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SCAN FOR EPAPER

WEATHER

MAX: 32.0°C
MIN:24.3°C
RH: 84%
RAINFALL 7.5 MM
FORECAST: LIGHT RAIN LIKELY
MAX/MIN temp. 32/24°C

Satam Hits Back at Thackerays Over Tree-Felling

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BJP Mumbai president and MLA Amit Satam challenged the Thackerays and the Congress to visit 13 villages in Beed district to verify the BMC's (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation) alleged plantation of two lakh trees as compensatory afforestation for those felled during the Madhya Vaitarna dam project. Satam accused the Opposition of double standards and politicising environmental issues. Defending the Karjat project as a source of clean energy, he claimed that an equivalent thermal power project would require 15 times more land and dismissed allegations that the electricity would be supplied to Gujarat.

CM Revanth: KCR, Damodar Rao Eyed Miyapur Lands via Goldstone

Revanth Reddy said the Congress government managed to protect government lands worth Rs.1.50 lakh crore in the last three years

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday alleged that BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and his relative Divakonda Damodar Rao had conspired to grab prime government land in Miyapur worth nearly `50,000 crore through 'Goldstone' Prasad. He said the Congress government had protected the valuable 550-acre Miyapur lands by waging a relentless legal battle in the Supreme Court against encroachers, which delivered a landmark verdict on Thursday upholding the state's ownership claim.

Revanth Reddy stated that the Congress government had protected government land worth nearly `1.5 lakh crore from illegal occupation since coming to power in December 2023. He said the government would not allow public assets to become private properties of political families and their associates. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Revanth Reddy welcomed the Supreme Court verdict, describing it as a historic victory for the state and a slap in the face of the previous BRS government and Chandrashekar Rao. He thanked the apex court for upholding justice and protecting public assets, and said officials had already been instructed to take necessary steps to resume the Miyapur land following the favourable judgement.

He said the revenue department and HMDA officials were conducting a survey of the Miyapur land to identify whether any illegal structures had come up there during the last 23 years of litigation and how many acres were encroached. He said the survey would be completed in two or three days and would provide clarity on the extent of vacant land out of 550 acres. The Chief Minister alleged that luxury cars were offered as bribes to Damodar Rao to grab the Miyapur land, while Chandrashekar Rao received huge kickbacks in cash. He accused the former chief minister, his family members and other BRS leaders of attempting to grab valuable government land in Hyderabad and other parts of Telangana during their ten-year regime. Recalling his fight against alleged land grabbing by the Chandrashekar Rao family, Revanth Reddy said he had taken up the issue in his capacities as an MLA, MP and as TPCC president. The then BRS government had developed a grudge against him and sent him to jail out of political vendetta, he alleged. Targeting former minister T Harish Rao and his father-in-law Hanumantha Rao, the Chief Minister alleged that they had obstructed officials from surveying land allegedly encroached upon by their family in Siddipet. The family members approached the court and obtained a stay order to prevent the survey, he said. Revanth Reddy also questioned why Chandrashekar Rao and Harish Rao, who had filed cases over Padmalaya Studios and Lanco land in undivided Andhra Pradesh, had failed to take possession of the properties after coming to power. Instead, they entered into a collusive arrangement with the very individuals against whom they had earlier fought, he alleged. He said BRS leaders had levelled several false allegations against the Congress government over land encroachments despite their own record.

Cyclone Arnab Floods 1,000 Villages; Odisha CM Conducts Aerial Survey

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Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Friday conducted an aerial survey of cyclone- and flood-ravaged Ganjam and Gajapati districts to assess the extensive damage caused by Cyclone Arnab, as rescue and relief operations were intensified amid widespread inundation and disruption of normal life. Revenue and disaster management minister Suresh Pujari accompanied the Chief Minister during the survey. The aerial assessment focused on the extent of flooding, damage to houses, roads and other infrastructure, and the impact on agriculture and people's livelihoods.

According to government estimates, more than 1,000 villages in the two districts have been affected. While 299 villages across 22 blocks were hit in Ganjam, another 711 villages in seven blocks of Gajapati district suffered the impact of the deluge. Around 42,500 people have been affected in Ganjam alone, while approximately

Oil Tanker Hit by Limpet Mines in Hormuz, 27 Indian Sailors Safe

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A Panama-flagged oil tanker carrying 27 Indian seafarers was attacked with limpet mines in the Strait of Hormuz on October 30, triggering a fire in its engine room and temporarily disabling the vessel. All crew members escaped unharmed, and the tanker has since resumed its voyage. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal confirmed that all 27 Indians aboard MT LOUISE 1 were safe.

The crew was safe, there was no environmental impact and the fire had been extinguished, British navy agency United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations said in an advisory note, adding that the vessel, which it did not name, was continuing to its next port of call. The incident occurred on Thursday, 25 nautical miles (46 km) northeast of Oman's Khasab, UKMTO said. It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack.

The incident comes amid repeated attacks on commercial shipping in and around the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil export routes, since the outbreak of the conflict between theUS and Iran in February. Iran has hit vessels it says have violated its restrictions on passage through the strategic waterway, as it seeks to assert control over the strait and exert pressure on Washington.

This is the first known successful strike using limpet mines in the area since the beginning of the US war with Iran and followed a separate attempt in September using such devices which did not detonate, two of the sources said. "The apparent ability of a small craft to approach a transiting tanker, deploy explosive devices and withdraw presents a significant security concern, particularly in the Strait's congested shipping lanes," Greece-based maritime risk management group Marisks said in a note on Friday.

Uttarakhand Chopper Crash: All Six On Board Killed, Says Chamoli SP



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All six people on board the helicopter that crashed into a hillside in Joshimath have died and their bodies found, police said on Friday.The privately run chopper crashed about an hour after it took off from Badrinath on its way to Dehradun. The six people on board the Trans Bharat Aviation Pvt. Ltd.'s helicopter were identified as Capt. Himanshu and five male passengers -- Prathapa, Arun, Shankar Gowda, Sudheer K, and H S Natraja. All of them were from Bengaluru. The bodies have been found but not yet recovered, said Chamoli Superintendent of Police Surjit Singh Panwar. The chopper crashed into a hillside near the JP Power House near Marwari Bridge around 2.20 pm, officials said. Teams of the Chamoli administration, police, SDRF, Army and ITBP have been dispatched to the site for relief and rescue operations, they said.

Military Solutions Not Working, Give Diplomacy a Chance: Jaishankar at G20

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India on Friday said military solutions will not work in tackling global challenges and diplomacy must be given a chance to address such issues. Addressing the first plenary session of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also flagged the issue of attacks on seafarers and stressed the need to preserve freedom of navigation and ensure cessation of attacks within the framework of international law, especially UNCLOS.

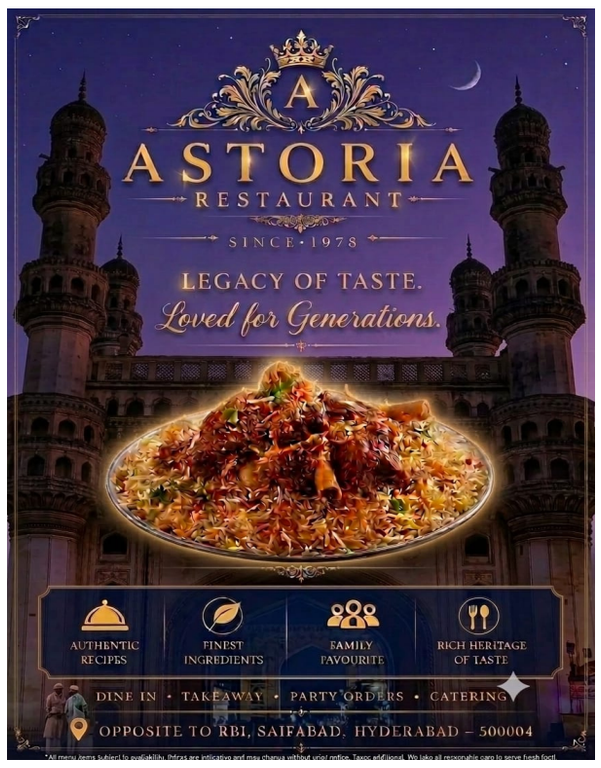
"Emphasised that in the face of global challenges, military solutions will not work and diplomacy must be given a chance," Jaishankar said in a post on X, listing out the points he made at the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting hosted by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Jaishankar's comments came against the backdrop of ongoing conflicts in different parts of the world, including the Russia-Ukraine war and tensions in West Asia.

Jaishankar said the right to industrialise is being denied through the flooding of markets, weaponising supply chains, constricting market access and encouraging market distortions. "This must cease," he said. The minister also stressed the importance of building resilient and alternative connectivity as the world de-risks and diversifies. "Tactical calculations should not lead to overlooking the dangers of terrorism. It is a high-risk activity which has come back to bite even the practitioners," he said.

Jaishankar said the Global South is disproportionately bearing the consequences of attacks on civilian shipping and seafarers, jeopardising the availability and cost of fuel, food and fertilisers. At least 22 Indians, including 14 seafarers, have lost their lives since the war began in West Asia in February this year. Jaishankar, who arrived in Atlanta late Thursday evening, interacted with his counterparts from several countries ahead of the meeting.

Opening the two-day deliberations, Rubio warned that the world faces a moment of choosing amid mounting economic and

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Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit to Take Over as New IAF Chief Today

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Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit will take over as the new Chief of the Air Staff on Saturday (October 31), succeeding Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who is retiring after a 25-month tenure. Outgoing Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh has already received three official farewells, including one hosted by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. His final farewell, marked by a ceremonial guard of honour, is scheduled for Saturday, his last day in office.

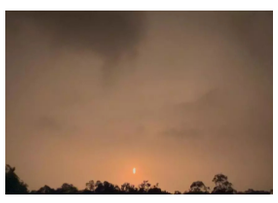
Air Marshal Dixit, who has been widely associated with efforts to promote indigenous platforms, including the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and other indigenous aircraft projects, is expected to further strengthen the government's Aatmanirbharta initiative in the defence sector.

Commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on De-

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ISRO Scores Another Success with Launch of Navigation Satellite NVS-03

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The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), working in its shortest-ever launch campaign, successfully hoisted a key satellite of India's navigation system with the textbook launch of a GSLV rocket from the spaceport at Sriharikota at 11.51 pm on Friday. About 20 minutes later, Isro announced that the second-generation navigation satellite NVS-03 was released in space as scheduled. The 2,250-kg satellite was successfully injected into its designated geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO), paving the way for its manoeuvring into the operational orbit. The GSLV soared into the night sky from the Second Launch Pad, leaving a trail of orange flames as thousands of people gathered at the visitors' gallery to witness the launch and scientists at the mission control centre cheered the successful culmination of the mission.

The launch, marking the 20th GSLV mission from Sriharikota, is a significant step towards strengthening NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation), India's home-grown autonomous regional satellite navigation system. NVS-03 is the third satellite in Isro's next-generation navigation satellite series, designed to ensure continuity, improve accuracy and enhance the reliability of NavIC services. The system provides Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT) services across India and a region extending approximately 1,500 km beyond the Indian mainland, catering to civilian, commercial and strategic requirements.

A major technological feature of NVS-03 is its atomic clock system, which incorporates an indigenous atomic clock alongside procured systems. The satellite will also introduce the L1

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VRS, long leave, central deputation: Telangana bureaucrats explore exit routes

Growing concerns over political interference and the possibility of future inquiries into decisions taken under pressure are reportedly causing anxiety among senior IAS and IPS officers in Telangana.

