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Co-Pilot Planned Flydubai Attack Before Hired By Airline, Two Israeli Officials Say

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The flydubai co-pilot who stabbed his captain in an alleged attempt to crash the plane last week told UAE interrogators he planned the attack before being hired by the airline, according to two Israeli officials with knowledge of the probe. A third source briefed on the UAE probe said the co-pilot, an Omani national, had planned to crash Wednesday's flight into Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv. He had also operated a flight to Tel Aviv earlier this year and intended to hijack and crash the plane then, but opted not to, the source added.

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SC Disowns New Form 6, To Examine EC Decisions

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The Supreme Court on Monday said it would examine decisions taken by the Election Commission (EC) in connection with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and annul any decision found to be contrary to law.

The observation came while hearing petitions alleging that Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar took several decisions related to the SIR without the concurrence of the other two Election Commissioners, Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, along with Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana, issued notices to the Centre and the Election Commission. The petitions were filed by Patna resident Rakesh Kumar Singh and advocate Shailendra Mani Tripathi.



During the hearing, the bench questioned the alleged modification of Form 6, used for voter registration. "Any modified Form 6 has not been approved by us," the bench observed, adding that it wanted to examine the records to determine who had made the changes.

The court made it clear that it would scrutinise the decisions placed before it and could invalidate those that were not consistent with the law. It also questioned the nature of immunity available to the CEC, observing that such protection was greater than what even judges enjoy.

The petitions have raised questions over whether the CEC exercised powers vested in the Election Commission without obtaining the approval of the other commissioners. Chief Justice Surya Kant said the poll panel was expected to take decisions unanimously and, in the absence of unanimity, by majority.

The Supreme Court directed the Centre and the Election Commission to place relevant material and records before it. The court will examine whether the decisions challenged by the petitioners were taken in accordance with the statutory framework governing the EC.

The development assumes significance because the Election Commission had earlier indicated that the Supreme Court, in its May 2026 judgment concerning the Bihar SIR, had upheld the modified Form 6.

The poll panel subsequently clarified that Form 6 itself had not been altered. Instead, an additional declaration was attached to the form under the Bihar SIR order, it said.

The issue also triggered a political controversy, with Opposition parties targeting CEC Gyanesh Kumar and demanding his resignation. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi also criticised the Election Commission over the matter.

The EC later issued a "fact check", terming a post by Rahul Gandhi "misleading" and reiterating its position that the Form 6 itself remained unchanged.

Sam Koshy Named Acting Telangana HC Chief

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Justice Puthichira Sam Koshy, a senior judge of the Telangana High Court, has been appointed its acting Chief Justice following Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh's elevation to the Supreme Court. The Union law ministry notified the appointment on Monday. Justice Koshy will perform the duties of Chief Justice after Justice Singh relinquishes office, pending the appointment of a new Chief Justice.

Justice Koshy had previously served as acting Chief Justice from July 17, 2025, until Justice Singh took oath as Chief Justice on July 19 that year. He was elevated as a judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court in 2013 and transferred to the Telangana High Court in July 2023. Justice Singh left for Delhi on Monday evening following the notification of his appointment to the Supreme Court. His swearing-in as a Supreme Court judge is proposed for October 6. The High Court could not hold a farewell gathering before his departure.

India, Switzerland Sign Five Pacts To Deepen Ties



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India and Switzerland signed five pacts on Monday, including agreements on migration and young professional exchanges, following "wide-ranging and substantive" talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Swiss President Guy Parmelin at Hyderabad House in the capital. The two countries also agreed to improve market access for Indian exports in Switzerland and facilitate investment. They identified new opportunities for military exchanges and defence production and agreed to deepen cooperation in nuclear energy.

Mr Modi said the mobility pacts "signed today will open up many new opportunities in Switzerland for Indian students, researchers, professionals, and young people". Describing people-to-people ties as "the greatest strength of our partnership", he thanked Mr Parmelin for his support for India-Switzerland relations. The MoU on Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) "aims to develop migration and mobility cooperation under equal treatment principles, and to prevent and combat irregular migration/human exploitation/trafficking in accordance with national laws".

It also "provides for multiple-entry visas for upto five years, including stays of upto six months on each visit, and renewable one-year student permits". The Agreement on the Exchange of Young Professionals (YPS) "aims to govern the exchange of

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Congress Seva Dal Satyagraha Seeks CEC Gyanesh Kumar's Resignation

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The Telangana Pradesh Congress Seva Dal staged a one-day peaceful Satyagraha at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad, demanding the immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and accusing the Centre and Election Commission of undermining democratic institutions.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Seva Dal president Middela Jitender led and inaugurated the protest. Addressing the gathering and the media, he alleged that the Election Commission was acting against the interests of eligible voters under the Systematic Identification and Removal (SIR) exercise.

Jitender alleged that the process could result in the deletion of names of millions of eligible and economically weaker citizens from electoral rolls, describing it as a serious threat to voting rights and democracy. He demanded greater transparency and accountability in the functioning of the Election Commission.

He further accused the BJP-led Central government of misusing constitutional institutions for political purposes. Jitender alleged that the Election Commission, which is expected to function independently and impartially, was being influenced by the government and claimed that CEC Gyanesh Kumar was failing to uphold the constitutional spirit of his office.

The Seva Dal leader also demanded the resignations of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, alleging that their policies were weakening democratic values and constitutional institutions.

Jitender said the Congress Seva Dal would continue its struggle through peaceful and democratic means, drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's principle of non-violence. He warned that the organisation would intensify its statewide campaign against what it described as anti-people policies under the guidance of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud.

State executive members of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Seva Dal, presidents of 35 districts and 119 Assembly constituencies, mandal-level leaders and a large number of activists participated in the Satyagraha, expressing solidarity with the campaign to protect voting rights and democratic institutions.

Hussain Al-Hajri Named Karwan Minority Chairman

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Hussain Bin Ali Al-Hajri (Salim), a young and active Congress leader, has been appointed chairman of the Indian National Congress Minority Department for the Karwan Assembly constituency following consultations and consensus among senior party leaders, block presidents and division presidents.

The appointment was made on the recommendation of Karwan Assembly constituency Congress incharge Usman Bin Mohammed Al-Hajri. Khairatabad DCC president Motha Rohit and Khairatabad DCC Minority Department leader Mir Ahmeduddin formally announced the appointment.

Congress leaders and workers across the Karwan constituency welcomed the decision and extended their congratulations and best wishes to Hussain Bin Ali Al-Hajri (Salim). Senior leaders, block presidents and division presidents expressed confidence that he would discharge his new organisational responsibilities with sincerity, dedication and political understanding.

Party leaders said they expected the newly appointed chairman to play an important role in strengthening and expanding the Minority Department in Karwan, improving coordination within the party organisation and maintaining effective communication with workers and the public.

They also expressed hope that his leadership would help make the department more active and organised while strengthening the Congress network at the grassroots level across the constituency.

Speaking after his appointment, Hussain Bin Ali Al-Hajri (Salim) thanked the Congress leadership, Usman Bin Mohammed Al-Hajri and all senior leaders for placing their confidence in him. He said he would carry out his responsibilities with loyalty, sincerity and dedication while following the organisational policies and guidance of the Congress leadership.

He further assured party leaders and workers that he would work collectively with them to strengthen the Congress organisation in the Karwan Assembly constituency and contribute to expanding the party's organisational activities.

Statewide Advaita Yatra to Begin Nov 21, Eyeing World Record



The Telangana Shankara Matha will organise a statewide Advaita Yatra from November 21 to December 12, aiming to promote spiritual consciousness and conclude with a world-record attempt involving the chanting of one crore mantras.

Telangana Shankara Matha In-charge Unnikrishnan Swamy, along with Managing Trustee Durga Sravanthi Raj and coordinators Ritesh Raj and Col. Sahaji Pannikar, announced the programme and unveiled its official brochure at the Somajiguda Press Club on Monday.

The yatra will begin at the Ayyappa Temple in Kamareddy and cover around 300 Ayyappa temples across Telangana before reaching Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The grand finale will be held at Bison Polo Ground in Secunderabad on December 12, where nearly 18,000 Ayyappa Gurus and devotees are expected to participate in the mass chanting programme.

Leaders of Advaita mutts, representatives of the Adi Shankaracharya tradition and members of the Pandalam royal family are also expected to attend the concluding programme.

Special spiritual programmes have been planned for women, including Kumkumarchana and Soundarya Lahari Sahasranama Japa, with around 10,000 women expected to participate. Organisers said devotees interested in joining the yatra can register by contacting 8350903080.

Power supply concerns mount in Telangana amid rising demand, coal shortages

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Frequent complaints of power outages from domestic consumers, farmers and others this season have raised concerns over the possibility of ensuring uninterrupted power supply during the next season.

During the current Vanakalam season, farmers have staged protests across the State, demanding adequate power supply. Domestic consumers have also complained of frequent power disruptions. Compounding the situation, questions are being raised over coal availability for thermal power projects. Depleting water levels in major reservoirs have also affected hydel power generation.

