agencies involved in the projects to work collectively and avoid unnecessary delays, ensuring that the facilities become operational as planned.

Principal Secretary to the Health Department Christina Z. Chongthu, Hyderabad District Collector.

PM Modi Reviews Rs 16,000 Crore Projects at 54th PRAGATI

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the 54th PRAGATI meeting focused on expediting infrastructure projects, accelerating railway station redevelopment, strengthening self-reliance in pharmaceutical manufacturing and empowering local artisans and businesses through Ekta Malls.In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister said he chaired the meeting on Wednesday, during which projects worth more than Rs 16,000 crore across 31 states and union territories were reviewed.Chaired the 54th PRAGATI meeting yesterday. The focus areas: Reviewed projects worth over Rs. 16,000 crore across 31 States and UTs. Faster redevelopment of railway stations as multimodal hubs.



Boosting self-reliance in pharma manufacturing. Ekta Malls to empower artisans and local businesses. The focus is clear…substantive outcomes, timely execution and long lasting benefits for people," PM Modi said.The meeting was held at Seva Teerth under the PRAGATI platform, which stands for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation. The information and communications technology-enabled, multi-modal platform brings together the Central and State governments to address implementation bottlenecks and improve the delivery of infrastructure projects and welfare schemes. During the meeting, PM Modi reviewed infrastructure projects related to the Railways, Ekta Malls and Bulk Drug Parks across 31 states and union territories. He emphasised the importance of adhering to timelines, improving inter-agency coordination and resolving implementation-related issues promptly.On the PM Ekta Malls initiative, the Prime Minister said the facilities should provide markets for local products, strengthen artisans' livelihoods and help them expand their businesses. He called for linking the malls with tourism and local enterprises, noting that increased demand could generate employment in rural production, packaging, storage and transportation.He also stressed the need for Chief Secretaries to regularly review the progress of these projects and ensure their timely completion.Reviewing the Bulk Drug Parks in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, PM Modi emphasised prioritising domestic production of active pharmaceutical ingredients and other essential pharmaceutical inputs to strengthen the country's self-reliance in drug manufacturing.The Prime Minister also asked Chief Secretaries to hold monthly reviews of government schemes with District Magistrates to identify implementation gaps and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive benefits on time. He stressed that governance should prioritise outcomes over expenditure, ensuring that public funds translate into tangible improvements in people's lives.

Rahul urges people to join 'Chalo Dilli' march to 'save democracy'

NEW DELHI
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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday, October 29, asserted that the opposition INDIA bloc's November 1 march is to save democracy, put an end to "vote theft", and protect the Constitution, as he urged student groups, regardless of their political affiliation, to join it.In a video on X, Gandhi said it is a singular protest for the nation.
The 'Chalo Delhi' Ramlila March is a march to save democracy, to put an end to the theft of votes, and to protect the Constitution," the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said.
This is not a march for



any single political party; it is a march for the very soul of India, he asserted. To all those who are fed up with Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and Gyanesh Kumar, and everyone who wishes to save democracy and defend the Constitution, I invite you all to join," Gandhi said.
Don't worry about police, don't worry about lathis.
The BJP will not have the guts to try any of their antics, he said."Come march with us – we will walk together to protect the Constitution, to protect the Indian nation," he said.I urge all student groups, regardless of your political affiliation – if you feel that India is under attack, if you feel you are under attack, your expression, your ideas, your way of thinking is under attack, come and join us," he said.
It will be a fantastic march, and it's a march for the soul of this country," Gandhi said."Looking forward to seeing all of you there," he added.
The INDIA bloc will be holding a "public impeachment" proceeding against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on October 30 at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's 10, Rajaji Marg residence, over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.After the public impeachment, there will be 'Dilli Chalo March' against "vote chori" culminating at Ramlila Maidan on November 1, and a rally will be held there.This is not a march for any single political party; it is a march for the very soul of India, he asserted.
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Cyclone Arnab: HM Amit Shah speaks with CMs of affected states

NEW DELHI
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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday, October 29, spoke with the chief ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh in the wake of Cyclone Arnab, and assured all assistance to mitigate the hardships of the people.The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had said in a bulletin on Wednesday night that the severe cyclonic storm over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and the adjoining Bay of Bengal had moved slowly at around 8 kmph over the preceding six hours and weakened into a cyclonic storm.It is very likely to move north-northwestwards during the next 48 hours and weaken gradually. It will weaken into a deep depression by midnight of October 28, 2026," the IMD said.Shah said teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) have sprung into action and are continuing



rescue and relief operations on a war footing.
In the wake of Cyclone Arnab, spoke with the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh and assured them of every assistance to mitigate the hardship of the people in the face of the disaster," he said on X."IMCTs (inter-ministerial central teams) will soon be sent to assess the impact and further assistance required. Government of India stands with the people with resolute commitment," he said.Shah further directed the concerned authorities to maintain close coordination with the state governments and ensure that all necessary resources are made available for emergency response and rehabilitation. He stressed the importance of protecting lives, providing timely assistance to affected families and restoring essential services in areas impacted by the cyclone. The Centre is closely monitoring the evolving situation and remains prepared to extend additional support wherever required.The state administrations have been advised to remain vigilant and take precautionary measures in vulnerable areas, particularly along coastal regions, to minimise the risk to human life and property. Disaster response teams are focusing on rescue operations, emergency relief, medical assistance and the safe evacuation of people from potentially affected locations. Authorities are also assessing damage to infrastructure, roads, power supply and other essential facilities.The proposed visit of the inter-ministerial central teams is expected to help the Centre assess the extent of the damage and determine the additional assistance required for relief and re habilitation.

Over 150 shops gutted in fire at Vasco market in Goa

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More than 150 shops were destroyed after a fire broke out at a market in Goa's port town of Vasco, officials said on Thursday, October 29.The major blaze tore through the market around midnight on Wednesday, causing extensive damage to shops and goods. No one was injured in the fire, they said.Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, who rushed to the spot along with local legislators and a state minister, said more than 150 shops had been gutted in the fire. The cause of the blaze is yet to be ascertained, he said.The incident is unfortunate, as vendors who had stocked their shops with essential items for Diwali have suffered major losses," the chief minister said.He stated the state government would provide financial assistance to the affected shopkeepers.Officials said firefighters brought the fire under control after more than four hours of operations.Eyewitnesses claimed there were three separate fire incidents in Vasco in a short span.The first fire was reported around 10.30 pm on Wednesday at a house on the outskirts of Vasco. A second incident occurred at a garage, where two vehicles were gutted.Minutes later, a major fire broke out in the town's prominent market, prompting vendors to make desperate attempts to salvage their stock.