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Amid the growing political interference in administrative matters, the fear of being held accountable for decisions taken under political pressure seems to have made several senior IAS and IPS officers reluctant to continue in their current positions.

Many officers appear to be caught in a difficult situation. Clearing files under political influence could expose them to inquiries in the future. Refusing to clear them, however, could invite the displeasure of those currently in power.

The lack of resources, particularly financial support from the government, coupled with pressure to deliver results, is also pushing several officers to explore other options. These include taking extended leave, seeking deputation to central services, moving to corporate jobs and opting for a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). The decision of Principal Secretary S A M Rizvi last year to opt for VRS and Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan's plans to seek VRS have brought the issue into focus.

Some officers appear to be playing it safe by delaying file clearances to buy time and avoid political pressure. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has openly acknowledged on several occasions that senior officials were holding up files by raising various queries.

The Congress government has also initiated a series of inquiries into decisions taken during the previous BRS administration. Officials involved in those decisions are being examined as part of the investigations. This has increased anxiety within the bureaucracy. Officers fear that decisions taken today could lead to trouble in the future. They are concerned that a change in government could expose them to the consequences of decisions made under political pressure.

Consequently, there is a buzz in the Secretariat corridors that some bureaucrats would rather leave Telangana than continue working under the prevailing conditions.

Anxiety among officials over inquiries

Since coming to power, the Congress government has initiated inquiries into several major issues linked to the previous BRS administration. These include the Kaleshwaram project, power purchase agreements, the Formula E race, the Outer Ring Road (ORR) lease and the Dharani land portal.

The government's recent decision to constitute a committee of four IAS officers to investigate land holdings linked to BRS leaders, their family members and associates has also triggered considerable discussion in official circles. It is reported that a senior officer has proceeded on leave, citing an inability to work with a committee allegedly formed out of political vendetta.

Similar pressures persist

There is widespread speculation that senior officials are facing pressure to act against established rules. This reportedly includes granting clearances for land deals and bypassing prescribed procedures for the payment of contractors' bills. Apart from pressure from elected representatives, bureaucrats are also struggling with the influence of relatives and family members of political leaders.

There are also allegations that political heavyweights are demanding approvals even when regulations prevent them. Officials are reportedly being pressured to push through certain surveys and proposals despite their failure to meet established norms.

Waiting for the next year and a half

Against this backdrop, a few bureaucrats are understood to have adopted an unofficial pen-down approach. They have reportedly decided to follow rules and regulations strictly, regardless of the pressure they face. Their strategy is to avoid direct confrontation with the top political leadership while buying time through.

Telangana Contract University Teachers Demand Regularisation and UGC Pay Scales

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Contract teachers working across 12 state universities in Telangana have demanded regularisation of their services, implementation of Seventh Pay Revision Commission (PRC)/UGC pay scales and job security until their services are absorbed into regular positions.

The demands were raised at an all-party meeting organised by the University Teachers' Association (Contract), Telangana State (UTACTS), on Friday. The association urged the government to resolve the long-pending issues before initiating fresh recruitment in state universities.

Rajya Sabha MP R. Krishnaiah assured the teachers that he would take up their concerns with Chief



Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He pointed out that several states had already regularised contract teachers and urged Telangana to follow the same approach.

MLC Prof. Kodandaram also assured the association that he would raise the matter with the state government.

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao extended his party's support and said he would approach the Centre if necessary. TPCC spokesperson Indira Shobhan promised to represent the teachers' demands before the state government, while CPM leader V. Bhupal expressed his party's solidarity with the protesting teachers.

The meeting unanimously resolved to intensify efforts to secure regularisation, Seventh PRC/UGC pay scales and job protection until absorption.

The association maintained that contract teachers had been serving universities for several years and deserved fair treatment, financial security and equal service benefits.

The teachers stressed that fresh recruitment should not proceed without first addressing their demands. They appealed to the state government to initiate discussions and announce a favourable decision at the earliest.

Veteran Civil Contractor Mochi Swamy Passes Away in Pentlavelly



Veteran civil contractor Mochi Swamy, a respected member of the Mochi family of Pentlavelly village in Kollapur constituency, passed away at his residence on Friday morning after a week-long illness. He is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

The Mochi family has earned recognition across the Kollapur region for its decades-long contribution to civil construction, including roads, bridges, buildings, pipelines, water reservoirs and lift irrigation projects.Swamy and his brothers, late Nagappa and Krishnaiah, were known for their unity, dedication and professional commitment.

The family also contributed to infrastructure works associated with drinking water supply in Kollapur.Following his demise, political leaders cutting across party lines, local representatives, relatives, friends and residents of neighbouring villages expressed condolences. Members of the Thalka family also conveyed their heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

The last rites will be performed at Pentlavelly village on Saturday, October 31.May his soul rest in peace.

SBI Data Exposure Raises Concerns Over UPI Reactivation Difficulties

SBI Data Exposure Raises Concerns Over UPI Reactivation Difficulties; Lalaguda Branch Machines Also Out of Order

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The suspected exposure of State Bank of India (SBI) customer data has triggered concerns over digital banking security, while customers are reporting difficulties restoring their Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services. Adding to the inconvenience, both passbook printing machines at SBI's Lalaguda branch (Branch Code: 07112) are reportedly out of order.

According to customer accounts, some SBI customers whose UPI facilities have become unavailable are being asked to visit bank branches, submit written applications and complete verification procedures before services can be restored. These requirements are causing difficulties, particularly for senior citizens, daily-wage workers and customers living far from their home branches.

In a regulatory disclosure dated October 21, SBI informed stock exchanges that preliminary analysis of approximately 3.75 lakh records found 3,897



customer records containing personally identifiable information on the dark web. The information reportedly included names, mobile numbers, dates of birth, email addresses, residential addresses and banking-related identifiers.

SBI stated that it had activated its cyber incident response protocols and engaged an independent CERT-In-empanelled cybersecurity agency to investigate the suspected exposure. The bank also said there was no material impact on its core business operations or financial performance.

Meanwhile, customers visiting the SBI Lalaguda branch, Code 07112, are reportedly unable to update their passbooks because both printing machines are non-functional. This has created difficulties for customers seeking to check and maintain their transaction records.

Customers have urged branch officials to repair the machines immediately or arrange alternative passbook printing facilities until normal services resume.

The reported UPI restrictions have not been directly linked to the suspected data exposure in SBI's regulatory disclosure. Customers are seeking clarification on the reasons for restrictions and requesting secure digital verification alternatives to avoid unnecessary branch visits.

PUBLIC CONCERN: Customers expect reliable banking services, proper maintenance of essential facilities and timely grievance redressal.

SBI is urged to address the UPI reactivation concerns, restore both passbook printing machines at Lalaguda and ensure convenient, secure and uninterrupted banking services.

Neuro engineering, AI In Focus At BITS Pilani Symposium

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Developing indigenous neural interfaces, medical devices and AI-powered diagnostic tools, and bridging the gap between laboratory research and clinical applications were among the key issues discussed at a three-day symposium on neuro engineering at BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus. The Symposium on Neuro engineering and Neuroeconomics, held from October 29 to 31, brought together over 15 experts from India and abroad, including researchers, clinicians, engineers and industry representatives. Sessions covered brain-machine interfaces, neural implants, neuroimaging, computational neuroscience, deep brain stimulation, cognitive neuroscience and neuroeconomics, with



emphasis on translating advances into healthcare, rehabilitation and diagnostics.

Prof. Souri Banerjee, Director of BITS Pilani Dubai Campus, highlighted growing mental health concerns among young adults and the need for early identification. "The complexity of the brain, coupled with challenges related to digital habits and behavioural health, calls for stronger clinical frameworks to identify concerns early and develop effective interventions," he said,

adding that AI could help address these issues.

The symposium also focused on building a national network of researchers, clinicians, engineers and industry partners, along with specialised training programmes in neuro engineering. Prof. Mohan Rao Chintalagiri, senior professor emeritus, said the event was a joint initiative of the Hyderabad and Dubai campuses, involving departments of Biology, Pharmacy, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Computer Science. "Through this interdisciplinary collaboration, we aim to develop a new curriculum that fosters neuroscience research and strengthens capabilities across BITS Pilani institutions," he said.

TRR Trust Provides ₹3 Lakh Aid to Five MBBS Students

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Parigi MLA Dr. T. Ram Mohan Reddy has extended ₹3 lakh in financial assistance to five students from the constituency who secured MBBS seats at TRR Medical College, Patancheru, through the TRR Charitable Trust. Each student received ₹60,000 to support their medical education.

The beneficiaries include Bagari Vaishnavi, Goski



Anand Kumar, Katravath Srivani, Edigi Akshaya and Chittela Gayatri.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA encouraged them to work hard and become dedicated doctors serving society.

He said financial difficulties should not prevent deserving students from pursuing higher education. He also highlighted the trust's educational and social welfare initiatives under its chairman, Dr. T. Rithik Reddy. The students' families expressed gratitude for the assistance.

Y.S. Sharmila Invites Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha to Daughter's Wedding



Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) President Y.S. Sharmila met Telangana Minister for Medical and Health, Family Welfare and Science and Technology C. Damodar Rajanarsimha at his residence in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, and personally invited him to her daughter's wedding.

During the meeting, Sharmila presented the wedding invitation to the minister and extended her personal invitation to attend the family celebration. The interaction took place in a cordial atmosphere.

The meeting reflects a personal engagement between the political leaders as Sharmila prepares for her daughter's wedding. The minister received the invitation during her visit to his residence.

Priority to Medical Education and Agricultural Development

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The government is according priority to medical education, agriculture, power infrastructure and spiritual tourism, said state IT and industries minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu. Participating in several programmes in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on Friday, he said development and welfare remained the government's primary objectives. Addressing the White Coat Ceremony for first-year medical students at the Government Medical College in Bhupalpally as the chief guest, the minister said the medical profession was not merely a means of livelihood but a noble responsibility dedicated to serving humanity. He urged students to pursue medical education with commitment, compassion and concern for patients and grow into accomplished medical professionals.

With technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics gaining importance in modern healthcare, he advised students to continuously update their knowledge. He said construction works



worth around `130 crore were being taken up for the medical college and its boys' and girls' hostels. The girls' hostel had already been inaugurated, while the boys' hostel would be made available within 15 days. He added that Singareni had sanctioned `80 lakh for purchasing two buses to facilitate student transportation.

Later, the minister inaugurated a 33/11 kV power substation built at a cost of Rs 2.2 crore by NPDCL at Vadithala village in Chityal mandal, along with MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao and district collector Rahul Sharma. He said farmers' welfare and agricultural development were among the government's main priorities. Twelve new power substations had been established in the district over the past two-and-a-half years, he said. Measures were being taken to ensure uninterrupted power supply to farmers and provide irrigation through DBM-38 using Godavari waters.

The minister listed several welfare initiatives, including 200 units of free electricity, fine rice distribution and free bus travel for women. He also said an integrated model residential school was being constructed at a cost of around Rs 200 crore to provide quality education to students. Later, Sridhar Babu visited the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple at Kotanch in Regonda mandal and offered special prayers. He enquired about temple development works and facilities being provided to devotees. The minister said efforts would be made to develop Kotanch into a prominent spiritual and tourist destination.

