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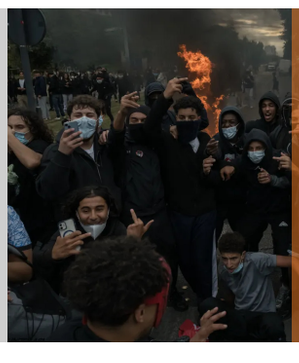
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IAF May Look Abroad If AMCA Faces More Delays: Air Chief

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Amid reports that Pakistan may acquire fifth-generation fighter jets from China, Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh said on Saturday that the IAF could consider alternative fifth-generation aircraft if the indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme faces further delays. Addressing the annual press conference ahead of Air Force Day on October 8, Air Chief Marshal Singh said the force needed to induct 36 to 40 fighter aircraft every year to address the shortage in squadron strength. He said delays in the induction of

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CM Revanth Calls for Child Online Safety Framework

The Chief Minister called for involving parents in the effort to prepare the child online safety framework

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed state government officials to prepare a comprehensive Child Online Safety Framework to protect children from cybercrimes and ensure timely justice. The framework will be prepared in consultation with the Telangana High Court and the Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TGSLSA), he announced. Addressing the inaugural session of the National Legal Services Authority's South Zone Regional Conference in the city, organised on the theme 'Justice for Children in Cyberspace', the Chief Minister said parents must be actively involved in framing measures to protect children online. He said every child and parent should know two important numbers — 1930 for reporting cybercrime and 1098 for child help — and advised parents to communicate with their children about online activities with curiosity rather than judgment.



Union minister of law and justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, Telangana High Court Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, Supreme Court judges Alok Aradhe, R. Mahadevan, P.S. Narasimha and Vikram Nath, and Telangana High Court Judge Sam Koshy attended the conference. Revanth Reddy launched the 'Freedom from Bonded Labour – Legal Aid, Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-integration Scheme, 2026'. The scheme provides a simple mechanism for reporting incidents of bonded labour and aims to create awareness among workers about their legal rights.

The Chief Minister reiterated the state government's commitment to extending full support to Legal Services Authorities so that their services reach every district and village.

He said protecting children and women remained the highest priority of the state government and stressed the need for all institutions involved in child protection to work as an integrated system. Revanth Reddy said the CybHER app was being used to educate students and teachers on online safety, with students also being encouraged to act as cyber ambassadors and create awareness among their classmates. The TGSLSA has signed an MoU with the School Education department under which teachers are educating children about their legal rights. More than 3,000 Child Protection Officers have been trained so far, he said.

"Justice is not only about conviction. It is about restoration. It is about dignity. It is about giving back children their childhood," the Chief Minister said.

Sri City Boiler Blast: Five Dead, 10 Injured

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Five workers died when a boiler exploded at the TIL Healthcare unit of Tablets India Limited (TIL) at the Sri City in Tirupati district on Saturday morning. AP government has ordered a top-level inquiry into the blast. The government has further instructed third-party safety audits of all industries in the Sri City industrial hub. Officials said the mishap is the first incident of this nature in Sri City's 18-year history.

Saturday's blast at TIL Healthcare occurred around 8:30 am when the shift had been changing and the two-tonne-capacity boiler at the plant exploded.

Fortunately, as Friday had been a holiday for Gandhi Jayanti, only essential personnel had been present at the facility on Saturday morning. Three workers died on the spot. One of the two seriously injured succumbed to injuries while being shifted to a hospital. The other worker, identified as Vasu of Tada, died at a Chennai hospital, where he had been shifted for advanced treatment.

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AISA, Other Protesters Return to Jantar Mantar



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Nearly 200 protesters were detained in connection with Saturday's demonstrations at Jantar Mantar demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, with Delhi Police registering cases under provisions dealing with disobedience of orders and obstruction and assault of public servants for Friday's protest, officials said. The protesters, including members of student organisations and civil society groups, attempted to gather at Jantar Mantar despite prohibitory orders imposed in the New Delhi district.

Among those detained were AISA national president Neha Bora, civil society activist Yogendra Yadav and senior advocate Prashant Bhushan. The AISA said senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Nitya Ramakrishnan and Pallav Sisodia also joined the protest. Police invoked Sections 223(a), 221, 132 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) in connection with Friday's protests.

The provisions relate to disobedience of a lawful order promulgated by a public servant, obstructing a public servant in the discharge of public functions, assault or use of criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging his duty and acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention,

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Speed Up Construction on OGH, TIMS, Warangal Hospital: CM Revanth

He issued the directions at a review meeting with Chief Minister's Office (CMO) officials to assess education and healthcare services across the state.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed officials to accelerate construction of major healthcare projects, including the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (Tims) hospitals at LB Nagar and Alwal, the Warangal super-specialty hospital and the new Osmania General Hospital in Hyderabad.The Chief Minister issued the directions during a review meeting with Chief Minister's Office (CMO) officials to assess the status of education and healthcare services across Telangana.

He stressed that the hospitals should be fully equipped with doctors, support staff and advanced medical equipment before they become operational.Reviewing the progress of the hospital projects, Revanth Reddy instructed Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju to assess staffing requirements and begin recruitment procedures well in advance. He said adequate manpower must be ensured to prevent shortages and enable the hospitals to provide comprehensive services from the day they open.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the procurement of advanced medical equipment and other arrangements required for the new hospitals. He directed officials to ensure that necessary facilities are made available so patients can access quality healthcare without delays after the hospitals commence operations.Revanth Reddy further instructed district collectors to regularly visit government schools, social welfare hostels and government hospitals in their respective districts. The visits, he said, should focus on assessing infrastructure, identifying deficiencies and taking immediate corrective measures.Collectors and other officials were directed to conduct weekly reviews of infrastructure and basic facilities in government schools. The Chief Minister called for prompt repairs wherever necessary to provide students with safe and conducive learning environments.

He also asked officials to remain vigilant about seasonal diseases and take preventive measures in advance. Regular monitoring of government institutions was emphasised to ensure that problems affecting students, patients and other beneficiaries are identified and resolved quickly.During the meeting, CMO officials briefed the Chief Minister on preparations for the Invest Telangana Global Summit-2026, scheduled to be held at Bharat Future City in December. Revanth Reddy said he would inspect the arrangements shortly and directed officials to prepare detailed plans covering infrastructure, guest facilities and investment-related activities.He stressed the need for close coordination among all departments involved in organising the summit and facilitating investment proposals.MP Vem Narendar Reddy, Chief Minister's adviser K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, DGP C.V. Anand and senior CMO officials attended the review meeting.

Gurukul Student Scales 6,027-Metre Mount Tarang-2

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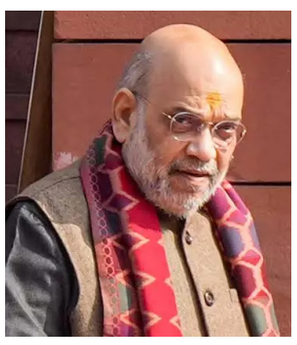


Telangana Gurukul student Islavath Banni has achieved a remarkable feat by scaling Mount Tarang-2, a 6,027-metre-high peak in Himachal Pradesh.Banni, a final-year B.Com student of the Telangana Gurukul Tribal Welfare Residential Degree College (TGTWRDC), Kamareddy, reached the summit on September 22 and returned safely to his college on September 30.

His achievement was recognised on Saturday when Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar felicitated him for his accomplishment.Congratulating Banni, the minister encouraged students to pursue excellence not only in academics but also in sports, adventure activities and other fields. He said success in challenging situations requires determination, discipline and the ability to continue despite difficulties.

"True sporting spirit lies in moving forward in the face of adversity without giving up," the minister said, urging students to take inspiration from Banni and actively participate in sports and adventure activities.Laxman Kumar said the government would continue to provide encouragement and opportunities to identify and nurture the talents of tribal students. He added that Gurukul educational institutions would support students who demonstrate interest and potential in sports, mountaineering and other specialised activities.The minister said achievements such as Banni's could inspire other students from tribal communities to explore new opportunities and set ambitious goals for themselves.TGTWREIS Secretary K. Seethalakshmi congratulated Banni and described his achievement as a matter of pride for the Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society. She highlighted the significance of his participation in the first Indian team to scale Mount Tarang-2.Banni's successful expedition has brought recognition to the Telangana Gurukul educational system and demonstrated the potential of students from tribal welfare institutions. Officials and educators expressed hope that his achievement would motivate .

Shah's State Visit Cancelled



Union home minister Amit Shah's scheduled visit to Telangana on Sunday has been cancelled due to an undisclosed engagement in New Delhi. As per the earlier schedule, Shah was to visit Karimnagar to attend a private programme as chief guest and later hold brief meetings with BJP leaders in Hyderabad, including the newly appointed party in-charges for Telangana. Police and other security agencies had already held coordination meetings and finalised arrangements for his proposed visit to Brahmanapalli in Toopran mandal, where he was scheduled to lay the foundation stone for a cooperative dairy plant. The preparations were put on hold following the cancellation of the visit.