Power demand in the State is already escalating. Peak-hour demand touched 19,982 MW on September 30, against the usual daily consumption of around 15,000 MW.

Though the State government claims to have initiated contingency measures, ensuring quality and uninterrupted power supply next season is likely to be a challenging task, considering the various factors affecting generation and procurement.

The State Cabinet, which met last week, resolved to procure sufficient power to meet the demand and ensure uninterrupted supply. It also decided to prioritise new renewable energy generation and power procurement, keeping future demand and requirements in mind.

Approval was granted for setting up power projects with a combined generation capacity of around 7,800 MW. The Cabinet deliberated on proposals to establish 3,000 MW of solar power capacity, a 4,000-MW Battery Energy Storage System and 800 MW of wind power capacity. It decided to execute these projects through a bidding process in accordance with Central government regulations. However, these measures would take considerable time for grounding, execution and commencement of supply.

Like Telangana, other States are also keen on purchasing power, but availability has emerged as a major challenge. Despite spending around Rs 10 per unit, sufficient power is reportedly not available for procurement through the open market, short-term agreements and the Indian Energy Exchange. Of the 330 million units consumed on September 28, only 85 million units were supplied through TGGENCO, while the remaining power was purchased.

Similarly, against the minimum coal storage requirement of 20.63 lakh metric tonnes, only around 5.57 lakh tonnes is currently available, reflecting the seriousness of the situation. Kothagudem Thermal Power Station requires around 24,000 tonnes of coal a day, while Kakatiya requires 4,500 tonnes, Bhadradri 15,000 tonnes and Yadadri 34,000 tonnes.

CBIT Students Explore Ocean Science and AI at INCOIS

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The Department of Information Technology, VMedha Club, CSI, IEEE SSIT, RAS and Education Society SBs of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organised an industrial visit to the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Pragathi Nagar, for 102 B.E. and M.Tech. (AI & Robotics) students.

Led by Prof. Ramakrishna Kolikipogu, the visit aimed to provide practical exposure to ocean science, earth and atmospheric sciences, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), data analytics and ocean information services.

The students attended an awareness session at the INCOIS Auditorium, where scientists and technical experts explained the organisation's research activities, operational ocean services, data resources and technology applications.

The students also visited research wings, data centre facilities and marine science projects, gaining insights into real-time collection, analysis and dissemination of ocean and atmospheric information.

A key highlight was a demonstration of live ocean and atmospheric information at the Synopsys Center. Scientists explained how AI, ML, data analytics, visualisation and computational technologies support prediction and public safety.

Students also learned about applications benefiting fishermen, coastal communities and tourists, including early warnings and the ENSO prediction system.

The programme is expected to strengthen academic and research cooperation between CBIT and INCOIS in AI, robotics, data science, ocean informatics and earth sciences.

Friends, Women's Group Support Balraju's Family

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A touching display of friendship and humanity was witnessed in Matoor village of Motakondur mandal, where childhood classmates and members of the VO Mahila Sangam extended financial assistance to the family of late Chekkala Balraju.Balraju's former classmates, who studied together up to seventh grade, came together and contributed ₹12,500 to support his bereaved family during the difficult period.

Among those involved was Bairapaka Swamy, State President of the Jambava Rights Association, along with other childhood friends.

Despite their own financial limitations, the friends contributed according to their capacity, describing the gesture as a tribute to their lifelong bond.Separately, the VO Mahila Sangam members extended ₹5,000 to the family on humanitarian grounds.The family expressed gratitude to the friends and women's group for their compassion, solidarity and support, saying the gesture reflected the true meaning of community and friendship.

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.

Srinivas Goud Urges Transparent, Accurate Caste Census

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Former Telangana Minister and All India OBC Public Representatives Forum president V. Srinivas Goud has urged the Centre to ensure that the proposed caste census is conducted in a comprehensive, transparent and scientifically accurate manner.

Goud made the demand during a meeting in Lucknow with Samajwadi Party National General Secretary Rajendra Chaudhary and Council Opposition Leader Jasmir Ansari under the auspices of the All India OBC Coordination Committee. He sought the Samajwadi Party's support for the nationwide campaign demanding an accurate caste census.

Following the meeting, Goud also addressed a letter to Samajwadi Party National President and MP Akhilesh Yadav, requesting him to extend support to the caste census movement and take up the issue with the President of India.

Goud said the Caste Census Struggle Committee, along with various social justice and OBC organisations, has been conducting a nationwide campaign for accurate caste-wise population data. He urged Akhilesh Yadav to write to the President seeking steps to ensure that the population of every community is properly enumerated and authentic caste-wise statistics are released.

He also sought the Samajwadi Party's support for the committee's call to organise dharnas and protest rallies across all states and districts on October 15, 2026, followed by submission of petitions to the President through the respective District Magistrates.

Goud said the Centre must come under sustained public pressure to ensure that comprehensive and reliable community-wise information is recorded during the 2027 Caste Census. He stressed that accurate data is essential for framing policies and ensuring social justice for backward communities.

"Justice can be ensured to the backward classes only when the caste census is comprehensive, transparent and accurate," Goud said.

Several All India OBC leaders, including the national presidents of the All India OBC Students Association, along with other representatives and activists, participated in the programme.

Kadiyam Kavya Re-Nominated To Health Committee

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

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

Telangana to Become a Hut-Free State: Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy

Land Survey to Provide Permanent Solution to Land Disputes

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Telangana Revenue, Information and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the government is committed to providing Indiramma houses to all eligible poor families and transforming Telangana into a hut-free state. He directed officials to conduct the ongoing land survey in a comprehensive and transparent manner with the objective of finding a permanent solution to land-related disputes.

The minister held an extensive review meeting on the Revenue and Housing departments at the Nirmal Collectorate meeting hall on Monday, along with State Excise and Cultural Affairs Minister and Adilabad district in-charge minister Jupally Krishna Rao. Collectors, public representatives and senior officials from the erstwhile Adilabad district participated in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the government was taking several measures to provide Indiramma houses to all eligible poor people across the state. A plan has been prepared to provide houses to nearly 72,000 to 73,000 poor families currently living in huts across Telangana, he said.

He explained that construction of 4.50 lakh houses had been taken up in the first phase, while steps were being taken to construct more than two lakh additional houses in the second phase.

The minister said beneficiaries who lack the financial capacity to construct houses were being supported through loans facilitated by women's self-help groups. He instructed officials to accelerate the construction of Indiramma houses and ensure that forest-related issues do not obstruct the works. If necessary, a high-level meeting would be convened at the state level to resolve such issues, he said.

Ponguleti said the government had taken up the land survey programme on a priority basis with the objective of permanently resolving land-related disputes. He noted that the previous comprehensive land survey had been conducted around 125 years ago and said the government was now working to complete the survey in every village across the state within the next one-and-a-half years.

He said the government was moving towards assigning a Bhu Dhar identification to every land parcel, similar to the Aadhaar identification provided to individuals. A comprehensive survey would help prevent land disputes in the future and provide greater clarity on land ownership, he said.

The minister directed officials to ensure complete transparency in the survey process and said additional equipment required for conducting the survey efficiently would be provided. He also asked young officers to actively participate in field-level survey operations, stating that such work would provide them with valuable practical experience in administration.

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.

Bowenpally Land Acquisition: MLA Seeks Relief for 83 Affected Families

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MLA Sri Ganesh has approached Chief Minister Revanth Reddy seeking relief for 83 landowners and shopkeepers affected by the highway widening project in New Bowenpally and Chinnathokatta. Following the MLA's representation, the Chief Minister directed officials to expedite the evaluation, with field investigation and baseline surveys reportedly completed.

Local traders, facing eviction notices, expressed concern over losing their livelihoods and demanded rehabilitation and compensation before demolitions. Jampana Pratap assured the affected shopkeepers that their concerns would be taken up with the MLA and government authorities. Residents and merchant associations sought transparent compensation and rehabilitation measures for all affected families.

Talasani Srinivas Yadav Receives Birthday Wishes from D Team

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Warm birthday greetings were extended to former Telangana Minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav by supporters, well-wishers and members of the constituency on the occasion of his birthday.

Among those conveying their greetings was Talasani Dharmendra Yadav, who expressed his affection, respect and brotherly bond with Srinivas Yadav. He described the BRS leader as an elder brother and an inspiring public figure committed to serving the people.

Members of the Talasani D Team also extended their heartfelt birthday wishes to the Sanathnagar MLA. The team praised his continued involvement in public service and conveyed their support for his political and social activities.

The team members wished Talasani Srinivas Yadav good health, longevity and continued success in his public life. They expressed confidence that his association with the people of Sanathnagar would continue to remain strong.

Birthday celebrations were marked by greetings from supporters and followers across the constituency, reflecting the continued affection and goodwill extended towards the former minister.

Dharmendra Yadav and the D Team conveyed their wishes while reaffirming their commitment to standing by Srinivas Yadav and supporting his efforts in serving the people of Sanathnagar.

