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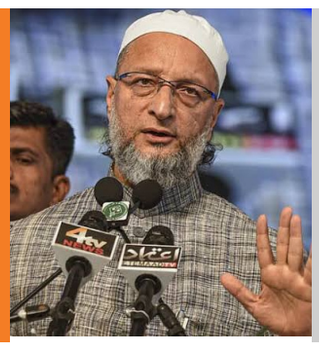
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WEATHER

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

SC To Hear Pleas Against CEC On Monday

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The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a batch of petitions seeking the suspension of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and challenging decisions allegedly taken by him without the approval of the two election commissioners. A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana will hear the petitions filed by Patna resident Rakesh Kumar Singh and advocate Shailendra Mani Tripathi. The pleas challenge decisions, guidelines and software changes al-

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‘Vote Theft’ Protest Intensifies

Uproar over AISA chief’s detention; 120 protesters held

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With protests refusing to subside, Opposition-backed student organisations and the Aam Aadmi Party hit the streets of Delhi for the third consecutive day on Sunday over “vote theft” allegations against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, with the detention of AISA national president Neha Bora triggering a fresh uproar. Bora’s whereabouts remained unknown to fellow protesters for nearly three hours after she was detained during a march demanding Kumar’s resignation, prompting I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders, lawyers and civil society activists to seek information from the police.

She was eventually released from the Narela Industrial Area police station on the outskirts of Delhi in the evening. However, allegations that she had been taken away in a private vehicle without a



woman police officer became a fresh flashpoint in the agitation. AISA alleged that it was unable to contact Bora after she was taken away and claimed that no woman police officer was present in the vehicle. It later said she was released without her phone and bag and that a team of lawyers was sent to the Narela police station.

Police sources rejected the allegations as baseless and claimed that some protesters had attacked and bitten police personnel on duty. The detention sparked chaotic scenes as protesters tried to prevent police from taking detainees away. Some climbed onto the vehicle carrying Bora in an attempt to stop it from leaving. Another woman protester allegedly ran away with the ignition key of a bus carrying detainees, forcing police personnel to push the vehicle away. Some protesters also tried to escape through broken window panes of buses as police cleared the area.

Around 5,000 police personnel, including members of the Rapid Action Force and other paramilitary forces, were deployed in the Capital ahead of two protest marches from India Gate to Jantar Mantar. Police detained around 120 protesters, including activist Yogendra Yadav and Latika Dikshit, daughter of former Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit. Bora was among hundreds of activists who assembled at Andhra Bhawan Circle and marched towards Jantar Mantar amid heavy barricading. A brief confrontation broke out when protesters attempted to cross the police cordon, following which she was taken away separately.

Uncertainty over her whereabouts prompted AIDWA leaders Asha Sharma and Maimoona Mollah, RTI activist Anjali Bharadwaj and others to approach Parliament Street police station. They alleged that Bora and other women activists had been taken away in private vehicles. The detention also drew reactions from I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders. TMC Rajya Sabha leader Derek O’Brien said he had been anxious after learning that Ms Bora had been taken away and welcomed her subsequent release.

After Protest, Delhi Cops Probe Attack on Scribes

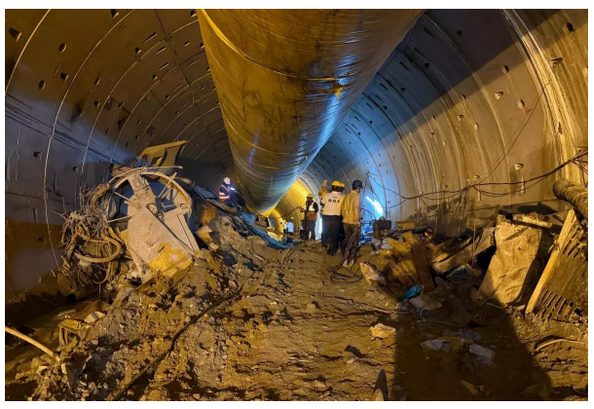
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After high drama and public fury outside Parliament Street Police Station on Sunday over allegations by three women journalists of sexual harassment and assault by Delhi Police personnel, including ACP Vivek Bhagat, the police ordered a Crime Branch probe into the complaints. The move came as Opposition parties, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), journalists and civil society groups stepped up pressure on the police, with protesters gathering outside the station and demanding registration of an FIR and action against the officer.

Delhi Police said it had received complaints from three women journalists and transferred them to the Crime Branch for a “fair and impartial en-

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SLBC Tunnel Gets Past Geological Challenge



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Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday said excavation of the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel had crossed a major geological challenge and its toughest stretch, with a cumulative progress of 700 metres recorded over the past five to six months. The project team reported excavation of about 450 metres from the outlet end and 250 metres from the inlet. The work included passage through a major shear zone amid geological, technical and logistical challenges. Uttam Kumar Reddy was speaking after reviewing the SLBC tunnel and other key irrigation projects with elected representatives and senior officials from the three districts of erstwhile Nalgonda.

The nearly 44-km main tunnel is about 79 per cent complete, with around 9.1 km of excavation remaining. Once completed, the project is designed to draw more than 30 tmc ft of water from the Srisailam reservoir to provide irrigation to drought-prone areas, primarily in the erstwhile Nalgonda district. Col. Parikshit Mehra, an Indian Army tunnel expert spearheading the operations, said excavation at the inlet had deliberately been slowed during the initial months because of weak ground, rock bursts and the need to prevent another accident.

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Rythu Bima claims pile up as government leaves farmers' families waiting

Telangana's Rythu Bima claims remain pending or returned despite the government discontinuing the scheme and LIC renewal.

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Even after the State government drew the curtains on the popular Rythu Bima scheme last month, several claims applications filed by farmers' families are still pending. Many applications have also been returned, citing various reasons.

Under Rythu Bima, the State government provides insurance coverage of Rs 5 lakh to farmers in the event of their death. The government pays a premium of nearly Rs 1,350 crore towards implementation of the scheme, which has been in operation for the past eight years.

The last date for payment of the premium to the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) was August 14. However, the State government has not paid the premium for extending insurance coverage to farmers. As the premium has not been paid, the insurance coverage is no longer available and no benefits would accrue to farmers' families.

Meanwhile, several farmers' families are concerned over claims applications that have been pending for a long time. The issue came up for discussion in the Legislative Council when BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan sought details of the pending applications.

The State government informed the House that 2,587 applications were still under processing, while 413 applications had been returned.

Several claims applications are either pending or have been rejected for different reasons. These include farmers being found ineligible as their age was not between 18 and 59 years, as per UIDAI records, during the relevant policy year.

In some cases, court cases and discrepancies in age were cited as reasons. There were also cases where the age gap between the farmer and nominee was found to be very small, such as that between a mother and son or a grandmother and grandson.

Furthermore, in some cases, applicants had not submitted the required documents. In other cases, the nominee could not be traced. Officials said these were among the reasons for claims remaining pending.

However, officials said a provision is available on the Rythu Bharosa-Rythu Bima portal to track the status of claim settlements. Claims returned by LIC seeking additional documents are being communicated by the district-level nodal officers to the concerned Agriculture Extension Officers (AEOs), who in turn inform the nominees or applicants.

Where applicants submitted the required documents, the claims are being re-submitted to LIC for processing, officials added.

Meanwhile, there has been no official announcement on the future implementation of Rythu Bima. Speculation is rife that the State government may shortly launch Indiramma Family Insurance, or Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bima. In March, the government had formally announced plans to launch Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bima, covering 1.15 crore families across the State.

Status of Rythu Bima applications
Received: 1,23,557
Settled: 1,20,557
Returned: 413
In process: 2,587

Kishan Reddy hopes Sabar Dairy of Amul will revive dairy industry

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Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy on Sunday said the Sabar Dairy milk processing plant, which will market its products under the Amul brand, is expected to become operational in Telangana within 18 months.

Kishan Reddy made the announcement after laying the foundation stone for the proposed Rs 400-crore milk processing facility at Toopran. He said the project would generate employment opportunities for local youth, particularly women, while also providing greater benefits to dairy farmers in the region.

Welcoming the decision by Sabar Dairy to establish the processing unit in Telangana, the Union minister said existing milk procurement societies in the State had weakened over the years due to political interference. He expressed hope that the new plant would contribute to revitalising the dairy sector and strengthening milk procurement networks.

Reddy said Amul's cooperative model would provide greater economic opportunities for farmers by linking them with organised milk procurement and processing systems. He particularly highlighted the potential benefits for women involved in dairy farming and encouraged farmers in Telangana to form cooperative societies with Amul's support.

He suggested that such cooperatives could be developed along the lines of successful dairy cooperative structures in states such as Gujarat and Maharashtra.

IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu said the Telangana government would extend all necessary support and cooperation for the establishment and functioning of the Amul-backed dairy project.

Labour Minister G Vivekananda, Medak MP M Raghunandan Rao, Medak Collector Prathima Singh and other officials and representatives were present at the foundation stone ceremony.

The proposed plant is expected to strengthen Telangana's dairy processing infrastructure while creating new opportunities for farmers, women and local employment.

BRAOU Students Plan 'Chaitanya Kiranalu' Literary Book

Students and aspiring writers associated with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) are coming together to publish a Telugu literary anthology titled "Chaitanya Kiranalu." The proposed book is expected to feature writings from more than 38 contributors from a WhatsApp literary group of around 59 members.

The initiative aims to encourage Telugu writing, creative expression and constructive thinking among students and emerging writers. Participants have been invited to submit short writings of up to 15 lines on themes including education, personality development, youth and other socially relevant subjects.The contributors are encouraged to express their ideas in their own words while conveying positive and meaningful messages.

The collected writings are being compiled for publication, with participants reportedly contributing towards publication expenses.The group also conducts discussions on poetry, free verse, essays and writing standards. Such exchanges provide members with opportunities to receive feedback and improve their literary skills.Shivudu, an MA Telugu student with MCA and LLB qualifications, serves as the group administrator and coordinates literary activities.

The Chaitanya Kiranalu initiative seeks to provide emerging Telugu writers with a platform to showcase their creativity and develop a lasting interest in literature.

Bail in Rs 1.5-2 cr: Owaisi alleges bribe at Chanchalguda jail

The Telangana Prisons Department was quick to deny the allegations, clarifying that the claims against the Chanchalguda Jail Superintendent were completely baseless.