Union minister of state for home Bandi Sanjay Kumar said the visit had been cancelled due to "unavoidable reasons". A senior BJP leader said Shah was required to remain in Delhi for an important meeting. Local party leaders and workers had begun preparations for the visit, during which organisational matters were also expected to be discussed. This is not the first time Shah's proposed visit to Telangana has been postponed because of engagements in New Delhi. No fresh date has been announced for the visit. Party sources said it could be rescheduled later.

Foreign Delegates Admire Ramappa Temple's Architecture

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A team of 28 officials and journalists representing 18 countries visited the historic Ramappa Temple in Mulugu district on Saturday and expressed admiration for its remarkable Kakatiya-era architecture, advanced construction techniques and intricate stone sculptures.

The visit was organised as part of a two-week international training programme being conducted by the Dr Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resource Development Institute (MCR HRD Institute), Hyderabad, under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of the Ministry of External Affairs.During their visit, the delegates were taken around the temple complex, where a guide explained the historical and architectural significance of the monument. The visitors were briefed about the distinctive construction methods adopted by Kakatiya-era artisans and the artistic excellence reflected in the temple's sculptures.The delegates showed particular interest in the innovative sand foundation technology used in the construction of the temple. They were informed that the technique was designed to provide stability and help the structure withstand seismic activity. The lightweight bricks used in the construction of the temple tower, which helped reduce the overall weight and load on the structure, also attracted considerable attention.The intricate sculptures carved out of black stone were another major attraction for the visitors.

They closely observed the finely detailed figures, including sculptures depicting various dance poses that reflect the artistic and cultural traditions of the Kakatiya period. The delegates were also impressed by sculptures featuring extremely fine perforations, highlighting the extraordinary craftsmanship of the artisans.The international visitors said they were fascinated by the manner in which the Kakatiyas combined art, science and engineering in temple construction centuries ago. They appreciated the precision and sophistication of the techniques used at a time when modern construction technology was not available."Learning how the Kakatiyas developed such advanced construction techniques centuries ago was fascinating.

RPI Athawale Celebrates 69th Foundation Day in Hyderabad

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The Republic Party of India (Athawale) celebrated its 69th Foundation Day with enthusiasm at its South India office in Lakdikapul, Hyderabad.

The programme was attended by Kompally Prabhudas as the chief guest and Ayireni Shravan Kumar as the special guest. Addressing the gathering, Shravan Kumar highlighted the political journey of party president and Rajya Sabha member Ramdas Athawale, who has been elected to the Rajya Sabha three times and is serving as Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment.

He said it was a matter of pride for party workers to be associated with an organisation inspired by the ideals of Dr B.R. Ambedkar. He called upon party leaders and workers to work collectively to strengthen the RPI (Athawale) and expand its presence across Telangana.

Shravan Kumar also announced that the party would contest the upcoming Khairatabad by-election under the RPI (Athawale) banner. He said the party would continue working for socially and economically disadvantaged sections and strive to address issues affecting ordinary people.

South India leaders, Telangana State president Manne Sridhar, Gopu Ramesh, Moses, women's wing leader Roja Ramani, Ghulam, Srinivas, Mahender, Raj Kumar, Satish and several district-level leaders participated in the celebrations.

RTI Committee Invites Minister Gaddam Vivek to Awareness Seminar

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The Right to Information Act Sadhana Committee invited Telangana Minister Gaddam Vivek to attend the RTI Act–2005 anniversary celebrations and awareness seminar as the chief guest. The event is scheduled to be held at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad on October 7.

A delegation from the committee met Minister Vivek at the Ministers' Quarters on Saturday and formally presented the invitation. Committee National Chairman Chanti Mudiraj, State President Sura Sravanthi, State Vice-President Aravind Yadav, State Spokesperson Kashi Satish and State Joint Secretary Sayam Mahesh Yadav, along with other leaders and members, participated in the meeting.

The representatives briefed the minister on the objectives of the seminar and said that the support of prominent public figures would strengthen efforts to promote awareness of the Right to Information Act among citizens.

Telangana Waives 2% Commission On ₹2,944 Cr Hudco Loan for Musi, Godavari Schemes

The Telangana government has finalised key financial backing for the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) by waiving a 2 per cent guarantee commission on a ₹2,944-crore loan sanctioned by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (Hudco). The funding covers the state government's 40 per cent share in the ₹7,360-crore project. The project is being executed under the hybrid annuity model, under which the remaining 60 percent of the cost is invested by the selected private agency.

Under the updated agreement, the state government will provide a formal sovereign guarantee along with committed budgetary support to handle both principal and interest repayments to Hudco throughout the tenure of the loan. Earlier negotiations saw Hudco reduce the annual interest rate on the term loan from 8.97 per cent to 8.85.

Uttam Directs Officials to Streamline Gouravelli Project

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Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday directed officials to resolve all pending issues related to the Gouravelli irrigation project in a time-bound manner and ensure its early completion to deliver irrigation benefits to farmers.Uttam Kumar Reddy reviewed the progress of the project at the Secretariat in the presence of Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar. He stressed that the substantial investment already made in the project should be converted into tangible benefits for farmers covering the intended ayacut of 1.06 lakh acres.The minister said pending approvals, land acquisition and rehabilitation issues must be addressed without further delay. He instructed officials to prepare an action plan for resolving the remaining hurdles and completing the project at the earliest.Located in Akkannapet mandal of Siddipet district, the Gouravelli project is part of the Indiramma Flood Flow Canal project linked to the Sriram Sagar Project. Its original construction agreement was signed in May 2008 during the Congress government in undivided Andhra Pradesh.The project's reservoir capacity was later increased from 1.410 TMC to 8.230 TMC to meet expanded irrigation requirements. A supplementary agreement for the additional works was signed in December 2017. However, the expanded works could not progress as expected due to the absence of several required approvals and clearances, the minister said.Uttam Kumar Reddy noted that the reservoir works are now nearly 98 per cent complete, making it essential to focus on the remaining components and ensure that the project becomes fully operational.He particularly emphasised that completing the reservoir alone would not be sufficient. The canal and distributary network must also be completed and made functional so that water can actually reach agricultural fields across the intended ayacut.The minister directed officials to coordinate with the concerned departments and address administrative and field-level issues on priority.

Kadiyam Kavya Re-Nominated To Health Committee

Warangal MP Dr Kadiyam Kavya has been re-nominated as a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on health and family welfare for 2026-27. The Rajya Sabha Secretariat communicated her nomination on Saturday, effective from September 26. A doctor by profession, Dr Kavya has been raising public health issues, including expanding cancer screening programmes for early detection and promoting modern medical technology and artificial intelligence-based healthcare solutions.

Dr Kavya said her objective was to ensure access to quality healthcare services in rural and backward areas. She had also raised in the Lok Sabha the health risks associated with the use of the herbicide Paraquat Dichloride. Dr Kavya said she would continue to work through the committee on public health, disease prevention, cancer screening and healthcare infrastructure.

Telangana Eases Patta Land Registrations, Offers Nala Relief

Telangana Issues Norms To Ease Patta Land Registrations, Relief For Property Owners Facing Nala Woes

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana government has issued fresh guidelines to resolve registration problems involving patta lands originally classified as agricultural but subsequently put to residential use without completion of the Non-Agricultural Land Assessment (NALA) process. The move is aimed at providing relief to thousands of families whose properties remain on the prohibited properties list under Section 22-A despite being used for residential purposes.

Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said on Saturday that Memorandum No. 48062/ULC/A1/2026, issued that day, directed district collectors to facilitate registration of eligible properties after completing the prescribed procedure. He described the decision as another step towards a permanent solution to land-related problems that people had faced for decades. The minister said residential properties on patta lands continued to be classified as agricultural in revenue records because the NALA process had not been completed. Their inclusion in the Section 22-A list had prevented registrations.

Collectors have been instructed to examine applications thoroughly by verifying revenue records, ownership documents and ground conditions. They must collect the applicable NALA conversion charges and other government fees in accordance with the rules and take the necessary steps to complete registration, he said. The minister directed collectors to process eligible applications promptly and transparently within the stipulated timeframe, without forcing applicants to make repeated visits to government offices. They must also submit progress reports to the government.

The decision would provide considerable relief to ordinary and middle-class families unable to sell their plots or secure loans against their properties for years because of registration restrictions, Srinivasa Reddy said. At a review meeting with revenue officials on Saturday, he directed them to monitor implementation of the recently issued orders and ensure that the intended relief reached people.

He said officials had a responsibility to implement government decisions from the people's perspective and resolve long-pending problems promptly. Srinivasa Reddy said the government had initiated a series of measures to address Section 22-A issues following assurances given by the Chief Minister in the Assembly on September 16. It was working to resolve 10 to 12 categories of problems through a fast-track mechanism, he added.

Minor Irrigation Tanks in State Drying Up

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Much of rural Telangana could be heading towards water stress with more than half of 21,500 minor irrigation tanks monitored by the irrigation department having zero storages, or scraping their bottoms having less than 25 per cent of their normal water storage. In all, 17,677 MI tanks in the state, as on October 3, have less than 50 per cent of their storage, with 12,944 of them having either no water, or with water that is less than a quarter of what they can normally store. The 21,500 MI tanks, in good times, are capable of holding 253.80 tmcft of water, but this year, the total storage has fallen to a dismal 94.30 tmc ft, as per irrigation department's data. While the irrigation department monitors 21,500 MI tanks, according to the Telangana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission, which some time ago submitted its report on saving these tanks to the state government, the state has around 46,000 such water bodies. Coupled with predicted fall in ground water levels because of an expected poor rainfall for the rest of this year with the agriculture department expecting the levels to fall up to 6 metres and more in some districts due to extraction pressures, the falling storages in MI tanks - which also contribute to ground water reserves – are expected to become a cause for concern in the weeks to come.