Rain lashes Bengal as Cyclone Arnab turns into depression

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Rain and squally winds lashed parts of West Bengal on Thursday, October 29, as the "very severe" cyclonic storm Arnab weakened into a depression and lay centred over south Chhattisgarh and adjoining south Odisha.According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the depression is likely to weaken to a well-marked low pressure by Thursday evening, bringing heavy rain in West Bengal till Friday.It also noted that a fresh low pressure formed over the South Andaman Sea on Thursday morning. The weather system is



likely to intensify into a depression over the southwest Bay of Bengal as it moves in a west-northwestward direction, the weather office said.
The meteorological department has forecast heavy rain in South 24 Parganas, Purba and Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Bankura and Purulia districts in south Bengal till Friday owing to the effects of the remnants of Cyclone Arnab.Heavy rain will also occur over the sub-Himalayan districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar till Saturday morning, it said, adding that thunderstorms and rain are likely across West Bengal till Saturday.
The Sagar Island along the Bay of Bengal coast received 81.8 mm rainfall in 24 hours till 8.30 am on Thursday, the highest in the state for that period, according to IMD data. The other places in the state which received significant rain during the period are Medinipur (48 mm), Digha (46 mm), Haldia (36 mm) and Kanthi (35 mm).Kolkata is likely to remain overcast with the possibility of one or two spells of light to moderate rain on Thursday, the weather office said.The IMD has advised residents, farmers and local authorities to remain alert as
rain and gusty winds may affect normal activities in several districts. Waterlogging is likely in low-lying areas, while adverse weather conditions could disrupt road transport and other essential services.

New batch of IPS officers to be attached with MHA before probation

NEW DELHI
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In a first, a recently passed-out batch of IPS officers will be attached to the Union Home Ministry before proceeding on probation and subsequent posting in their respective cadres, officials said on Wednesday, October 28.The 78RR batch, comprising 151 officer trainees, including 16 foreign officers from neighbouring countries, recently completed Phase-I training at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), they said.Sources said a programme has been organised at Vigyan Bhavan on Thursday for the attachment of the 2025 batch (78RR) with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).Addressing the Dikshant Parade of the Regular Recruit (RR) batch of IPS officers on October 17, the Union Home Secretary had conveyed the message of Home Minister Amit Shah, emphasising zero tolerance towards terrorism, time-bound action and improved intelligence coordination.According to the Home Ministry's directives on IPS training issued in 2023, upon completion of training at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, "a probationer shall undergo such further training in the State to which he is posted and for such period as the Central Government may, in consultation with the State Government concerned, direct.Sources said programme has been organised at Vigyan Bhavan for attachment of the 2025 batch (78RR) with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

FROM FRONT PAGE

Iran Declares Strait.....

Reinforcing the closure, senior IRGC military officials stated that transit through the strategic choke point remains strictly conditioned on Tehran's demands being met. "The Strait of Hormuz will remain closed until Iran's conditions are met, under the control of the warriors of Islam," Major General Yazidi said, according to IRIB. A Deputy of the d the stance, asserting Tran's military position in the region.
"The Iranian people are a warlike people, and they made the enemy beg for a ceasefire," the official said. "The Strait of Hormuz is still closed, under the control of the warriors of Islam, and until the conditions set forth by the Islamic Republic of Iran are met, the Strait of Hormuz will remain closed, under the control of the warriors of Islam." Earlier in the day, IRGC dismissed claims by US Central Command (CENTCOM) regarding minesweeping operations in the Strait of Hormuz, demanding concrete proof rather than media statements, state news agency IRNA reported.
In an official statement published Thursday, IRGC Deputy Head of Public Relations and Spokesperson Brigadier General Hossein Mohebbi directly addressed US military leadership, drawing a parallel between current regional maritime tensions and historical shifts in global power dynamics. "Child-killing CENTCOM! The 1956 Suez Crisis lifted the curtain on the limits of British power; history turns at strategic chokepoints," Mohebbi declared, according to IRNA. "Prove the claim of minesweeping the Strait of Hormuz with independent evidence, not with statements!" Mohebbi emphasised that control over the strategic waterway is dictated by physical military presence on the ground rather than digital narratives. "The reality of the Strait of Hormuz is forged in the sky, on land, and at sea; not in cyberspace and US media war rooms," he added. Earlier on Tuesday (local time), US President Donald Trump said Iran had sought a deal with Washington but suggested that Tehran was delaying negotiations, adding that he would decide when to end the ongoing confrontation. While returning from his rallies in Texas, addressing reporters, Trump said, "It's a question of when do I want to end it... They've wanted to make a deal, but they like tapping it along. Maybe they're waiting for the election or something but that's not gonna help them."

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The court suggested bringing experienced government employees on deputation as an interim measure, followed by regular recruitment in phases with assistance from the Union Public Service Commission or the Staff Selection Commission. "The ministry wants to have complete grip; that's most unfortunate," the CJI orally remarked. Senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, appearing for the employees, said staff who had worked for six years faced removal following the award of a staffing contract to a private company.
She said she had instructions that the existing employees would, in all likelihood, be asked to leave on November 1 or 2 and replaced by staff appointed by the company. "They do have certain rights, even if they are on a contractual basis," she submitted, adding that the employees did not receive house rent or dearness allowances. Arora argued that the NCLT recruitment rules and the recruitment advertisement provided for regularisation. Removing the employees would be arbitrary and violate Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution, she contended, seeking protection against termination without the tribunal president's approval.
The CJI, however, expressed disapproval of contractual appointments. Recalling an instance in Bombay, he said contractual employees had run away with an original report, leading to the registration of FIRs. He also alleged that contractual staff were harassing judicial members. "Complete autonomy must be with both presidents of NCLT and NCLAT," he said. The CJI suggested appointing experienced personnel from government departments on deputation while the tribunals undertook their own recruitment. "Meanwhile, they should undertake their own recruitment in a phased manner. They should take the assistance of UPSC or the Staff Selection Commission.

CRIME

Fine Rice Adulteration Racket Alleged in Hyderabad; 25-kg Bags Reportedly Contain Only 22 kg

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telanga

Allegations of rice adulteration and short-weight packaging have raised concerns among consumers in Hyderabad, with police conducting surprise inspections at rice depots in Karmanghat.