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All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) supremo Asaduddin Owaisi, on Sunday, October 4, without naming anyone, alleged that a person can be bailed by giving a Rs 1.5 to Rs 2 crore bribe to jail officials.

Calling it a "complete package", starting from the jail authorities to the investigating officer, Owaisi said a person can fix a "setting" as required. Speaking at a Jalsa-e-Milad-un-Nabi gathering at Milad Grounds in Golconda, the AIMIM leader raised several issues, including the ongoing controversy surrounding Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and alleged threats to his party.

"Dedh, do crore kharcha kare toh uski bail hojati hai. Pura package hai, jail se leke investigating officer tak, jo bolte hain setting kar dena. Allah acha rakhe hamare Chanchalguda ke jail ke Superintendent ko. Allah unko ACB se bachale (By spending Rs 1.5 to 2 crores, bail is secured). It is a complete package—from the jail authorities to the investigating officer—where everything is 'fixed' as required. May Allah keep the Superintendent of our Chanchalguda Jail well; may Allah protect him from the ACB," he said.

According to a press release issued by the Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Dr D Srinivas, the claims were regarding the rowdy-sheeter involved in the sensational murder of advocate Khwaja Moizuddin in Hyderabad. The Telangana Prisons Department was quick to deny the allegations, clarifying that the claims against the Chanchalguda Jail superintendent were completely baseless.

"It is hereby clarified that the allegations made against the Superintendent are completely baseless, false, and without any factual foundation. The Telangana Prisons Department strongly refuses any allegation of corruption, collusion, or extending undue favour to any prisoner," the statement read.

The prisoners' department said the grant of bail is a matter decided by a competent court and that jail authorities have no role in deciding bail for an accused or a prisoner.

"The prison administration only implements the orders issued by the competent judicial authorities in accordance with the prescribed rules and procedures," the statement said. It asserted that the Telangana Prisons Department follows transparency, accountability, and strict adherence to rules in the administration of prisons.

On Owaisi's claims that the jail authorities were holding meetings with "murderers", the prisons department said such gatherings are not permitted. Owaisi alleged that the superintendent permitted the prisoners to hold a gathering of khaatilon, or murderers, inside the jail. During these gatherings, he said, prisoners discussed how to target AIMIM members.

21-Day Ganesh Navratri Celebrations Conclude Grandly in Bowenpally

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The 21-day Ganesh Navratri celebrations at the Shiva Panchayat Hanuman Temple in Cantonment New Bowenpally, Seetharampuram Colony, concluded on Sunday with a grand immersion procession attended by hundreds of devotees.

The celebrations, held for the second consecutive year under the guidance of the temple committee, were organised by local leader and organiser Jampana Pratap. On the final day, Pratap performed special pujas and traditional rituals to Lord Ganesha before formally commencing the immersion ceremony.

Addressing devotees and youth ahead of the procession, Pratap appealed for a peaceful and harmonious celebration, urging everyone to maintain the sanctity and festive spirit of the occasion.

The immersion procession passed through the streets of Bowenpally amid devotional chants and enthusiastic participation from residents. Traditional folk artists performed spectacular acrobatic acts, adding colour and excitement to the procession. Residents gathered along roadsides and balconies to witness the grand farewell.

Local leaders and community representatives, including Sai Baba Yadav, Vijay Babu, Govardhan, Srikanth Reddy, Prakash, Srikanth and Sridhar, participated in the celebrations. A large number of women, youth and devotees also joined the procession, marking a memorable conclusion to the 21-day festivities.

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.

KTR invited as guest of honour at US healthcare summit

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has been invited as the distinguished guest of honour at TALHealthFest 2026, an international healthcare summit scheduled to be held at the University of California, San Diego, in the US on October 30.

The invitation was extended by Sai Gundavelli, CEO of the Touch-A-Life Foundation, which is organising the event. The summit will bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, technology innovators, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, policymakers and patient advocacy groups to discuss emerging trends and challenges in healthcare.

The central theme is "Reimagining Healthcare through Innovation, Technology, Collaboration and Global Access". Discussions will focus on artificial intelligence, personalised medicine, digital healthcare, preventive care, medical tourism and expanding global access to healthcare.

Telangana extends Indiramma Towers payment deadline to Oct 9

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The Telangana government has extended the deadline for beneficiaries of Indiramma Towers to pay the required Rs 1 lakh allotment amount after only 3,271 of the 5,501 beneficiaries issued provisional allotment letters completed the payment.

Provisional allotment letters were issued to 5,501 beneficiaries across 16 Assembly constituencies in the Core Urban Region (CURE) following verification of their eligibility and documents. Overall, 3,271 beneficiaries, or 59.46 per cent, have so far paid the allotment amount.

The payment deadline has now been extended to October 9. Telangana Housing Board Vice Chairman VP Gautam cautioned that no further extension would be granted and urged beneficiaries to use the final opportunity to complete payment and avoid cancellation of their provisional allotments.

Kukatpally recorded the highest payment rate among the 16 constituencies, with 325 of 401 beneficiaries making the payment, accounting for 81.05 per cent. Serilingampally followed with 74.94 per cent, while Quthbullapur recorded 73.87 per cent.

Nampally recorded a payment rate of 73.83 per cent, followed by Karwan at 68.85 per cent, Amberpet at 65.22 per cent and Medchal at 64.84 per cent. Bahadurpura recorded 62.53 per cent.

Payment rates were considerably lower in several other constituencies. Ibrahimpatnam recorded 50.89 per cent, Malkajgiri 50.86 per cent and Secunderabad Cantonment 48.05 per cent. Rajendranagar and Sanathnagar recorded 43.72 per cent and 43.59 per cent respectively.

Maheshwaram recorded 42.44 per cent, while Malakpet stood at 32.67 per cent. Khairatabad recorded the lowest payment rate at 17.16 per cent, with only 23 of 134 beneficiaries making the payment.

Following the draw of lots, authorities verified applicants based on residential eligibility, income limits, house or plot ownership, the one-family-one-application rule and supporting documents. Residing outside the concerned Assembly constituency was identified as the primary reason for rejection.

Other applications were rejected over higher income, existing property ownership, multiple applications, incomplete or incorrect information and missing documents.

Beneficiaries who fail to make the payment by the deadline risk cancellation of their allotments, with flats potentially being allotted to eligible applicants on the waiting list. A fresh draw for around 35,000 eligible applicants is expected in the coming months, subject to availability.

Kadiyam Kavya Re-Nominated To Health Committee

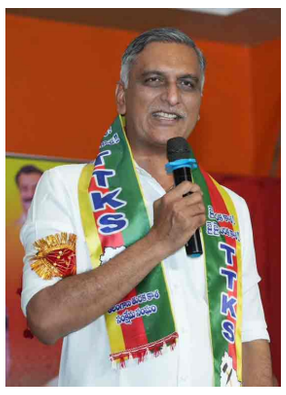
Warangal MP Dr Kadiyam Kavya has been re-nominated as a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on health and family welfare for 2026-27. The Rajya Sabha Secretariat communicated her nomination on Saturday, effective from September 26. A doctor by profession, Dr Kavya has been raising public health 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.

Congress failed to keep promises made in "Minority Declaration": Harish Rao

Former Minister T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its 2023 minority welfare promises. He alleged inadequate funding for minority corporations and overseas scholarships and criticised the government over irrigation and development issues in Gajwel

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Former Telangana Minister and BRS leader T Harish Rao on Sunday alleged that the Congress government had failed to implement several promises made in its Minority Declaration ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections.Addressing a meeting organised by the Turuka Kasha Community Hakkula Sadhana Samithi in Gajwel, Harish Rao claimed that the Congress had promised to raise the minority welfare budget to Rs 4,000 crore, compared with the Rs 1,800 crore released during the previous BRS government.

However, he alleged that the Congress government had spent only Rs 1,300 crore on minority welfare, which he said was Rs 500 crore less than the amount released by the BRS government. He further alleged that the Turuka Kasha Corporation and Minority Corporation were not receiving adequate funds.Harish Rao also compared the overseas scholarship expenditure under the two governments.

He claimed that the BRS government had spent Rs 1,550 crore on overseas scholarships for minority students during its tenure, while the Congress government had spent only Rs 14 crore on the scheme in the past three years.He alleged that the figures demonstrated what he described as the Congress government's neglect of the welfare of Muslim minorities.

The State's minority overseas scholarship scheme, however, continues to operate, with the government also releasing funds to beneficiaries in September.Rao further alleged that employees of the Minority Corporation and Urdu Academy had not received salaries for nearly a year.Speaking about development in Gajwel, Harish Rao said former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao had transformed the constituency during his decade as its MLA. He highlighted several development and welfare initiatives undertaken by the BRS government and said multiple reservoirs were constructed under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme.Rao also criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over irrigation. He alleged that the government had failed to lift water from the Godavari this year, leaving farmers to face difficulties.The BRS leader listed various development and welfare programmes implemented during the party's 10-year tenure and urged the government to fulfil its electoral commitments to minorities and address pending welfare and development issues.

Govardhan's Atmeeya Sammelan Draws 2,000 in Khairatabad

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Senior Khairatabad constituency leader and Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi secretary Palapugu Govardhan's Atmeeya Sammelan drew an overwhelming response, with more than 2,000 people attending the gathering at Banjara Function Hall on Road No. 1, Banjara Hills, on Sunday.

The meeting brought together political leaders, activists, supporters and well-wishers from across party lines, with participants expressing solidarity with Govardhan and his future initiatives.

Addressing the gathering, Govardhan said he had spent nearly three decades working in public life without holding any political position. He outlined his priorities as protecting Hindu Dharma, promoting youth development, improving living conditions in slum areas and supporting SCs, STs, BCs and economically weaker sections among upper-caste communities.

Govardhan expressed concern over what he described as inadequate development in the Khairatabad constituency. He said several basic facilities, including a government hospital and junior college, were yet to be adequately established.

He also highlighted the challenges faced by residents of more than 100 slum settlements in the constituency, alleging that development had largely benefited affluent residential areas while poorer communities continued to face neglect.

Govardhan announced that he would soon undertake a padayatra across Khairatabad, visiting households to directly understand people's problems and identify their immediate needs.

He said he would hold consultations with supporters, community representatives, leaders and well-wishers before announcing his future political course.

The gathering concluded with supporters felicitating Govardhan and expressing their support for his proposed initiatives and public outreach programme.