Dharmendra Yadav Greets Srinivas Yadav

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Talasani Dharmendra Yadav extended warm birthday greetings to former Telangana Minister and Sanatnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav, describing him as a true "leader of the people" and praising his long-standing commitment to public service.

On the eve of Srinivas Yadav's birthday on October 6, Dharmendra Yadav said his brother had built a strong bond with people by remaining accessible and understanding their concerns at the grassroots level. He said the MLA's ability to personally listen to public grievances and work towards their resolution had earned him a distinct place in regional politics.

Dharmendra Yadav highlighted Srinivas Yadav's long political journey, saying he had faced the challenges and ups and downs of public life with determination and resilience. He noted that the leader's dedication to serving people continues to inspire supporters, party workers and well-wishers.

He also conveyed his wishes for Srinivas Yadav's continued good health, happiness and success. Dharmendra Yadav expressed confidence that his brother would continue to receive the support and blessings of the people and take on greater responsibilities in the future.

Meanwhile, preparations for Srinivas Yadav's birthday celebrations have gathered momentum across Hyderabad and the Sanatnagar constituency. Supporters, family members and party workers are planning a range of programmes to mark the occasion.

Public service activities, charity initiatives and cultural programmes are expected to form part of the celebrations, with supporters seeking to highlight the MLA's association with the constituency and his public-service activities. The celebrations are likely to bring together party workers, followers and members of the public as they extend their greetings to Srinivas Yadav and wish him continued success in his political and public life.

Deeksharambh '26 Welcomes New Students at Megha–Omega Institutions

HYDERABAD
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Megha–Omega Group of Institutions, Edulabad, Ghatkesar, welcomed newly admitted students of MCA, MBA and M.Tech programmes at its 'Deeksharambh '26' orientation programme for the academic year 2026–27.

Chairman Nagam Mohan Reddy urged students to make the most of the educational opportunities available on campus and focus on academic excellence, professional skills and discipline. He said quality education is essential for building successful careers and developing responsible personalities capable of meeting the demands of the professional world.

Vice Chairperson Dr. K. Malathi Reddy encouraged girl students to pursue higher education with confidence and develop leadership and entrepreneurial abilities. She called upon them to aspire to become successful women entrepreneurs and contribute meaningfully to society and the nation.

The programme was attended by Directors Sanjana and Meghana, OMIST Principal Prof. K. Chandra Sekhar Pattnaik, OMICABM Principal Prof. G. Sudhakar, Prof. Subhramanan, department heads, faculty members and senior students.

Faculty and senior students interacted with the newcomers, shared experiences and introduced them to the institution's academic environment and facilities. The orientation concluded with management extending its best wishes to the students for a successful academic journey.

Palle Nageswara Rao Felicitated After Senior Advocate Designation

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Telangana High Court Advocate Sravan Kumar Gummalla felicitated State Public Prosecutor Palle Nageswara Rao following his designation as a Senior Advocate by the Telangana High Court.Rao received the prestigious Senior Gown after a Full Court meeting chaired by Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, recognising his distinguished legal career spanning more than three decades.Gummalla presented a hand-drawn portrait to Rao as a mark of respect and congratulations. Hailing from a humble agricultural family in Thogarrai village, Rao rose through perseverance and dedication to become a prominent figure in Telangana's legal fraternity.

Jagadeesh Gets Warm Birthday Wishes

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BC Welfare Officer Akarapu Jagadeesh received warm birthday wishes from BC leaders, youth representatives, student leaders and community members at the Sangareddy District Collectorate complex.

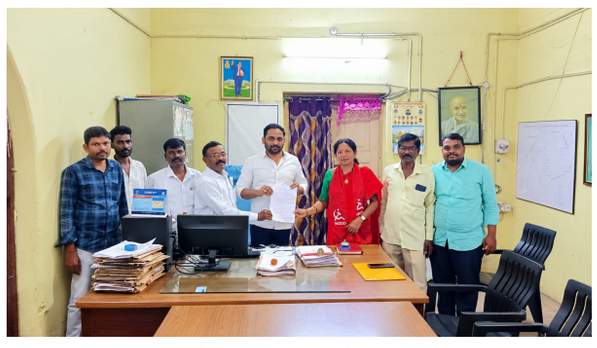
Goruganti Ramesh Kumar, Sangareddy District BC Youth President; Jagadeesh of the Sangareddy BC Students' Association; Lade Balu, Sangareddy Constituency BC President; Ramesh of the Geetha Workers' Association, along with other community leaders and social activists, felicitated him and wished him good health, happiness and continued success.

The participants appreciated his efforts towards BC welfare, student welfare and social development, expressing hope that he would achieve greater heights in public service.

Members of the Thalka Family from Matoor Village also conveyed their heartfelt birthday greetings to Jagadeesh, wishing him a long, healthy and successful life. The celebrations concluded cordially with attendees reiterating their best wishes for his continued service to society.

CPM Demands Protection of Dalit Burial Ground Land in Bhongir

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



CPM leaders have urged Revenue authorities to protect land in Survey No. 804 at Baharpet, Ward No. 26, which they claim is designated for use as a Dalit burial ground.

They demanded an immediate survey of the property and action against any encroachment or unauthorised construction found during verification.CPM State Committee Member Battupalli Anuradha, along with Bhongir town committee leaders and local representatives, submitted a representation to the Tahsildar seeking protection of the disputed land based on official revenue records.Anuradha said the issue had earlier been brought to the notice of the Tahsildar and Collector, following which officials were directed to conduct a survey.

She urged the authorities to complete the process, identify the exact boundaries of Survey No. 804 and verify its classification and ownership.The CPM leaders also demanded that a board identifying the land as Dalit burial-ground property be installed if the official records confirm its status. They said such a step would help prevent future disputes and alleged encroachments.

The issue has also raised concerns over allegations of a proposed transaction involving around 250 square yards of the land for approximately ₹13.50 lakh. Local community members have alleged that an advance of ₹4 lakh was received from a person identified as Sanjeeva Reddy. However, these claims have not been independently verified.The CPM leaders demanded that Revenue officials examine all relevant land records and documents before taking any decision.

Town secretariat members Gandhamalla Mathaiah, Bandele Yellaiah and Vanam Raju, along with Dandu Giri, Dandu Amarender and others, were present.Authorities' survey and verification are expected to determine the legal status of the disputed property and whether any unauthorised occupation or construction has occurred.

BJP Attacks Congress Over UP Appointments

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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.

Rahul Gandhi Alleges Delhi Police 'Silencing' Women Who Ask Questions

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana



Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday alleged that women who raise questions are being silenced in Delhi and demanded justice for those who have allegedly faced violence and mistreatment at the hands of Delhi Police.Gandhi made the allegations in a post on X, accompanying a video of his recent interaction with journalists Shaheen Khan and Nafisa Khan.

The two journalists have alleged that they were assaulted and mistreated inside the Saket police station.According to the journalists, they had gone to cover the inauguration of a new wing at Max Hospital in Saket, an event attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta. They have alleged that they were subjected to inappropriate treatment after the event."What's happening in Delhi right now follows a single pattern: silence any woman who dares to ask questions," Gandhi said in his Hindi-language post.The Congress leader also referred to the detention of hundreds of people during a recent protest at Jantar Mantar.

He alleged that women protesters had complained of misbehaviour by male police personnel during the protest.Gandhi further alleged that female journalists covering the developments had their cameras snatched and were dragged around. He claimed that despite a journalist approaching authorities with a complaint, an FIR was not registered.The Congress leader said Shaheen and Nafisa had earlier shared their accounts of alleged violence and mistreatment inside Saket police station.

He expressed concern over the fact that the alleged incidents took place inside a police station, which is also a place where women approach authorities seeking protection and justice."Think about it — inside the station, the very place where women go to file complaints," Gandhi said, questioning the conduct of police personnel.

He alleged that those responsible for protecting women were instead becoming a source of fear and threat for them. Gandhi also said that "everyone in this country knows who the Delhi Police answers to", making a pointed political allegation about the functioning of the force.Gandhi demanded that the complete CCTV footage from inside the Saket police station be made public to establish what happened and sought immediate action against police personnel allegedly involved in the incidents."Shaheen, Nafisa, and all those who have faced violence and misbehaviour from the Delhi Police must get justice," he said.

Gandhi also directly questioned Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the allegations and asked why he and the Delhi Police were allegedly "so afraid of women".The allegations have added to the political scrutiny surrounding the Delhi Police and prompted demands for transparency and accountability in the handling of complaints made by women and journalists.

BJP Targets AAP Over Punjab Killings, Graft

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



A series of killings in Punjab over a 48-hour period has triggered a political row over the state's law and order, with the BJP on Monday stepping up its attack on the AAP government and also raising allegations of corruption involving people linked to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. The BJP attack came on a day when the Punjab and Haryana High Court directed the CBI to investigate allegations raised by the Enforcement Directorate in three letters sent to the Punjab DGP.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, party spokesperson Sambit Patra alleged that both corruption and the law and order situation in Punjab had reached "their limits". "The High Court has proved what we had been saying. Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP and Bhagwant Mann should clarify how much of a scam has taken place, to what extent their own secretary is involved and how he himself is involved in corruption," Mr Patra said.