ED Raids Bizma In ₹24 Crore Fraud Case

An alleged city-based fraudster convinced the victim that trading in the stock market through a website would fetch him substantial profits. Believing this to be genuine, the victim transferred more than ₹24 crore in several instalments to various bank accounts specified by the alleged fraudster. Neither the promised profits nor the capital was returned, prompting the victim to approach the cyber police.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Kochi Zonal Office, conducted searches at three locations in Hyderabad under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. In a press release, the ED said the raids were carried out at premises linked to Alamraju Satyanarayana Murthy, who allegedly committed.

BRS fights to save Miyapur land, Revanth eyes auction

The Supreme Court upheld Telangana's ownership of 550.39 acres in Miyapur, ending decades of litigation.

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Less than 24 hours after the Supreme Court delivered its historic verdict restoring the State's ownership of 550.39 acres of prime Miyapur land, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy moved to claim credit for the prolonged legal battle. He also sought to use the outcome to target the previous BRS government and announced plans to monetise the valuable public asset.

The speed of the announcement stood in contrast to the decades-long fight to establish the State's title. The previous BRS government had pursued legal and administrative measures to protect the land from alleged encroachments and fraudulent registrations. However, the Revanth Reddy government moved swiftly to explore its commercial potential, proposing to use the proceeds for irrigation, healthcare and education.

The move has raised questions over the government's priorities. A prime public asset, whose ownership the State had to defend through years of litigation, is now being viewed as a resource to be monetised. The BRS has maintained that the land should be protected for the benefit of the people rather than treated as a real estate opportunity.

The 550.39 acres are spread across Survey Nos 100 and 101 in Miyapur village of Serilingampally mandal. Official records dating back to 1912 classified the land as government poramboke.

Though parts of the area were later brought under the Paigah Jagir system during the Nizam's rule, the grant conferred revenue-collection rights, not ownership. The land vested with the government after the abolition of the Jagir system in 1949.

Over the years, under successive governments in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, private parties and cooperative housing societies claimed portions of the land through inheritance, sale deeds, gifts and revenue entries. The dispute reached the courts in the 1990s. In 1997, the Special Court under the AP Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Act ruled in favour of the government in key cases, describing the private claimants as land grabbers. The Andhra Pradesh High Court upheld the government's position in 2003 and held that the land belonged to the State.

The private claimants challenged the High Court verdict in the Supreme Court in 2013. The civil appeals remained pending for more than a decade. The BRS (then TRS) government, which assumed office in 2014 after the formation of Telangana State, inherited the litigation and pursued measures to protect the land through legal, revenue and registration mechanisms.

Dengue Cases Rising in Adilabad District Due to Poor Sanitation

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Dengue cases due to mosquito menace are on the rise following poor sanitation in urban areas of the erstwhile Adilabad district. A large number of people are visiting the government and private hospitals for treatment. Their blood tests are revealing decreased platelets. The highest number of dengue cases has been reported in Adilabad Municipality, while Mancherial district accounts for 17 dengue-positive cases.

Patients include children with high fevers. Dengue symptoms are high temperatures for several days, which take a downward trend once treatment commences. Officials of the Medical and Health Department in Mancherial said of the 17 patients, 10 are students studying in Hyderabad who have come to their native places after they fell ill in the state capital. Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDS) teams are collecting blood samples from patients in PHCs and sending them for testing to district headquarters nearest to them.

There are allegations that some Health department officials are hiding dengue-positive cases by not confirming them officially. They maintain that dengue cases can be confirmed only after ELISA tests are performed at government medical institutes. Adilabad district Medical and Health department has reported as many as 121 dengue-positive cases from January 2026. 47 cases have been recorded in October, 48 in September, and 20 in August. 69 of the cases have been reported by primary health centres of urban areas like Ankoli, Putlibowli, and Shantinagar in Adilabad municipality. Patients with dengue are being regularly admitted in considerable numbers in RIMS, Adilabad. They have been recovering in three to four days before being discharged. No critical cases have been reported yet.

Biography of Woman Communist Fighter Parvatibai Bhor Unveiled in Mumbai

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The biography of pioneering woman Communist activist Parvatibai Bhor, titled "Comrade Parvatibai Bhor: A Fighter's Story," was unveiled at the Mumbai Press Club on Friday, highlighting her remarkable struggles for women's rights and workers' welfare.

Born in 1908 in Parel, Mumbai, Parvatibai faced child marriage at the age of nine and received education only up to Class III. Despite social discrimination and domestic hardships, she broke traditional barriers and joined the Communist movement.

She played a significant role in organising women workers, including the historic 1939 Bitia Mill strike in Mumbai. Her activism also involved 45 days underground, 16 months in prison and an 18-day hunger strike. The book, translated into English for the first time by Leena Matthew, documents her inspiring contribution to several movements. Sharada Sathe and S. Vandana attended the launch. Organisers announced that the book would soon be translated into other languages.

Empower Ward Members for Holistic Village Development: Narasimha Chary

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Udarapu Narasimha Chary, Director of Ramos Human Rights Foundation, has urged the Telangana government to empower elected ward members with adequate funds, administrative powers and recognition to accelerate village development.

He said ward members are directly elected representatives responsible for identifying public issues and addressing local needs. However, insufficient funds and limited authority prevent them from effectively delivering development in their respective wards.

He demanded population-based fund allocation, special ward development budgets and greater powers to improve sanitation, drainage, drinking water, roads and streetlights.He also urged the government to provide ward members with a fixed monthly honorarium and ensure their participation in village development planning, execution and monitoring.

Calling for transparency, he suggested making details of development funds, expenditure and completed works accessible to the public.Narasimha Chary emphasised that village development requires collective efforts from the Sarpanch, ward members, panchayat officials and residents.

He stressed that every elected ward member must receive adequate recognition and resources to ensure equal development opportunities across all wards.

Satya Nagar Welfare Association Observes SC/ST Civil Rights Day, Raises Civic Issues



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The Satya Nagar Welfare Association organised SC/ST Civil Rights Day celebrations at the GHMC Community Hall in Satya Nagar, bringing residents and government officials together to discuss civic rights and local infrastructure problems.

During the programme, association members submitted representations highlighting issues related to drinking water supply, electricity maintenance, civic amenities and revenue matters. Officials from various departments interacted with residents and assured them that the grievances would be examined and necessary action taken.

The programme was led by Association President and Advocate N. E. Mahender, Vice-President G. Rajeshwar Rao, General Secretary K. N. Kranthikumar, Organising Secretary D. Sashidhar, Treasurer T. Raviraj and Joint Secretary C. Raghu.

GHMC Community Organiser Ashok Kumar, Social Welfare Department representative Santosh Kumar, GHMC Electricity Department Line Inspector B. Ganesh, HMWSSB Working Inspector Shaik Mahaboob and Special Revenue Inspector Vishnu from the MRO Office, Himayathnagar, attended the programme.

Colony representatives K. Rajkumar, K. Balmohan, D. Prathiba and P. Premavathi also participated and raised issues concerning residents' welfare.

The programme provided an opportunity for direct interaction between the community and government departments, highlighting the importance of public participation and administrative accountability.

The association urged officials to ensure timely resolution of the submitted grievances and improve essential civic facilities in Satya Nagar.

Officials Visit Ex-Army Man's Organic Farm

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

District collector Ila Tripathi has lauded the innovative farming practices adopted by a former soldier at his integrated organic farm in Vadde Palli village of Yedapally mandal, describing it as a model for farmers to emulate. During her visit to the 'Jai Jawan Agro Farming' farm run by Ch Naveen Kumar on Friday, the collector viewed the integrated farming system and appreciated the jawan's efforts to combine organic cultivation with modern agricultural techniques.

The farm has a diverse range of activities, including leafy vegetables, different varieties of vegetables, flowers, fruit plants, oil palm, banana, coconut and oil-yielding crops. It also has fish farming and country chicken rearing. Naveen Kumar prepares various products using organically grown produce and sells them through online platforms. The collector was particularly impressed by his efforts to promote sustainable agriculture by using cattle dung and urine to prepare Jeevamrutham, an organic manure. She also appreciated the rainwater harvesting structures developed to improve groundwater levels.

Addressing farmers on the occasion, Ila Tripathi urged them to shift towards less water-intensive crops in view of the likely El Niño impact. She said farmers should reduce their dependence on paddy and take up alternative crops that require less irrigation but offer better returns. She said the agriculture department was providing subsidised seeds for pulses such as Bengal gram and black gram to encourage farmers to diversify their crops.

Collector said Naveen Kumar, who entered agriculture after serving in the army, had demonstrated how integrated farming, organic methods and modern technology could make agriculture sustainable and economically viable. She also appreciated his mother Pushpa for actively participating in organic farming and possessing considerable knowledge of the subject.

IIIT-H Wins Award, Showcases Robotics Research at IROS

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

From helping robots map unfamiliar spaces and detect glass walls to enabling drones to pick up objects and navigate safely, researchers from the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H), presented a wide range of work at the International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) in Pittsburgh, US. The institute also won a Best Paper Award. The award-winning paper Beyond Frontiers: Scene-Anomaly Guided Autonomous Exploration, authored by Akash Kumbar and Abhinav Raundhal under Prof. K. Madhava Krishna, introduces SCAGE, a framework that helps robots identify gaps in 3D maps and reposition to capture areas not properly understood. "Exploration should be driven not just by where the robot has not been, but by what it has not understood," Akash said. The award carried a $500 prize sponsored by Field AI.

Other papers explored ways to make aerial robots safer and more adaptable. AERMANI-VLM, developed by Sarthak Mishra and colleagues under Profs. Wei Pan and Spandan Roy, allows drones with robotic arms to follow natural-language instructions.

Osmania University Professor Sandeepta Burgula Honoured with ASTC Fellowship

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Prof. Sandeepta Burgula of the Department of Microbiology, Osmania University, has been conferred the prestigious Fellow of ASTC (FASTC) recognition at the ASTC Annual Convention 2026, held at CSIR–National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad.

The honour, associated with ASTC Life Membership, recognises her significant contributions to scientific research and the promotion and popularisation of science and technology.

Prof. Burgula specialises in molecular microbiology, bacterial sepsis, antimicrobial research and biomedical applications. Her contributions to research, innovation and higher education have earned her recognition in the scientific and academic community.

The distinction marks an important professional milestone and brings further recognition to Osmania University's commitment to scientific excellence and research.

Parigi MLA TRR Directs Officials to Prepare for Possible El Niño Impact

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Parigi MLA and TPCC Training Committee Chairman Dr. T. Ram Mohan Reddy (TRR) has directed government officials to initiate advance preparedness measures to minimise the possible impact of El Niño on rainfall, agriculture and farmers' livelihoods.

The MLA participated as chief guest in a mandal-level review meeting held at the Parigi MPDO office, where officials from various departments discussed precautionary measures to tackle potential drought conditions.

Addressing the meeting, Dr. Ram Mohan Reddy stressed the importance of creating awareness among farmers about possible changes in rainfall patterns and their impact on agricultural activities. He instructed officials to conduct village-level awareness programmes explaining the potential effects of El Niño and preventive measures farmers could adopt.

He advised farmers to follow Agriculture Department recommendations and utilise available water resources judiciously. He also called for coordination among all concerned departments to identify potential challenges early and ensure timely intervention.

During the meeting, farmers and members of the public brought their grievances to the MLA's attention. He interacted with the concerned officials and directed them to take appropriate steps to resolve the issues without delay.

The meeting was attended by departmental officials, public representatives, sarpanches from various villages and members of the public.