Special Feeding Room Set Up at Zaheerabad Bus Stand for Lactating Mothers



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Following the directions of the State Women and Child Welfare Department, a special feeding room has been established at the Zaheerabad Bus Stand for the convenience of pregnant women and lactating mothers.The facility has been provided specifically for mothers who face difficulties while breastfeeding their infants during travel. The dedicated room will offer mothers a private, peaceful and comfortable space to feed their children.

Farmers Stage Sit-In at Kalher Power Substation, Demand 24-Hour Electricity

SANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana



Farmers and BRS party leaders staged a sit-in protest at an electricity substation in Kalher mandal on Sunday, demanding uninterrupted 24-hour power supply for the agricultural sector.

The protesters urged the Congress-led Telangana government to honour its assurance of providing round-the-clock electricity to farmers and address the difficulties they face in carrying out agricultural activities.According to the information shared by the protesters, farmers and BRS leaders gathered at the substation to express their dissatisfaction over power supply concerns.

They demanded a reliable electricity supply to enable farmers to operate borewell motors, irrigate their fields in a timely manner and protect their crops.The protesters stressed that a consistent power supply was essential for agricultural operations and called on the electricity department to take immediate measures to address farmers' grievances.

During the sit-in, the participants raised their concerns and appealed to the state government to ensure that farmers receive the promised 24-hour electricity supply. They also urged the concerned officials to respond to the issues affecting the farming community.The protest brought attention to farmers' demands for dependable agricultural power supply in the Narayankhed constituency. The protesters called for prompt action from the authorities to safeguard farmers' interests and support agricultural activities.

Bidekanne Sarpanch Ravinder Inspects 40-Foot Water Tank

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In a proactive step towards ensuring safe drinking water for villagers, Bidekanne Sarpanch C. Ravinder personally inspected the Overhead Service Reservoir (OHSR), approximately 40 feet above ground, to review its condition and the need for cleaning and maintenance.The inspection focused on the overhead water storage structure, which plays an important role in supplying drinking water to households in the village.

The visit highlighted the importance of regular cleaning and proper maintenance of water storage facilities to help protect public health.By personally inspecting the elevated reservoir, Sarpanch C. Ravinder demonstrated the importance of field-level supervision of essential village infrastructure. Regular monitoring of OHSRs, timely cleaning and appropriate maintenance are crucial to maintaining water quality and ensuring a reliable drinking water supply.The initiative also underscores the need for coordination between the Gram Panchayat and the concerned Rural Water Supply (RWS) officials to ensure that cleaning and maintenance activities are carried out as required.

Access to clean drinking water is a basic public necessity. Regular inspections, hygienic storage practices and timely maintenance can help reduce the risk of contamination and strengthen villagers' confidence in the local drinking water system.The inspection reflects the Gram Panchayat's focus on drinking water infrastructure and public health in Bidekanne village.

Karchal Village Development Gains Momentum with CC Road Works

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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.

Youth Congress Leader Mantapuri Narender Receives Birthday Wishes

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Youth Congress leader Mantapuri Narender of Matoor village received birthday greetings from friends, relatives, Congress leaders, youth, supporters and villagers on Sunday.

Several well-wishers personally met Narender and conveyed their wishes, while others greeted him through phone calls and social media. They wished him good health, happiness and success in his personal and public life.

Members of the Thalka family also extended their heartfelt birthday greetings to Narender and wished him success in his future political activities.

Advocate Amrapali B.M Appointed Legal Advisor for Lokasamasta Human Rights Protection Council

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Telangana High Court advocate Amrapali B.M has been officially appointed as the Legal Advisor (Telangana State) of the Lokasamasta Human Rights Protection Council of International Liberation.

The appointment was announced during a formal meeting held at the Viswakarma Boys Hostel in King Koti, Hyderabad.In her new role, Advocate Amrapali will provide legal guidance on constitutional and civil rights matters, strengthen legal awareness initiatives and support vulnerable communities facing rights violations.

She will also oversee statutory compliance and coordinate legal interventions in accordance with state and national human rights frameworks.Speaking on the occasion, Amrapali said she would work to ensure that legal remedies remain accessible to every citizen, stressing the importance of timely legal counsel and active advocacy in protecting democratic rights.

Osmania University Meet: Mala Students, Job Aspirants Demand SC Roster Review

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Mala student organisations, unemployed youth and employees have urged the Telangana government to review the Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation roster system, citing concerns over representation in education and government employment.

The demand was raised at a meeting held at Tagore Auditorium, Osmania University, Hyderabad, on Sunday. The programme was organised by the Mala Students Joint Action Committee (JAC), the All Mala Students Association (AMSA) and other associated organisations.

Participants expressed concerns over the implementation of SC sub-classification and its possible impact on opportunities for Mala candidates in educational admissions and government recruitment. They called for greater transparency in the allocation of reservation benefits and sought a review of roster points and recruitment notifications.

The organisers also urged the government to examine category-wise representation and assess how the existing reservation arrangements are affecting students, competitive examination aspirants and employees.

They called for consultations with student organisations, unemployed youth, employees and community representatives before implementing changes affecting reservation opportunities. The participants stressed that any review should remain within the framework of constitutional provisions, applicable laws, government orders and judicial directions.

The meeting also highlighted the need for recruitment authorities and educational institutions to provide clarity on the implementation of reservation rules. The organisers said that concerns raised by students and job aspirants should be considered while reviewing recruitment data and reservation policies.

They appealed to the Telangana government to initiate discussions with stakeholders and examine the practical impact of the current roster system before taking further decisions.

BJP Attacks Congress Over UP Appointments

NEW DELHI
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The BJP on Sunday criticised the Congress's appointment of Aradhana Misra-Mona as its Uttar Pradesh unit president and Imran Masood as working president, saying the choices reflected a widening gap between Mahatma Gandhi and the Gandhi family. Speaking to the media, BJP MP and national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said, "On the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who is a symbol of peace and non-violence, Congress has appointed Imran Masood, who is infamous for his remark that he will 'chop Modi into pieces', as the party's Uttar Pradesh unit working president."

Trivedi also alleged that Mona had once stopped Congress workers from raising the "Bharat Mata ki Jai" slogan and asked them to chant "Congress zindabaad" instead."This demonstrates how vast the gap has become between Mahatma Gandhi and the Gandhis of today," he said.

Uddhav, Raj Thackeray unite in Mumbai To Take On CEC

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The joint protest march led by Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar received a massive response in Mumbai on Sunday. Alleging irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Thackeray cousins demanded the resignation of Kumar and also sought the cancellation of the SIR in Maharashtra.

Addressing the rally, Uddhav called Gyanesh Kumar as the 'weapon of the BJP' and claimed that two crore voters had been deleted from Maharashtra's electoral rolls during the SIR. "Across the country, the names of 13 crore people have been deleted from the electoral rolls. Voters have been excluded in Bengal and



Tamil Nadu as well," he said. "They (the government) are taking away the right to vote. They may have taken control of these institutions and the administration, but these roads belong to the people. In future, it would become difficult for them to move about on these very roads," he warned.

Uddhav Thackeray also invoked German dictator Adolf Hitler while attacking what he alleged was arbitrary rule. "We are standing here today to overthrow the dictator. Hitler was also a dictator like this, but ultimately, he had to shoot himself. A similar situation could arise in this country as well. Those acting arbitrarily should keep this in mind," he said. Uddhav questioned the Centre's stated objective behind the SIR exercise. "If the SIR was conducted to weed out Bangladeshis from the voters' list, then how many Bangladeshis residing illegally in the country did the government find?" he asked.

Raj demanded the cancellation of the SIR exercise in Maharashtra and called for elections to be conducted using ballot papers instead of voting machines. He questioned the results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha polls held six months later, claiming that the Opposition's vote share could not have declined while the BJP's increased significantly in such a short period.

"Our demand is that the entire SIR conducted in Maharashtra should be cancelled. The law says that SIR is conducted if an emergency situation arises. Forty to sixty lakh voters were added during the Assembly elections, and power was captured through this. And now, through SIR, two crore people are being removed. Who are these two crore voters?" Raj Thackeray said.

"I appeal to all political parties to go to Delhi and demand that the SIR be cancelled. Voting machines should be discontinued, and elections should be conducted using ballot papers," he added. Thousands of people joined a protest march, which was dubbed the 'Virat Garjana Morcha.' The rally began at Metro Cinema and culminated in a rally outside the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation headquarters in south Mumbai. Party flags were not allowed in the march. Participants and supporters were asked to carry only the national tricolour.

Right Wing Group Tries TO Storm SRFTI Campus

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A week after the campus unrest at Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) in the city, supporters of a right-wing group, Bangiya Hindu Jagaran Mancha, rallied to the same address on Sunday afternoon and tried to storm the campus after breaking police barricades. When they failed to enter, they banged on the locked entrance forcibly and hurled water bottles inside towards the students who had also gathered in large numbers in anticipation of a fresh tussle. A brief exchange of stone pelting over the main gate unfolded next. Both sides also shouted slogans at each other triggering fresh tension.

Cops later dispersed the outfit's followers who had reached the SRFTI entrance at Panchasayar off EM Bypass in a protest rally from Ajoynagar for a demonstration. The rallyists claimed that they wanted to show their might to the SRFTI students for raising anti-national slogans earlier. They further blamed them for insulting youth icon Swami Vivekananda and Bharat Mata by tearing their posters after storming a seminar by Akhil Bharatiya Grahak Panchayat, an RSS outfit, at the SRFTI auditorium on September 27 which later led to a violent clash.

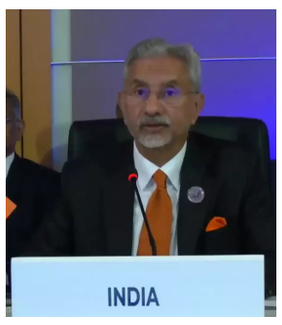
India Steps Up Russia-Ukraine Peace Push

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External affairs minister S. Jaishankar on Sunday said India was discussing Black Sea shipping safety, grain and energy exports and "non-attack possibilities" with Russia and Ukraine as part of its efforts to help end the war. His remarks came a day after Ukrainian foreign minister Andrii Sybiha described India's proposal for a possible ceasefire as the "broadest" of four offers received by Kyiv, according to media reports.