According to the information provided by police, coarse rice (Doddu Biyyam) and polished ration rice are allegedly being mixed with fine-quality rice (Sanna Biyyam) and sold in the market as fine rice. The alleged practice raises questions about food quality, consumer protection and the possibility of customers being charged for a premium variety while receiving a mixed product.

Another serious allegation concerns the weight of rice bags. Bags labelled as containing 25 kilograms are reportedly being filled with only 22 kilograms, resulting in a shortfall of three kilograms per bag. If established, such a practice could cause financial losses to consumers and warrant action under applicable laws.



ACP Ravinder Reddy reportedly stated that the alleged racket appeared to be operating with a larger network behind it. The exact scale of the operation and the involvement of other persons, if any, will need to be established through investigation.

Surprise Inspections in Karmanghat

Police conducted sudden inspections at rice depots in the Karmanghat area to examine the alleged irregularities. The inspections are expected to help authorities assess the nature of the suspected rice mixing and verify whether the packaged quantities match the declared weights.

The investigation will be crucial in determining whether rice varieties were misrepresented to customers, whether packaged weights were manipulated and who, if anyone, was responsible for the alleged violations.

Consumer Safety and Accountability Under Focus

Rice is a staple food for millions of households, and consumers depend on accurate labelling, declared weights and honest business practices. Alleged adulteration and underweight packaging, if confirmed, could undermine public trust in the retail rice trade.

Consumers are advised to check the net weight, packaging details and purchase bills when buying packaged rice. Authorities may also examine samples and weighing records as part of the investigation.

Further details regarding the outcome of the inspections, the quantity of rice seized, any arrests and the action taken against those responsible were not available at the time of publication.

RG Kar Case: Ex-Panihati civic chief sent to 2-day CBI custody

KOLKATA
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A court in Kolkata on Wednesday, October 28, remanded former chairman of Panihati Municipality, Somnath Dey, to two days of CBI custody in connection with alleged tampering of evidence in the RG Kar rape-murder case, a senior official of the central agency said.The Sealdah Court granted the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) plea for his custody for further questioning, he said.Dey's custodial interrogation was necessary to investigate the alleged tampering with evidence and to establish the sequence of events surrounding the crime," the CBI official said.The agency is also probing allegations of evidence manipulation and the hurried cremation of the victim's body, he said.During the court proceedings, advocate Amartya Dey, representing the victim's family, opposed the former municipal chairman's bail plea, alleging that he had approached the lower court without disclosing that his bail

Govt portal CEIR helps Abids Road police recover 35 cellphones

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With the help of the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR), a central government initiative operated by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to block and trace lost or stolen mobile phones, the Abids Road Police managed to recover 35 stolen devices.Upon receiving complaints, the police entered the details of lost mobile phones into the CEIR portal for tracking. After receiving the

Murder Accused Held for Threats

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Police arrested a 25-year-old murder accused for allegedly threatening witnesses and pressuring them to give false evidence in court, besides threatening to kill their family members.K Sharath Kumar was earlier arrested in connection with the murder of Krishna Goud, a resident of Parveda village in Rangareddy district. Based on the deceased's mother's complaint, the Chevella Police registered a first information report (FIR).

The 65-year-old mother-Naregudem Anjamma, accused her daughter-in-law Rajeshwari and Sharath Kumar of having an extramarital relationship and being behind her son's murderThey were arrested and eventually released on bail.According to police, Sharath Kumar contacted the deceased's brother, Srinivas Goud, posing as a defence lawyer. Over the course, he gathered information and began threatening him to give false evidence in the court to secure his acquittal.When the family refused, the accused allegedly sent death threats through another mobile number.Sharath Kumar was arrested on October 26, produced before a court and remanded to judicial

EAGLE seizes Rs 70.39 lakh in assets in Warangal ganja case

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In a major development, the Telangana Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) has seized assets worth Rs 70.39 lakh in the Warangal ganja bust case.The assets were seized following the seizure of 147.3 kg of dry ganja, an Innova car, a Swift car and three mobile phones in a case registered at the Warangal Narcotics Police Station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act earlier.The arrested accused were identified as Nerella Sadaiah alias Sathish, Samala Sheshu, Kilo Somaraju and Munawar Ali. In a statement, EAGLE Director Sandeep Shandilya said, "As part of the financial investigation, police examined bank accounts, property records and other documents to trace assets allegedly acquired from illicit drug proceeds." The inquiry was conducted under Section 68F of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, which empowers authorised investigating officers to temporarily seize

Ganja use at GITAM Hyderabad: One more student tests positive

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Force has detained two more students of GITAM University for questioning in its probe into suspected ganja use on the campus, and one of them has tested positive for the drug, officials said.The other student tested negative in the urine screening, they said.The inquiry was taken up on a petition. During the inquiry, a 22-year-old student of the university underwent a urine test and was found positive for ganja, officials said.The matter was referred to Patancheru Police, who registered a case against him under Section 27(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The section deals with consumption of drugs such as ganja and carries a jail term of up to six months, a fine of up to Rs 10,000, or both. When questioned, the student reportedly told officials that he and some of his friends had been buying ganja in Nanakramguda.Some students had left campus Following this, a team of EAGLE visited the university and spoke to the official in charge of the campus located at Rudraram near Patancheru in Sangareddy district.Officials also questioned other students linked to the case. A woman student tested negative. Some of those whose names came up during the inquiry were either away from the campus or had already left the university, it was learnt.Two more students were then detained for further questioning.Both were counselled, officials said. The elder brother of the student who tested positive was also counselled. The student's parents will be counselled once they return.Meeting with anti-drug panel

EDITORIAL

PM MODI IS WRONG, PAPER BALLOT MLC POLLS SAY NOTHING ABOUT EVMS

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Dear Prime Minister Narendra Modi, you are wrong. An election to 28 Legislative Council seats held on ballot paper cannot settle the Congress' complaint about electronic voting machines (EVM), because it was never the same kind of election. The Congress allegation concerns the machines used in Lok Sabha and Assembly polls, where crores of voters press a button for a candidate of their choice. The council polls on October 23 involved none of that. No machines were used, because none could be. Voters in these seats rank candidates in order of preference, which an EVM cannot record, and only registered graduates and teachers in each constituency can vote. The electorate was different, the ballot was different and the count was different. Ballot papers were sorted and counted by hand, with candidates' agents in the room. A Congress defeat in such a contest saynothing either way about whether EVMs can be tampered with. Proving the machines are clean would mean comparing like with like, and a council poll of a few lakh graduates and teachers is not like a general election.