Dr. Ram Mohan Reddy emphasised that advance planning, farmer awareness and coordinated administrative action would be essential to minimise potential agricultural losses and protect rural communities against possible weather-related challenges.

PM Modi Launches Rs 14,000 Cr Projects in Gujarat

NEW DELHI,
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched and dedicated development projects worth more than Rs 14,000 crore in Gujarat's Banaskantha district and flagged off two train services, as part of a series of initiatives covering agriculture, animal husbandry, transport and infrastructure. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Bharat Bovine Breeding and Research Centre (BBRC) at Bhildi, dedicated the expanded potato processing plant and an automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS) for ultra-high-temperature (UHT) products at Banas Dairy, and laid the foundation stones for two compressed biogas plants.The 127-acre Bharat Bovine Breeding and Research Centre, developed at a cost of Rs 328.77 crore, has been established as a Centre of



Excellence for bovine breeding, genetic improvement and advanced reproductive technologies.It is the country's first facility dedicated to the Kankrej cattle breed, an indigenous breed of Gujarat.The centre is expected to accelerate breed improvement by 10-20 times through advanced reproductive technologies and help improve milk productivity and the genetic quality of cattle.
Earlier on Friday, PM Modi visited the Embryo Transfer Technology-In Vitro Fertilisation (ET-IVF) Laboratory and interacted with women dairy farmers.The Prime Minister had said in a post on social media platform X ahead of the inauguration that the centre would help farmers achieve higher milk production per animal, better-quality breeds and increased incomes, while supporting the conservation of indigenous cattle breeds such as Kankrej.
Its benefits would extend to dairy farmers across the country," he had said.
PM Modi also laid the foundation stones for two compressed biogas plants of Banas Dairy at Tharad and Radhanpur.The proposed plants will have cattle dung processing capacities of 75 metric tonnes and 100 metric tonnes per day, respectively.The projects are aimed at converting dairy waste into a source of cleaner fuel.The Prime Minister also inaugurated the expansion of Banas Dairy's potato processing plant at Sanadar and commissioned the automated storage and retrieval system for UHT products at Palanpur.The ASRS facility is designed to improve storage and handling capacity through automated operations.In the transport sector, PM Modi flagged off the Ahmedabad (Sabarmati)-Varanasi Express and the Mehsana-Becharaji-Sabarmati MEMU service.
The two services are expected to strengthen rail connectivity between Gujarat and other parts of the country, as well as improve local connectivity in North Gujarat.
The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the Ahmedabad Metro Phase 2A and Phase 2B extensions. Phase 2A will extend the network by more than 6 km, with five stations between Koteshwar Road and Ahmedabad airport.
Phase 2B will cover over 3.3 km, with three stations between GIFT City and Shahpur. Another major project is the widening of Ahmedabad-Mehsana Road, or State Highway 41.

PIL seeks Saurav Das' nationality probe, Aadhaar cancellation

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Friday, October 30, issued a notice to Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) co-convenor Saurav Das in a public interest litigation (PIL) petition seeking details of his background and the cancellation of his passport and Aadhaar card.A division bench of Chief Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Justice G Arul Murugan sent the notice while hearing the petition by R Ganesh Kumar of Chennai.
Identifying Das as "Yogesh Sharma alias Saurav Das," the plea said he made derogatory comments about the judiciary, the Chief Justice of India, and other Supreme Court judges.It sought an investigation into Das' personal details, including his parents' information and background.



The petitioner additionally sought directions to cancel the CJP leader's passport and Aadhaar card if he is found guilty in the probe.PIL seeks parents' information, Das' address
The plea requested directives to the Centre and the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and other relevant authorities to conduct a "detailed, thorough and fair probe" of Das' identity and background.The petitioner's counsel referred to documents regarding Das' identity and addresses at the hearing. The High Court bench examined the documents attached to the plea and subsequently sought clarification about certain details.The petitioner further sought directions to the Secretary of Electronics and Information Technology to block Instagram and X handles with the name Saurav Das. He asked the bench to restrain Das from making the alleged statements against the judiciary.The matter will be heard again in six weeks.Moment of collective shame: Asutosh Ranka
Reacting to the High Court notice, CJP co-convenor Ashutosh Ranka said, "What's happening here is a moment of collective shame."'Hounding someone just because you can't stand their work – to what extent are we going to tolerate all of this?" he wrote on X.The Madras High Court on Friday, October 30, issued a notice to Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) co-convenor Saurav Das in a public interest litigation (PIL) petition seeking details of his background and the cancellation of his passport and Aadhaar card.A division bench of Chief Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Justice G Arul Murugan sent the notice while hearing the petition by R Ganesh Kumar of Chenna

Despite big promo, INDIA bloc postpones CEC's public impeachment

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

New Delhi: INDIA bloc's 'public impeachment' of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, which was scheduled to be held in Delhi on Friday, October 30, has been postponed in view of the weather situation in the city, sources said. The 'public impeachment' is now likely to be held on October 31, a day before the opposition bloc's rally in Ramlila Ground against the CEC and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the sources said.The 'public impeachment' is now likely to be held on October 31, a day before the opposition bloc's rally in Ramlila Ground against the CEC and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the sources said.The sources said the event was postponed due to the rains in Delhi.INDIA bloc leaders had met on Thursday to give the final shape to the proceedings, which were to be held at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence as a symbolic protest over the "vote chori" issue.

The venue was picked after the opposition bloc



failed to get other venues like Constitution Club and Talkatora Stadium.Congress general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Jairam Ramesh and KC Venugopal, senior Congress leader Meira Kumar, Trinamool Congress (TMC)'s Derek O'Brien, Samajwadi Party's Harendra Malik, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)'s Mahua Maji and Communist Party of India (M)'s John Brittas, among others, had participated in the preparatory meeting on Thursday, October 29.The Congress on Tuesday, October 27, claimed it was denied permission to hold the "public impeachment" of the CEC and accused the government of trying to silence the voice of common people after "destroying" the electoral system.The Congress and other opposition parties have been demanding the resignation of Kumar over alleged irregularities in the SIR.The opposition parties are expected to use the proposed event to highlight their allegations of electoral irregularities and demand greater transparency in the revision of voter lists.
The INDIA bloc has maintained that the Special Intensive Revision could affect the voting rights of eligible citizens, while the Election Commission has been facing criticism from opposition leaders over its handling of the exercise. The October 31 programme is expected to serve as a build-up to the larger rally scheduled at Ramlila Ground on November 1, where senior opposition leaders are likely to reiterate their demand for accountability and raise concerns over the functioning of the electoral system.

Rahul urges swift rehabilitation after Cyclone Arnab devastation

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday, October 29, expressed deep concern over the devastation caused by Cyclone Arnab in Andhra Pradesh and the heavy rainfall and flooding in Odisha, and urged the governments to ensure swift relief and rehabilitation for every affected family.
The Odisha government on Thursday deployed more than 300 teams from different disaster response agencies for the rescue operations in flood-hit Ganjam and eight other districts, as Cyclone Arnab left a trail of destruction in several parts of the state.
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said the very severe cyclonic storm has inflicted a loss of at least Rs 4,600 crore on the state.
Despite implementing sufficient precautions, the chief minister lamented that seven people died in the cyclone, adding that Konaseema and West Godavari districts bore the brunt.In a post on X, Gandhi said, "Deeply concerned by the devastation caused by Cyclone Arnab in Andhra Pradesh and the heavy rainfall and flooding in Odisha.My heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones. My thoughts are with everyone affected, those who have lost their homes, livelihoods and a sense of security.

Sitharaman Slams Rahul Gandhi Over IDBI Stake Sale Remarks

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday defended the government's decision to divest a majority stake in public sector IDBI Bank, while accusing the erstwhile Congress-led governments of political interference that led to huge non-performing assets in public sector banks. Reacting to the Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi's criticism over the proposed IDBI Bank stake sale, the Finance Minister said, "We all know how the Congress has used Banks and financial institutions as personal entities and pressured bank employees to extend loans at their whim, bypassing prudent lending norms."In 1976, Indira Gandhi's govern-



ment removed SBI Chairman R.K. Talwar after he refused political pressure to relax lending conditions for a company linked to Sanjay Gandhi's circle. Sanjay Gandhi pressured the Central Bank of India over loans to Maruti," FM Sitharaman wrote on X.The IDBI Bank was handed over to us in poor shape, as IDBI itself was forced to lend to large business groups such as Videocon, Winsome, ABG Shipyard and Kingfisher etc with close connections to Congress leaders. These turned into bad loans, causing huge losses for IDBI Bank, which we recognised," the finance minister stated.
The NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi revived the IDBI bank through professionalism, prudence and recapitalisation of more than Rs 25,000 crores. The IDBI Bank is now poised for its next phase of growth.All due process has been followed in the IDBI Bank strategic restructuring, and we have already clarified this yesterday," FM Sitharaman added.In a post on X, FM Sitharaman cited several controversies in the banking sector across successive Congress governments, alleging that political leaders had influenced lending decisions and pressured public sector bank employees to extend loans without following established norms. Congress-era banking had a phonebook for the powerful and a rulebook for the common citizens. The era of 'connection and setting banking' is over. Common people now have easy access to loans, and employees are not under pressure to extend loans over the phone calls," the Finance Minister wrote.

UCC will be implemented if BJP returns to power in UP: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday stated that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will be implemented in Uttar Pradesh if the BJP-led NDA forms the government for the third time following the 2027 Assembly polls.
HM Shah made the remarks while speaking at the inauguration of the BJP's state executive committee meeting in Lucknow, as part of preparations for the Assembly elections.UP BJP President and Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, both Deputy Chief Ministers, and other senior party leaders were present at the event.Addressing the meeting, Amit Shah urged party workers to set aside personal grievances and ambitions, strengthen the organization, and consider the next Assembly election as their own battle.
Launching a sharp attack on Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, he said the BJP would answer the LoP's "meaningless statements" by forming the government again in 2027.Shah also hit out at the Samajwadi Party and its chief Akhilesh Yadav, saying:
"Today was the day when unarmed Ram devotees and kar sevaks were fired upon indiscriminately in Ayodhya during the then SP government and the water of the Saryu river turned red with their blood.
"He questioned the SP, asking how he can stake a claim to form the government in the state again?
Further, HM Shah warned that the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh is "Angad's leg," which the opposition parties cannot shake,
referring to the Hindu Mythological figure in the Ramayana.

FROM FRONT PAGE

ISRO Scores.....

A major technological feature of NVS-03 is its atomic clock system, which incorporates an indigenous atomic clock alongside procured systems. The satellite will also introduce the L1 navigation signal at 1575.42 MHz, in addition to the existing L5 and S-band signals. Widely used by GPS and other global navigation satellite systems, the L1 frequency is expected to make NavIC more accessible to civilian users, including those relying on navigation devices, wearables and location-based services, while expanding its commercial applications.
The GSLV placed the satellite into a highly elliptical transfer orbit, from where it will be manoeuvred towards its operational orbit approximately 35,800 km above the Earth. The satellite will use its onboard propulsion system to reach its designated orbital position, making the precision of the initial injection vital for ensuring its operational life. With the successful launch of NVS-03, ISRO has further strengthened India's efforts to establish an independent and reliable satellite navigation infrastructure, reducing dependence on foreign navigation systems and expanding the country's capabilities in space-based services.

Military Solutions.....