The other proposals came from Turkiye, Egypt and the United States. Speaking at the Munich Leaders' Meeting, organised by the Munich Security Conference in New Delhi, Jaishankar said India had stepped up its involvement in efforts to resolve the conflict. "We have been advocating it for many years, and in recent months we have got a little bit more involved beyond advocacy. We have conversations with both Russia and Ukraine in this regard," he said.

"We are trying to be helpful, starting with the



Black Sea safety of shipping issue, but going beyond that to cover some immediate concerns which both of them have on grain exports, energy exports, non-attack possibilities. Those are ongoing conversations right now." The minister reiterated that India wanted an end to the conflict through dialogue, diplomacy and negotiations. "Our position on that conflict has been very clear, which is that we would like to see an end to this conflict.

This will require dialogue and diplomacy," he said. Sybiha had said on Saturday that Ukraine was ready to consider a ceasefire covering energy infrastructure and the Black Sea. Any agreement, he said, should address not only combat operations but also attacks on energy facilities and port infrastructure. "We have four proposals. The broadest one is India's proposal. We are ready for an energy and Black Sea ceasefire, but only in this combination," he was quoted as saying.

He called for a complete energy truce, including a halt to attacks on all energy facilities and port infrastructure. "In general, we believe a truce could be one of the results of a meeting between President Zelensky and Russian President Vladimir Putin. We are ready for different formats of a truce, including an unconditional one along the line of contact," Sybiha was quoted as saying. The diplomatic efforts also drew praise from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who on Friday commended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's persistent efforts to help end the conflict. Putin's remarks came about a month after Modi appealed to him to move from an "endless war" to an "end of war". Speaking at the Valdai Discussion Club forum in Moscow, Putin said Modi consistently raised the need to end the conflict despite their friendly relations.

Swiss Prez To Hold Talks With Modi

NEW DELHI
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Swiss President Guy Parmelin will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday at the start of his three-day state visit to India. Several agreements are expected to be announced in the presence of the two leaders after the talks. The leaders will review bilateral cooperation in trade and investment, science, technology and innovation, mobility, culture and people-to-people contact, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. They will also exchange views on regional and global developments, including cooperation in multilateral fora.

Parmelin will visit India from October 5 to 7 at Modi's invitation, accompanied by a high-level delegation of senior officials and business leaders. This will be his first state visit to India and his second visit this year. He attended the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi in February. External affairs ninister S. Jaishankar will call on Parmelin on Monday.

Voting Rights Can't Be Tinkered: Bhuyan

NEW DELHI
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Supreme Court judge Justice Ujjal Bhuyan on Sunday said any process that disenfranchises millions of citizens is "intrinsically arbitrary" and amounts to a negation of the constitutional order, asserting that no amount of "whataboutery" could justify such an outcome. "Indian citizens' right to vote is intertwined with India's long years of struggle against foreign rule. It is a manifestation of freedom achieved after long struggle and sacrifice and Article 326 cannot be tinkered with at all. No authority can do it; no court can endorse it or condone it. No one is above the Constitution, he observed.

Delivering the valedictory address at the 19th Nalsar-Justice B.R. Sawhney Memorial Moot Court Competition at Nalsar University of Law in Hyderabad, Justice Bhuyan said the Constitution did not envisage two classes of citizens - those with voting rights and



those without them. "If any process results in disenfranchising millions and millions of Indian citizens, making them second-class citizens in their own country in the sense of being citizens without voting rights, such a process is intrinsically arbitrary," he said.

"No amount of whataboutery can justify it. It strikes at the very heart of the Constitution and I would go to the extent of saying that it is a negation of the constitutional order which we have adopted under the Constitution of India," he added. Justice Bhuyan said any process leading to wholesale disenfranchisement would violate Articles 326 and 14 of the Constitution, adding, "I ask myself, what is the worth of a citizen without his/her voting rights."

Netanyahu Calls Pilot 'World Hero'

NEW DELHI
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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday hailed Indian pilot Capt. Smit Machchhar as a "hero of the entire world" and invited him, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to light a ceremonial flame at Israel's upcoming Independence Day celebrations. During a telephone conversation with Netanyahu, Capt. Machchhar recounted how the Omani co-pilot aboard the Flydubai flight allegedly attacked him from behind after telling him that he wanted to pray.

Capt. Machchhar said that, out of respect, he did not look behind when the co-pilot said he wanted to pray. Moments later, he felt a heavy blow to his head. He said his first thought was that the aircraft had suffered some damage. But when the blows continued, he realised that the co-pilot was repeatedly striking him from behind. "My vision was blurred and I was lying on the floor of the cockpit," Capt. Machchhar told Netanyahu.

The pilot said he had "one last fight" left in him and used all his remaining strength to open the cockpit door. He said he could hear passengers screaming as the aircraft nose-dived and was relieved when passengers entered the cockpit and eventually helped stabilise the aircraft. Netanyahu praised Capt. Machchhar for his courage and said he had helped foil the alleged terror attack and save the lives of those on board, including several Israeli passengers. The Israeli Prime Minister said the honour of lighting the ceremonial flame was traditionally reserved for Israeli citizens, making the invitation to Capt. Machchhar a special recognition of his bravery. Netanyahu also invited Prime Minister Modi to take part in the Independence Day ceremony alongside Capt. Machchhar.

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After Protest, Delhi.....

The decision came amid a standoff at the police station, where protesters alleged that the complaints were not being acted upon. A delegation accompanying one of the complainants was later allowed inside and sought registration of an FIR against ACP Bhagat.

One of the journalists alleged that she approached ACP Bhagat during Saturday's protest at Jantar Mantar after noticing that women police personnel were not present while protesters were being detained. "Police personnel were detaining protesters, and there were no women police personnel present at the spot. I asked ACP Vivek Bhagat about the absence of women police personnel, following which he sexually assaulted me and pushed me back," she alleged.

The women journalists later went to Parliament Street Police Station to lodge complaints but alleged that the police did not register an FIR. The issue became a flashpoint on Sunday, with protesters alleging that the Crime Branch inquiry was being cited as a reason to defer registration of an FIR. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke accused Delhi Police of detaining the woman journalist for raising her voice instead of taking action against the officer. "She was molested by ACP and instead of acting against the pervert, the cops detained her," he alleged in a post.

The complainant later posted a video from outside the police station urging people to gather there, while journalists continued their sit-in late into the evening.

CJP chief spokesperson Saurav Das accused Delhi Police of using excessive force against protesters, while CJP legal cell head Ratna Singh alleged that police were refusing to register an FIR on the ground that a Crime Branch inquiry had been ordered. CPM leader Brinda Karat and lawyer-activist Vrinda Grover also joined the protest. Karat questioned the alleged demand for video evidence before action could be taken on the complaint.

SC To Hear Pleas.....

The pleas challenge decisions, guidelines and software changes allegedly made by the CEC without the concurrence of his colleagues.Tripathi's petition, filed through advocate Chand Qureshi, seeks a declaration that such decisions are unconstitutional, beyond the CEC's powers and void if taken without the concurrence of the full Election Commission or contrary to its majority view. He has also sought the initiation of criminal proceedings against Kumar and other officials for alleged breach of official duty. The court agreed on Tuesday to hear the petitions after the matter was mentioned before the CJI-led bench.

Singh's public interest litigation asks the court to determine whether the CEC has individually exercised powers that belong to the Election Commission as a whole and, if so, declare those actions unauthorised and take appropriate legal action. "Direct that respondent No.3 (CEC) shall not exercise the functions of Chief Election Commissioner of India pending final hearing of the present petition; direct that during such period, the business of the Commission be transacted by the unanimous decision of respondent Nos. 4 (Sukhbir Singh Sandhu) and 5 (Vivek Joshi); and direct that any appointment to the resulting vacancy be made upon the recommendation of a Committee, including the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India," the plea stated.

SLBC Tunnel Gets....

The diversion around the point where the tunnel-boring machine had become stuck had taken the working face through particularly poor geological conditions.

The minister directed officials and the contractor to maintain progress through the difficult geological stretch while ensuring the safety of people working more than 20 km inside the tunnel.

He sought deployment of additional equipment, improved excavation cycles and close safety monitoring to meet the June 2028 water-delivery target. Uttam Kumar Reddy expressed hope that a breakthrough in Tunnel 1 could be achieved by May-June 2028. Concrete lining is being carried out on completed sections of the tunnel while

excavation continues. This reduces the amount of lining work that will remain after the two ends of the tunnel meet.

CRIME

Rent Row Sparks Cases Against Lucky Restaurant, Owners

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A dispute over rent and use of premises involving Lucky Multicuisine Restaurant near Pillar No. 1723 in Madhapur led to cases being registered against both the building owners and the restaurant operator. According to police, restaurant operator Mohammed Mansoor Ali, who had been running the restaurant for about six years, received a call from his worker Ali on Friday informing him that some persons were allegedly damaging the premises. Mansoor, along with his wife Rehana Begum, reached the spot and allegedly



found Hari, Ravi and others, including some women, using am excavator to damage portions of the premises.

Police said a pan shop, tea point and bakery were allegedly damaged. When Mansoor and his wife tried to intervene, they were allegedly abused and threatened. Some women allegedly assaulted Rehana Begum. The group also obstructed Mansoor and attempted to snatch his mobile phone when he was recording the incident. A case was registered at Madhapur police station against the building owners and others, and investigation is underway.

Police said Mansoor had taken the premises on lease from Ravi, Hari and others and allegedly had not paid rent for the past few months. The dispute subsequently escalated, with the owners allegedly damaging the approach road and obstructing access to the restaurant. In a separate incident, at around 12.10 am on Friday, Madhapur patrol police allegedly found Mansoor, his wife and others sitting on the road near a petrol pump close to the restaurant, obstructing the patrol vehicle and traffic. They allegedly obstructed police personnel from discharging their duties. A case was registered against Mansoor and others. Police also said the restaurant's FSSAI licence was suspended on September 26 over food-safety and hygiene deficiencies noticed during an inspection.

Wrong address Zepto delivery causes scuffle in Secunderabad

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Wakeup telangana

A Zepto order delivered on the wrong address caused a scuffle at an apartment in Vasavi Nagar, Secunderabad on Saturday, October 3, resulting in minor injuries to the delivery boy, police said. Kharkhana Station House Officer (SHO) said that the delivery boy, Ashish, had reached the wrong address and called the customer, Ajay, to come pick the order.