The Prime Minister drew the comparison anyway. On Wednesday, October 28, he posted on X, "MLC elections in 28 seats across 4 big states – Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Karnataka. Elections held using ballot papers. Guess how many seats Congress won?"The answer he was pointing to was zero. Union minister Pralhad Joshi wrote that the result was the same, whether by button or ballot, and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president Nitin Nabin posted that the Congress score on ballot papers too was zero.Late that night, however, sitting Congress MLC Abhijit Wanjari held on to the Nagpur Division Graduates' seat. He beat the BJP's Sudhakar Kohale by 3,271 votes in a city that houses the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) headquarters and is home to heavyweights Devendra Fadnavis and Nitin Gadkari.Who actually votes in the MLC elections Only two groups of people could vote for the 28 seats that went to the polls on October 23.The first is graduates. Any citizen who lives in the constituency and has held a degree for at least three years can vote in a graduates' seat. Being on the ordinary voter list is not enough, as they have to apply separately to be enrolled. These lists are drawn up afresh before each election, so even people who voted last time must sign up again.The second is teachers. To vote in a teachers' seat, a person must have taught for at least three of the past six years in a school or college in the state at secondary level or above. They too must enrol separately.That keeps the numbers small. For instance, in Bihar, the four graduates' seats had 4,92,594 electors, while the four teachers' seats had just 40,253.

A Legislative Council is filled in other ways too. MLAs elect one-third of its members and local bodies such as municipalities and zila parishads elect another third. The Governor nominates one-sixth from fields such as literature, science, art and social service. None of those seats was part of this round.How the votes actually work

Voters don't pick just one name. They rank the candidates by writing "1" next to their favourite, "2" next to their second choice and so on. Only the 1 is compulsory.To win, a candidate needs more than half the valid votes. For instance, in the Pune Teachers' seat, 51,511 votes were valid, so the winning mark was 25,756.Counting starts with the first choices. If someone crosses the 50 per cent mark, they win. If nobody does, the candidate with the fewest votes is knocked out and their votes are divided among the other candidates.For example, three candidates, A, B and C, share 100 votes. A has 45, B has 35 and C has 20. Nobody has crossed 50, so C is knocked out. If 12 of



UAE Property Expo to Connect Dubai, Ajman Developers with Hyderabad Investors

HYDERABAD
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UAE-based Global Edge Advertisements LLC will organise the UAE Property Grand Expo 2026 in Hyderabad on October 31 and November 1, bringing property developers from Dubai and Ajman face-to-face with Indian investors seeking overseas real estate opportunities.

The two-day expo will be held at JRC Conventions and Trade Fairs, with support from the Dubai Land Department and Ajman Land Department. The event aims to provide prospective buyers with direct access to developers, investment options and information on property ownership regulations in the UAE.

According to estimates shared by the organisers, Indian investors account for approximately 20–22 per cent of Dubai's property investment market, with annual investments exceeding AED 30 billion. Dubai reportedly recorded around AED 917 billion in real estate transactions during 2025, reflecting continued activity in the sector.

Hyderabad has emerged as an important market for overseas property investment, supported by its expanding technology and healthcare industries, entrepreneurial community and growing international business connections. The expo will allow visitors to explore residential projects across different price ranges and interact directly with participating developers.

The event will focus on investment returns, project credentials, payment plans, financing facilities, rental demand, ownership costs and regulatory requirements.

The India–UAE Real Estate Forum will also bring together government representatives and industry professionals to discuss investment opportunities and transparency in cross-border property transactions.

Rental returns and residency opportunities are expected to be among the key areas of interest. Organiser-cited market research indicates average gross residential rental yields of approximately 6–7 per cent in Dubai, although actual returns vary depending on location, property type, maintenance costs and market conditions.

The expo will also explain overseas property ownership rules for Indian residents under applicable Indian and UAE regulations. Under the Reserve Bank of India's Liberalised Remittance Scheme, eligible resident individuals can remit up to USD 250,000 per financial year for permitted purposes, subject to conditions.

Information on UAE Golden Visa eligibility through qualifying property investments, generally starting at AED 2 million, will also be discussed.

Global Edge Advertisements LLC CEO Raghu Pelakkat said the expo aims to make international property investment more accessible and transparent by connecting Indian buyers directly with UAE developers.

Established in 2010, Global Edge Advertisements LLC has over 15 years of experience in advertising, marketing and media services in the UAE. Through this initiative, the company seeks to strengthen business and investment connections between India and the UAE.

Prayers for the Speedy Recovery of K. Mary Pushpa



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A group of advocates met K. Mary Pushpa, mother of Senior Advocate Saleem Bhai and a retired headmaster, and conveyed their heartfelt wishes for her speedy recovery and good health.K. Mary Pushpa has played a significant role in promoting education among students irrespective of caste, religion, or social background. Her dedication to education and commitment to the welfare of children have made a valuable contribution to society.On this occasion, the advocates appealed to everyone to pray for her speedy recovery, good health, and long life. They expressed hope that she would recover soon and return to good health.Senior Advocate Jakkula Laxman, Advocates Ashok, Srikanth, Anil, and others were present during the meeting.The gathering concluded with prayers seeking Allah's blessings for K. Mary Pushpa's complete recovery, strength, and well-being.

Sanofi Consumer Healthcare Q3 Revenue Rises 12% to ₹2,631 Million

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Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited (SCHIL) reported a 12 per cent year-on-year increase in revenue to ₹2,631 million for the third quarter of 2026, supported by strong domestic sales growth and improved profitability.

The company recorded domestic sales growth of 19 per cent during the quarter, while profit before tax (PBT) increased by 22 per cent to ₹1,027 million. Earnings per share (EPS) also rose by ₹5.95, registering a 22 per cent year-on-year increase, reflecting improved revenue and profitability.

For the nine months ended 2026, revenue from operations grew 16 per cent to ₹7,280 million compared with the corresponding period last year. Domestic sales increased by 15 per cent, supported by product relaunch initiatives, while export sales registered 19 per cent growth. Profit before tax for the nine-month period rose by 24 per cent.

Commenting on the financial performance, Himanshu Bakshi, Managing Director of Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited, said the third-quarter results reflected disciplined execution of the company's strategy and the strength of its product portfolio.