Opening the two-day deliberations, Rubio warned that the world faces a moment of choosing amid mounting economic and geopolitical crises. "I hope this will be a productive meeting today, as we are in a critical moment. I would call it a moment of choosing, and I would say not just for my country, the United States of America, but frankly for the world," Rubio told the gathering, which also included Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who was seated between his counterparts from Mexico and Saudi Arabia. "We are facing a series of interconnected economic and geopolitical crises, many of which pose severe threats to essential foundations of the global economic order, new disruptions and strains to global energy and food markets, to the global supply chain, to trade, to freedom of navigation itself," he said. He said the G20 "must work together to confront these threats, to strengthen our economic resilience, to safeguard our markets and the economies that they sustain..." The meeting comes amid deep rifts among the G20 countries over global crises. "At today's G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, I made clear that maritime and food security drive economic security.
Through our America First agenda, the United States is encouraging partners to protect shipping routes, strengthen food security, and reduce the economic consequences of geopolitical crises," Rubio posted on X after his address. In a statement issued on Tuesday, the Department of State said that throughout the ministerial, the US will work with G20 partners to address geopolitical crises contributing to global economic shocks, including threats to freedom of navigation, energy and food security, and supply chains.
The US is scheduled to host the G20 Leaders' Summit in Miami on December 14-15. Jaishankar will also attend a QUAD Ministerial with his counterparts from Japan, Australia and the United States on the sidelines of the G20 meeting.
This will be the second Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting to be held this year ahead of the likely leaders' summit
to be hosted by the US in the Philippines next month. From Atlanta, Jaishankar would travel to Antigua and Barbuda to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting scheduled for November 1-4.

Air Marshal.....

Commissioned into the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on December 6, 1986, Air Marshal Dixit is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College in Bangladesh and the National Defence College. He has accumulated more than 3,500 hours of flying experience.
According to the Ministry of Defence, he has held several significant operational and staff appointments during his career. As Commanding Officer, he re-equipped No. 9 Squadron with Mirage-2000 aircraft. He subsequently commanded a frontline fighter air base in the Western Sector and a premier fighter training base in the Southern Sector.

CRIME

Civil Supplies Department busts ration rice scam in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telanga

Hyderabad: The Telangana Civil Supplies Department on Thursday, October 29, busted a ration rice scam in Hyderabad. The ration rice was allegedly being polished and sold as fine rice in open markets.In a video shared online, a miller is heard explaining to the Civil Supplies officials that the mafia sells the fake rice at Rs 80-100 per kg. The scam came to light as officials raided rice depots in the Karmanghat area.Following the raids, the Civil Supplies officials lifted samples of rice for testing.Following the raids, the Civil Supplies officials lifted samples of rice for testing.an official at the Saroornagar Police said, “The Civil Supplies Department is still conducting the raid. We will register a case based on their complaint.”Officials suspect that the racket involved the diversion of subsidised ration rice, which was allegedly processed, polished and repackaged before being sold to consumers at significantly higher prices. The department is examining the source of the seized rice and the possible involvement of millers, traders and other intermediaries in the illegal trade. Authorities are also expected to verify whether the rice was mixed with other varieties and sold under the label of fine-quality rice. The test results of the collected samples will help establish the quality and origin of the stock. The Civil Supplies Department is continuing its investigation and may take further action against those found responsible for cheating consumers and misusing the public distribution system.The officials are also investigating whether the racket has links with other rice mills, wholesale dealers and storage facilities operating in different parts of the city. The alleged sale of ration rice as premium-quality fine rice has raised concerns over the misuse of government-subsidised food supplies and the possibility of consumers being cheated through misleading packaging and pricing. Authorities are likely to examine stock registers, purchase records, transportation details and other documents to identify those involved in the supply chain. The department is also expected to intensify inspections at rice mills, godowns and wholesale markets to prevent the diversion of ration rice. Officials said further action would be taken based on the findings of the investigation and laboratory test reports.The incident has once again brought attention to the need for stricter monitoring of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and regular inspections of rice mills and wholesale markets. The authorities are expected to check whether ration rice supplied through fair price shops is being illegally collected from beneficiaries and diverted into commercial channels.
Officials may also examine the role of middlemen who allegedly purchase subsidised rice in bulk and supply it to processing units for polishing and resale. The department is focusing on identifying the entire network rather than limiting the investigation to the depots raided in Karmanghat. The outcome of the inquiry is expected to determine the scale of the alleged racket and the action to be initiated against those responsible.

EDITORIAL

CYCLONE ARNAB FLOODS ODISHA, THOUSANDS STRANDED

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The flood situation remains critical in Odisha, particularly Ganjam and Gajapati districts, in the wake of incessant rainfall induced by severe Cyclonic storm 'Arnab'. The exceptional downpour triggered massive flash flooding in several areas of South Odisha, disrupting road connectivity after roads and bridges were washed away. Several areas were cut off, leaving thousands of people stranded in the affected southern districts.
Among the affected districts, Ganjam remains a major cause for concern, with rescue teams undertaking extensive operations to evacuate people stranded by the floods.Speaking to media persons, Odisha Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari on Friday said an analysis of rainfall data of the last three days preceding Thursday revealed that Ganjam district received 118 per cent excess rainfall. Similarly, Gajapati recorded 103 per cent excess rainfall over the same two to three days, while Kandhamal received 123 per cent excess rainfall. “Ganjam district broke all previous rainfall records this time, receiving an unprecedented amount of rainfall within such a short period. This resulted in extensive damage across the district,” the minister said.
As many as 386 villages under 22 blocks and 18 Urban local bodies have been affected in Ganjam. Around 43,000 people have been affected in Ganjam district, of whom 23,323 have been evacuated and accommodated in various relief centres.
On Thursday, the Indian Coast Guard aircrew using the ALH Mk-III helicopter successfully winched six individuals -- including two women, two children, and one elderly person -- stranded at a heavily inundated Public Health Centre (PHC) in Jagmohan in Ganjam district to safety.Meanwhile, Fire Services personnel have so far rescued 303 people stranded in Berhampur, 359 in Chhatrapur in Ganjam district, 31 in Gajapati district and 91 in Kandhamal district.
The Indian Navy, utilising four of its helicopters, started carrying food packets and air-dropping relief materials at 21 locations in the flood-affected Ganjam district on Friday.
The Fire Services and Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) teams have also been deployed to deliver food supplies to affected people.The strong water currents that prevented rescue teams from reaching several areas earlier have now subsided, allowing them to access all flood-hit villages, including those that remain marooned.
At present, 352 relief centres are operational in Ganjam district and 340 in Gajapati district. As many as 23,300 people are currently staying in the 352 relief centres in Ganjam, while 21,782 people have taken shelter in the 340 relief centres in Gajapati.Revenue Minister Pujari said that the number of people still marooned in flood-affected areas is higher than those accommodated in relief centres.
He also expected the situation to improve soon, as there had been no rainfall in the past 24 hours. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi did an aerial survey of the flood-affected areas in Ganjam and other districts.The central team is also likely to visit the affected areas soon to assess the damage caused by the cyclone and incessant rainfall in Odisha.The state government has directed district administrations to remain on high alert and ensure that essential supplies, drinking water, medicines and food reach people in isolated villages. Emergency response teams are continuing to monitor water levels in rivers and other vulnerable locations, while damaged roads and bridges are being assessed for restoration. Authorities are also keeping a close watch on low-lying areas and have urged residents not to venture into flooded roads or cross overflowing streams. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has instructed officials to speed up relief and re-

Excise constable chases thief, recovers stolen gold, mobiles

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An excise constable displayed courage and presence of mind by chasing a suspected thief for nearly half a kilometre and catching him near Kandi, recovering a bag containing gold ornaments, cash and stolen mobile phones.The incident occurred when the constable, D Malkayya, was travelling by bus from Sangareddy to Nampally Excise Station in Hyderabad to attend to his duties. A bus conductor grew suspicious of a passenger who had allegedly stolen a bag and mobile phones on the bus and alerted other passengers before the suspect got down at Kandi stage.Acting on the conductor’s alert, Malkayya got off the bus and attempted to apprehend the suspect. However, the man tried to escape, prompting the constable to chase him for about half a kilometre before catching him.The suspect was identified as B Venkateswarlu, a native of the Rajahmundry region. The constable recovered the stolen bag and mobile

Hyderabad doctor duped of Rs 1.21 crore in forex trading scam

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 56-year-old doctor from Hyderabad was duped of Rs 1.21 crore in a foreign exchange scam where a fake video of a Union minister was used by the fraudsters.The victim filed a complaint with the Malkajgiri Police, alleging that on August 11 he had come across an advertisement on Facebook, in which a Union minister was promoting an investment scheme. The video promised a per-day return

Stalking Continues Despite Police

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Police arrested a 27-year-old driver on Thursday, October 29, for allegedly stalking and harassing a woman, threatening to circulate her personal photographs and repeatedly contacting her despite repeated police warnings and counselling.N Veera Venkata Santhosh Durga works at AMR Group in Hyderabad. He hails from Andhra Pradesh’s Kakinada district and is a distant relative of the victim. In 2022, they fell in love, but she decided to end the relationship citing his suspicious and controlling behaviour.
Santosh Durga did not take the rejection well and started a cycle of stalking, harassing and threatening to leak their personal photographs to her family, relatives and friends if she refused his proposal.She approached the SHE Team in Gachibowli, who counselled him and made him write an application that he would not disturb her in future. Police said he continued to follow the woman, contact her using different mobile numbers and visited her residence and workplace.Frustrated and annoyed, she lodged a complaint at Madhapur Police Station in 2025, fol-

Speeding car rams house wall in Telangana; video surfaces

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A speeding Toyota Innova Crysta rammed into the boundary wall of a house in Rangareddy on Thursday, October 29.The accident, which occurred in Narkuda village at 3:45 pm, was caught on closed-circuit television (CCTV) camera. The driver lost control of the car, which swerved before hitting the wall and turning turtle. A part of the boundary wall was damaged, and the debris fell inside the house.
After being alerted, the Peddashapur police reached the spot. Speaking to Siasat.com, the police said, “The driver received minor injuries and left the spot immediately. No complaint was filed regarding the accident; hence, no case was registered.The CCTV footage of the incident reportedly captured the vehicle approaching at high speed before the driver lost control and crashed into the residential property. The impact caused considerable damage to a

Woman strangles daughter to death over phone use in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Future City Police arrested a woman for allegedly murdering her 14-year-old daughter following an argument over mobile phone usage in Kothur, under the Shadnagar zone.The accused, identified as Vijayalakshmi, allegedly strangled her daughter Suvarna to death during a quarrel over the use of a mobile phone, according to the police.
After the incident, the woman allegedly attempted to portray the death as a suicide to conceal the crime, preliminary investigation revealed.Police grew suspicious over the circumstances surrounding the girl’s death and conducted a detailed investigation. The postmortem report played a crucial role in establishing the circumstances of the death and uncovering the alleged murder, officials said.
Following the investigation, police arrested Vijayalakshmi and produced her before a court. She was remanded to judicial custody.Police officials said the incident came to light after discrepancies were noticed in the initial account of the girl's death. Investigators questioned family members and examined the circumstances leading up to the incident to establish what had happened inside the house. The medical examination and postmortem findings provided important evidence that contradicted the suspected suicide narrative. Based on the findings, police concluded that the girl had allegedly been strangled and that an attempt was made to mislead investigators about the cause of death. The arrest followed the collection of evidence and questioning of the accused. The tragic incident has raised concerns over domestic conflicts, parental responsibility



PM Modi to visit Brussels in December to sign India-EU FTA: European Council chief