Ajay got in a verbal argument with Ashish, after which the latter asked him to cancel the order. Ajay refused and demanded Ashish cancel.

Ashish finally reached the right address at Rockwell Apartment, after which he again got into a verbal argument with the customer. It soon escalated into a physical fight, and Ashish was dragged outside towards the corridor.

A purported video of the incident shows a man in a green shirt being pushed by a man in a white undershirt, causing him to fall onto a shoe rack. The man in the undershirt then hits the green-shirted man with a stick and drags him off camera.

The two men are seen on camera again, this time with a woman, supposedly Ajay's wife, also joining in the assault by hitting the green-shirted guy with a stick-like object.

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

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

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

4 Unauthorised Clinics Identified

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.

Tipper driver killed in speeding car crash at Shamshabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 34-year-old tipper driver was killed after he was allegedly hit by a speeding car near Narkhoda Hanuman Temple in Shamshabad in the early hours of Sunday, October 4.

The deceased was identified as Amit Kumar Ram, a native of Langatur village in Jharkhand and a resident of Narkhoda village in Shamshabad



mandal. He was working as a driver for tipper owner Gouni Janaki Reddy.

According to police, Amit Kumar Ram and another driver, Kauleshwar Buya, had gone to a construction site near Narkuda along with other tipper vehicles around 10 p.m. on Saturday. At about 12.30 am on Sunday, Amit told Kauleshwar that he was going to the bathroom and walked towards an area near the site, opposite the Narkhoda Hanuman Temple.

While Amit was walking along the road, a Maruti Swift car, travelling from Shamshabad towards Shabad, allegedly hit him. The complainant alleged that the car was being driven at high speed and in a rash and negligent manner.

Janaki Reddy, who was informed about the incident, rushed to the spot and found Amit lying on the road with a severe head injury. He was shifted to Osmania General Hospital in a 108 ambulance for treatment.

A fatal road accident case has been registered by Shamshabad police, and further investigation is underway.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

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

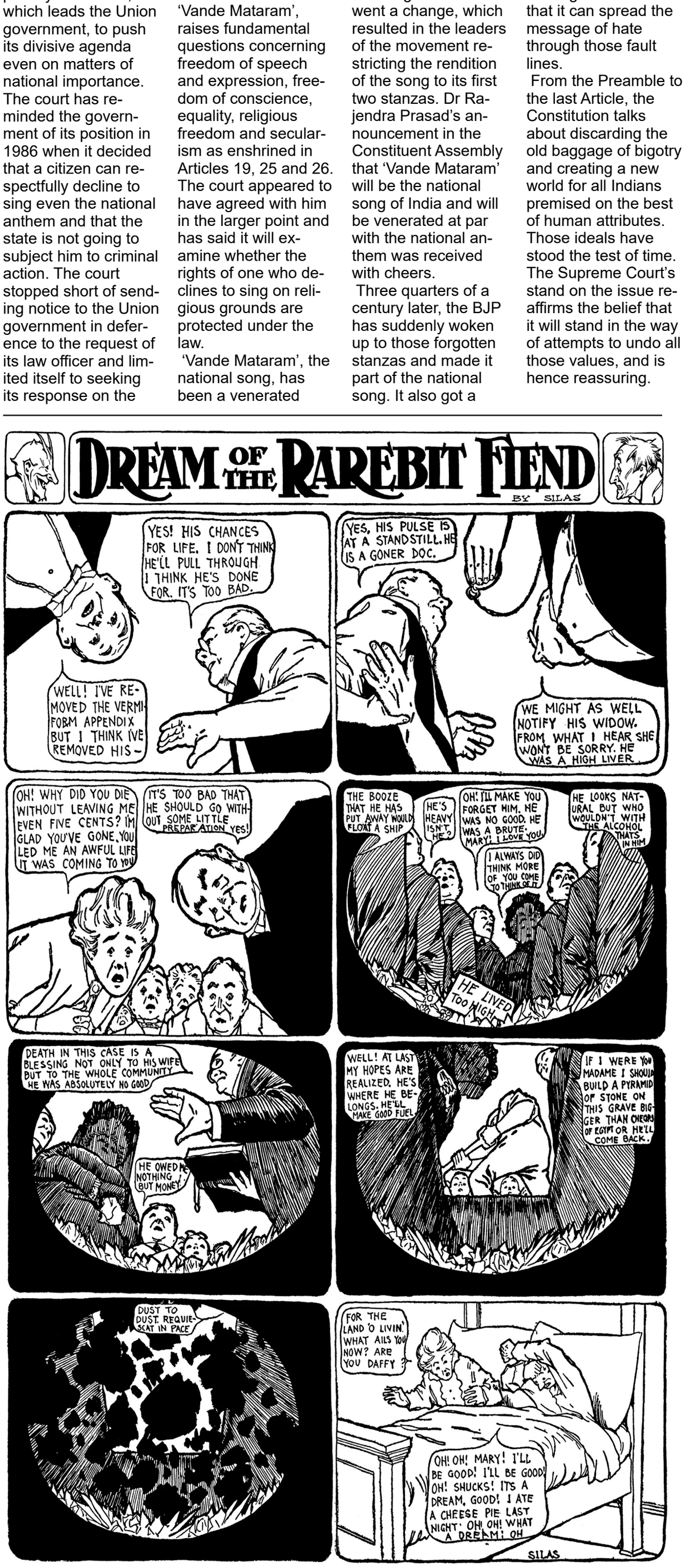
The contention of Carnatic vocalist and author T.M. Krishna before the court was that mandating the singing of all six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram' violated the country's secular character. Extending penal provisions to the national song, coupled with directions for rendition of all six stanzas of 'Vande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

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

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

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

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



Canon in talks with those engaged in key chip projects in India

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Japanese imaging and optical technology major Canon is planning to bring its semiconductor technologies and dedicated service centres to India as the country accelerates efforts to build a domestic chip manufacturing ecosystem, Canon India President and CEO Toshiaki Nomura said.Canon, a global supplier of lithography systems used in semiconductor manufacturing, sees significant opportunities in India's growing chip industry and has already held discussions with companies involved in major semiconductor projects across the country."Semiconductor manufacturing is the buzzword in India. We have lithographic machines to produce those chips. We bring our technologies to help assist chip manufacturers to produce chips in India. So that's a great opportunity for us," Nomura said.He confirmed that Canon has engaged with key semiconductor manufacturers whose projects are currently under development.

While the company is awaiting further progress and confirmation of individual projects, Nomura said Canon would announce developments at an appropriate stage.India has been actively promoting domestic semiconductor manufacturing through government incentives and the India Semiconductor Mission. Multiple projects have been approved covering semiconductor fabrication, assembly, testing, marking and packaging as part of efforts to strengthen the country's electronics manufacturing capabilities.Canon expects the expansion of this ecosystem to create demand for specialised technical support.

Once semiconductor projects become operational, chip manufacturers will require continuous assistance for sophisticated equipment, making local service infrastructure essential."Once the project is confirmed, of course we need 24×7 support to the chip manufacturer. In that sense, we will bring our technologies and service centres in India. That's our plan," Nomura said.He also expressed confidence in India's ability to establish a semiconductor ecosystem, while noting that individual project timelines would depend on chip manufacturers."I believe in the power of India," Nomura said, adding that while Canon cannot control project timelines, it expects semiconductor manufacturing capabilities to develop in the near future.The executive praised the efforts of the Indian government and other stakeholders in creating the infrastructure and ecosystem required for chip production. He said Canon is prepared to support manufacturers as India works towards becoming a major semiconductor hub.Nearly 12 semiconductor projects have been approved under the India Semiconductor Mission, covering fabrication, assembly and testing. Major initiatives include Tata Electronics' semiconductor fab in Dholera, Gujarat; Micron's assembly and packaging facility in Sanand; projects involving CG Power-Renesas and Kaynes Semicon; and Tata Electronics' semiconductor packaging facility in Assam.Beyond its traditional imaging and printing operations, Canon has been expanding into semiconductor equipment, medical systems, surveillance and security solutions.India remains one of Canon's key global markets, with the company reporting consistent double-digit growth. Nomura said its camera, printer, multifunction copier and large-scale production machine businesses are also witnessing strong growth in the country.With India's semiconductor ambitions gathering momentum, Canon expects its advanced lithography technologies and future local service infrastructure to play an important role in supporting the country's emerging chip manufacturing industry.

Despite price hike, appliance makers expect double-digit growth

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Despite a 5-8 per cent increase in prices of air-conditioners and other consumer appliances ahead of the festive season, manufacturers are hopeful of recording double-digit growth in sales, led by premiumisation, replacement demand, easy financing and improved consumer sentiment.

The latest price increase, the third round of revisions this year, has come ahead of the peak festive season, with higher costs of copper, aluminium, steel and crude derivatives, besides rising freight expenses and currency fluctuations prompting companies to raise prices.

The industry, which started the festive season on a positive note with strong sales during Onam in the South, expects the momentum to continue through Navratri and Diwali, aided by premiumisation, replacement demand and easy availability of consumer financing.

Consumers are increasingly opting for larger-capacity and feature-rich appliances, including energy-efficient and smart connected products, which is expected to support value growth even as higher prices put some pressure on volumes, industry executives said.

Some companies believe that it will have a minimal impact as dealers and distributors have already stocked inventory purchased at older prices through pre-buying schemes in August and September.

When asked if the industry would record double-digit growth despite the price hikes, Haier Appliances India CEO N S Satish told PTI, "Definitely. It will."

Haier India expects 30-35 per cent growth in festive sales by value, while unit sales are likely to grow around 20 per cent, he said.

"For us, it will be 30-35 per cent growth. Industry should be about 10-15 per cent," Satish said, adding that premiumisation and easy availability of finance would support demand despite price increases.

According to Satish, consumers who have already decided to purchase an appliance are likely to either opt for a slightly lower-capacity product within their budget or use EMI financing to upgrade to a premium model.

"The premiumisation story is happening and with the availability of easy finance… we will enable the affordability and premiumisation upgradation story," he said.

Haier has raised prices by around 5 per cent on room air-conditioners from October 1 and 2-3 per cent in other product categories.

Aprilia launches SXR GT 125 and SXR GT 175 in India



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Aprilia has introduced its SXR GT range in India, comprising the SXR GT 125 and SXR GT 175, with updated engines and larger wheels. The SXR GT 125 is priced at Rs 1.11 lakh, while the SXR GT 175 costs Rs 1.31 lakh (ex-showroom).