That the situation is a matter of concern was also raised by irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy in the recent Legislative Assembly session this September. During a short duration discussion on El Nino and its impact on Telangana, the minister had said that of Telangana's 44,034 tanks, 40 per cent of them had less than a quarter of their normal water storage. With no further significant rains on the horizon and the India Meteorological Department already predicting that Telangana will receive less than normal rain for the rest of the year in the post-southwest monsoon period, the existing storages are not expected to receive any significant additions, according to officials.

MLA Manik Rao Congratulates Telangana SC, ST Commission Chairman



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Telangana Legislative Assembly member Koninty Manik Rao extended his greetings to Bakki Venkatayya, Chairman of the Telangana State SC, ST Commission, on the completion of his three-year tenure.On the occasion, MLA Manik Rao, along with former Market Committee Chairman Gundappa, met Chairman Bakki Venkatayya in person and conveyed their congratulations and best wishes on successfully completing his three-year term as Chairman of the Telangana State SC, ST Commission.

Needs Guide Organisation Trust Conducts Humanitarian Service at Gandhi Hospital

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Needs Guide Organisation Trust celebrated the birthday of its founder, Dr. Bhuvaneshwari Madam, by organising a humanitarian service programme at Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad.

Instead of limiting the occasion to personal celebrations, Dr. Bhuvaneshwari chose to mark her birthday by extending support to people facing difficult circumstances. As part of the initiative, Trust members prepared and distributed food packets to patients, attendants and other needy people at the hospital.

The team also distributed boiled eggs, drinking water bottles, bananas and blankets to those requiring assistance. Trust representatives said the programme was aimed at promoting compassion, humanity and community service.

The initiative was conducted with the support of Co-Founder Sagar Chowdhury, along with Aruna Madam, Bharathi Madam and other team members.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhuvaneshwari said she felt immense happiness and satisfaction in celebrating her birthday by serving people in need.

She reaffirmed her commitment to undertaking more meaningful humanitarian initiatives.

Sagar Chowdhury said the Trust would continue its service activities for the welfare of society. The organisation reiterated its guiding message: "Service to Humanity is Service to God.

Massive Paddy Shortage Found During Surprise Rice Mill Inspection



HYDERABAD
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Revenue, Civil Supplies and Enforcement officials conducted a surprise inspection at Pallavi Modern Rice Mill in Vanalpad village of Bhainsa mandal on Saturday.The officials verified the paddy stocks allocated to the mill by the government and cross-checked the physical stock with the records maintained by the mill. According to official records, the mill had been allotted 6,102.08 metric tonnes of paddy, of which 5,904.435 metric tonnes should have been available as per the records.However, during the physical inspection, officials found only 79.44 metric tonnes of paddy at the mill. This resulted in a massive shortage of 5,824.995 metric tonnes of paddy.Following the discovery, officials conducted a panchnama at the spot and recorded details relating to the available stock and the corresponding records. They said a detailed report on the major discrepancy would be prepared and submitted to higher authorities.Officials further stated that action would be initiated to register a criminal case against the rice miller responsible for the alleged shortage.The rice miller was reportedly not present at the time of inspection and was stated to be absconding. Officials clarified that further action would be taken as per the rules regarding the alleged diversion of government-supplied paddy.

Karchal Village Development Gains Momentum with CC Road Works

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Development works in Karchal village of Raikode mandal are progressing with the construction of cement concrete (CC) roads aimed at improving local infrastructure and providing better access for residents.

The CC road works are being undertaken with an allocation of *₹5 lakh from Gram Panchayat funds, following the initiative of Srinivas Reddy, former Sarpanch of Karchal and husband of the present Sarpanch, Kapu Urmila Srinivas Reddy.

The ongoing works are expected to improve road connectivity within the village, make everyday travel more convenient and help residents move around more easily, particularly during the rainy season.

The initiative highlights the importance of local leadership and the effective utilisation of Gram Panchayat funds for addressing basic infrastructure needs. Residents and local representatives expressed hope that continued development works would further improve civic amenities and living conditions in the village.

Srinivas Reddy, who previously served as Sarpanch, continues to be associated with village development initiatives alongside the present Gram Panchayat leadership.

Leopard Sighting Puts Mopal Villages on Alert

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

A reported leopard sighting on the outskirts of Mopal mandal headquarters has prompted residents of nearby villages to remain cautious, particularly after dark. According to villagers, the leopard was spotted on Friday on the road from Mothiram Naik Thanda towards Kalpol. Those who noticed the animal alerted residents of nearby villages. The forest department was informed on Saturday. Forest officials visited Mopal village and began efforts to ascertain the leopard's movements and look for pugmarks and other signs of its presence.

Officials advised residents not to venture out alone after dark and to avoid entering forested areas unless necessary. Forest officials are expected to monitor the area and assess the situation based on the animal's tracks and movement.

Mission Bhagiratha Disruption Hits Mahabhatpur: Sarpanch Elgoy Laxmaiah Arranges Emergency

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Residents of Mahabhatpur village in Raikode mandal are facing drinking water difficulties following an interruption in the Mission Bhagiratha water supply, reportedly linked to electricity-related issues.Responding to the situation, Mahabhatpur Sarpanch Elgoy Laxmaiah arranged water tankers to provide temporary relief to villagers and help meet their daily water requirements until the regular supply is restored.

The tanker service is helping residents access water during the disruption and easing the immediate difficulties faced by households. The Sarpanch's prompt response has provided temporary support to the village community amid the interruption.Residents need the regular Mission Bhagiratha supply to be restored at the earliest to avoid continued inconvenience. Resolving the electricity-related issue and ensuring a reliable water supply remain important to meeting the village's drinking water needs.

Maternal Health Awareness Drive Held at Sadashivanagar Anganwadi Centre

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An awareness programme on maternal and infant health was organised at an Anganwadi Centre in Sadashivanagar, with Dr Nahida Tarannum, Medical Officer under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) at the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary (GAD), leading the session.

The programme was aimed at pregnant women, lactating mothers and other community members, with a focus on safe motherhood, nutrition, fetal health, infant care and mental well-being.

Dr Nahida Tarannum stressed the need for pregnant women to completely avoid alcohol and other harmful substances, explaining that alcohol consumption during pregnancy can adversely affect fetal development and may result in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. She advised women to follow medical guidance and seek timely healthcare whenever necessary.

The doctor also explained the importance of a balanced and nutritious diet during pregnancy. Lactating mothers were advised to maintain adequate nutrition to support breastfeeding and their own recovery after childbirth.

Mental health and healthy lifestyle practices were also discussed during the interactive session. Dr Nahida encouraged mothers to get adequate rest, stay hydrated and undertake suitable light physical activity, such as walking, based on medical advice. She also emphasised the importance of family support during pregnancy and early motherhood.

As part of the programme, fresh fruits, including apples and bananas, were distributed among pregnant women and lactating mothers to promote healthy eating habits and nutritional awareness.

Govt Proposes Decriminalising Petroleum Licence Breaches

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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

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

EC Orders Drive To Restore Left-Out Voters

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana



Amid Opposition allegations that the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls had resulted in the exclusion of large numbers of eligible voters, the Election Commission has directed state poll officials to launch a special drive to identify and enrol "left-out" voters in states and Union territories where the exercise has been completed. The drive will also cover first-time and young voters who are yet to register.

The instructions followed a virtual meeting with state Chief Electoral Officers. The Commission stressed that voter enrolment was a continuous process and that eligible citizens who were not included during the SIR enumeration could seek inclusion in the electoral rolls. Booth level officers (BLOs) have been asked to compare the current electoral rolls with pre-SIR lists and prepare booth-wise details of electors whose names figured earlier but are now missing. They will conduct house-to-house verification to establish whether such persons remain eligible for enrolment.

Each BLO has been assigned a target of covering 20 to 25 such electors a week, with the exercise expected to be completed within a month. BLOs will also identify first-time and young voters during their visits and facilitate the submission of Form 6 applications for inclusion in the rolls. The booth-wise lists will be shared with booth level agents of recognised political parties and electoral registration officers. The EC has also directed officials to organise special camps, including for people living in labour colonies and night shelters, homeless persons and other marginalised groups.

Opposition parties have accused the Commission of working in tandem with the BJP and alleged that the SIR exercise resulted in the disenfranchisement of eligible citizens. The EC has rejected suggestions that its decisions on SIR were divided, maintaining that the rollout and subsequent decisions were approved unanimously by the Commission. According to data cited by the poll authority and state election officials, the combined electoral rolls of nine states and three Union territories were reduced by 10.2 per cent following the SIR, with more than 60 lakh deceased voters removed. The Commission has said SIR has so far been completed in 20 states and Union territories and that any eligible voter left out during or after the exercise can apply for inclusion under the continuous updation process.