He alleged that Rajbir Singh Ghuman, described by the BJP as being close to Mr Mann and serving as his OSD, had acted as an intermediary along with other officials in allegedly facilitating government benefits in return for money or bribes. "The High Court corroborated what we had been saying about the level of corruption," Mr Patra said.

Turning to the law and order situation, the BJP spokesperson cited four killings reported from the state within 48 hours.

"Four murders have taken place in the state within just 48 hours," he said. Patra said Punjabi social media influencer and make-up artist Mad Sandhu was shot dead by two motorcycle-borne assailants in Amritsar on Saturday. The same day, Navjeet Singh Neetu, 55, a former sarpanch of Mannewal village in Ludhiana district, was fatally shot, allegedly over a land dispute between two families. He said another former sarpanch, Jagtar Singh of Phoos Mandi village, was axed to death outside a liquor vend in Bathinda on Sunday evening. Patra also referred to the killing of 29-year-old Laddi Khan, who was shot dead at Mullanpur Dakha in Ludhiana district on Friday night, allegedly over an old rivalry between two groups.

'Vote Theft': Oppn To March To EC Office Today

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc MPs will march from Parliament House to the Election Commission office in New Delhi on Tuesday, stepping up their campaign over allegations of "vote theft" and irregularities in the revision of electoral rolls. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi will lead the march. Participants have been asked to assemble at Makar Dwar of Parliament House at 10.30 am.

Participants include leaders of the Left parties, RJD leader Manoj Jha, NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule, National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and party leader Ram Gopal Yadav, and TMC leaders Abhishek Banerjee and Derek O'Brien. The Congress has also invited the Biju Janata Dal, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), DMK and AAP in an effort to widen the mobilisation. Around 20 I.N.D.I.A. bloc allies and their leaders are likely to participate.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the march would be peaceful. The MPs will seek to march to the Election Commission office on Ashoka Road and demand answers on alleged irregularities in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. INDIA bloc leaders are also expected to seek a meeting with President Droupadi Murmu in the second week of October to raise their concerns.

The march comes amid intensifying street protests. The Congress-affiliated National Students' Union of India (NSUI) staged a "living dead" protest on Monday, demanding the resignation and arrest of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The mobilisation is part of a joint action plan finalised at an Opposition meeting on September 30. Under the plan, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc announced "Save Democracy" marches, demonstrations outside district magistrates' offices and five major rallies to highlight its allegations concerning electoral rolls. However, differences have emerged over Tuesday's protest. The AAP on Monday declined the invitation, saying it was pursuing its own campaign against alleged irregularities in the SIR exercise.

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said the party was holding protests at different locations every day and deliberately avoiding the use of its banner because the issue had become a "people's movement". "As far as tomorrow's protest is concerned, it is the I.N.D.I.A. bloc's protest. So, the Aam Aadmi Party is not part of it. We are fighting this battle in our own way," Singh said. The DMK has backed the concerns but is unlikely to attend the protest, sources said. The differences have emerged amid political friction following the Congress and TVK joining hands in Tamil Nadu. The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), which has had recent differences with sections of the Congress, welcomed the I.N.D.I.A. bloc's protest. It said its own October 10 mobilisation should be viewed as a broader youth movement rather than the programme of any one organisation. CJP co-convener Saurav Das said political parties, student groups.

Supreme Court Raps Actor Rajpal Yadav Over Unpaid Dues

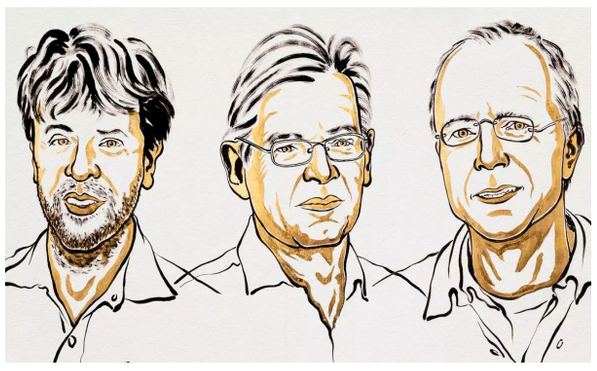
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The Supreme Court on Monday came down heavily on actor Rajpal Yadav for failing to honour his undertaking to deposit money towards dues owed to a private firm in a long-running series of cheque-bounce cases. On September 15, a bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana had given the actor a final two-week opportunity to submit a concrete proposal for clearing the outstanding amount and directed him to deposit Rs 2 crore with the apex court registry.

On Monday, the court took exception to the fact that no payment had been made even after the expiry of the two-week period. "They (complainant) are not poor," Yadav's counsel said during the hearing. Justice Bagchi responded: "They may be richer than you, but they are poor to the extent you have swindled them. This arrogance needs to be put in its right place. You should know when to open your mouth.

Deisseroth, Hegemann, Nagel Win Nobel Prize For Medicine

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The Nobel Prize in medicine was awarded Monday to three scientists working on the mechanisms the brain uses to switch on, or off, the activity of individual nerve cells. Karl Deisseroth, 54, Peter Hegemann, 71, and Georg Nagel, 73, have carried out research into light-gated ion channels and optogenetics. They are based at universities in Germany and the United States. The Nobel committee lauded their work, writing on X that the method "is now being used in laboratories around the world to reveal the brain's mysteries."

The Nobel Assembly said Deisseroth is based at Stanford University in California, while Hegemann is at Humboldt University in Berlin and Nagel at the University of Wurzburg in Germany.

Thomas Perlmann, the secretary of the medicine committee, said he was able to reach all three winners by phone Monday. The prize was announced at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, kicking off Nobels week. The prize money this year is 12 million Swedish kronor (about USD 1.2 million). Last year, the prize went to three scientists researching the immune system.

Monday's medicine prize is followed by the physics prize on Tuesday, chemistry on Wednesday and literature on Thursday. After Friday's peace prize is awarded, the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences will be announced on October 12. The prize money this year is 12 million Swedish kronor (about USD 1.2 million), whether for an individual, small group of laureates or organisation.

Top Diplomat Rubio Says Us Monitoring Siberia Plague Institute Death

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The United States is closely monitoring the case involving a laboratory worker who died at a plague research institute in Siberia, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Monday. "We're watching and monitoring it closely," Rubio told reporters before leaving for a trip to Europe. "I don't think it's cause for alarm, but it is cause for focus and a cause just to keep an eye on it." A laboratory worker at the Irkutsk Anti-Plague Research Institute of Siberia and the Far East fell ill and died in undisclosed circumstances, prompting authorities to quarantine dozens of □people, and the head of Russia's health watchdog to fly to the region.

There were conflicting reports about how and where the laboratory worker, whose age was given as 28, had fallen ill, but the authorities said she had died of pneumonia. Rubio, citing what Russians have released about the death, said it seemed there was a worker in the lab who was infected and there was concern the disease may have spread internally. "There's very limited travel between the US and Russia, obviously," he said. "But like anything else, something like that gets out, it just quickly spreads." Plague is endemic to Siberia, location of the first known prehistoric human outbreak, as the bacterium that causes it, Yersinia pestis, is present among the small wild mammals in its vast wilderness and their fleas. It is rare for Russians to fall ill with plague, however, though cases in other parts of the world - notably Africa - occur every year.

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It also "provides for multiple-entry visas for upto five years, including stays of upto six months on each visit, and renewable one-year student permits". The Agreement on the Exchange of Young Professionals (YPS) "aims to govern the exchange of young professionals taking up temporary employment in the other country to enhance their professional and language skills within their field".

It "incorporates exchange of 300 persons annually per country, which may increase to 500, and a timeline of 30/90 days for verification of nationality/residency status, among other provisions".

The other pacts covered transport, mobility and infrastructure; scientific research; and innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship. "Today, innovation, infrastructure, and advanced technology are strong pillars of our partnership. And through today's summit, we are going to give our partnership a new momentum and take it to new heights," Mr Modi said. The transport pact covers cooperation in areas such as electric vehicles, ropeways, the circular economy, tunnels and other transport sectors.

"The Varanasi ropeway, Jewar Airport in Noida, and railway and tunnelling projects in mountainous areas are shining examples of our infrastructure cooperation. To further strengthen this cooperation, today we signed an agreement on transport, mobility, and infrastructure," the Prime Minister said. "We invite Swiss infrastructure companies to invest in India at a large scale and participate in capacity building, design, and manufacturing," he added. MEA secretary (West) Sibi George told reporters at a special briefing that the Swiss President would visit Noida International Airport at Jewar on Tuesday. On trade and investment, Mr Modi said: "We have taken several important decisions to increase market access for Indian exports in Switzerland and further facilitate investment between the two countries. This will help increase exports of Indian agricultural products, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and engineering goods to Switzerland. At the same time, we will attract new Swiss investments into key sectors in India, such as biotechnology, life sciences, banking, insurance, food processing, and sustainability. Through these initiatives, we will work together to develop trusted supply chains and reliable solutions for the world."