The launch comes after Aprilia discontinued the SXR 125 and SXR 160 models in May. Instead of developing an entirely new scooter, Aprilia has based the SXR GT range on the newer engines already used in its SR 125 and SR 175 models.

The scooters feature a maxi-scooter-inspired design, with a large front apron, wide seat and proportions aimed at enhancing their road presence.

The SXR GT 125 is powered by a 124.5cc single-cylinder engine that produces 10.6 hp at 7,400 rpm and 10.4 Nm of torque at 6,200 rpm. The SXR GT 175 gets a 174.7cc air-cooled single-cylinder engine, producing 13.3 hp at 7,200 rpm and 14.1 Nm of torque at 6,000 rpm.

Both engines comply with BS6 OBD-II Stage B requirements and are compatible with E20 petrol.

Both variants get 14-inch wheels. The SXR GT 175 features a 5-inch TFT display with Bluetooth connectivity, offering access to call and music controls as well as turn-by-turn navigation. It also gets handlebar-mounted controls, single-channel ABS and an exhaust end pipe with a heat shield.

The SXR GT 125 comes with a 5-inch LCD instrument cluster and uses a combined braking system (CBS) .

Market outlook: RBI policy stance, Q2 earnings, West Asia tensions key triggers next

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

After a holiday-shortened week which saw benchmarks slip below a key psychological level as a worsening global backdrop overwhelmed domestic support, the Indian stock markets are geared up for the RBI policy decision and growth projections, along with the beginning of the Q2 earnings season.

A meaningful de-escalation in West Asia could trigger a sharp relief rally next week, according to market watchers.

The RBI policy stance, inflation outlook and growth projections will provide important cues on the near-term trajectory of domestic interest rates and financial markets.

Last week, the bearish tone was evident from the start, with the Sensex declining 1.52 per cent on Monday, followed by relatively modest losses over the next two sessions before another 0.79 per cent decline on Thursday. Consequently, the Sensex shed 1,670.84 points to settle at 71,909.70, while the Nifty lost over 3 per cent to close at 22,421.95.

The weekly price action reflects a clear continuation of the corrective phase, with Nifty witnessing its eighth consecutive weekly decline, said analysts. From a technical perspective, the weekly RSI is placed at around 31.06, remaining well below the neutral 50 mark and indicating weak momentum.

The RSI is also significantly below its average near 46.27 and is approaching the oversold zone, suggesting that the index remains under pressure but may see intermittent technical pullbacks from lower levels, said analysts. On the upside, immediate resistance is placed at 22,800 and 23,000.

A sustained move above this zone would be required to ease the prevailing selling pressure and improve the short-term structure, they added. On the downside, support is seen at 22,350 and 22,180.

Global factors remain the dominant influence on market sentiment. Rising US Treasury yields, persistent inflation concerns and elevated energy prices keep investors cautious.

Sensex falls 1,671 points as market extends losing streak for eighth week

DUBAI
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The Indian equity market extended its corrective phase for the eighth consecutive week, with benchmark indices ending sharply lower amid sustained foreign fund outflows, rising crude oil prices and weak global cues.

The bearish sentiment persisted throughout the week. The Sensex fell 1.52 per cent on Monday and continued to witness losses over the following sessions before dropping another 0.79 per cent on Thursday. Overall, the 30-share index lost 1,670.84 points during the week, while the Nifty declined more than 3 per cent.

On Thursday, the Sensex and Nifty closed lower for the fourth straight session as persistent selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs), elevated bond yields and a fresh rise in crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment.

The Sensex fell 570.59 points, or 0.79 per cent, to settle at 71,909.70. During intra-day trade, it plunged as much as 1,187.41 points to touch a fresh 52-week low of 71,292.88. The Nifty dropped 198.50 points, or 0.88 per cent, to close at 22,421.95.

Despite the prevailing weakness, market experts said technical indicators point to the possibility of a short-term recovery.

Market experts said the Sensex remains below its key moving averages, with the index trading under the 50-day exponential moving average (EMA) of 75,544.56 and the 200-day EMA of 77,684.60.

"The immediate support zone for the index is placed between 71,000 and 71,200, while resistance is likely to emerge in the 72,300-72,500 range," analysts stated.

Analysts said that while the broader market structure remains weak, oversold readings and the proximity of important support levels could help the indices stage a relief rally in the near term.

Market watchers said traders may consider a hedged approach as market conditions remain volatile. "Participants may adopt a hedged approach, with 22,800 as the initial upside target, followed by 23,100-23,200. A decisive break below the April low could negate the rebound possibility and drag the index towards 21,700-22,000," market watchers stated.

Dr Khan Gets Commonwealth Global Leadership Award

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His Excellency Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad, India, has been honoured with the Commonwealth Medical Association Global Leadership Award at the Commonwealth Medical Association Global Summit on Longevity and Healthy Ageing held at the historic Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, London.



Prof Rajesh Sivaprakasam (2nd from Left), Transplant Surgeon, Robotic Renal Failure Surgeon, Chair of AI, Robotic Research and Development, Barts Health & Prof Dr S. Arulrhaj (3rd from Left), Past President CMA, CMJ Journal Editorial Manager (India); honouring H.E. Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan (4th from Left), Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad, India, with the coveted 'Commonwealth Medical Association Global Leadership Award' at the Commonwealth Medical Association Global Summit, at the Commonwealth Secretariat, London. Also seen (L-R) are Dr. Prabhu Challagali, Diabetologist and Physician, Convener and Global Ambassador, CMA, AI and Digital Health Sub Comm; Chief Guest Mr Suresh Yadav, Chair Cop 29 Presidency and Commonwealth FUND for SIDS & Senior Director For AI, Climate Change, Ocean and Energy, Directorate Commonwealth Secretariat, UK & Dr Muruga Raj Rajathurai, Immediate Past President, CMA, Malaysia; look on.

Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan attended the international summit as a Special Guest and Speaker, joining prominent medical professionals, healthcare leaders, experts and distinguished delegates from across the Commonwealth and beyond. The summit focused on longevity, healthy ageing, healthcare innovation and emerging approaches to improving human wellbeing.

Representing Kazakhstan at the prominent Commonwealth platform, Dr Khan participated in discussions on global health, international cooperation and the need to promote healthier and longer lives. He described the award as a profound honour and an important milestone in his diplomatic and international journey.

Speaking at the summit, he highlighted the importance of international dialogue, knowledge-sharing and cooperation among nations in addressing global health challenges. He stressed that collaborative efforts are essential to advancing longevity, wellbeing and quality of life across communities.

The Commonwealth comprises 56 independent and equal member countries and provides a platform for cooperation and dialogue in areas including health, education, development, trade, governance, peace and sustainable development. The Commonwealth Secretariat at Marlborough House is the principal intergovernmental institution supporting cooperation among member countries.

The Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA), established in 1962, works to strengthen medical cooperation across Commonwealth countries, support National Medical Associations, promote professional development and advance healthcare standards and medical ethics.

Dr Khan's commitment to healthier and sustainable living also extends to his role as Promoter and Managing Director of MAK Projects, where he has promoted the philosophy of "Clean, Green, Healthy Living." Through BTR Greens, the organisation focuses on environmentally responsible development, green spaces and healthier lifestyles.

The recognition adds to Dr Khan's engagement across diplomatic, healthcare and business platforms and reflects his stated commitment to strengthening ties between India, Kazakhstan, the Commonwealth and the wider international community.

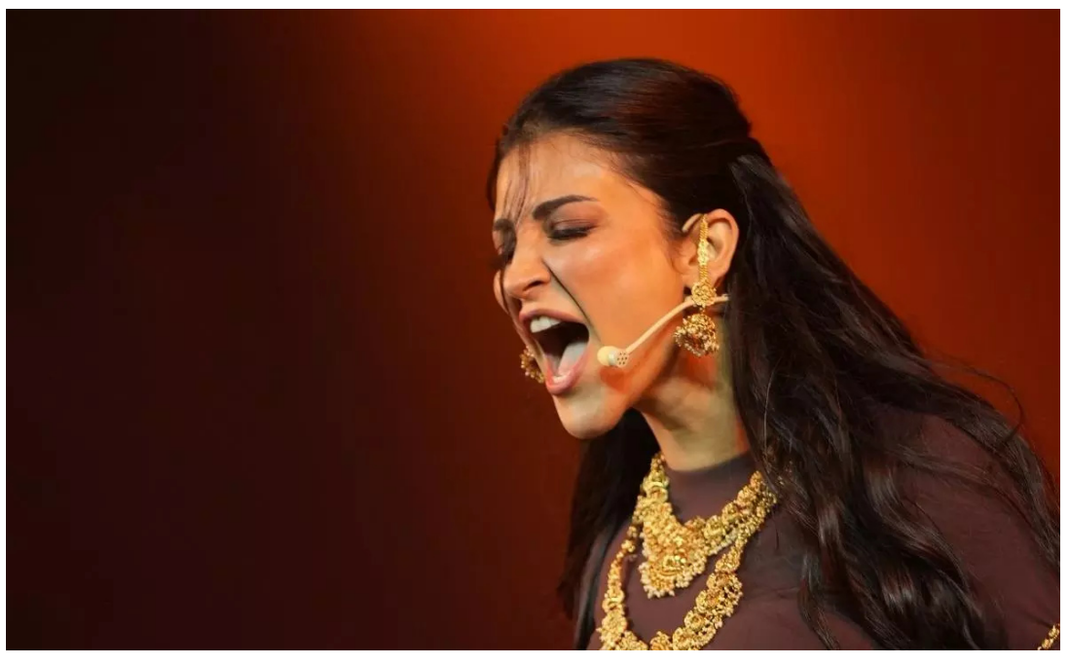
MPC meet: Economists expect RBI to begin rate-hiking cycle

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As the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gears up for its monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting next week, economists now expect the Central Bank to begin a rate-hiking cycle, bringing forward their earlier call for a December hike.

A 25 bps hike in October, rather than December as previously forecast, is possible amid higher energy prices, food inflation and wider price pressures which strengthen the case for tighter policy, according to Bank of America (BofA). "After almost two years of monetary accommodation, the RBI appears set to take early steps to start withdrawing the policy support in October MPC. As such, we now believe that the RBI will go ahead with a rate hike of 25bp in October MPC," said BofA. The balance of risks has tilted decisively towards a 25-bps rate hike by the RBI at this juncture, as a combination of broadening inflationary pressures, worsening global macros, evolving liquidity conditions and a renewed global repricing of risks is making the case for pre-emptive action stronger.