India Summons Pak Envoy Over Border Infiltration

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



India on Saturday summoned Pakistan's Chargé d'Affaires (CdA) to lodge a "strong protest over the continued facilitation of illegal cross-border infiltration from Pakistan", the external affairs ministry said in a late-evening statement. New Delhi also "categorically rejected the baseless and motivated allegations" made by Pakistan over an incident in the Ferozepur sector of Punjab along the International Border on Friday.

India said the incident highlighted what it described as a pattern of repeated cross-border movement by armed narcotics syndicates operating from Pakistan. The move came after Pakistan summoned the Indian CdA in Islamabad earlier in the day to protest reports that Border Security Force personnel had shot dead two suspected Pakistani intruders along the International Border in Punjab on Friday.

In its statement, New Delhi said: "The Pakistani side was informed that three individuals infiltrated into Indian territory and despite multiple warnings by BSF to return to Pakistan, continued to move towards the border fence. The BSF was compelled to engage them for posing an imminent security threat." India said Pakistan had been urged to investigate cross-border infiltration and drug-smuggling activities and the alleged complicity of its border-guarding forces, and to take remedial measures.

"Pakistan was further urged to ensure respect for the sanctity of the International Border, strictly observe relevant bilateral arrangements, mandate its forces to exercise effective control to prevent unauthorised movement from its side, and take definitive measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents," New Delhi said. Islamabad, however, claimed earlier in the day that the use of force was "wholly unjustified and grossly disproportionate, resulting in the tragic loss of two precious lives".

A violent classroom revolt is becoming France's next big crisis

FRANCE
Wakeup telangana



Hundreds of schools across France were closed Friday after student protests over deteriorating school infrastructure, teacher shortages, overcrowded classrooms and long school days escalated into violent clashes.More than 400 schools were shut following nationwide demonstrations that brought thousands of high school students onto the streets. According to France's Interior Ministry, 1,027 of the country's roughly 3,700 high schools were affected on Thursday, including 222 that were blockaded.The protests, which began around Paris in late September, have since spread to several cities. Demonstrators have raised concerns over poor school facilities, insufficient teaching staff, lengthy timetables and classroom conditions, including excessive heat during recent heatwaves.The situation deteriorated as some protests turned violent, with clashes reported between students and police. Authorities also reported incidents involving burning bins, bicycles, schools and vehicles. French media reported that dozens of education workers, hundreds of police personnel and more than 100 students had been injured since the movement began.Education Minister Édouard Geffray acknowledged that the students' initial demands were legitimate but said the violence had gone beyond acceptable protest. The Interior Ministry similarly described the unrest as resembling "urban violence."Geffray was scheduled to meet teachers' unions, student representatives and parents' groups on Friday to discuss the concerns behind the protests.The unrest comes as the French government faces intense pressure over its proposed 2027 budget, which seeks a €54 billion ($60.8 billion) fiscal adjustment. Planned measures include freezing public-sector wages, including those of teachers.France is already struggling with high debt and deficits. Its deficit reached 5.1% of GDP last year, while government debt stood at around 119% of GDP by the end of June. Rising borrowing costs and political divisions have further complicated the government's efforts to reduce spending while responding to demands for increased investment in education.

PM Modi To Visit Baramati On Nov. 3

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Baramati in Maharashtra on November 3 to inaugurate the 'Prerna Sthal' developed on the Vidya Pratishthan campus, NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar said on Saturday. Mr Pawar said the Prime Minister's Office has informed him about the revised schedule. Mr Modi is expected to arrive at the Baramati airport at around 10 am and proceed to Vidya Pratishthan. The Prime Minister is also expected to inspect the institute's artificial intelligence centre and interact with students working on AI projects and startups.

The main function will begin at 11.45 am, with Pawar, the Chief Minister and Modi scheduled to address the gathering. Initially, the Prime Minister was expected to visit on October 24 but his visit was subsequently postponed. According to NCP (SP) founder, the Prerna Sthal houses a four-tonne statue of Gautam Buddha. Information on the Buddha's hand gesture and its significance has also been displayed at the site.

IAF May Look Abroad If AMCA Faces More Delays: Air Chief

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Amid reports that Pakistan may acquire fifth-generation fighter jets from China, Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh said on Saturday that the IAF could consider alternative fifth-generation aircraft if the indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme faces further delays. Addressing the annual press conference ahead of Air Force Day on October 8, Air Chief Marshal Singh said the force needed to induct 36 to 40 fighter aircraft every year to address the shortage in squadron strength. He said delays in the induction of Tejas Mk-1A fighters were "hurting" the IAF as its fighter numbers continued to decline.

The IAF currently has around 30 fighter squadrons against an authorised strength of 42 following the retirement of the MiG-21 fleet. Singh said he hoped the IAF would eventually receive 24 Tejas Mk-1A aircraft annually from state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), along with about 12 aircraft a year under the proposed procurement of 114 Rafale fighters, helping bridge the shortfall.



He said negotiations were under way on the proposal to procure 114 Rafale fighters from France and that the deal could be concluded during the current financial year if things proceeded as planned. The Air Chief said the delay in deliveries of the Tejas Mk-1A had been longer than expected. Asked whether HAL would face penalties over the delay, Singh said delays could occur in defence programmes, but acknowledged that the present delay had been significant.

Mahayuti, MVA Struggle To Resolve Seat-Sharing

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The BJP-led Mahayuti and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) are struggling to reach an agreement on seat-sharing for the October 23 Maharashtra Legislative Council elections. In the opposition MVA, comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP), tensions surfaced on Saturday after the Congress announced three candidates without consulting its allies. A meeting of senior MVA leaders remained inconclusive, with talks scheduled to resume on Sunday.

In the ruling Mahayuti, insiders said a seat-sharing formula had been agreed upon, but the Shinde-led Shiv Sena had yet to accept it. According to the formula, the BJP would contest three seats, while the Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Sunetra Pawar-led NCP would contest one seat each. However, the Shiv Sena is seeking the Pune Teachers' constituency in addition to the Amravati Teachers' constituency, and has not agreed to the BJP's proposed arrangement. The elections are being held for five Maharashtra Legislative Council seats — the Aurangabad, Nagpur and Pune Graduates' constituencies, and the Pune and Amravati Teachers' constituencies. Candidates can file their nominations until October 6. Scrutiny of nominations will be held on October 7, while October 9 is the last date for withdrawal of candidature. MVA leaders met at the Grand Hyatt hotel in Mumbai on Saturday to discuss the distribution of the five seats. The meeting was attended by Maharashtra Congress president Harshwardhan Sapkal, senior Congress leader Arif Naseem Khan, NCP (SP) Maharashtra chief Shashikant Shinde and Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Sri City Boiler Blast....:

The deceased have been identified as Gourab Roy of West Bengal, Chinna Mastan of Cherivi village, Ramesh of Madarapakam, Mohan of Naidukuppam. and Vasu of Tada. The victims included a boiler operator, two ETP personnel and other workers. Emergency response teams, local authorities and company officials launched rescue and relief operations. District collector Dr. S. Venkateswar and superintendent of police L. Subbarayudu, along with senior state government officials, visited the site and reviewed the situation.

State government has announced ₹50 lakh ex gratia to each bereaved family. It further offered to cover the medical and funeral expenses.Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu offered condolences to the bereaved families. He directed the district administration to expedite relief measures and extend assistance to the victims' families. Minister N. Lokesh expressed condolences to the bereaved families. Sri City management assured support to the affected families, including bearing the educational expenses of the deceased workers' children and providing employment to eligible family members in Sri City or nearby industries.

A case has been registered. A special inquiry team comprising officials from the Boilers, Factories and Industries departments, apart from police, has been constituted to ascertain whether there had been any lapses. The Tirupati Boiler Inspector has been suspended for alleged negligence.Authorities said action would be taken against those found responsible after the technical investigation. TIL Healthcare director Ajay Kumar expressed sorrow over the loss of lives. He said the company would cooperate with the government and investigating agencies. He maintained that TIL Healthcare has been operating in Sri City for 17 years with a commitment to safety and compliance. The company would extend assistance to affected families. Sri City managing director Dr. Ravindra Sannareddy said comprehensive safety audits had been conducted following the recent Visakhapatnam boiler incident. Since then, safety monitoring has continued. Sri City teams are working with the company and authorities to support those affected.Collector Dr Venkateswar said the detailed investigation ordered would establish the causes of the accident and identify lapses. Appropriate action would be taken thereafter.

AISA, Other.....

Several protesters were detained as they gathered near the protest site and were taken to different police stations, officials said. The fresh mobilisation followed Bora's call on Friday evening for activists to return to Jantar Mantar and continue the protest against Kumar. The protesters have been demanding his resignation over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

AAP's student wing, the Association of Students for Alternative Politics (ASAP), also staged a protest. The outfit alleged that some of its volunteers were detained and taken around different parts of Delhi in a bus for several hours before being taken to Jafarpur police station. AAP Delhi president Saurabh Bharadwaj questioned the continued detention of the student volunteers. There was no immediate response from Delhi Police to the allegations.

The latest action comes a day after Delhi Police registered at least three FIRs in connection with Friday's protests. Two FIRs were registered at Parliament Street police station and one at Connaught Place police station under Section 223 of the BNS for alleged disobedience of an order promulgated by a public servant. Police had imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) across the New Delhi district ahead of Friday's protest.