Co-Pilot Planned.....

He had also operated a flight to Tel Aviv earlier this year and intended to hijack and crash the plane then, but opted not to, the source added.

It was not immediately clear why the co-pilot changed his mind on that previous flight, although the co-pilot is thought to have known someone onboard, the source said. All of the sources spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the investigation. UAE and Israeli authorities did not immediately respond to a request for comment, nor did flydubai. The co-pilot of flydubai flight FZ1073, which was bound for Israel from Dubai last Wednesday, attacked the pilot with an emergency crash axe, the United Arab Emirates prosecutor general has said, calling the incident a "terrorist attack".

Two sources have said the co-pilot is an Omani national named Hamam al-Hammami. Israeli officials have not named the co-pilot but have said he is from Oman. UAE authorities and flydubai have not publicly disclosed the co-pilot's identity. Reuters has not been able to independently reach al-Hammami, who is in UAE custody, for comment. The UAE has not announced any formal charges against him and it is not known if he has appointed legal counsel. Oman has not commented on the incident.The two Israeli officials said the co-pilot told interrogators that he had applied for a job at Dubai state-owned flydubai after searching for airlines that fly to Tel Aviv.

The third source said that Israel was being continuously updated about the investigation from the UAE. Disaster on board flight FZ1073 was averted after passengers and crew subdued the co-pilot.

The pilot, Indian national Smit Machchhar, survived the attack and has been hailed as a hero for managing to open the cockpit door. The plane was carrying more than 170 passengers and crew, most of them Israeli.

CRIME

Pakistan-made cosmetics worth Rs 7 lakh seized in Hyderabad, wider network suspected

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Of late, several Pakistan-made cosmetics have increasingly been finding their way into the city's retail market, with products including skin-whitening creams and soaps allegedly being sold at shops despite lacking the mandatory approvals for import and sale in India.

Though the trade has reportedly been going on for some time, the issue was recently highlighted after the Task Force, Rajendranagar Zone, along with Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) officials, seized Pakistan-made cosmetics worth around Rs 7 lakh from shops in Habeeb Nagar and Nampally.

The seized products included beauty creams and soaps manufactured in Pakistan and marketed primarily for skin-whitening purposes.

According to Task Force officials, the products were among those identified as unauthorised cosmetics in a recent CDSCO public notice and had not been granted the required registration certificate for import into India.

It was also found that the products were not confined to a single outlet. "Our teams found similar cosmetics allegedly being sold by other local sellers in other markets. The role of other vendors is also being examined," said a senior Task Force official.

A key lead in the investigation is a Mumbai-based supplier who allegedly sourced the Pakistan-made cosmetics from outside India and supplied them to dealers in Hyderabad.

With the possibility of a larger network, the city police are now trying to establish how these products entered the country and how widely they were distributed across the city.

Authorities are also checking stocks allegedly kept in a godown and examining purchase bills, transportation records and payment transactions to trace the distribution network.

The presence of the cosmetics has raised concerns not only over unauthorised imports but also about consumer safety. CDSCO officials have pointed out that certain products covered by the regulatory warning were found to contain heavy metals above permissible limits, potentially exposing users to health risks.

A case has been registered under sections of the BNS and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. The investigation is underway to identify the wider network involved in bringing and distributing the products in the city.

Hyderabad cybercrime: Retired employee loses Rs 38 lakh in honey-trap scam

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 70-year-old retired employee from the city was allegedly cheated of Rs 38 lakh in a honey-trap cyber fraud after fraudsters befriended him through Facebook and later threatened to implicate him in criminal cases.

According to Cybercrime police, the victim accepted a friend request from a fake Facebook profile that purportedly belonged to a woman. After gaining his confidence, the fraudster allegedly sought money from him on various pretexts and later engaged him in intimate chats.

The fraudsters subsequently allegedly threatened to implicate him in a case involving the sexual exploitation of a minor and posed as police officials to extort money from him, officials said.

Police later arrested a youth from West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh in connection with the case.

Victims of cyber fraud can report incidents immediately by calling 1930 or through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal.

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

Ramesh had gone missing after leaving his Vikaspuri Colony home on February 1, 2020.

Though a WhatsApp message was later sent from his phone, subsequent calls went unanswered and the phone was switched off.The SR Nagar lolice investigated

4 Unauthorised Clinics Identified

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

The council identified Popular First Aid Centre, run by MD Ghulam Dastagiri near the old bus stand; Naresh First Aid Centre, run by Naresh near Shanti Talkies; Sri Sai First Aid Clinic, run by M. Srinivas opposite Shanti Talkies; and Sri Sai First Aid Centre, run by A. Shivaji Rao on Sircilla Road. According to the council, the centres were found providing injections and antibiotics to patients without the required medical qualifications and authorisation.

The TGMC said criminal cases and legal action were being initiated against those involved under TMPR Act and National Medical Commission Act.

Hyderabad man dies in Sudan, family says repatriation delayed

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

Hyderabad trader found dead near Medchal lake, Marwari community protests

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



A 55-year-old trader, Nemaram Choudary, was found dead on the bund of Muraharipally Lake in Medchal on Monday, prompting members of the Marwari community to stage a protest.

Choudary, a resident of Gundlapochampally, had reportedly left home last week carrying around Rs 10 lakh in cash. After he failed to return, his family lodged a missing complaint at the Pet Basheerabad police station on October 3.

Police recovered his body from near the lake and registered a case of suspicious death.

Medchal ACP Shankar Reddy and Inspector Anji Reddy visited the spot and began an investigation. The case was later transferred to the Pet Basheerabad police station on jurisdictional grounds.

Meanwhile, Marwari community leaders staged a protest outside the Pet Basheerabad police station, alleging that Choudary had been murdered and his body dumped near the lake. They demanded that the accused be identified and arrested at the earliest.

Police are investigating whether Choudary died by suicide or was murdered. He is survived by his wife and four children.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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



Race2Win Foundation Unveils March 2027 Gala at Deccan Derby

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Race2Win Foundation hosted The Deccan Derby 2026 at the Hyderabad Race Club on Sunday, bringing together nearly 250 members of Hyderabad's racing, business and social communities while highlighting the growing need for the rehabilitation and lifelong care of retired racehorses.

Hosted by Foundation founder Y. Gopi Rao, the invitation-only gathering at the New VIP Members Lounge was attended by racing enthusiasts, business leaders, high-net-worth individuals, celebrities and prominent members of the city's social circles.

The sporting highlight of the afternoon was the featured race, won by Buddy, ridden by jockey Magan



Singh. The winning presentation was attended by Jk. K. Mukesh Kumar, along with winning connections Subodh Kumar Ananthula and Dr. Prabhakar Choudhary (Tipurani).

The event's major announcement was the unveiling of the Race2Win Foundation Gala, scheduled to take place during the Invitation Cup Weekend in March 2027. The Gala is expected to bring together racing personalities, philanthropists, business leaders, celebrities and supporters to generate greater awareness and resources for retired racehorse aftercare.

The Foundation presented its vision of creating a sustainable ecosystem where horses receive proper care after their competitive careers. A special video message from the Chair of the International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses further underscored the importance of global cooperation in strengthening equine welfare initiatives.

The event also featured the promotional film for "Stories of India," an upcoming documentary filmed at the Hyderabad Race Club. The film explores India's heritage and its connection with horse racing and equestrian traditions.

Gopi Rao said the Deccan Derby provided an opportunity to celebrate racing while recognising the industry's responsibility towards horses after their racing careers. He said the Foundation's March 2027 Gala would help bring a wider community together to support sustainable rehabilitation and lifelong care initiatives.

The Deccan Derby concluded with a blend of racing, social engagement and renewed attention to equine welfare, with the Foundation now preparing to expand its network of supporters ahead of the March 2027 Gala.

Chittoor Student Develops Smart Goggles for Swimmers

AMARAVATI
Wakeup telangana

A 20-year-old engineering student from Chittoor, Pasupuleti Ruthvik, has developed smart swimming goggles designed to help visually impaired swimmers avoid collisions with pool walls and move through the water with greater confidence and independence.

Ruthvik's innovation, 'Untethered', uses ultrasonic sensors to detect the swimmer's distance from the pool wall and delivers haptic alerts as the swimmer approaches an obstacle. The technology has advanced to the Top 20 of Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2026, a national innovation programme encouraging young people to develop technology-based solutions to real-world challenges.

The idea was inspired by an accident involving one of Ruthvik's friends,



which prompted him to explore how technology could help prevent injuries and enable people to participate in activities more independently.

With a childhood interest in swimming and an ambition to become an entrepreneur, Ruthvik began exploring the possibility of creating a practical assistive device. Initially, his focus was primarily on whether the technology could be developed successfully.