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Brussels in December to formally sign the India-European Union free trade agreement in major step to strengthen economic ties between the two sides, European Council President Antonio Costa said on Thursday.
Prime Minister Modi will come in December to sign the deal,: Costa said at an event organised by the Montreal Council on Foreign Relations in Canada.
The visit is expected shortly before a meeting of European leaders in Brussels scheduled to begin on December 17. Costa is in Montreal for a two-day EU-Canada summit. focused on strengthening ties. India and the EU concluded negotiations on the trade agreement earlier this year. The pact is projected to create a market covering more than two billion people and accounting for around a quarter of the global economy.
India's proposed free-trade agreement with the European Union could become operational within four to five months after it is signed, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said last week.Prime Minister Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had jointly announced the conclusion of the India–European Union Free Trade Agreement (India–EU FTA) during the visit of the European leaders to India. This announcement marked a historic milestone in India–EU economic relations and trade engagement with key global partners.
The conclusion of this FTA positions India and the European Union as trusted partners committed to open markets, predictability, and inclusive growth.The European Union is one of the largest trading partners of India, with bilateral trade in goods and services growing steadily over the years. In 2024–25, India's bilateral trade in goods with the EU stood at Rs 11.5 lakh crore ($136.54 billion), with exports worth Rs 6.4 lakh crore ($75.85 billion) and imports amounting to Rs 5.1 lakh crore ($60.68 billion). India-EU trade in services reached Rs 7.2 lakh crore ($83.10 billion) in 2024.India and the EU are the 4th and 2nd largest economies, comprising 25 per cent of global GDP and accounting for one third of global trade. Integration of the two large, diverse, and complementary economies will create unprecedented trade and investment opportunities.Beyond a conventional trade deal, it represents a comprehensive partnership with strategic dimensions and is one of the most consequential FTAs. India has secured unprecedented market access for more than 99 per cent of Indian exports by trade value to the EU, which also bolsters the 'Make in India' initiative.

Will make Hyderabad rival Dubai: CM unveils 2026 global summit

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Thursday, October 29, invited industrialists to invest in the state and extended a 'personal guarantee' for all policy decisions, government cooperation and necessary support.He was addressing the curtain-raiser event for the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 in New Delhi. He urged industrialists to take advantage of the security, opportunities and favourable business environment that Telangana offers.Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal attended as the chief guest. State ministers, public representatives, representatives of foreign diplomatic missions, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) representatives, industrialists and industry leaders also participated.Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister made an appeal to investors, saying, "I have a request for investors. Decide on an amount you intend to invest in Telangana and double it. Double the growth rate and profits you expect from that investment as well. Tell me what you need from me to make this happen.The summit will take place at Bharat Future City on December 7, 8 and 9.The CM reiterated his goal to transform Telangana into a 1 trillion USD economy by 2034 and a 3 trillion USD economy by 2047.In line with the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047, we have drawn up the future roadmap, Telangana Rising 2047. If India becomes a 30 trillion USD economy by 2047, Telangana should account for 10 per cent of it. Currently, Telangana contributes 5 per cent of the country's GDP" he said. He added that his government aims to make Hyderabad compete with global cities such as New York, London, Tokyo, Seoul and Dubai.The Chief Minister further highlighted the state's strong infrastructure, skilled workforce, connectivity and growing industrial ecosystem as major advantages for investors. He said the government was committed to creating a business-friendly environment by simplifying procedures, reducing delays and ensuring faster clearances for new projects. Revanth Reddy also stressed that industrial development should extend beyond Hyderabad, encouraging companies to establish facilities in other districts to generate employment and promote balanced regional growth. He said the government would focus on key sectors such as information technology, artificial intelligence, pharmaceuticals, life sciences, manufacturing, renewable energy and infrastructure. The proposed Bharat Future City is expected to play a significant role in this development strategy by attracting global.

BRS demands Rs 60,000 per acre as drought relief for farmers

MUMBAI
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Hyderabad: BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Thursday, October 29, demanded that the state government pay Rs 60,000 per acre under the Rythu Bharosa investment support scheme to farmers to provide relief to them during the present drought conditions in the state.He alleged that the government did not pay Rs 45,000 comprising three instalments of Rs 15,000 per acre under the scheme.About Rs 45,000 should be added to the next instalment of Rs 15,000 to be paid during the Rabi season, he said.He further alleged that drought conditions in the state are not natural but caused by the Congress government, as it let the water go waste from projects.There is no severe drought in neighbouring Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh as they have taken effective steps for the optimum utilisation of available water.
He appreciated Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for storing water in reservoirs.Alleging that the Congress government has taken up Musi river rejuvenation with Rs 1.50 lakh crore, he said the Musi project should be deferred and the Rs 1.50 lakh crore spent on farmers' welfare.He said the Congress government has not implemented its promise of financial assistance of Rs 1,000 per month to farm workers since it assumed office in December 2023.The government should now pay Rs 36,000 to the workers, he said.Why should the government pay? Because this drought has been triggered by the Congress government," he said.
The Musi rejuvenation project is an "illegal project" as it is being taken up without a Detailed Project Report (DPR), he claimed.Describing the 'Invest Telangana Global Summit' to be organised by the state government in December this year as a 'Goebbels Summit.'KTR demanded a white paper on the MoUs signed by the government, the investments realised and jobs created since the government assumed office.Claiming that a ruling Congress MLA alleged a "scam in radial road" tenders, he said "it is openly discussed that a 30 per cent commission government is in power in the state"Everybody knows that the 30 per cent commission goes into the pockets of Rahul Gandhi. Revanth Reddy is Rahul Gandhi's ATM card. He

India, Belgium and Luxembourg agree to deepen economic ties



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India, Belgium and Luxembourg have agreed to strengthen economic ties and explore opportunities to deepen cooperation in aerospace, research, innovation and higher education, according to a statement issued by the Commerce Ministry on Friday. The 19th session of the India-Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU) Joint Economic Commission (JEC) was held in Luxembourg. The meeting provided a platform for India, Belgium and Luxembourg to review bilateral trade and investment relations and discuss opportunities to further strengthen economic cooperation across key sectors, the statement said.The JEC was co-chaired by Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal; Director-General for Geo-Economy and Economic Diplomacy, Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Filip Vanden Bulcke; and Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Luxembourg, Henri Schumacher.The discussions covered a broad range of priority sectors, including logistics, with a focus on air connectivity and ports, renewable energy and clean technology, financial services and FinTech, digital transformation and information and communication technology (ICT), healthcare and life sciences, Ayurveda and traditional medicine, and the agro and food processing industry.

India's FTAs provide preferential market access to 76 pc of global GDP

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India will have preferential market access covering approximately 76 per cent of the global GDP of $115 trillion, with negotiations underway for another eight bilateral or multilateral agreements, which would add a further $15 trillion, according to Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
Addressing the curtain raiser of the 'Invest Telangana Global Summit' here, the minister congratulated Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, saying the state's ambition to become a $3 trillion economy by 2047 was achievable through collective efforts by the Central Government, State Government, industry, investors and citizens.Goyal said India's existing trade agreements had provided preferential market access to a global GDP of $70 trillion, including $10 trillion through agreements finalised more than a decade ago and an additional $60 trillion through the nine recently finalised agreements. He noted that the IMF had projected global trade growth of barely 1.9 per cent amid global challenges. Against this backdrop, India set a target of $1 trillion in exports, aiming for 15 per cent growth in the current year. He said the target reflected the collective conviction of exporters, industry associations, and businesses to surpass conventional forecasts.
Highlighting India's economic performance, Goyal said the country had moved from the "Fragile Five" a decade ago to the world's fifth-largest economy and the fastest-growing large economy. He cited growth of 7.7 per cent in the previous year and 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of the current year, expressing the expectation that growth would remain above 7 per cent in the quarter ending September.
Referring to Telangana's historical trading.

IDBI Bank sale row: Rahul Gandhi backs employees, FM hits back

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Amid the IDBI bank disinvestment row, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has expressed solidarity with the bank employees and questioned the government's decision to sell off the profitable public bank to a Canadian firm.The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha asserted that public banks are not assets to be sold off, they are tools to build the nationIn a letter addressed to members of the IDBI Bank family, Gandhi said that in March last year, a group of IDBI bank employees came to meet him in Parliament House and asked him a simple question as to why the government is selling a bank that they had made profitable."I took that question to the Lok Sabha. I asked why a profitable public bank was being sold and how its employees and depositors would be protected. The government gave no reason. Now it has decided to sell IDBI Bank to Fairfax, a Canadian company," Gandhi said.Noting that IDBI began as a pioneering development bank, he said the journey to a commercial bank has been difficult, but the employees have faced the challenges.
Seven years ago, IDBI was losing money. Last year, it earned a profit of over nine thousand crore rupees. That turnaround is your work," he said in his open letter to bank employees.An institution built with public money belongs to the public, Gandhi asserted. Today, the government and LIC own 95 per cent of this bank. After the sale, they will own 34 per cent, he pointed out in the letter dated October 29.In 2003, the government promised Parliament that it would always hold at least 50 per cent of IDBI, he said.That promise may not be written into law, but a promise made to Parliament is a promise made to the people of India," Gandhi asserted.
When IDBI is privately owned, reservation for SC, ST and OBC candidates will go with it, he said.Your service conditions, already weakened, will lose their last protection. The Congress has always believed in a strong public sector working alongside the private sector.
Public banks are not assets to be sold off, they are tools to build the nation," Gandhi stressed."You asked me to stand with you. I stand with you in your fight today, and fully support all your legitimate demands. Stay together. Stay determined," the former Congress chief said.
Tagging his letter on X, Gandhi said, "During Congress's time, IDBI was established to build the nation's industry. During Modi's time, first the bidding was seen, then the price was set.During Congress's time, banks were being created. During Modi's time, they are being sold. I stand with the employees of IDBI Bank," he said.His remarks came a day after the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said the second round of bidding for strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank was conducted under a procedure determined by the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD), which was empowered by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) to address procedural issues and deviations.
The initial round of bidding was conducted in the financial year 2025-26, but the bids .

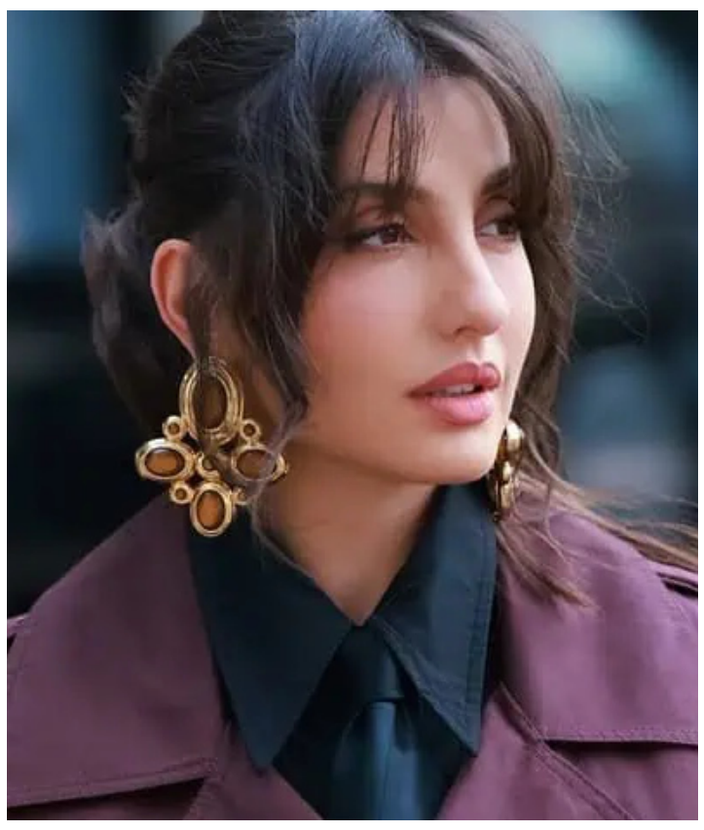
Gold, silver decline up to 2 pc on hawkish Fed signals ahead of festive buying

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Gold and silver traded up to 2 per cent lower on Friday amid rising expectations of a further rate hike by the US Federal Reserve. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), precious metals fell sharply with the white metal losing over Rs 4,000 per kg during the session.
Gold futures (December) fell as much as 0.63 per cent or Rs 911 to hit an intraday low of Rs 1,41,685 per 10 grams. At around 12:20 pm, the yellow metal was trading at Rs 1,41,800, down Rs 796 or 0.56 per cent from its previous close.Meanwhile, silver witnessed steeper losses, dropping Rs 4,282 or 2.26 per cent to touch an intraday low of Rs 1,85,171 per kg. At last count, the white metal was at Rs 1,85,500, down Rs 3,953 or about 2 per cent.The sharp correction comes at a time when consumers are gearing up for Dhanteras and Diwali purchases, offering some relief to festive buyers.In the international market, spot gold slipped 0.7 per cent to around $3,991 per ounce, while spot silver declined 1.6 per cent to $51.27 per ounce.