The order prohibits gatherings of five or more people, processions, demonstrations, picketing, dharnas and slogan shouting without prior written permission.

On Friday, around 5,000 police and paramilitary personnel, including more than 10 companies of paramilitary forces, were deployed in central Delhi.

Barricades were erected at several points and drones were used to monitor crowded areas. Police had received inputs about 4,000 to 5,000 people potentially gathering for the protest, officials said.

CRIME

Three Die After Falling Into Open Well in Pudur

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A woman and her two children reportedly died after falling into an open well at Matugudem village in Pudur mandal of Vikarabad district, triggering shock and grief among local residents.

The deceased were identified as Mamatha and her two children. The exact circumstances that led to the incident were not immediately clear and are subject to confirmation by the police and other concerned authorities.

The tragedy has left the village community deeply distressed, with



residents expressing grief over the deaths of the mother and her children.

Responding to the incident, Pargi MLA Dr T. Ram Mohan Reddy (TRR) appealed to people facing personal, family, financial or other difficulties not to take extreme steps. He urged those going through difficult circumstances to seek support from family members, friends or others they trust.

In a message shared on social media, the MLA said suicide cannot be a solution to problems and appealed to people to approach him if they needed assistance. He assured that efforts could be made together to find a way forward during difficult times.

Dr Ram Mohan Reddy stressed the importance of timely intervention and emotional support for people facing serious personal or family-related challenges. He also urged families and communities to remain attentive to signs of distress and help those in need access appropriate support.

The deaths of Mamatha and her two children have once again highlighted the importance of ensuring that vulnerable individuals do not suffer in silence and are able to access timely assistance.

Authorities are expected to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident through an investigation. Further details will emerge once the police complete their preliminary inquiry.

The MLA appealed to the public to remember that every life is valuable and that no personal or financial problem should lead to an irreversible decision.

Hyderabad police nabs 49 foreigners for overstaying, illegal acts

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a month-long operation, Hyderabad City Police lodged 49 foreign nationals in holding cells for overstaying their visa or violating immigration regulations, and deported 12 of them.

The operation started on August 31 and was conducted in coordination with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO).

Police station-wise, Tolichowki recorded the highest number of apprehensions at 30. This was followed by six apprehensions each under Langar House and Mehdipatnam, three under Rajendranagar, two under Banjara Hills and one each under Saifabad and Gudimalkapur.

Certain foreigners were also found indulging in illegal activities, police said.

One of them was allegedly involved in a counterfeit currency racket, while several others were found possessing illegal drugs.

A Kenyan national who had entered on a tourist visa was allegedly found involved in prostitution activities.

Another person was reportedly found working as a translator/intermediary for foreign patients in hospitals. They would collect translation/service charges from patients and, in certain cases, receive a commission of approximately 15 per cent of the hospital

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

4 Unauthorised Clinics Identified

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

Hyderabad man dies in Sudan, family says repatriation delayed

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

Three More Booked Under PD Act In ₹1.93-Crore Ganja Smuggling Case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Kamareddy district police have issued detention orders under the Preventive Detention (PD) Act against three more accused in a ganja smuggling case involving 387.128 kg of the contraband valued at about `1.93 crore, taking the total number of accused booked under the Act to seven. District superintendent of police M. Rajesh Chandra said the latest detention orders were issued



against Sheikh Karimullah alias Sheikh Karim, 41, Gainy Subhash, 35, and Sheikh Rahim, 59. All three are residents of Thirmanpalli village in Indalwai mandal of Nizamabad district.

According to police, on June 20, 2026, Devunipalli police received information that a large consignment of ganja was being transported illegally from areas along the Odisha border to Nashik in Maharashtra. Acting on the SP's directions, special teams conducted vehicle checks along National Highway-44. Police intercepted two transport vehicles near a Dhaba on the outskirts of Kyasampalli village. During a search, they found ganja concealed in bags beneath jackfruits placed on the upper portion of the vehicle. Police seized 387.128 kg of ganja, valued at `1,93,56,400, from the vehicle. During the investigation, they examined the supply chain, persons involved in the transportation and financial transactions linked to the case.

Four accused had earlier been detained under the PD Act in connection with the case. With the latest action against three more persons, seven accused have now been booked under the Act.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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



Telangana's 'Mother Teresa' Thota Renuka Steps Up for the Poor







HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Social worker Thota Renuka of Balapur has once again extended a helping hand to poor and critically ill patients at Osmania General Hospital, reaffirming her commitment to humanitarian service.

On Saturday, Renuka visited the hospital and distributed expensive essential medicines free of cost to heart patients and others undergoing emergency treatment. She also interacted with hospital authorities and helped facilitate immediate bed arrangements for several economically disadvantaged patients who were facing difficulties in securing beds in the wards.

Speaking on the occasion, Renuka said supporting poor families during medical emergencies was one of the most meaningful forms of social service.

"For a poor family, a serious illness can become a major financial burden. No patient should be deprived of timely treatment because they cannot afford medicines. My effort is to provide whatever support I can to patients in need and stand with them during their difficult moments," she said.

Renuka appealed to financially capable individuals and voluntary organisations to come forward and support poor patients who struggle to meet medical expenses.

She also appreciated the doctors, nurses and other hospital staff for their dedicated services to patients at government hospitals.

She said she would continue her humanitarian initiatives and expand her social-service activities in the coming days, particularly in healthcare, education and support for economically weaker families.

The initiative was welcomed by patients and their family members, who expressed their gratitude for the timely assistance. Hospital staff also participated in the programme and appreciated Renuka's efforts to support needy patients.

Amazon Now Expands to 15 Cities in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Amazon has launched its ultra-fast delivery service, Amazon Now, across 15 cities in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, offering customers thousands of everyday products delivered within minutes.

The service is now available in Sangareddy, Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Khammam, Warangal, Karimnagar, Ongole, Kurnool, Rajahmundry, Nellore, Tirupati, Guntur, Anantapur, Chittoor and Kadapa.

Amazon Now offers tens of thousands of products across categories, including groceries, fruits and vegetables, frozen food, personal care, beauty, fashion, home and kitchen products and small appliances. Everyday essentials such as milk, bread, cooking oil, ghee, biscuits and confectionery are among the popular products ordered by customers.

Amazon said demand is also growing for premium products, particularly chocolates, personal care and home-care items, indicating changing shopping preferences in smaller cities and towns.

Srikant Sree Ram of Amazon's Everyday Essentials business said the response to Amazon Now in Anantapur had been encouraging, with customers increasingly using the service for both daily necessities and premium products. He said Amazon Now has crossed $1 billion in annualised gross sales in India, with orders doubling every quarter since its launch.

The company said Amazon Now has expanded to four times as many cities in less than 10 weeks and is now available in more than 60 Indian cities and towns. The service operates through a network of over 750 micro-fulfilment and urban fulfilment centres and is targeting 100 cities by Diwali.

Amazon Now customers will also be able to access special offers during the Amazon Great Indian Festival, beginning October 8. Customers can avail themselves of discounts across multiple categories,
while SBI cardholders can receive a 10% instant discount. Prime members will also be eligible for additional savings.

Customers can check availability by opening the Amazon shopping app and looking for the 'Now' banner at the top.

Air India Express To Fly Directly From Thiruvananthapuram to Riyadh, Bahrain

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Thiruvananthapuram International Airport will get direct Air India Express services to Riyadh and Bahrain from October 27, further expanding its connectivity with the Gulf region.

Air India Express will commence direct services to Riyadh and Bahrain from October 27, 2026, with bookings now open, the airport said in a statement here on Saturday. The new Riyadh service will address the long-standing demand for direct air connectivity between Thiruvananthapuram and the Saudi Arabian capital, offering greater convenience to passengers travelling between Kerala and Saudi Arabia, it said.

The Riyadh service will operate three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, complementing the existing daily Air



India Express services to Dammam. The new Bahrain service will operate twice a week on Thursdays and Saturdays, further strengthening connectivity to Bahrain, which is already served by daily Gulf Air flights from Thiruvananthapuram. Thiruvananthapuram currently has more than 250 weekly air traffic movements to the Gulf region, connecting passengers to key destinations such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Doha, Muscat, Kuwait and Dammam.

The new services will expand the airport's international network and strengthen air connectivity between Kerala and the Gulf region, while providing passengers with more travel options, the statement said. The new direct Riyadh service is expected to particularly benefit the large expatriate community from southern Kerala and neighbouring Tamil Nadu working and residing in Saudi Arabia by providing a more convenient travel option between Thiruvananthapuram and Riyadh, it added. Thiruvananthapuram International Airport is managed by TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited (TIAL), a special purpose vehicle under Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL). AAHL is a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, the flagship incubator of the Adani Group.

CBIT Organizes Poster Release for 5-Day Bootcamp on Semiconductor Design



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, is organizing a 5-Day Bootcamp on "Semiconductor Design: RTL, IP Integration & SoC Signoff" in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Hyderabad, from 7 to 13 October 2026.

The official poster of the bootcamp was released at a function held at CBIT in the presence of Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal, CBIT, along with other officials and faculty members. The release marked the formal announcement of the specialized hands-on training programme aimed at strengthening practical skills in semiconductor design.