He attributed the growth to increased sales volumes and market share gains across key brands. He added that investments in brand building, expanding distribution networks and strengthening engagement with healthcare professionals were helping the company reach more consumers.

The performance highlights the company's continued focus on strengthening its consumer healthcare business through established brands, wider market reach and sustainable growth.

Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited became a separate legal entity following its demerger from Sanofi India Limited on June 1, 2024. Operating independently, the company focuses on India's consumer healthcare market, with products across allergy management, digestive wellness, pain care and multivitamins.

Its leading brands include Allegra, DePURA, Avil and Combiflam. The company aims to promote consumer well-being by making self-care simpler and addressing everyday healthcare needs through its product portfolio.

'Zero Check Karlo Bhai': Piyush Goyal mocks Congress with AI-generated swipe at Rahul Gandhi

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday shared an AI-generated image targeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi after the party failed to win any of the 28 seats contested in Legislative Council elections across Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Karnataka. The image posted by Goyal depicted Rahul Gandhi as an employee at a petrol station. A fuel dispenser in the image displayed the names of the four states where the elections were held, while the meter showed figures reading "0.00", symbolising the Congress party's tally in the elections.Sharing the image on social media, Goyal captioned it, "Zero check karlo Bhai".The post was part of a broader social media campaign launched by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its leaders following the election results.The BJP used the outcome to attack the Congress, highlighting the party's failure to secure a

Amnesia and Fusion 9 Turn Into Halloween Hideouts on October 31



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Amnesia & Fusion 9, Level 5, Inorbit Mall, invites Hyderabad to its Halloween Party on Saturday, 31st October 2026. The city's biggest rooftop will be transformed into an eerie, after-dark playground where the skyline meets the supernatural.Guests will step into a venue dressed from end to end in stunning Halloween décor: moody lighting, dramatic installations and themed corners built for photographs. Every table will carry its own set of Halloween props, so the spooky mood follows guests right to their seats.What sets the night apart is the setting. From the rooftop, guests get an open view of Durgam Cheruvu lake and the illuminated Cable Bridge, one of Hyderabad's most recognised landmarks. As the bridge lights up against the night sky, it frames a Halloween celebration unlike any other in the city.The evening brings together music, signature drinks and food, and an atmosphere designed for friends, couples and groups looking for the most talked-about Halloween night out in Hyderabad. Costumes are encouraged.Event Highlights* Hyderabad's biggest rooftop venue* Panoramic views of Durgam Cheruvu lake and the Cable Bridge* Stunning Halloween décor across the venue* Halloween props on every table* Music, signature drinks and food through the night* Costumes welcomeEvent Details* Event: Halloween Party at Amnesia Sky Bar* Date: Saturday, 31st October 2026* Time: [8pm] onwards* Venue: Amnesia Sky Bar, Level 5, Inorbit Mall, Hyderabad* Entry / Cover: [1000 cover]* Reservations: 8181812345About Amnesia Sky Bar:Amnesia Sky Bar sits on Level 5 of Inorbit Mall, Hyderabad, and is part of the sukhdham hospitality group, established in 2013. Known for its expansive rooftop, lake and Cable Bridge views, and lively event nights, Amnesia is one of the city's go-to destinations for evenings out and celebrations.

Apollo AIMSR Holds White Coat Ceremony for 152 MBBS Students

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Chief Guest Dr. K Subba Reddy (2nd from Left), Director Medical Services, Telangana Region, Apollo Hospitals; inaugurating the White Coat ceremony of the 'MBBS Class of 2026' students of Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Hyderabad (AIMSR); today at RNR Auditorium, Jubilee Hills, as (L-R) Ms Aparna Reddy, COO, AIMSR; Dr. K. Manohar, Dean, AIMSR; Dr. Satyanarayana Reddy, Superintendent, AIMSR & look on.

Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (AIMSR) organised a White Coat Ceremony for 152 first-year MBBS students of the 2026 batch at Ravi Narayana Reddy Auditorium in MLA Colony, Hyderabad, marking the beginning of their journey into the medical profession.

Dr. K. Subba Reddy, Director of Medical Services, Telangana Region, Apollo Hospitals, attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries included AIMSR Dean Dr. K. Manohar, Chief Operating Officer Ms. Aparna Reddy and Medical Superintendent Dr. Sathyanarayana Reddy, along with faculty members and parents.

The programme began with an academic orientation session by Dr. Neetha Kundoor, Associate Dean (Academics), who familiarised students with the academic curriculum and responsibilities of medical education. Subsequently, the Chief Guest, Dean, senior management and heads of departments presented white coats to the students, symbolising their commitment to patient care, professionalism and medical ethics.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. K. Subba Reddy described medicine as a noble profession combining scientific knowledge with humanity. He emphasised that doctors must develop compassion, empathy, humility and accountability alongside clinical expertise. Highlighting the four pillars of medical ethics—autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and distributive justice—he urged students to respect patient rights, avoid harm and ensure equitable healthcare. He also encouraged future doctors to embrace technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics without compromising the human connection in patient care.

Dean Dr. K. Manohar, drawing on his 45 years of medical experience, highlighted three essential principles: sincerity, service and sacrifice. He urged students to treat every patient equally, uphold the principle of 'Do No Harm' and pursue continuous learning throughout their careers.

COO Ms. Aparna Reddy said the white coat represented trust, responsibility, compassion and integrity. She encouraged students to become not only excellent doctors but also responsible human beings committed to ethical healthcare.

A major highlight was the administration of the Hippocratic Oath by Dr. D. Nagender, Head of General Medicine. The students pledged to uphold medical ethics and serve humanity with dedication and compassion.

The ceremony reaffirmed AIMSR's commitment to developing competent, ethical and compassionate medical professionals who place patients' well-being at the centre of healthcare delivery.

Ahan Shetty's action drama 'Sanki' to go on floors in Bhopal on October 30

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Actor Ahan Shetty is gearing up for his next film, 'Sanki,' following the success of 'Border 2.'The action drama, directed by Tinu Suresh Desai, is scheduled to begin shooting in Bhopal on October 30. Written by Gyanendra Vasudev, the film will combine romance, intense emotions, and high-octane action. While the makers have kept the storyline under wraps, they plan to reveal more details about the project in the coming months.Director Tinu Suresh Desai, known for helming films such as 'Rustom' and 'Mission Raniganj,' has already reached Bhopal along with his crew to complete the preparations ahead of the shoot.Reports suggest that the title was earlier registered by producer Sajid Nadiadwala for a separate film, which was also reportedly associated with Ahan Shetty at one point. When Ahan expressed interest in using the title for another project, he is said to have personally approached Nadiadwala to discuss the matter rather than going through intermediaries.The matter was reportedly settled amicably, without extensive discussions or prolonged negotiations.