Nora Fatehi summoned by Delhi court in Rs 200 crore cheating case

MUMBAI Bollywood actress and dancer Nora Fatehi is back in headlines once again in connection with the Rs 200 crore extortion case involving alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar. According to ANI, she has now been summoned by Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court to appear as a prosecution witness in the ongoing case.The court has reportedly directed Nora to appear on November 2, 2026. Her name has been included in the third supplementary chargesheet filed in connection with the case, and she has been asked to record her statement before the court.Nora was earlier questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) over her alleged association with Sukesh and gifts reportedly received from people linked to him.



However, the actress has consistently denied any involvement in illegal activities and has maintained that she was a victim.Meanwhile, actress Jacqueline Fernandez is among the accused in the money laundering case linked to Sukesh.Further details about Nora's court appearance are awaited.The development marks another significant step in the ongoing proceedings in the high-profile extortion and money laundering case. The prosecution is expected to question Nora Fatehi about her alleged interactions with individuals connected to Sukesh Chandrashekhar and the circumstances surrounding the gifts reportedly received by her. Her testimony may provide further details about the events being investigated by the authorities. The case involves allegations that Sukesh Chandrashekhar operated an extortion racket worth approximately Rs 200 crore while allegedly posing as a senior government official to cheat and extort money from influential individuals. The Enforcement Directorate has been investigating the alleged money trail, financial transactions and luxury gifts connected to the case. Jacqueline Fernandez has also faced questioning by investigative agencies over her alleged links with Sukesh and is an accused in the money laundering proceedings. Nora, however, has maintained that she was misled and has denied any wrongdoing. The court proceedings on November 2 are expected to bring further clarity to the prosecution's case

Rohit Sharma reveals the story behind picking number 45 for his iconic jersey



HYDERABAD
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Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma, who hosts the gaming reality show ' Family Full House with Rohit Sharma', has shared the story behind his iconic number 45 jersey. The personal story involves an early cricketing memory, a conversation with his mother, and a number that simply felt right to him.During the conversation on the show actor Rahul Lohani asked Rohit about the significance of the number 45, saying, "Sir, 45 number jersey dekhte hi ya sunte hi samajh aa jaata hai logon ko ki Hitman aa gaya hai, Par ye 45 number kyun choose kiya aapne, sir?"Recounting the story behind his choice, Rohit said, "It was a very simple logic, when I played cricket in a jersey for the first time, because when you wear a jersey, you have to choose a number. So people had already chosen all the numbers, number 5, number 8, number 9. I wanted a single-digit number, but everyone had already chosen. So, the only number left for me was 19. Because I just liked the number 19. So I put on the number 19 and I played too, in the Under-19".However, Rohit realised that he would have to reconsider his choice if he went on to represent the Indian team. Explaining how he discovered this, he shared, "Then after that, I think we were playing together at that time, but I can't remember the name right now. They told me, 'Hey brother, this is Under-19, you will play in the India team, you can't take this number.' So I said, 'Why?' dude, and he said, 'It's Rahul Dravid's number,' and Rahul Dravid was playing with number 19 at that time, and he was the captain". Rohit then sought advice from his mother, as he said, "So right after that, immediately in the evening, I reached the hotel and called mom. I told Mom, 'Mom, I can't play with this number.' Now you tell me which number I should play with. So, mom picked this number '45' for me.Mom told me, 'Play with number 9, it will be good for you'. The number 9 had gone, I didn't want to play with the number 27. So I was really liking 4 and 5 being around. So I also gave this feedback to my mom that 4-5 looks much better, so I said, 'Mom, I'll take this number. This is also 9, and the number on the jersey 4-5 will look very good too'", he added.Family Full House with Rohit Sharma' is available on Sony Entertainment Television and streaming on Sony LIV.Rohit Sharma reveals the story behind picking number 45 for his iconic jersey.Rohit Sharma reveals the story behind picking number 45 for his iconic jersey

India suffer four-wicket defeat to Pakistan in Hong Kong Sixes

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Kowloon: India's batting failed to fire as they suffered a four-wicket defeat against Pakistan in a Group C match of the Hong Kong Sixes here on Friday, October 30.Sent in to bat, India managed 88 for five in six overs, riding on an explosive 11-ball 40 from Shashank Singh.In reply, Pakistan chased down the target, scoring 91 for two in just 3.5 overs. Openers Khawaja Nafay (41 off 12 balls) and Abbas Afridi (35 off eight balls) provided the platform through a whirlwind 59-run stand off just 13 balls.It was Afridi's five sixes against Krunal Pandya in the very first over of the chase that took the game away from India.Abdul Samad and Irfan Khan then completed the task to hand Pakistan a convincing victory.Earlier, India's opening pair of Rahul Tripathi (9) and Nitish Rana (19) failed to provide a solid start.Skipper Pandya and Rahul Tewatia also failed to make an impact as India finished with 88, the lowest total of the day in the tournament.Pakistan, who were on the brink of elimination after suffering a one-wicket defeat against the UAE in their opening match earlier in the day, moved to the top of Group C, while India slipped to the bottom.India will face the UAE on Saturday in their second and final group match.The winners of each group will qualify for the semifinals. The final is scheduled for Sunday.The defeat exposed India's struggles with both the bat and ball in the fast-paced six-over format, where aggressive batting and quick scoring are crucial. Despite Shashank Singh's impressive hitting, the Indian batting line-up failed to build partnerships or maintain momentum during the innings. Pakistan, on the other hand, capitalised on the opportunity with an aggressive approach from the opening overs, putting the Indian bowlers under immense pressure. The five sixes smashed by Abbas Afridi in a single over proved to be a decisive moment, leaving India with little room to recover. The Indian team will now be under pressure to deliver a strong performance against the UAE to keep their hopes of progressing in the tournament alive. A victory in the next match will be important for India's campaign, while the group standings and remaining fixtures will determine the semifinal line-up.

Football belongs to the fans,' says Ronaldo after winning Ballon d'Or of All Time poll

NEW DELHI
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Portuguese football great Cristiano Ronaldo thanked fans around the world after his maiden Ballon d'Or triumph in 2008 was voted the greatest victory in the award's history in the B.O.A.T. (Best of All Time) poll. Football belongs to the fans! Thank you to all the fans around the world; the Ballon D'Or of All Time is also yours," Ronaldo wrote on social media on Thursday.
The poll, conducted by the Ballon d'Or organisers, invited football fans to vote for the greatest Ballon d'Or-winning campaign of all time.
Ronaldo's 2008 triumph emerged as the winner, while Argentine superstar Lionel Messi's 2012 victory finished second.
Ronaldo's maiden Ballon d'Or came after an outstanding 2007-08 season with Manchester United, in which he scored 42 goals in 49 appearances across all competitions. The Portuguese forward helped the English club win both the Premier League and the UEFA Champions League. In the Premier League, Ronaldo scored 31 goals to finish as the competition's leading scorer and help Manchester United secure their 17th league title. He also scored eight goals in the Champions League, finishing as the tournament's top scorer and helping United lift the trophy after defeating Chelsea in the final. The final ended 1-1 after extra time, with Ronaldo scoring United's goal before Sir Alex Ferguson's side prevailed in the penalty shootout.Ronaldo won the Ballon d'Or in 2008 after finishing second behind Brazilian midfielder Kaká the previous year. He became the third Portuguese player to receive the honour, following Eusebio in 1965 and Luis Figo in 2000.
The award marked a defining moment in Ronaldo's rise from an 18-year-old arrival at Manchester United in 2003 to one of the most decorated players in football history.The 2008 triumph also preceded an era of individual dominance shared by Ronaldo and Messi. Ronaldo has won the Ballon d'Or five times in his career, while Messi holds the record with eight victories.Ronaldo's 2008 campaign continues to be remembered as one of the most remarkable individual seasons in modern football, particularly for his ability to deliver in crucial matches. His combination of pace, aerial ability, dribbling and goal-scoring made him a central figure in Manchester United's success during that period. The Portuguese star later went on to represent Real Madrid, Juventus and other clubs, further strengthening his reputation with impressive performances and numerous individual and team honours. His long-standing rivalry with Messi became one of the defining stories of world football, attracting millions of supporters and inspiring debates across generations. The latest fan poll has once again highlighted the lasting popularity of Ronaldo's maiden Ballon d'Or-winning season and the impact it had on his career. Ronaldo's message of gratitude also underlined the importance of supporters in celebrating football's greatest achievements.

Thunderstorms Bring Relief to Hyderabad After Month-Long Dry Spell

Thunderstorms Bring Relief to Hyderabad After Month-Long Dry Spell; Traffic Hit

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After more than a month of dry weather, Hyderabad and its surrounding areas received much-needed rainfall on Friday evening, as thunderstorms triggered a brief but intense spell of downpour across several localities.

The sudden showers brought relief to residents who had been waiting for rain for weeks. However, the heavy downpour during the evening rush hour resulted in traffic congestion and slow-moving vehicles across several parts of Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Cyberabad.

According to rainfall data compiled by the Telangana Development Planning Society (TDPS), several locations recorded rainfall ranging from 10 mm to 37 mm by 6 pm on Friday.

Thorrur near Adibatla in Rangareddy district recorded the highest rainfall at 37 mm, followed by Medipally with 33.3 mm and Hayathnagar with 30.3 mm. Other areas receiving significant rainfall included Pasumamula in Abdullapurmet (29.8 mm), Moulali in Uppal (28.5 mm) and Singapur Township near Ghatkesar (27 mm).

Pedda Amberpet recorded 21.5 mm, while Shaikpet received 17 mm. Rajiv Nagar in Nacharam recorded 15.8 mm, followed by Dammaiguda (14 mm), Kapra (13.5 mm), Nadargul in Balapur (12.5 mm), Manikonda (11.3 mm) and Saroornagar (6.8 mm).

The thunderstorms affected traffic movement across several major locations, including Secunderabad, Banjara Hills, Gachibowli, Dilsukhnagar and Jubilee Hills.

The sudden rainfall caused bottlenecks on busy roads, particularly during peak commuting hours, inconveniencing office-goers and motorists.