The bootcamp is being organized by the Departments of Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) and Information Technology (IT). It will provide hands-on exposure to RTL design and SystemVerilog coding, functional verification, logic synthesis, IP integration, and SoC signoff, using open-source EDA tools.

The programme is designed for B.Tech./B.E. students, M.Tech. students, research scholars, faculty members, and students from ECE, IT, CSE, EEE and allied disciplines. Participants will gain practical exposure to industry-relevant semiconductor design workflows, including DFT basics, Static Timing Analysis (STA), lint checks and RTL-to-gate flow.

Dubai Tourism Hits 2026 High as August Visitors Reach 869,000



DUBAI
Wakeup telangana

Dubai's tourism sector recorded its strongest monthly international visitor numbers since February, with around 869,000 international overnight visitors arriving in August 2026, according to data released by the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET).

The latest figures were released as the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2026 opened at Dubai World Trade Centre.

Dubai received 6.97 million international visitors during the first eight months of the year, reflecting continued growth in demand from global markets.

Hotel occupancy also improved significantly, reaching 66% in August, compared with 36% in March. The emirate had nearly 149,000 hotel rooms by the end of August, while hotels recorded 21.61 million occupied room nights during the first eight months.

Western Europe remained Dubai's largest source region, accounting for 20% of visitors, followed by South Asia at 17%, the GCC at 16% and CIS and Eastern Europe at 14%.

DET is participating in ATM 2026 alongside more than 115 co-exhibitors representing hotels, attractions, aviation companies and other tourism stakeholders. The department is also hosting over 300 international travel trade professionals from more than 40 countries through its Hosted Buyers Programme.

India remains an important source market, with DET recently conducting its largest-ever Indian roadshow across Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru, involving 28 stakeholders representing 88 tourism entities.

FPTA Conference Highlights Paper Industry Growth

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

More than 1,000 paper traders from across India gathered in Hyderabad for the 65th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Federation of Paper Traders' Association (FPTA), with industry leaders calling for sustainable growth, policy reforms and greater adoption of technology.

The three-day conference, being held from October 3 to 5 at Novotel HICC, Madhapur, was inaugurated by Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla. Hosted by FPTA in association with the Telangana Paper Merchants' Association (TPMA), the event has returned to Hyderabad after 19 years.

Addressing the gathering, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said the paper industry does not depend on the depletion of natural forests, noting that raw materials are sourced through recycled fibre, agroforestry and agricultural residues. He said the industry should



Principal Dignitary H.E. Sri Shiv Pratap Shukla, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana; flanked (L-R) by Sri T. Kishan Singh, President Nominee, FPTA; Sri Rajesh Jain, President, FPTA; Sri A.S. Mehta, President & Director, JK Paper Ltd.; Sri Rajesh Ponnuru, CEO, ITC Ltd. (PSPD) and Sri Pawan Agarwal, President, IPMA, CMD, Naini Papers Ltd.; inaugurating the 65th FPTA Annual General Meeting & Conference 2026; hosted by the Federation of Paper Traders' Association (FPTA) & Telangana Paper Merchants' Association (TPMA); today at Novotel HICC, Madhapur.

actively counter misconceptions surrounding paper consumption and promote responsible use and recycling.

The Governor also called for constructive engagement with governments to resolve taxation-related issues affecting the sector. He said trade bodies should submit structured representations to the authorities and GST Council to address disparities in taxation.

ITC CEO Rajesh Ponnuru described the paper industry as an important contributor to employment and rural livelihoods. He said the sector is supported by farmers, paper mills, traders and printers, while paper-based packaging can help reduce dependence on single-use plastics.

He also stressed the need to address the inverted GST structure and unfair foreign competition.

Emami Paper Mills CEO Sushil Kumar Khetan said the industry has significant growth potential as demand rises across education, publishing, pharmaceuticals, packaging, FMCG and e-commerce. He urged mills and traders to embrace recycling, sustainability, automation, artificial intelligence and digitalisation.

JK Paper President and Director A.S. Mehta said the sector must strengthen self-reliance and modernise distribution and sales by using digital tools and understanding changing customer requirements.

TPMA President Abhishek Vijaywargiya said paper and digital technologies should develop together, while TPMA Secretary Ashish Jain Bhansali highlighted the association's educational and community-service initiatives.

FPTA President Nominee T. Kishan Singh said paper traders play a crucial role between mills and consumers and urged the government to address the shortage of affordable warehouse space.

India has an annual paper production capacity of about 25 million tonnes and is witnessing annual growth of nearly 6%. The industry expects further expansion through education, publishing, packaging and sustainable alternatives to plastics.

Reopening Of NDSL Delayed As Talks With Private Firm Remain Unresolved

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

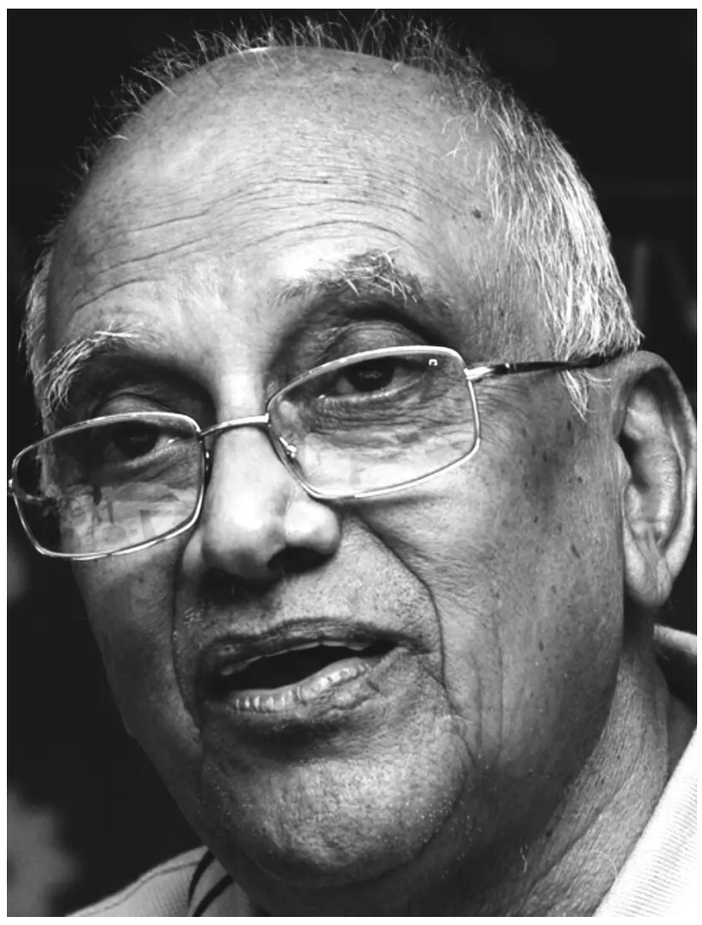
The reopening of Nizam Deccan Sugars Limited (NDSL) has been delayed, with the Cabinet sub-committee constituted to examine the issue not holding discussions over the past year. The lack of an agreement with private firm Delta Papers Limited is said to be the reason for the delay. Traditional sugarcane farmers are worried as the factory has remained closed for 11 years. While most farmers have shifted to other crops, particularly paddy, a few traditional sugarcane growers continue cultivation and send their produce to a private sugar factory in Kamareddy for crushing. As a result, the area under sugarcane cultivation has declined sharply.

The seventh Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, established a sugar factory at Shakkarnagar near Bodhan in Nizamabad district in 1937. As part of its expansion, two more units were established in 1985 — one at Mutyampet in Mallapur mandal of Jagtial district and another at Munjojupalli in Medak district. In 2000, the then government sold a 51 per cent stake to Delta Papers Limited, citing losses.

Legendary Filmmaker Singeetam Srinivasa Rao Passes Away at 94 in Chennai

Veteran filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao, one of Indian cinema's most inventive directors and the man behind landmark films such as Pushpaka Vimana, Aditya 369, Mayuri and Bhairava Dweepam, died in Chennai on Saturday following a period of ill health. Initial reports put his age at 94. Singeetham breathed his last while undergoing treatment at Kauvery Hospital in Chennai, according to reports late on Saturday. Details of the final rites were not immediately available. His death comes barely four months after he returned to the director's chair with Sing Geetham, his 61st film, demonstrating an extraordinary passion for filmmaking well into his 90s. The musical fantasy, in which dialogue is largely delivered through song, was released in theatres on June 12. Produced by filmmaker Nag Ashwin, Sing Geetham realised an idea that Singeetham had carried with him for about four decades.

The film starred Ayaan, Ahilya Bamroo and Shalini Kondepudi, with music by Devi Sri Prasad.



Kamal Haasan, Chiranjeevi and Jr NTR were among the film personalities who had praised the veteran filmmaker's return to direction. Despite his advanced age and health problems during production, Singeetham completed the film in about 77 shooting days. When he was unable to travel for portions of the Hyderabad schedule, a remote monitoring system was reportedly set up at his home, allowing him to guide the cast and crew through a headset.