However, his participation in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Bootcamp changed his approach. Mentorship and design-thinking sessions encouraged him to focus not only on technical feasibility but also on the actual needs, comfort and experiences of visually impaired swimmers.

Ruthvik said the programme helped him shift from simply developing a working prototype to thinking about how a real product could improve people's lives.

He now hopes to develop Untethered into an affordable and scalable assistive technology that can benefit visually impaired swimmers in India and other parts of the world.

Ruthvik said his ultimate goal is not merely to create an engineering prototype, but to enable visually impaired swimmers to enter a pool with greater safety, confidence and independence.

As Untethered progresses in Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2026, the Chittoor student's innovation highlights how a locally inspired idea can address an accessibility challenge with potential global relevance.

515 Donors Support Thalassemia Children at Hyderabad Blood Camp

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

As many as 515 people donated blood at a humanitarian blood donation camp organised by the Paigham-e-Insaniyat Forum, East Zone, Hyderabad, to support children living with thalassemia and help ensure a timely supply of blood for regular transfusions.

The camp was organised with the objective of addressing the continuing requirement for blood among thalassemia patients, who depend on regular transfusions to manage the condition. Organisers said the strong public response highlighted the spirit of compassion and social responsibility in Hyderabad.

Representatives of the Thalassemia Sickle Cell Centre (TSCS) expressed their appreciation for the initiative. TSCS President Dr. Chandrakant Agarwal, CEO and Secretary Dr. Suman Jain, Joint Secretary Aleem Baig and Vice President Ratnavali Kotapalli thanked the organisers and donors for their



support.

According to the organisers, TSCS is currently providing treatment to around 4,800 children, making a consistent supply of blood an important challenge. Regular donation drives can help meet the transfusion requirements of patients who depend on blood support.

The blood donation programme forms part of the humanitarian activities of the All India Paigham-e-Insaniyat Forum, which has been conducting such initiatives consistently for nearly five years. The organisation said its efforts are aimed at promoting humanity, compassion, selflessness and cooperation while helping patients access essential blood supplies.

Among those attending the programme were Maulana Muhammad Nafees Khan Nadwi, Professor at Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow, and Maulana Feroz Ahmad Nadwi. They participated in the donation drive and appreciated the efforts of the Forum. Noted journalist Abu Aimal, Mufti Nisar Ahmad Nadwi and Maulana Syed Faheemuddin Nadwi were also present. Maulana Syed Qutbuddin Nadwi, East Zone Unit In-charge, welcomed the guests and explained the Forum's humanitarian activities and objectives.

Kummari Naresh Felicitated at Munipally Mandal Teachers' Day Celebrations



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Mandal-level "Uttama Upadhyaya Puraskaram–2026" celebrations were held with enthusiasm at the Rythu Vedika, bringing together teachers, education officials and well-wishers to recognise the valuable contribution of educators.

As part of the programme, Kummari Naresh of Munipally Mandal was specially felicitated in the presence of teachers and dignitaries. He was honoured with a shawl, bouquet of flowers and a memento along with a certificate, in recognition of his association with and participation in the educational community.

The celebrations highlighted the important role played by teachers in shaping the future of students and strengthening the education system at the grassroots level. The programme also provided an opportunity for the teaching community and supporters of education to come together and appreciate the dedication of educators.

ICICI Life Unveils New Identity, 'Har Kal Aasaan'

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

ICICI Life Insurance Limited, formerly known as ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, has unveiled its new brand identity and tagline 'Har Kal Aasaan', signalling a renewed focus on making life insurance simpler, more transparent and flexible for Indian customers.

The company said the new identity reflects its broader vision of helping customers navigate an increasingly complex and uncertain future with greater clarity, confidence and convenience.

Commenting on the development, Srinivas Balasubramanian, Chief of Marketing, Digital & Bancassurance, ICICI Life Insurance Limited, said the ICICI name has been associated with trust, strength and financial accessibility for millions of Indians.

He said the company has, over the past 25 years, helped secure the dreams and futures of more than 20 crore Indians, while witnessing major changes in the country and evolving aspirations among customers.

According to the company, changing careers, evolving family structures, longer life expectancy and shifting financial priorities have made long-term financial planning increasingly challenging. While life insurance remains an important tool for managing such uncertainties, the traditional process has often been viewed as complicated.

The new brand promise seeks to address this perception by making the process of securing financial futures easier to understand and navigate. The company said 'Har Kal Aasaan' represents its commitment to providing greater transparency, flexibility and ease throughout the customer journey.

Balasubramanian said the new identity is more than a change in name and reflects the company's effort to deepen customer relevance and set higher standards in the life insurance sector.

ICICI Life Insurance also said it would continue contributing towards the national objective of 'Insurance for All by 2047'.

Royal Challenge Unveils Gully Labs Sneaker Drop

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water has entered India's growing streetwear and sneaker culture with a limited-edition footwear collaboration with homegrown label Gully Labs, bringing its 'Choose Bold' philosophy into fashion and self-expression.

The collaboration features a specially designed leather-and-denim sneaker based on Gully Labs' popular Baaz silhouette. Only 500 pairs will be released as part of the limited-edition drop and will be available through www.boldsneakers.in.

Fronted by actors and public figures Varun Sood and Karan Tacker, the collaboration aims to connect sport, street culture and individuality. The sneaker combines the durability of leather with denim's distinctive streetwear



character and features signature #ChooseBold embroidery on the backtab.

The initiative marks another step in Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water's efforts to engage with contemporary youth culture. The brand has previously associated itself with spaces such as cricket and esports, supporting athletes, creators and communities that challenge conventional ideas.

With the Gully Labs partnership, the brand is extending that positioning from sporting and digital spaces into street fashion. Gully Labs, known for its India-inspired sneaker designs and street-focused aesthetic, has created the footwear to reflect individuality, craftsmanship and contemporary Indian culture.

Aanandita Datta, Vice President of Marketing, Diageo India, said the collaboration was intended to give the 'Choose Bold' philosophy a tangible expression. She said changing cultural preferences among young Indians offered the brand an opportunity to participate in new spaces and create experiences that consumers could personally embrace.

Gully Labs founder Arjun Singh said the partnership extends Royal Challenge Packaged Drinking Water's association with Indian culture from cricket and music into sneaker culture. He described the sneaker as an expression of the brand's established bold identity through a new creative medium.

Varun Sood said the sneaker stood out for combining performance with personality. He described the collaboration as a natural representation of making confident choices in sport, fashion and everyday life.

Karan Tacker also joins the collaboration, bringing his personal style and interest in sneakers to the campaign.

The limited-edition drop positions the sneaker as more than a fashion product, combining streetwear, sport and self-expression while giving consumers a physical interpretation of the 'Choose Bold' message.

Hyderabad emerging as GCC capital: Anudeep Durishetty



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Hyderabad is emerging as a major Global Capability Centre (GCC) hub, with the Telangana government targeting 500 more GCCs, Anudeep Durishetty, IAS, Joint Secretary, IT, Electronics & Communications Department, said.

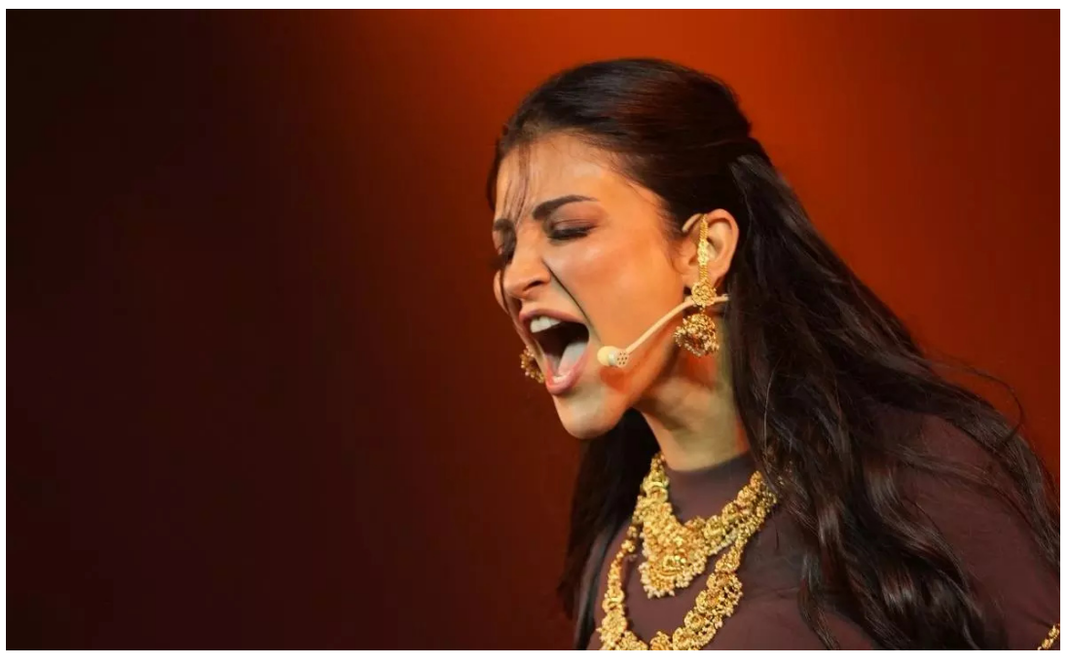
Speaking at the inauguration of Planon India's expanded office at Aurobindo Galaxy, Raidurg, Durishetty said the city had added around 515 GCCs over the past year. He said a new GCC policy was in the pipeline to encourage investment and create employment.