Despite the traffic disruptions, the showers brought considerable relief to residents after an extended dry spell. The rainfall also provided temporary respite from the prevailing dry weather conditions across the city.

Telangana to auction 550 acres in Miyapur, use proceeds for irrigation projects: Revanth

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A day after the Supreme Court ruled that 550 acres of land in Miyapur belonged to the State government, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that the land would be auctioned and the proceeds utilised to complete irrigation projects and take up other development works. The Chief Minister said the Supreme Court had delivered a landmark verdict, declaring that the Miyapur lands, valued at nearly Rs 50,000 crore, belonged to the State government.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Revanth Reddy said the Cabinet sub-committee constituted for resource mobilisation would examine the proposal to auction the valuable lands. "The recommendations of the sub-committee will be discussed in the Cabinet before taking a final decision. We intend to sell these valuable lands and utilise the proceeds for irrigation, education, healthcare and other development works," he said.

Defending the government's proposal, the Chief Minister said leaving the lands vacant could expose them to encroachments. Hence, the government wanted to auction the lands and utilise the revenue for public welfare programmes. He also appealed to the opposition BRS to cooperate with the government in this initiative.

Revanth Reddy said officials had been instructed to immediately take possession of the lands and erect fencing to prevent encroachments. They were also directed to identify any constructions that had come up on the lands. Further action would be taken based on their findings, he said. The Chief Minister accused the previous BRS government of deliberately facilitating encroachments on valuable government lands in different parts of the State.

In contrast, the Congress government had taken measures to safeguard government properties soon after assuming office. Officials representing the State had presented a strong case before the apex court, resulting in the favourable verdict, he maintained.

"Since coming to power, our government has protected lands worth nearly Rs 1.50 lakh crore. This reflects our commitment to safeguarding public properties," Revanth Reddy said.

Continuing his attack on the previous government, he alleged that attempts had been made to facilitate encroachments on government lands in Kancha Gachibowli and Mamidipalli.

HC questions GHMC over approvals, later demolition drives

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court questioned the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) over its contradictory approach of granting building permissions and regularising layouts, while subsequently seeking the demolition of alleged illegal constructions.

Hearing petitions filed by Narasimha Reddy and others alleging illegal demolitions by HYDRAA in plots belonging to the Defence Housing Cooperative Society Ltd. in Malkajgiri, Ranga Reddy district, Justice G.M. Mohiuddin questioned why GHMC was approaching the Revenue Department and HYDRAA to protect open spaces in layouts for which it had itself granted approvals.

The Court also questioned HYDRAA as to how it could proceed with demolitions without communicating its decision after the petitioners had submitted explanations to the notices alleging unauthorised constructions.

In a separate petition filed by the society, the Court also examined the alleged construction of a GHMC dumping yard and parking of garbage transportation vehicles on 6,039 square yards of land forming part of the society's 112-acre property.

Directing GHMC and HYDRAA to file detailed counter-affidavits explaining the demolitions, dumping yard construction and vehicle parking, the Court observed that it was granting them a final opportunity and adjourned the matter for three weeks.

Telangana govt to launch Rs 7,500-crore first phase of Musi project

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Amid the El Niño crisis and drought conditions across Telangana, the State government is preparing to launch the first phase of the Musi rejuvenation project at an estimated cost of Rs 7,500 crore. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka announced that the works would be taken up as part of the government's comprehensive action plan, involving an outlay of Rs 84,790 crore for the development of Hyderabad and its surrounding areas.

"Designs and tendering processes have been initiated for works worth nearly Rs 55,000 crore, with projects covering urban infrastructure, water supply, roads, Metro Rail and civic amenities," he said. Of the total expenditure, works worth Rs 52,706 crore will be taken up through the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), Hyderabad Growth Corridor, Metro Rail and other agencies.



Speaking at the NAREDCO Telangana Property Show at HITEX on Friday, Bhatti Vikramarka said Rs 15,849 crore had been allocated to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board and another Rs 500 crore for road works through the Hyderabad Road Development Corporation. The plan also includes Rs 8,663 crore for GHMC, Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation and Cyberabad Municipal Corporation.

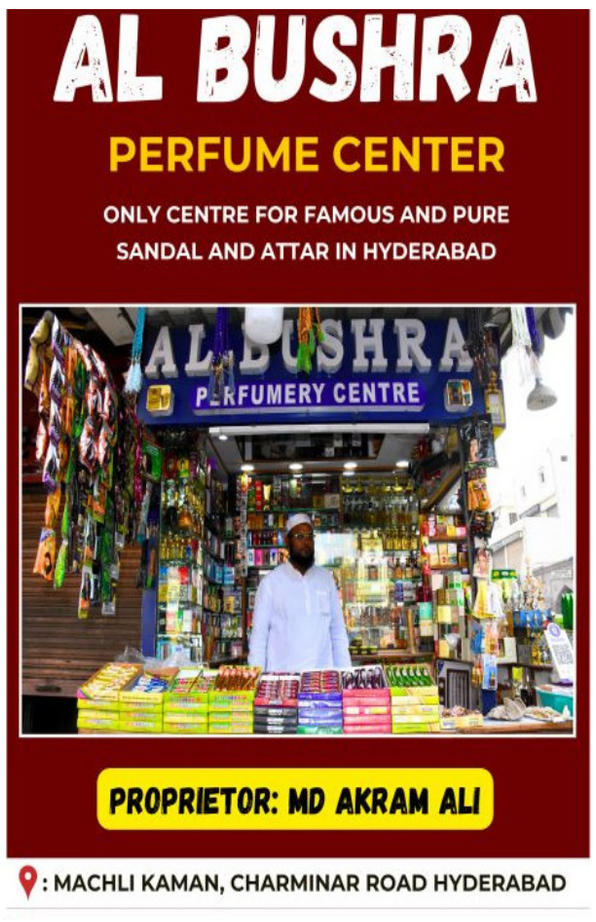
The Deputy Chief Minister also announced plans to invest around Rs 93,000 crore in road infrastructure across the State, including four-lane roads and flyovers. The government was focusing on securing additional water resources from the Krishna and Godavari rivers to support Hyderabad's expansion.

He said that, under the HILT policy, industries within the Outer Ring Road limits were proposed to be shifted outside the city in a phased manner to reduce pollution. The government was also promoting electric buses and vehicles.

Describing the real estate and construction sectors as partners in development, Bhatti urged industry representatives to focus on affordable housing alongside luxury projects. He said the government was combining infrastructure investment with welfare measures and skill development.



A man was rescued by HYDRAA's Disaster Response Force and Monsoon Response Teams after being swept away by floodwaters and dragged into a drain in Madhapur following heavy rain.



BRS challenges Revanth Reddy to hold 'Water Summit' instead of Global Summit

HYDERABAD
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BRS MLA Dr K Sanjay challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to organise a "Water Summit" instead of the Telangana Rising Global Summit in Hyderabad. He emphasised the need to focus on addressing drinking water and power shortages as well as farmers' irrigation needs before projecting Telangana as a major investment destination.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Friday, Sanjay said the government was talking about the Global Summit even as people struggled for drinking water and farmers faced severe irrigation shortages. "If the government cannot provide drinking water to its people, how will it supply water to those attending the Global Summit and also investors upon setting up industries?" he asked.

He offered that BRS leaders could explain how available water could be lifted and utilized, if the government needed help. He also questioned the Congress government's inaction on the cyber attack on TS-iPASS portal and subsequent delay in approvals to industries.

The BRS MLA accused the government of failing to provide adequate power to industries despite the previous BRS regime increasing the State's power generation capacity from 7,000 MW before Telangana's formation to nearly 20,000 MW. Citing the Kitex Group's move, he said industries were now facing power shortages and shifting to Andhra Pradesh.

Telangana landowners face fresh hurdles on Bhu Bharati portal

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Landowners seeking changes and corrections in land classification, extent, names and other particulars, are unable to access the correction option on the Bhu Bharati portal, with the government restricting it to pilot villages where a re-survey is under way. The glitch has left property owners waiting for a basic service the government had promised to make easier.

The Bhu Bharati portal, introduced by the Congress government to replace the previous BRS regime's Dharani system and resolve its alleged flaws, has been struggling to fix the newly noticed flaws and instead, creating new hurdles for landowners. The portal which is frequently reporting server outages, has been unable to carry out correction of errors since the second week of October.

When users select the correction option, the portal has been displaying a message that the service was unavailable and limited to pilot villages. Farmers and landowners from other villages, including those approaching MeeSeva centres, have no clarity on when the option will be restored. The Revenue Department is conducting a re-survey in two villages in every mandal under a pilot project. The exercise is under way in 2,720 villages across Telangana, while the remaining 8,234 villages are to be covered in phases. Landowners outside the pilot areas are thus left without an immediate online facility to rectify errors in their records.

Over the last three months, frequent server outages and software glitches are adding to their woes. Farmers, property owners, tahsildars, joint sub-registrars and MeeSeva operators reported disruptions during slot booking, stamp duty payments, document uploads, citizen logins and downloading of encumbrance certificates.

Farmhouse party raided in Chevella, 3 test positive for drugs

HYDERABAD
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In a major crackdown on an alleged liquor and drug party, the Special Operations Team (SOT) and local police raided a farmhouse at Kammeta village in Chevella on Friday and found 108 students attending the gathering.

According to the Chevella Circle Inspector Narender Reddy, the students were identified as those studying at IBS University in Dontanpally, Shankarpally. They reportedly belonged to BBA and engineering courses.

Following the raid, police shifted the students to Chevella Police Station and conducted drug tests. Three students tested positive for drugs.

Police also seized a large quantity of liquor from the farmhouse. Preliminary inquiry revealed that the party was allegedly organised without obtaining the necessary permissions. The person who organised the party reportedly collected between Rs 1,000 and Rs 2,000 from each student to attend the event.

Chevella police are now investigating the circumstances under which the gathering was organised, the source of the liquor and the alleged drug consumption.

Hyderabad may lose 19.4 lakh voters in SIR exercise, electorate set to shrink 41 per-cent

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Hyderabad's electorate could shrink by around 41 per cent as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana. The projected reduction is similar to that in Bengaluru, where the electorate fell by 43 per cent, from 1,03,88,363 to 59,08,151.

The city's voter count is expected to fall from 47,36,669 before the SIR to a little over 28 lakh, even if all 12.49 lakh electors served notices are retained in the final rolls, along with new additions. This translates into a reduction of nearly 41 per cent, which could rise further if more electors are excluded following the hearing process. Electors who fail to attend hearings could face exclusion from the final rolls.

According to information released by the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer's office, Hyderabad's 15 Assembly constituencies had 47,36,669 electors before the SIR, of whom 27,95,225 submitted enumeration forms. A total of 19,41,444 electors were categorised under the Absent, Shifted, Death and Double (ASDD) categories. As of Thursday, 12,53,876 SIR notices had been generated for electors whose enumeration forms had discrepancies. Of these, 12,49,026 had been delivered, while 4,850 were pending delivery.

Hearings for 12,07,629 electors had been completed as of Thursday. However, 45,424 first hearings and 823 rescheduled hearings had lapsed. Following the hearings, 11,42,490 voters had been marked for inclusion in the final electoral rolls. This included 6,28,722 electors with logical discrepancies and 5,13,768 electors who could not be mapped to the 2002 SIR rolls.

Another 15,41,296 electors whose enumeration forms had no discrepancies had already been marked for inclusion in the final rolls.

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