Nadiadwala is said to have willingly given up the title as a gesture of goodwill, reflecting his cordial relationship with Ahan and the Shetty family.Written by Rajat Aroraa, Sanki marks the directorial debut of Adnan A. Shaikh and Yasir Jah.The film is backed by We The People, Roaring River Productions, and Pals & Peers Entertainment. 'Sanki' is scheduled to arrive in theatres in the first half of 2027.Meanwhile, Ahan made his Bollywood debut with the movie "Tadap." He was most recently seen in the Sunny Deol starrer Border 2. Ahan had earlier spoken about the last scene from the film, which he didn't get to shoot with his father, Suniel Shetty.The actor told IANS, "That last scene that was there, unfortunately, we weren't able to shoot that together. But yeah, if I think about him being a part of 'Border' and then me being a part of 'Border 2', I knew there were always going to be comparisons.And then I also had that very special scene that I had to do that he had done in the first film. That made me very, very nervous. I'm not going to lie. I knew those comparisons were going to come. I knew that pressure was going to be there," he added.

Did Sania Mirza really donate land for masjid in Hyderabad?



HYDERABAD

Wakeup telangana

For the past few days, social media has been abuzz with claims that former Indian tennis star Sania Mirza donated a piece of land in Hyderabad for the construction of a mosque. The claim, which also suggested that the land was initially intended for a tennis training centre, gained traction across platforms, with several users sharing a picture purportedly showing former Indian cricket captain Mohammed Azharuddin laying the foundation stone of the proposed mosque alongside Sania. The viral claim even caught the attention of popular paparazzo Viral Bhayani, who shared the news on social media, further fuelling speculation.However, Sania's father, Imran Mirza, has now stepped in to put an end to the rumours, clarifying that the viral picture is AI-generated and that no mosque is being constructed on the land in question.Imran Mirza clarifies viral claims about Sania Mirza

Taking to Instagram, Imran Mirza issued a detailed clarification addressing the misinformation circulating online about his daughter over the past few days. Calling the reports distorted and fake, he specifically dismissed the claim that a mosque was being built on the land where the Sania Mirza Tennis Academy has been constructed. He also confirmed that the widely circulated photograph of Sania with Mohammed Azharuddin was generated using artificial intelligence.There is a distorted fake news about Sania Mirza that has been doing the rounds on social media for the last few days and I'd like to clarify," Imran wrote.Imran Mirza on daughter's philanthropic activitiesIn his statement, Imran also addressed the discussion surrounding Sania's alleged charitable and philanthropic activities, stressing that such matters should remain private unless she chooses to speak about them herself.He said that any social or philanthropic work Sania has undertaken in the past, is doing at present, or may do in the future is her personal matter. He added that nobody has the right to publicise such activities, particularly without Sania's own verification.

His statement read: "While Sania has every right to use any land bought by her or her family in any manner that she may deem fit, I wish to state that there is no masjid that is being built on the land where Sania Mirza Tennis Academy has been constructed."'"Any social or philanthropic work that Sania does now or in future or which she has done in the past is and will remain her private and per-

Hyderabad teen, who also won gold, in Guinness taekwondo record

RAWALPINDI

Wakeup telangana

A 13-year-old taekwondo practitioner from the city's Amberpet area is among 533 participants in a Guinness World Record for the largest taekwondo lesson.Armaan Nazeemuddin, a Class 8 student, took part in the record-setting session held in Hyderabad on August 9. The world record

Guinness World Records credits the record to Jayanth Reddy International Taekwondo Academy and Suman Art Theatres.The 533 practitioners performed for 35 minutes without a break at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium. The previous benchmark was 302 participants.

The record counts the number of people taking active part in a single taekwondo lesson at one venue, organised by one body. It is the second Guinness title for the two organisers together, after an earlier record for the largest karate display.Gold in Bangkok

The record follows a gold medal Armaan won earlier this year at the 12th Tirak



Taekwondo International Tournament in Bangkok, Thailand, his family said. The tournament was held at Fashion Island in Bangkok on May 30. It is organised by Tirak Taekwondo, an academy approved by World Taekwondo.According to his family, Armaan has won gold medals at several other international competitions in the past few years. His family and coaches said he has trained every day since he was very young, and credited his discipline and dedication to the sport for his results.Armaan's achievement has brought pride to his family, coaches and the local sporting community, highlighting the growing interest in martial arts among young athletes in Hyderabad. His participation in the record-setting event also underlines the importance of teamwork, discipline and consistent training in competitive sports. Coaches associated with the academy have encouraged young practitioners to pursue taekwondo and other martial arts to develop physical fitness, confidence and self-defence skills. Armaan is continuing his training with the aim of participating in more national and international tournaments and bringing further recognition to Telangana. His journey is an inspiration to aspiring young sportspersons who hope to make their mark on the international stage through dedication and hard work.Armaan's success story reflects the role of parents and coaches in nurturing young sporting talent and helping children pursue their ambitions alongside their education. Balancing school studies with regular practice requires commitment.

India's batting has transformed into a weapon of mass destruction

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India sealed a triumph in the T20I series against New Zealand with a crushing victory in the third match of the series. The three wins in a row gave India an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the five-match series. As soon as the Indian innings began, the two openers went on a rampage. Abhishek Sharma and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi just tore apart the Kiwi attack.The statistics that have emerged from the match are astonishing. By scoring his fourth century, Abhishek Sharma has now drawn level with Surya Kumar Yadav and Phil Salt in the number of centuries in men's T20I. Only Rohit Sharma and Glenn Maxwell with five centuries each are ahead of him. But Abhishek is only 26 now, so there is a strong likelihood that he will end up as the highest century scorer



in this format. Another interesting fact is that on eight occasions, Abhishek has smashed the first ball for a six. This has not been done by any other player in the world. Also, this was the second time that he slammed 11 sixes in one single T20 innings. Hitting sixes is like child's play for the prolific Indian left hander.India chased down a target of 199 in just 13.2 overs as Abhishek smashed a breathtaking 113 off 38 balls, completing his century in just 35 deliveries. At the other end, teenage opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi scored 45 off 19 balls to set up India's emphatic victory. The openers launched an extraordinary assault, taking India to 118 without loss in the first six overs. It was a bloody carnage that the New Zealanders will not forget in a hurry.Records tumbled like ninepins