The government is also promoting Hyderabad as a base for developing global products and plans to strengthen its data-centre infrastructure over the next five years. An Invest Telangana Summit is also expected soon.

Planon's expanded facility will focus on software engineering, cloud technologies, AI, digital transformation and product innovation. CEO Henk Laracker highlighted Hyderabad's talent and innovation ecosystem.

TGTS Chairman Manne Sateesh Kumar and other Planon officials attended the event. Planon said women comprise over 40% of its India workforce.

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.

Naga Chaitanya Named DASOS Brand Ambassador



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Telugu cinema star Naga Chaitanya has been appointed as the new Brand Ambassador of DASOS Cabinets, marking a new chapter in the luxury interiors brand's growth and expansion. The actor will partner with DASOS for a two-year association.

The company said Naga Chaitanya's contemporary lifestyle, understated style, refined taste and modern personality closely align with DASOS's vision of creating sophisticated, functional and personalised living spaces.

Founded in February 2023 under the Mahi Group, DASOS has grown from a modular cabinetry company into a comprehensive luxury interiors brand. Its portfolio now covers customised kitchens, wardrobes, complete home interiors, cabinets, renovation services and turnkey projects, along with a range of bespoke furniture solutions.

The brand's furniture collection includes customised sofas, beds, dining tables and other pieces designed to complement individual interiors and reflect customers' lifestyles and preferences.

DASOS draws on the Mahi Group's established expertise in marble, stone and quartz, combined with international exposure and export experience. The company integrates German technology with skilled craftsmanship to deliver premium interior solutions focused on quality, design and functionality.

Customer experience remains a key priority for the brand, with DASOS emphasising premium materials, innovative designs, transparent pricing and timely execution across its projects.

The company has also established an exclusive Luxury Experience Studio in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The studio enables customers to explore a wide selection of materials, finishes, designs and customised interior solutions under one roof.

At the leadership level, Manoj G. Kashyap, Executive Director of Mahi Granites, continues to contribute to the Mahi Group's international expansion. Niharika Kashyap, Director of DASOS Cabinets, is spearheading the company's transformation into a complete luxury interiors destination. She was recently recognised with an ET Award for excellence in home design and execution.

With Naga Chaitanya joining the brand, DASOS is entering its next phase with a focus on strengthening its identity and expanding its presence in the luxury interiors segment. The partnership is expected to further connect the brand with contemporary consumers seeking personalised, premium and seamlessly executed interior solutions.

Himachal Kabaddi players to get Rs 1 crore each after Asian Games gold

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The Himachal Pradesh government on Monday increased the cash reward for its women's Kabaddi players who won gold at the recently concluded Asian Games, with three players set to receive Rs 1 crore each along with government jobs.

The three Himachali players of the Indian women's Kabaddi team — Pushpa Rana, Jyoti Thakur and Bhawna Thakur — will be awarded prize money of Rs 1 crore each by the Himachal Pradesh government for their performance at the Aichi-Nagoya Games, where both the women's and men's Kabaddi teams won gold medals.

Pushpa, Jyoti and Bhawna met Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and were presented with Himachali caps and shawls in their honour. The three players will also be awarded government jobs, the Himachal Pradesh government said in a release.

"The Chief Minister said that the three players would also be provided employment in government service. Those who do not wish to join the Police Department would be offered appointments in the Youth Services and Sports Department, enabling them to continue pursuing their sporting careers while contributing to the promotion and development of sports in the state," the release said.

Meanwhile, India fast bowler Renuka Thakur will also be awarded Rs 1 crore "in recognition of her achievements", the release said.

The women's Kabaddi players spoke about their meeting with the state Chief Minister after they were left disappointed when Kabaddi players were offered Rs 33 lakh each for their gold-medal win.

"Look, we were very disappointed because according to the sports policy, we were not being given the amount that was due to us. So literally, anyone would be disappointed," India captain Pushpa Rana, who is from Himachal Pradesh, told IANS. "Now, after meeting him, we received a very positive response from the Chief Minister. Considering how politely he handled us and listened to us attentively, I am hopeful that the Rs 1 crore announced or promised to us will definitely be given," she added.

Jyoti also spoke about the meeting with the CM.

"First of all, I want to share that in the recent Asian Games in Japan, Team India won the gold medal, which is a proud moment for the whole nation and state. Today, we had a meeting with the Chief Minister. Our main points of discussion were regarding the cash awards and jobs.

India U17 women beat Iraq 14-0 in AFC Asian Cup qualifiers

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The India U17 women's national team began their AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers campaign for the finals to be played in China in 2027 on a rousing note, demolishing Iraq 14-0 in a record-breaking effort at the MP Selayang Stadium in Selayang, Malaysia, on Monday.

Anushka Kumari, Silky Devi Sorokhaibam, Thandamoni Baskey and Nira Chanu Longjam were India's scorers in the first half, while Anushka Kumari added two more in the second and was adjudged the Player of the Match.

Skipper and centre-back Abhista Basnett headed home two goals, while Joya and Alva Devi Senjam completed the record tally. The India U17 team's biggest wins before this were the 12-0 verdicts over UAE (2014) and Sri Lanka (2018).

Producing a brilliant display of ceaseless running, close marking and effective one-touch play, the Young Tigresses dominated the proceedings to such an extent that Iraq had little or no clue as to what struck them before lightning and thunder did strike the area 64 minutes into the second half, resulting in a stoppage of half an hour.

Joakim Alexandersson's midfield made all the difference as they played a very neat and compact game. Their marking and distribution were exemplary and never allowed Iraq much possession, let alone liberties for most of the game.

Redima Devi Chingkhamayum, Thandamoni Baskey, Silky Devi Sorokhaibam and Alva Devi Senjam did well to utilise the width of the ground to stretch Iraq wide and then push home some wonderful through passes for their forwards to run into and fire or place home from inside the penalty box.

Redima, in particular, was at her brilliant best. The attackers Anushka and Nira also responded well to utilise the openings and slot home without blemish. The defence had little work to do in the process.

The floodgates opened as the Indians stepped up the attack and made the most of a square-playing Iraqi defence to punch home goal after goal. Anushka hit home twice and then added another after Silky found the net twice for her first international goals, while Thandamoni and Nira scored once each as India went into the break leading 7-0.

Anushka Kumari struck her fourth and the team's eighth goals as she swiped home a fine cross from the right by Alva just two minutes after the restart. Substitute Pritika Barman made it 9-0 as she hit home a rebound from substitute goalkeeper Asmaa Shivan Ahmed.

The Indians continued to dominate, but the Iraq custodian pulled off a couple of smart saves to deny them more goals. After 64 minutes of play, the players were called in due to inclement weather.

The match resumed after half an hour. While the Indians adapted well to the wet conditions, the Iraqis struggled with it. Abhista outjumped the rest to head home Ritu Badaik's dipping corner from the right. Anushka then placed home from just outside the box for her fifth goal in an incredible display of clinical finishing.

GHMC redesigns KBR Park H-CITI infrastructure as flyovers, underpasses are reassessed

GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan said infrastructure proposals around KBR Park were being reassessed after one-way traffic received a good response. The revised H-CITI plan includes a 4.3-km elevated corridor in two packages, with the project costing Rs 1,090 crore.

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is reassessing earlier proposals for flyovers, underpasses and grade separators around KBR Park following a positive response to the recently implemented one-way traffic system, GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan said.

Karnan inspected KBR Park on Monday along with senior engineering officials after revised infrastructure proposals for the area were approved at the GHMC Standing Committee meeting on October 3.

According to the Commissioner, the earlier plan involving multiple underpasses and separate grade separators has now been replaced with a single, unified elevated corridor aimed at providing smoother and uninterrupted traffic movement around the busy junctions surrounding the park.

The revised proposals are part of the H-CITI infrastructure programme, which is being reassessed partly because legal challenges related to permissions for tree-felling had delayed the earlier construction plans.

Under the revised design, GHMC has finalised a continuous elevated corridor connecting Jubilee Hills Check Post to NFCL Junction in Punjagutta. The project will be implemented in two phases through two EPC packages, using advanced steel-structure technology to accelerate construction.

Package-I, estimated at Rs 580 crore, will cover the stretch from Jubilee Hills Check Post Junction to Mugdha Junction. Package-II, costing around Rs 510 crore, will extend the corridor up to Muffakham Jah College and include a dedicated ramp towards Banjara Hills Road No. 1.

The overall project cost is estimated at Rs 1,090 crore.