Over a career spanning more than six decades, Singeetham repeatedly broke away from convention al filmmaking. His 1987 Pushpaka Vimana, starring Kamal Haasan and Amala Akkineni, dispensed with spoken dialogue altogether and relied on visual story telling and physical comedy. The film went on to become one of his most acclaimed works. He explored science fiction with the Nandamuri Balakrishna-starrer Aditya 369 and fantasy with Bhairava Dweepam, both of which acquired cult status in Telugu cinema. His other major films included Mayuri, Apoorva Sagodharargal, Michael Madana Kama Rajan, Sommokadidhi Sokokadidhi and Raja Paarvai. He also directed a string of successful Kannada films with Rajkumar.

Singeetham began his career in cinema as an assis tant to legendary filmmaker K.V. Reddy and worked on films including Mayabazar before establishing himself as a director. His body of work eventually extended across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi and English cinema. His career was marked by an unusual willingness to move between comedy, drama, science fiction, fantasy, animation and experimental cinema rather than remain confined to a particular genre. He received sever al honours, including National Film Awards, Nandi Awards, Karnataka State Film Awards and Filmfare Awards South. His wife

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



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

Westin Wins RPL 6.0 Title

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Westin College of Hotel Management emerged as the winner of RPL 6.0 – Regency Premier League, defeating Regency College of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management in the final by 25 runs in a 10-over match.

Organised by Regency College of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management, the three-day inter-collegiate cricket tournament was held from September 29 to October 1 at BSR Cricket Grounds, Nagole. The event brought together teams from 13 hotel management colleges affiliated with the National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) and Osmania University across Hyderabad.

Westin and IHM Vidyanagar, along with Regency College and Dr Narayana Hotel Management College, qualified for the semi-finals. Westin defeated IHM Vidyanagar, while Regency College overcame Dr Narayana to enter the final.

Westin eventually lifted the RPL 6.0 trophy, while Regency College finished as the runner-up. The winning team received the championship trophy, mementos and a cash prize of ₹25,000 from Regency College. The captain, vice-captain and a faculty member of the winning team were also presented meal vouchers by Hilton Hotels.



Mr. P. Ramesh Kumar Reddy (6th from left), Principal, RCCAHM; & Mr Srinivas (5th from left), Karamat, Indian Gravies & Masalas; with Regency College of Culinary Arts & Hotel Management; cricketers (standing-L-R) Yogesh, Dhruv, Aryan, Umesh, Sanjay, Captain; Suresh, Raihan, Revanth, Hruday (seated-L-R) Shiva, Ankit, Santosh, Adil, Charan, Aditya, Furqaan at the Regency Premier League – Season 6.0 (RPL 6.0), a three-day inter-collegiate cricket tournament, hosted by Regency College of Culinary Arts & Hotel Management; held at BSR Cricket Grounds, Nagole.

The tournament also recognised individual performances. Uzair Fayaz of Westin College of Hotel Management received the Man of the Match and Man of the Series awards for his performances throughout the competition. He received a memento and lunch coupon from Hilton Hotels, along with a one-day stay voucher for two people, including breakfast, from ibis Hotel.

IHM Vidyanagar received the runner-up recognition, along with a trophy, mementos and Mercure Hotel lunch vouchers for its captain and vice-captain. Regency College's cricket team was also awarded a cash prize of ₹5,000 by Karamat in recognition of its participation and sporting spirit.

RPL 6.0 featured participation from Excel Hotel Management College, Global Hotel Management College, Westin Hotel Management College, IHM Shri Shakti, IIIHM Miyapur, IHM Vidyanagar, Leo Academy, Dr Narayana, AIMS, Trinity, Nexa, IIHMCA and Regency College.

The tournament was supported by several partners, including Vira International as title sponsor, University College of Birmingham and Learn Global as co-sponsors, and Yashoda Hospitals as the medical and safety partner. Coca-Cola supported hydration, while ibis, Mercure and Hilton Hotels & Resorts supported hospitality.

Regency College Principal P. Ramesh Kumar Reddy said RPL 6.0 went beyond cricket by promoting unity, teamwork, participation and excellence among future hospitality professionals. He said the college looks forward to hosting RPL 7.0 on a bigger scale.

Asian Games: India at4th Place with 85 Medals, Including 21 Gold

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India's Asian Games campaign, which began on a disappointing note in shooting and athletics, received a major boost in the latter stages as gold medals in boxing, archery, wrestling, hockey, cricket and golf helped the country surge towards a likely fourth-place finish in the medals tally.

India are set to end the Games with around 85 medals, including 21 gold, compared with the 106 medals, including 28 gold, won at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, held in 2023. The projected fourth-place finish would match India's position in the previous edition, although the country remains well behind the dominant China, Japan and South Korea.

The opening week proved difficult for India's shooters. Despite winning seven gold medals in China, the shooters failed to secure an individual rifle or pistol gold this time. Athletics also fell short of its previous gold-medal haul, with India's tally dropping from six golds in Hangzhou to one. However, long-distance runner Gulveer Singh produced an outstanding performance by winning three medals.



The turnaround came in the latter half of the competition. Shooter Neeru Dhanda created history by becoming the first Indian woman to win a trap gold medal at the Asian Games. She later teamed up with Kynan Chenai to claim another gold in the mixed team trap event.

Archery also delivered a memorable campaign. While India's compound archers continued their strong tradition, the recurve team produced a major upset as the women defeated South Korea to win India's first-ever Asian Games gold in the event. Kumkum Mohod then added an individual recurve gold.

Boxing produced three gold medals through Lovlina Borgohain in the women's 75kg category, Parveen in the women's 65kg division and Ankush in the men's 80kg category. Wrestling, which returned without a gold from Hangzhou, also contributed two titles through Aman Sehrawat and Sujeet Kalkal.

Saturday proved particularly productive for India. Pranavi Urs became the first Indian woman to win an individual Asian Games golf gold, while the men's cricket team defeated Pakistan in a high-pressure final.

The hockey teams completed a historic double, with both the men and women winning gold medals. It was the first time India's men's and women's hockey teams had both topped the podium at the same Asian Games.

Cricket and kabaddi also followed expectations, contributing four gold medals. With Uzbekistan completing its campaign on Sunday, India's late surge is expected to help the country retain its place among the top four nations in the overall medal standings.

Protesters Demand Scrapping of Special Voter List Revision

Civil society groups seek fair verification, restoration of deleted names and nationwide electoral roll audits

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Hundreds of citizens, social activists and representatives of civil society organisations gathered at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park on Saturday, demanding the immediate cancellation of the special voter list revision and protection of every eligible citizen's constitutional right to vote.

The protesters also demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and repeal of the 2023 Act governing the appointment of Election Commissioners.

Speakers alleged that the ongoing special voter list revision in Telangana was resulting in the deletion of a large number of names from electoral rolls. They expressed particular concern over the difficulties faced by poor, disadvantaged and marginalised sections in responding to notices issued during the process.

The protesters said many citizens were being given unclear notices and very limited time to respond, making it difficult for them to protect their names on the electoral rolls. They demanded the immediate restoration of voter names that had been wrongly deleted.

They also called for comprehensive social audits of electoral rolls across the country in accordance with existing voter-list regulations. They demanded that discrepancies be identified and corrected at the Gram Sabha, Ward Sabha and polling-station levels in the presence of election officials, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and voters.

The protesters further sought a review of elections already conducted on the basis of the revised voter lists, arguing that any large-scale deletion of eligible voters could have serious implications for the democratic process.

Speakers stressed that the issue should not be treated merely as an administrative matter concerning electoral rolls. They described it as a fundamental question concerning citizens' right to participate in elections and urged democratic organisations to unite against the exclusion of eligible voters.

Dr. Parakala Prabhakar, Akunuri Murali, Prof. Kancha Ilaiah, Prof. Nageshwar, Prof. Vijay, Prof. Lakshminarayana, Irfan, Dr. A. Sunitha, Prof. Padmaja Shaw, Advocate Mohammed Waseem, K. Srinivas, Khalida Parveen, Venkat Reddy, Dr. Usman and Dilbad were among those who addressed the gathering.

The protest was jointly organised by TPF, TVRS, SAPM, TPU, AIPM, APCR, WTJAC, CJP, MPJ, SIO, Stand for Nation and Youth Welfare. Social activists and analysts Mary Diaz and Srujana Yadav led the programme.

The organisers urged citizens and civil society groups to work collectively to ensure that no eligible voter is deprived of the right to vote.

Auto Workers Hail Fare Hike, Rally In Support

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The Telangana Autorickshaw Workers Union on Saturday hailed the state government's decision to raise the minimum auto fare from ₹20 to ₹30 for the first 1.6 kilometers and to increase the subsequent fare from ₹11 to ₹14 per kilometre. Led by Dr G. Sanjeeva Reddy and general secretary Mallesh Goud, the union took out a rally thanking Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for the move. The union called upon Autorickshaw workers to maintain unity, follow the revised government-approved tariff, display the approved fare card until meter recalibration is completed, and continue to provide safe, respectful and reliable services to the public. It described the revision as a long-awaited and significant relief for auto workers across Telangana.

For more than 12 years, auto workers had been demanding a realistic revision of meter fares in view of rising fuel prices, vehicle maintenance costs, insurance charges, spare parts expenses, loan instalments and the increasing cost of living. The government's decision recognises these hardships and is expected to improve minimum daily earnings by approximately ₹400 to ₹600, depending on trips and kilometres operated in a day. The union expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister, the Telangana government, the Transport Department and officials who considered the long-standing demand of auto workers with sensitivity and urgency.