The records tumbled over like ninepins in a bowling alley. India's T20 batting keeps finding new levels of incredible power hitting. India smashed 118 without losing a wicket in the first six overs, thereby setting a new record for the highest powerplay score. Then it reached 150 runs in 7.4 overs, which was another record in T20I history. Then, India completed the 199 run chase with 40 balls to spare. It was the fastest successful 190-plus chase in history.So, what makes India such a batting powerhouse in the T20 format in international cricket? India currently boasts one of the most explosive batting line-ups in world cricket. Many experts are saying that India's batting line up, especially in the T20 format, is the best in the world.Unlike the past eras, India's batting now extends deep down the order. It means that even lower-order all-rounders and pinch-hitters can change a game. The top-order and middle-order mainstays (such as Abhishek, Vaibhav, Sanju Samson and Tilak Varma) play with high strike rates and fearless stroke-making.India exploits the powerplay best India's top order is designed to fully exploit the powerplay conditions. India now relies on explosive starts to immediately dictate the game's tempo from the very first ball. Under the circumstances, one can feel only sympathy for the rival bowlers.

Hyderabad Police Blood Donation Drive Provides 560 Units to Thalassemia Patients





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Zaffer abedi

Hyderabad City Police have donated 560 units of blood to the Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Shivrampally, through special blood donation camps organised as part of Police Commemoration Week, extending vital support to patients dependent on regular blood transfusions.
The blood donation drive was organised at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) headquarters in Petlaburj and various police establishments, including locations in the Rajendra Nagar zone such as Falaknuma, Shamshabad and Balapur police stations.
Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand inaugurated the blood donation camp at CAR headquarters in the presence of Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, Joint Commissioner of Police Tafseer Iqbal and Deputy Commissioner of Police, CAR Headquarters & Training, R. Venkateshwarlu.
Representatives of TSCS, including Senior Joint Secretary Aleem Baig, Durga Devi and Jaleel, also participated in the initiative.
Addressing police personnel, medical professionals and voluntary donors, DGP C.V. Anand highlighted the importance of blood donation, stating that donating blood was equivalent to saving lives.
He appreciated the police personnel and volunteers for their enthusiastic participation in the humanitarian initiative.
He explained that several programmes were being conducted until October 31 as part of Police Commemoration Week to honour police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. He also highlighted the responsibility of police personnel, who remain on duty during festivals to maintain public safety, communal harmony and law and order.
Speaking on the occasion, Aleem Baig expressed gratitude to the Telangana Police Department, DGP C.V. Anand, Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar and all participating donors for their support.
He said patients living with thalassemia require regular blood transfusions throughout their lives and that the collection of 560 units would provide significant assistance in meeting their ongoing medical needs.
He appealed to citizens,

Charminar Zone Blood Donation Drive Sees Enthusiastic Public Participation



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Hundreds of people participated in a blood donation drive organised across six locations in the Charminar Zone on October 29, 2026, as part of the Police Commemoration Week celebrations.
The programme was organised under the leadership of Telangana DGP C.V. Anand, IPS, and Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, with an appeal to police personnel and members of the public to actively participate in the noble cause of blood donation.
Charminar Zone DCP Sri Khare Kiran Prabhakar, IPS, also donated blood at the camp organised at Rajasthan Bhavan in Hussaini Alam, setting an example and encouraging others to come forward for the humanitarian initiative.
Speaking to the media, DCP Khare Kiran Prabhakar said that blood donation camps were conducted at six different locations across the Charminar Zone, receiving an encouraging response from the public. Hundreds of donors, including students, volunteers and members of religious communities, came forward to donate blood.
He appreciated the enthusiastic participation of police personnel and the general public and expressed his gratitude to all students, volunteers, religious leaders and donors who contributed to the success of the programme.
The initiative aimed to promote social responsibility, strengthen police-public relations and create awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation.

Hyderabad Traffic Police Officers Visit Blood Donation Camps

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Ms. Kajal Singh, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic-II), Hyderabad, accompanied by Additional DCP C. Venu Gopal Reddy, visited blood donation camps organised at Banjara Function Hall, Road No. 1, and Majestic Gardens, Tolichowki.
During their visit, the officers interacted with blood donors and medical personnel, appreciating their dedication and valuable contribution towards saving precious lives.
They commended the voluntary participation of donors and the efforts of medical teams in making the blood donation drive successful.
The initiative highlights the commitment of Hyderabad City Police towards social responsibility and humanitarian service.

Future City Police Commissioner Tarun Joshi Donates Blood at Ibrahimpatnam Camp

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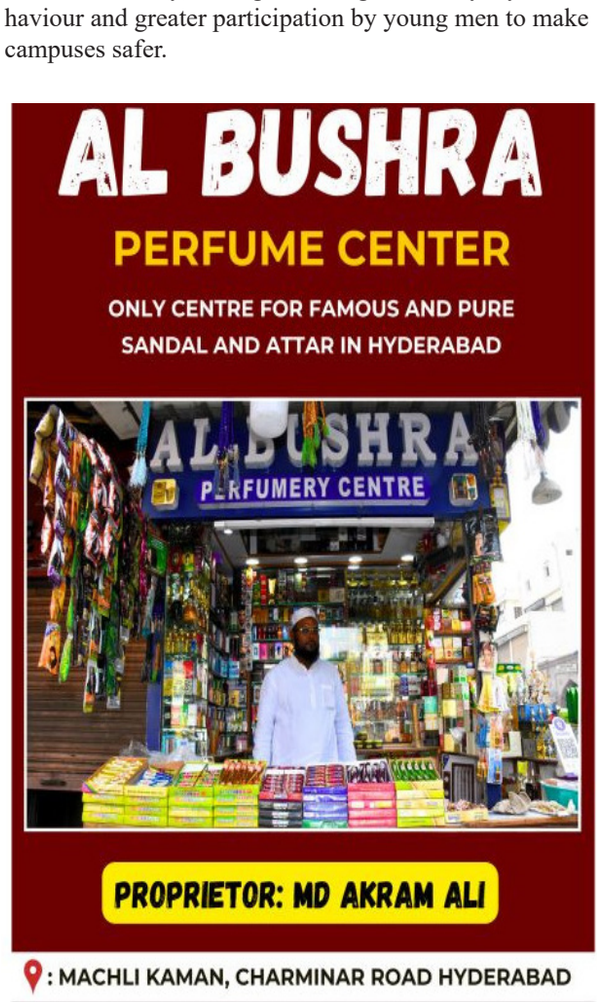
Future City Police Commissioner Dr. Tarun Joshi, IPS, personally donated blood at a mega blood donation camp organised by the Ibrahimpatnam Division Police at Shastra Gardens on Thursday, setting an example of humanity, service and social responsibility. The camp was organised as part of Police Commemoration Week–2026, under the guidance of Maheshwaram Zone DCP Sri K. Narayana Reddy, IPS,