Shruti Haasan, the powerful voice behind 'Sanchari'



Sanchari', the latest song from director S.S. Rajamouli's much-awaited pan-India action-adventure Varanasi, is emerging as far more than a conventional promotional track. Featuring the powerful vocals of actress-singer Shruti Haasan alongside Kaala Bhairava, the song combines spiritual intensity with explosive tribal fusion beats and rock rhythms.

Composed by Oscar-winning music director M.M. Keeravani, 'Sanchari' serves as the primary theme track for the film and is closely connected to Mahesh Babu's explorer character. The song draws heavily from Shaivite philosophy, reflecting the spiritual and mystical atmosphere of Varanasi, an important setting in the film's story.

Shruti Haasan makes a strong impact from the opening note, delivering the spiritually charged lyrics with remarkable power and conviction. Keeravani revealed that the idea of having Shruti sing the track came from S.S. Karthikeya, who felt that her voice would suit the song's deeply spiritual character.

The title 'Sanchari', meaning traveller or wanderer, reflects the journey of Mahesh Babu's protagonist. At the same time, the term carries deeper significance in Shaivite philosophy, evoking Lord Shiva's eternal cosmic journey and his Ananda Tandavam, the divine dance associated with the cosmic order. Written by Chaitanya Prasad, the lyrics draw extensively on the imagery of Lord Shiva as Mahakaal, the supreme force associated with time, death and cosmic cycles. References to Shiva's fierce Rudra and Kaalabhairava forms further reinforce themes of fearlessness, destruction and triumph over mortality.

Keeravani's composition gives these ancient spiritual ideas a contemporary musical identity. Heavy tribal percussion and energetic rock elements create a relentless rhythm reminiscent of the resonance of Shiva's Damru. The result is a track that combines devotional imagery, cinematic spectacle and commercial energy.

According to Keeravani, 'Sanchari' was never conceived merely as a promotional song, despite being performed at an event. Instead, it was designed to reinforce the film's central character and his mission.

The song therefore functions on several levels—as a devotional-inspired composition, a character anthem and a high-energy musical statement. Through Shruti Haasan's commanding vocals, Keeravani's pulsating score and Chaitanya Prasad's spiritually rooted lyrics, 'Sanchari' establishes the intense world and larger-than-life journey at the heart of Varanasi.

Hanuman Ansh Won't Go on OTT Anytime Soon



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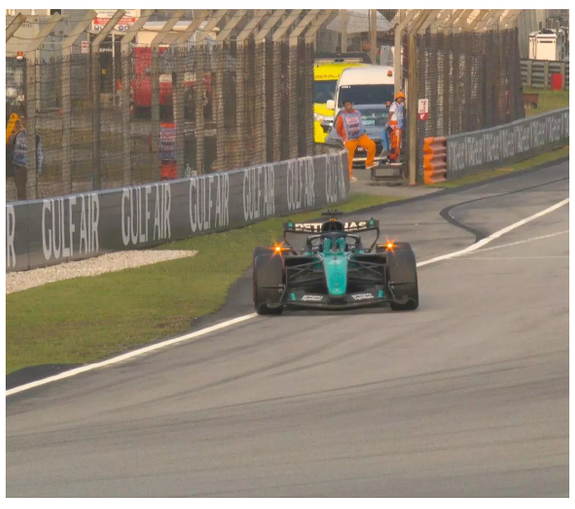
The spiritual blockbuster Hanuman Ansh was initially rejected by a major global OTT platform during its pitching stage, with director Vishal Chaturvedi describing the platform's response and language as derogatory and dismissive of authentic saint narratives. Chaturvedi approached streaming executives with the story of Neem Karoli Baba, noting that the narrative held deep Indian roots with international relevance. Executives turned down the project under the belief that mainstream audiences preferred gritty crime dramas or stories exposing corrupt godmen rather than tales focusing on genuine spiritual figures.

Chaturvedi said the industry's dismissive attitude towards traditional civilisational stories strengthened his resolve to release the film independently on a tight budget. Released on August 7, 2026, it opened on limited screens with around 10 lakh on day one. Driven by organic audience support, screen counts expanded, and collections exploded past major box office benchmarks, grossing over Rs 300 crore globally.

Following its massive theatrical success, multiple streaming platforms that previously passed on the project have circled back to bid for its digital rights. While the standard theatrical-to-OTT window is eight weeks, the makers are delaying the digital release to sustain its theatrical run, especially with the Telugu-dubbed version hitting cinemas next week. Co-producer Ragini Sona dismissed viral reports of a `100 crore deal, saying the makers are still finalising a streaming partner and expect a significantly higher price. Major streaming platforms are moving away from record-breaking pre-release deals based solely on star power, with OTT valuations increasingly tied to theatrical performance. Toxic, for instance, reportedly saw its projected digital value fall from Rs 150–200 crore to around Rs 30 crore after underperforming. But for a blockbuster like Hanuman Ansh, the equation changes, giving producers greater leverage in negotiating digital rights.

Russell's F1 Championship Dreams Hit By Cruel Power Unit Failure in

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George Russell's Formula One title hopes took a crushing blow when his Mercedes ground to a halt with a power unit failure five laps from the finish, turning what looked like a certain podium into heartbreak at the Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia on Sunday. The British driver was running in a strong position to claim valuable championship points when the second safety car emerged for Alex Albon's Williams, which was stuck in the gravel.

But as the field prepared for a thrilling finale behind the safety car, Russell - who was third behind eventual race winner Max Verstappen and Kimi Antonelli - suddenly parked his car on the main straight and shook his head as he climbed out. "You've almost got to laugh, it's beyond disappointment. It's just so many times this season it's happened. It's a real shame," Russell said. "The podium looked very certain. Solid race, not amazing race, but solid race. But not the first time, so I'm pretty used to this feeling."

The retirement meant Russell's championship deficit grew from 66 points to 84 behind Antonelli. "I don't need to say I think it's (championship hopes) gone or whatever, but of course it's exceptionally unlikely and that's just the reality," Russell added. "I knew if I wanted to come back, I needed luck on my side... It's a real shame." Mercedes boss Toto Wolff confirmed it was a power unit failure on Russell's car.

"I'm so massively annoyed. I'm not in a happy place," Wolff said. "First of all we didn't have the speed that we were hoping to have before the weekend, so there's a lot of homework to be done in order to recover, which I'm sure we will." With the two Ferraris of Lewis Hamilton and Charles Leclerc finishing third and fourth, Mercedes' lead in the constructors' standings is now 151 points. "We had such an advantage (with) two safety cars, you couldn't be more unlucky," Wolff added. "And to make things worse, a PU failure with a few laps to go to the end with George, which is terrible for his championship and not good at all for our constructor points. "So as much as I love to be here, when I look at the pure races, one of my worst experiences, to be honest."

Asian Games 2026: India's Complete Medal Winners List

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India retained fourth place in the overall standings at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026, finishing with 85 medals—21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze. However, the campaign marked a decline from the country's record 106-medal haul at the previous Asian Games in Hangzhou, with India winning 21 fewer medals and seven fewer gold medals.

China dominated the continental competition, topping the standings with 341 medals, including 169 gold. Japan finished second with 269 medals and 83 gold, while South Korea took third with 150 medals, including 39 gold.

India's 21 gold medals came across several disciplines. Athletics produced a gold in the women's 4x400m relay through Kiran, Prachi, Poovamma Machettira and Vithya Ramraj. Shooting also delivered major successes, including mixed-team gold in the 10m air pistol, women's individual trap gold for Neeru Dhanda and mixed-team trap gold for Dhanda and Kynan Chenai.

India's kabaddi teams won gold in both the men's and women's events, while both hockey teams also emerged champions. The women's hockey team ended a 44-year wait for Asian Games gold, while the men successfully defended their title. Both victories also secured qualification for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

Cricket added two gold medals, with the Indian women's and men's teams winning their respective events. Archery produced several golds, including women's compound team, compound mixed team, men's compound team, women's recurve team and women's individual recurve titles.

Boxing contributed three gold medals through Lovlina Borgohain, Parveen Hooda and Ankush Panghal. Wrestling produced gold through Aman Sehrawat and Sujeet Kalkal, while golfer Pranavi Urs won the women's individual title.

India also secured 27 silver medals across athletics, shooting, archery, squash, weightlifting, wushu, wrestling, sailing and golf. Notable silver medallists included Sreeshankar Murali, Gulveer Singh, Tajinderpal Singh Toor, Mirabai Chanu, Antim Panghal and Roshibina Devi.

The 37 bronze medals came from a broad range of disciplines. Athletics contributed several podium finishes, while shooting, archery, boxing, squash, table tennis, MMA, kurash, badminton, rowing, wrestling, sailing and sepaktakraw also added medals.

Several bronze-winning performances were historic. Suchika Tariyal became India's first Asian Games medallist in MMA, while India earned its first women's skeet team medal and first mixed-team skeet medal. Baranica Elangovan became the first Indian woman to win an Asian Games medal in pole vault.

Despite falling short of the Hangzhou record, India's 85-medal performance ensured it remained among Asia's leading sporting nations, with notable breakthroughs and landmark achievements across multiple disciplines.

Hyderabad protests molestation of woman journalist by Delhi cop

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Condemning the alleged sexual harassment of a female journalist by Delhi Police ACP Vivek Bhagat during the protests against the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) in the national capital, residents, students, and activists from civil society organisations staged a demonstration at People's Plaza on Necklace Road in Hyderabad on Sunday, October 4.

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Speaking on behalf of the Women's Liberation League, Heena said that these developments raise doubts about the credibility of the police in safeguarding women's safety and citizens' rights.

She questioned how the women of this country could have faith that the police would protect them if a senior police officer sexually harassed a female journalist during a daytime protest. "This incident has exposed the inherent patriarchal nature deeply embedded in our country's police system—something that numerous reports and studies have repeatedly warned about," she said.

She demanded to know what kind of justice could be expected from fascists who have shielded predators such as Kuldeep Singh Sengar, Asaram, Ram Rahim, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, and Prajwal Revanna.