Hyderabad police nabs 49 foreigners for overstaying, illegal acts

HYDERABAD
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In a month-long operation, Hyderabad City Police lodged 49 foreign nationals in holding cells for overstaying their visa or violating immigration regulations, and deported 12 of them.

The operation started on August 31 and was conducted in coordination with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO).

Police station-wise, Tolichowki recorded the highest number of apprehensions at 30. This was followed by six apprehensions each under Langar House and Mehdipatnam, three under Rajendranagar, two under Banjara Hills and one each under Saifabad and Gudimalkapur.

Certain foreigners were also found indulging in illegal activities, police said.

One of them was allegedly involved in a counterfeit currency racket, while several others were found possessing illegal drugs.

A Kenyan national who had entered on a tourist visa was allegedly found involved in prostitution activities.

Another person was reportedly found working as a translator/intermediary for foreign patients in hospitals.

They would collect translation/service charges from patients and, in certain cases, receive a commission of approximately 15 per cent of the hospital bill.

Property Tax Under CURE Act to Be Revised From April 2027

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Though the Core Urban Region (CURE) Act, 2026, came into force in October, property tax will be revised only from the next financial year, i.e., April 1, 2027. The revision will be undertaken when guideline values are updated by the Revenue (Registration) Department, as property tax under the Act is assessed based on government value per square yard, also known as card value in Sub-Registrar Offices.

"For assessment of new properties, the property value will be considered based on the guideline value fixed by the Revenue (Registration) Department, and property tax will be determined accordingly," said an official from the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Department. Until the Corporation notifies its own rates, the applicable property tax rates are 0.15 per cent for residential properties, 0.75 per cent for non-residential (commercial) properties, and 0.50 per cent for vacant land.

The existing property tax assessment will be treated as the base. Where tax calculated on guideline value is higher, the annual increase will be capped at 10%, allowing a gradual transition to the revised level. Tax relief has been provided for eligible owners-occupied residential properties measuring less than 375 square feet, mostly belonging to the urban poor. They will be subject to a nominal annual property tax of ₹101, with a 5% rebate available for payment of the full year's tax before April 30.

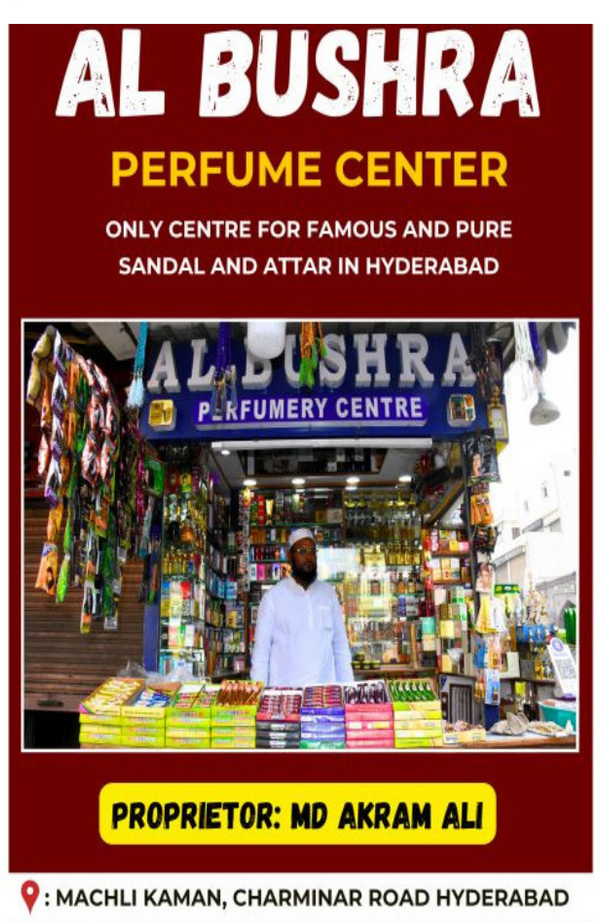
The Act mandates strict action against illegal construction, with penalties ranging from 25% to 300% of the property tax. "Payment of the penalty does not regularise unauthorized construction," said an MA&UD official.

An online self-assessment facility for new properties is available on the official websites of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC), and the My CURE App.

Property details can be submitted online, following which the Corporation will undertake inspection. The Act provides a comprehensive legal framework for governance and administration within the Core Urban Region, covering municipal administration, taxation and revenue, building regulation, sanitation and waste management, public health, roads and infrastructure, licensing and related matters. Advertisements and related activities will be regulated by the Advertisements Regulatory Committee, with corporation commissioners tasked to prevent unauthorised advertisements.



The Kawal Tiger Reserve is attracting students, teachers and other nature lovers as part of National Wildlife Week celebrations being held from October 2 to 8.



Hyderabad water supply to be disrupted for 36 hrs from Oct 5

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Due to work on the Phase II of the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project (KDWSP), drinking water supply will be disrupted for 36 hours in Hyderabad. Works will be carried out from 6 am on October 5 till 6 pm on October 6.

Adibatla, Kammaguda, Gurranguda, BN Reddy Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, Autonagar, Alkapuri, Beerappagadda, Habsiguda, Ramanthapur, Venkat Reddy Nagar, Uppal, Nacharam, HMT Nagar, Tarnaka, Boudhanagar, Lalapet (partial).

Disruptions will also affect Hasmatpet, Prakashnagar, Mekalamandi, Bholakpur (partial), Padmaraonagar, Begumpet, South Central Railway, MES, Secunderabad Cantonment, Lalaguda, Addagutta, Pattigadda, Nallagutta.

Gautamnagar, Ferozguda, Bansilalpet, Ramgopalpet, Sitaphalmandi, Mettuguda, Vaishalinagar, Mirpet, Badangpet, ARCI, Balapur, Mysore, Barkas, NPA, Shamshabad, Madhuban, Prashasannagar (partial), will also be affected.

BRS alleges Revanth family amassed Rs 50K crore by abusing power

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) spokesperson Manne Krishank on Saturday, October 3, alleged that Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy facilitated the conversion of Rs 13,000 crore in unaccounted money into legitimate funds through the Medicover Hospital deal and demanded an Enforcement Directorate (ED) probe into the matter.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Krishank alleged that the Chief Minister was using his office to promote business interests connected to his family and demanded an ED investigation into their assets.

He alleged that the CM and his family have amassed assets and business interests worth more than Rs 50,000 crore in the last two years.

Krishank questioned the CM's repeated participation in the inauguration of private healthcare establishments, while neglecting government hospitals and public healthcare infrastructure.

He alleged that the CM and his family promoted Medicover Hospitals while ignoring Warangal Super Speciality, Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (TIMS) Alwal, TIMS Sanathnagar, and TIMS LB Nagar.

This resulted in Medicover's revenue increasing by 685.01 per cent in just one year before securing a Rs 13,200 crore deal with global investment firm KKR. Krishank has alleged links between Maxbien Pharma, Medicover Hospitals and individuals connected to the Chief Minister's family and demanded that the ownership structures, shareholdings, investments and financial transactions of these companies be independently investigated.

Mangalhat police arrest rowdy-sheeter with knife

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Mangalhat Police has apprehended a notorious, absconding rowdy-sheeter as part of ongoing preventive policing.

Thirty-nine-year-old Md. Aleem also had a prohibited knife in his possession.

On Friday, October 2, while police personnel were conducting surveillance on registered offenders, Md. Aleem was spotted moving about in a suspicious manner near Shankar Cafe.

Upon a thorough search, officers recovered a knife concealed on his person. Consequently, a fresh case has been registered agains
t him under the relevant provisions of the Arms Act. He was formally arrested and produced before the court for judicial remand.

The accused is a habitual offender with a history of grave offences across multiple police stations in Hyderabad, including murder, extortion, kidnapping for ransom, NDPS violations, and illegal possession of arms, said the police.

Bathukamma To Be Celebrated On Grand Scale From October 10

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana government will organise Bathukamma, the state's floral festival, on a grand scale from October 10 to 18, with elaborate arrangements across Hyderabad and other parts of the state. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju held a review meeting at the Secretariat on Saturday with secretaries of various departments and senior police officials. He reviewed preparations for the nine-day celebrations and directed officials to complete all arrangements well in advance.

The main Saddula Bathukamma celebrations will be held at Tank Bund on October 18 with the participation of thousands of women. From 4 pm, women carrying Bathukammas will take part in a procession from the Amaraveerula Smaraka Kendram (Martyrs' Memorial) opposite the Secretariat towards Tank Bund. Hundreds of artistes will showcase traditional art forms. Public representatives will attend from a special stage being erected at Tank Bund, Jaju said.

In view of the large crowds expected from nearby localities, colonies and settlements, the CS directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements to ensure that women and other participants do not face inconvenience. Bathukamma displays should be installed at major junctions across Hyderabad to create a festive atmosphere, while government offices should also be decorated. HMDA and GHMC officials were asked to make special arrangements for Bathukamma immersion at the Bathukamma Ghat at Tank Bund Children's Park and at Necklace Road. As the main celebrations at Tank Bund will be held.

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