following the instructions of Commissioner Dr. Tarun Joshi, IPS.
The initiative placed special emphasis on supporting children suffering from Thalassemia, a blood disorder that requires regular blood transfusions. The camp aimed to encourage voluntary blood donation and spread awareness about how a single donation can help save precious lives. Around 350–400 students from Guru Nanak Institute of Technology and Brilliant College enthusiastically participated in the programme, with students coming forward to donate blood for the noble cause.
Commissioner Dr. Tarun Joshi, IPS, joined several police officers in donating blood, highlighting the police department's commitment to serving society beyond its regular policing responsibilities. Maheshwaram Zone DCP Sri K. Narayana Reddy, IPS, Ibrahimpatnam SHO Sri Mahender Reddy, Ibrahimpatnam Traffic SHO Sri Jitender Reddy, all SHOs of Ibrahimpatnam Division, senior police officers and police personnel participated in the programme. Organised in remembrance of police martyrs, the mega blood donation camp carried a strong message of compassion, community service and the importance of voluntary blood donation, particularly for children with Thalassemia and patients who depend on regular blood transfusions.



Respect for women must become a social value rather than a response to the fear of punishment, Osmania University (OU) Vice Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram said on Thursday, calling for changes in everyday behaviour and greater participation by young men to make campuses safer.



15 New EVs Added to Hyderabad Police Fleet

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The city police received 15 electric vehicles, seven meant for response teams working for the protection of women, children and the elderly and eight for law and order patrol duties. DGP C.V. Anand formally inaugurated the EVs at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) headquarters at Petlaburj on Thursday.
Anand noted that patrol cars and Blue Colts vehicles in the police stations were engaged in regular law and order duties and investigation of other petitions. “It is in this context that special response teams have been formed to immediately enter the field for the protection of women and children,” he said. These EVs are designed with 40 kilowatt hour battery capacity and can travel up to 468 km on a single charge, the DGP said. Police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar speaking at the event, said, ‘Spandana' vehicles introduced to provide immediate relief to those in distress were getting a great response. Every ‘Spandana’ vehicle would have a woman driver along with a civilian woman constable and an armed reserve woman constable, Sajjanar said. They would be available round the clock.
In the last 185 days, these teams have attended to 8,903 complaints of which 1,900 problems were resolved through continuous counselling, Sajjanar said, Another 1,164 disputes were resolved through mutual compromise.

TGSCB Warns Public of Fake WhatsApp Message On Diwali Cash Benefit

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Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) warned citizens against fraudulent WhatsApp messages circulating in the name of the Prime Minister, falsely claiming that the Centre was providing a purported 'Rs 8,000 Diwali cash benefit’ for everyone. Police warned against clicking on the suspicious website link contained in the messages. TGCSB director Shikha Goel said the message was designed to mislead people by exploiting the festive season and creating the impression of an official government scheme. Such suspicious links may lead users to fraudulent websites that attempt to collect personal and banking information, facilitate unauthorised UPI transactions, or expose devices to malicious software, Goel said.
“The public is advised not to believe, click on or forward such unverified messages,” Goel said.
“The authenticity of any government cash-benefit scheme should be confirmed through official government websites and verified announcements.”
Net users should avoid forwarding such messages, as doing so may expose others to cyber-fraud. Anyone who has clicked on a suspicious link should avoid entering further information and take appropriate steps to secure their accounts and device, she cautioned. If an unauthorised financial transaction has occurred, the victim should immediately contact their bank and report the incident by calling 1930 or lodging a complaint through www.cybercrime.gov.in.
The TGCSB advises citizens never to disclose OTPs, UPI PINs, passwords, bank account details or other sensitive information on unverified websites. People should not pay any fee or provide banking credentials to claim a benefit advertised through unsolicited messages.

EC extends SIR timelines in Telangana and five other states

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Wakeup telangana

The Election Commission on Thursday revised the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Telangana, Maharashtra, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Nagaland.
The revisions follow requests from the chief electoral officers of the concerned states.
In Telangana, the final electoral rolls will be published on November 30 instead of November 9. The last date for disposal of claims and objections is now November 26.
The poll panel wrote separately to the five states and the Union Territory of Delhi about extending the timelines.
In Maharashtra, the deadline for filing claims and objections has been extended from October 26 to November 13.
The notice phase and disposal of claims will now run until November 25, and the final roll will be published on November 30.
The draft roll came out on August 31, and disposals had earlier been fixed for November 10.
In Delhi, claims and objections can now be filed until November 25, instead of October 30. Disposal of claims has been pushed from November 30 to December 15, and the final roll will be published on December 22.

Rising Industrial Accidents Call for Reforms in Industrial Regulations

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Wakeup telangana

Gaps in enforcing industrial safety regulations and a tendency among some manufacturers to prioritise production over worker protection are leaving factories vulnerable to fatal accidents, according to labour and employment law expert Khubi A. K. Agrawal. Though India has an extensive legal framework governing industrial safety, Agrawal, Lead Counsel at Vidhatri Legal, said its effectiveness depends on how rigorously regulations are implemented on factory floors. “Barring a few high-risk items such as boilers and pressure vehicles, which need statutory approval before use, most industrial machines in India can enter a factory without any mandatory safety certification,” she said.
“The Bureau of Indian Standards offers voluntary certification but for machines that can kill in a single use, voluntary is not enough,” she said, stressing the need for a regulatory mechanism to verify the safety parameters of operational machines. Andhra Pradesh reported 350 fatalities during the five-year period, while Telangana recorded 282. In 2023 alone, Andhra Pradesh reported 71 fatal injuries and Telangana 65. These figures cover registered factories and do not necessarily capture accidents in unregistered industrial establishments.



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