Asking whether the rape incidents in Unnao, Kathua, and Hathras could ever be forgotten, she emphasised that it would be naive to trust those who held rallies in support of the Kathua rape accused while simultaneously claiming to uphold women's safety in the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Hari, a member of the Disha student organisation, criticised the 'fascist RSS-BJP' forces for making women's lives hellish and for trampling upon the democratic rights of the country's common people.

He expressed concern that under the Modi-Shah regime, there have been severe attacks on freedom of expression, and now even our most fundamental democratic right—the right to vote—is in jeopardy.

They stated that the ECI is acting like an RSS shakha and that the voting rights of over 13 crore people have been jeopardised by the SIR process.

They further alleged that the police are resorting to brutal repression against people who are protesting to question this grave injustice.

Hyderabad Youth Join Nasha Mukt Walkathon to spread drug awareness

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Youth enthusiastically participated in the Nasha Mukt Yuva Walkathon organised in Hyderabad on Sunday, October 4, by MY Bharat, Telangana, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS).

It was organised to spread awareness among youth about the harmful effects of substance abuse and to promote a healthy, responsible and drug-free society.

The Walkathon, which commenced at the historic Charminar and proceeded towards Government City College, was flagged off by Rajya Sabha Member K Laxman.

The Walkathon witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth and conveyed a strong message of collective responsibility in the fight against substance abuse.

The Walkathon concluded at Government City College, with the singing of the National Anthem, reaffirming the participants' collective commitment towards a healthier, stronger and 'Nasha Mukt Bharat.'

MY Bharat, Telangana reiterated its commitment to engaging young people in awareness and community-based initiatives aimed at promoting a healthy, responsible and drug-free society.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Laxman highlighted the importance of building a 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' and called upon young people to stay away from drugs and other forms of substance abuse. He emphasised that a healthy and drug-free youth population is essential for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

The MP further noted that substance abuse not only affects the physical and mental well-being of individuals but also has a wider ripple effect on families, communities and society at large.

In his inaugural address, Anvesh Chinthala, State Director, MY Bharat, called upon young people to stay away from drugs and all forms of substance abuse, adopt healthy lifestyles and positive habits, and actively contribute to building a healthy, responsible and Nasha Mukt Bharat.

BC Welfare Association Opposes Land Sale, Seeks Hostels

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BC Welfare Association president and Rajya Sabha member R. Krishnaiah demanded that the Telangana government stop selling government land and use it to construct permanent buildings for BC hostels and residential schools. He was speaking at a dharna here on Sunday, organised under the leadership of National BC Students' Association convener Nikhil Patel, State BC Front chairman Mallesh Yadav and BC Students' Association general secretary Shiva Krishna Mudiraj.

Krishnaiah demanded the sanction of 100 new college hostels and 100 residential schools for Backward Classes community students. He said government land was public property and should be used for hostels, schools, government offices and houses for the poor. It should not be sold to raise revenue. He said several hostels and gurukuls for the community were functioning in rented buildings without basic facilities. Students were facing overcrowding, health problems and difficulties in continuing their education. The government was also spending crores of rupees every year on rent, he said. Krishnaiah demanded permanent buildings with all facilities. He also sought full fee reimbursement for students from the BC community pursuing professional and postgraduate courses. Other demands included bus passes, monthly pocket money of ₹1,000 for girls and ₹800 for boys, and the appointment of additional workers in hostels.

Owaisi Warns Of Protest Over Deletion Of Genuine Votes

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AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi alleged on Sunday that backdoor tactics like submitting Form-7 applications seeking deletion of voter names during the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll were intentionally aimed at disenfranchising legitimate Muslim voters based on their religion. He warned that if the authorities failed to initiate action against the culprits, the city would witness a protest bigger than that being held at Jantar Mantar.

Addressing a public meeting near Golconda fort on Saturday night, Owaisi claimed that individuals affiliated with the BJP and RSS were attempting to have Muslim votes removed from the electoral roll through printed Form-7 applications. He said that he had personally seen such printed applications which did not have details of individuals who were filing them. On other issues, Owaisi was critical of the



bail given to an accused in the advocate Khaja Moinuddin murder case. He said the MIM would never stand with those involved in murder and would always support the oppressed and families seeking justice.

"The accused got bail by bribing the Jail (Chanchalguda) superintendent with `2 crore. Those involved in the murder are conspiring to attack the AIMIM leaders and meetings were held in the jail, with active support of the superintendent," he alleged. Jail authorities have since dismissed the charge. He also alleged that attempts were being made to target AIMIM using money and influence, asserting that the party would continue to remain strong.

The AIMIM chief stressed the need for an independent political voice for the community. Responding to the Samajwadi Party's decision to not join hands with AIMIM, Owaisi warned Akhilesh Yadav "not to cry after the elections". He citing the Bihar Assembly polls as an example, where he said the AIMIM was falsely accused of fracturing votes after its alliance proposals were ignored. On the political debate around Muslim representation in Uttar Pradesh, Owaisi stressed the need for an independent political voice for the community. Displaying Renganar camp.jpg.



:The Telangana State United Teachers Federation (TSUTF) demanded that the government amend GO 25, keep state-run schools accessible and appoint at least two teachers in every primary school. It also sought the pay revision commission (PRC) from July 1, 2023 and warned of an agitation in November if no decision was taken by then.

Hyderabad Muslims Offer Special Prayers for Rain



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Hundreds of Muslims assembled at the Chilkalguda Idgah on Sunday afternoon to offer Namaz-e-Istisqa, special congregational prayers seeking divine intervention and rain amid an acute water shortage and drought-like conditions across the state. The prayers were led by Maulana Syed Ziauddin, khateeb of Jama Masjid Ahle Sunnat-ul-Jamat Chilkalguda. Addressing the gathering, the Maulana highlighted the vital need for water conservation, urging the people to use water judiciously and cautioning against squandering what he termed a precious gift of God.

OCTOPUS, other security agencies conduct mock drill at Mecca Masjid

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The elite counter-terror force of the Telangana police, OCTOPUS, along with other security agencies, conducted a mock drill at Mecca Masjid in Hyderabad late Saturday night to test emergency response and coordination among various security wings.

The joint anti-terror exercise was held from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. and focused on assessing the practical response of security personnel to a simulated emergency, including rescue and evacuation operations in and around the historic Charminar area. Personnel from OCTOPUS and other security agencies participated in the exercise to assess their preparedness, response time and coordination during a possible security emergency.

Officials clarified that the exercise was only a mock drill and there was no actual security threat or emergency at Mecca Masjid or in the surrounding area.

119 booked for drunk driving in Cyberabad over the weekend

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As many as 119 motorists were booked for drunk driving in Cyberabad during a special drive on October 2 and 3.

Among all offenders, 101 were two-wheeler riders, 14 were four-wheeler riders, and four were three-wheeler riders.

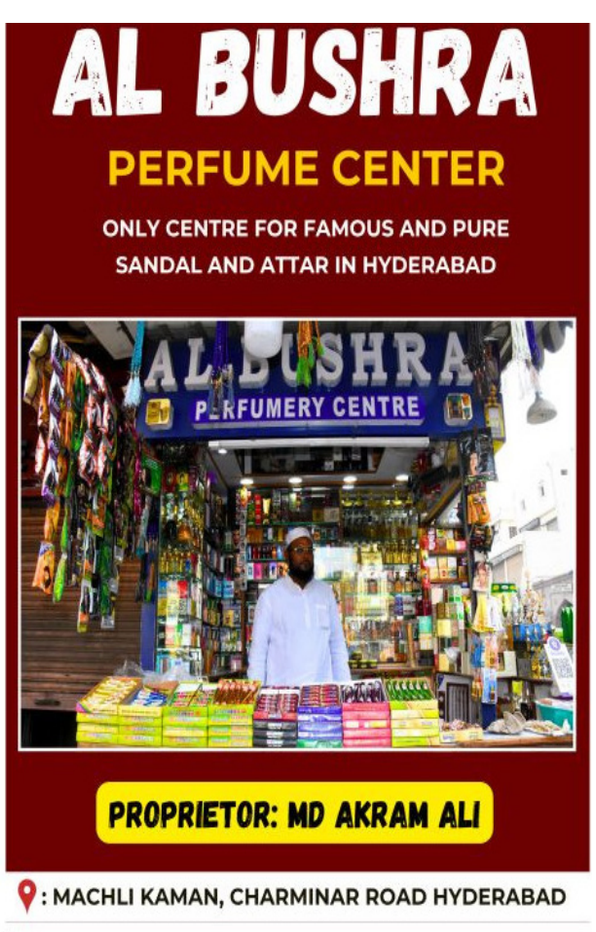
About 88 offenders recorded Blood Alcohol Concentration levels ranging from 36 to 200; as many as 22 offenders had BAC levels ranging from 201 to 300; and nine offenders had BAC levels ranging from 301 to 550.

The maximum permissible

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) limit across India is 30 mg per 100 ml of blood (0.03 per cent).

In a week from September 28- October 3, 115 drunk driving cases were disposed of by the courts. As many as 109 offenders were let off after paying fine, while six others were penalised with a fine and jail time.

Police have warned that anyone causing a fatal accident in an inebriated state will be booked under Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and might face a jail term of 10 years.



Resignation won't help, need structural reforms: Kavitha on CEC

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Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha said on Sunday, October 4, that the country needs "deep structural reforms, not cosmetic exits" while speaking on the protests demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. Protests erupted in several parts of the country after an Indian Express investigation alleged an unprecedented rift inside the top ranks of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The report mentioned that several major decisions, including changes to voter registration forms and additions and deletions from electoral rolls, were carried out without the knowledge or approval of the other two Election Commissioners, that is, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

Speaking on the issue, Kavitha said, "I appreciate the youngsters who are protesting, but a resignation is not the solution. They got the resignation of the Union Minister (Dharmendra Pradhan) that they wanted, but does that today assure that no further paper leaks will take place? To ensure that the system has to change. The NTA has not changed. It has not become independent. So what is the benefit of one person resigning?"

Addressing a press conference at her party headquarters in Banjara Hills, she said accountability must be fixed inside the system and suggested ballot papers for conducting elections. "Now also, if you want the CEC to resign, even if he resigns, what is the use? The whole system has to change. Accountability has to be fixed in the system. I believe the paper ballot can give us a better solution."

Concerns have been raised by Opposition leaders, mainly Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, over "hacking" of Electronic Voter Machines (EVMS) and "vote theft" or rigging of votes in favour of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

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