Earlier, GHMC had undertaken earth excavation for proposed steel flyovers and underpasses at seven locations around KBR Park as part of the original H-CITI works.

The revised plan envisages a 4.3-km, six-lane, bidirectional elevated corridor designed to provide seamless, signal-free movement across five major traffic junctions.

Officials said the new alignment would have minimal impact on the green cover surrounding the eco-sensitive KBR Park area, with the elevated structure designed to avoid extensive ground-level modifications.

The project is also expected to reduce travel time, traffic queues and fuel consumption for commuters. Importantly, the revised design could save nearly Rs 800 crore in land acquisition costs by reducing the requirement for acquiring expensive private properties.

The unified corridor is also projected to save about Rs 400 crore in construction costs compared with the earlier multi-component design, while potentially enabling additional savings of up to Rs 1,200 crore as high-capacity transit infrastructure is expanded.

KTR warns Telangana DGP over alleged threat to BRS leader Manne Krishank

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao has warned Telangana Director General of Police that the police would be held responsible if BRS leader Manne Krishank faced any harm, following an alleged threat issued against him over his criticism of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his family.

The controversy erupted after a video surfaced on social media purportedly showing a Congress supporter and an aide of a former MLA threatening Krishank with physical assault if he failed to delete videos targeting the Chief Minister and his family.

In the video, the person allegedly warned Krishank against making remarks about Revanth Reddy's wife and daughter and also threatened that he would not be allowed to live in the Secunderabad area.

Reacting strongly to the video, KTR questioned the Telangana police over their response to what he described as open threats allegedly being issued by Congress supporters in the public domain.

He criticised the police for what he termed selective action and alleged that the law-enforcement machinery was failing to respond adequately to threats against opposition leaders.

KTR said the alleged threats were a consequence of the BRS raising allegations of corruption against the Chief Minister's family. He asserted that the party would continue to raise issues concerning alleged corruption and questioned whether the police would take action against those issuing threats.

Warning the DGP directly, KTR said that the police would be held accountable if any harm came to Krishank. He also sought to hold Congress leader Rahul Gandhi responsible for what he described as growing "lawlessness" in Telangana.

Krishank has recently levelled allegations against the Chief Minister and his family, claiming corruption and accumulation of illegal assets. He has also stated that he possesses documentary evidence relating to their alleged business interests.

The allegations and the purported threat video have triggered a fresh political confrontation between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS, with the latter demanding protection for its leaders and action against those allegedly issuing threats.

Mahalakshmi scheme sees 97.20 lakh rise in women passengers in Telangana

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The State government's 'Mahalakshmi' free bus travel scheme for women has seen a significant rise in usage, with an additional 97.20 lakh women passengers availing the facility during July, August and September 2026 compared with the corresponding period last year.

According to TGSRTC data, 3,467.91 lakh (34.67 crore) women passengers travelled under the scheme during the three-month period in 2025. The number increased to 3,565.11 lakh (35.65 crore) during the same period in 2026, an increase of 97.20 lakh passengers.

TGSRTC officials said the rise in demand had prompted the corporation to increase the number of buses and trips on routes witnessing heavy passenger traffic. Additional trips have particularly been introduced on inter-district and major routes.

The routes that have received additional services include Khammam–Illandu, Illandu–Kothagudem, Khammam–Madhira, Suryapet–Khammam, Huzurabad–Karimnagar, Karimnagar–Godavarikhani, Hanamkonda–Karimnagar, Sangareddy–Hanamkonda, Hanamkonda–Thorrur, Nalgonda–Devarakonda, Nalgonda–Suryapet, Devarakonda–Miryalaguda and Achampet–Devarakonda.

Bar Owners Protest Privilege Tax, Seek Immediate Withdrawal

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Bar and restaurant owners staged a protest at the Excise Bhavan in Nampally, demanding the immediate withdrawal of the newly imposed privilege tax, which they said was placing an additional financial burden on the industry.

The association members said the tax, ranging from 8% to 16% depending on the excise tax slab, would further strain businesses already struggling with high licence fees, taxes and rising operational expenses. They warned that the additional levy could severely affect the viability of bars and restaurants.

The owners also cautioned that the increased burden would ultimately be passed on to customers through higher prices. They feared this could push consumers towards illegally operated permit rooms, creating further challenges for the legitimate liquor trade.

As part of their demands, the protesters urged the Excise Department to remove unauthorised "belt shops" operating in areas where licensed bars function. They also called for strict action against illegal permit rooms to ensure a level playing field for authorised establishments.

Association president Damodara Goud demanded that the government withdraw the privilege tax and address the grievances of bar and restaurant owners without delay.



A woman stages a hunger strike outside the residence of Wardhannapet Municipal Chairperson Palakurthi Sarangapani, demanding marriage to his son.

ACB catches GHMC town planning supervisor accepting Rs 4 lakh bribe in Hyderabad

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday caught a Town Planning Supervisor of the GHMC's Golconda zone red-handed when she allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 8 lakh and accepted the first instalment of Rs 4 lakh from a person in Mehdipatnam.

According to ACB officials, Tulasiram Sunitha, Town Planning Supervisor, Circle-33, Golconda zone, had demanded the bribe for extending an official favour to the complainant. She allegedly agreed to ignore the speaking orders issued by the GHMC Deputy Commissioner, allow the complainant to proceed with building construction, refrain from further harassment and extend cooperation in future.

Acting on the complaint, ACB officials laid a trap and caught Sunitha while accepting Rs 4 lakh. The tainted cash was recovered from her possession.

During the operation, the ACB also found Rs 2.5 lakh in unaccounted cash in her possession and seized the amount.

She was being produced before the First Additional Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases at Nampally for judicial remand.

Harish Rao demands immediate steps to curb soaring rice prices

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BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Monday demanded immediate steps to check the rise in prices of rice and other essential commodities in Telangana. He also urged the State government to crack down on black marketing, hoarding and excessive profit margins, and take action against those responsible.

In a statement, Harish Rao alleged that prices of fine rice had increased by 25 per cent in four months, placing an additional burden on households. He questioned the rise in prices despite the government's claims of record crop production.

He also questioned the effectiveness of the State's fine rice scheme, saying the continued increase in market prices indicated that consumers were not opting for the rice supplied under the scheme.

Harish Rao further alleged that farmers were receiving only nominal prices under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system, while middlemen were making more than Rs 8,000 a quintal.

"The farmer is not getting a remunerative price and the consumer an affordable price, while middlemen are profiting," he said.

He pointed to the prices of other essential commodities, saying onions were being sold at Rs 70 a kg, garlic at Rs 240, groundnut oil at Rs 210, green gram at Rs 125 and red gram at Rs 165.

Harish Rao urged the Centre and the State government to take immediate steps to bring down the prices of essential commodities.

DRI seizes gold jewellery worth Rs 1.20 crore at Hyderabad airport

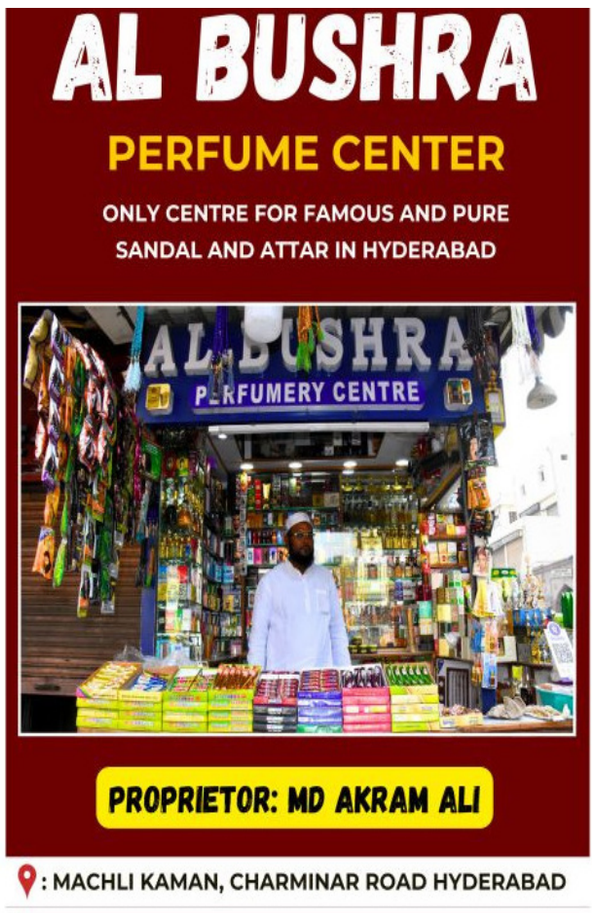
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Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials seized around 800 grams of gold jewellery, valued at an estimated Rs 1.20 crore, from a jewellery trader at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Shamshabad.

According to officials, the Hyderabad-based trader was travelling from Tiruchirappalli to Hyderabad when he was intercepted by DRI personnel acting on specific information that he was allegedly carrying smuggled gold.

During a check, officials found the gold jewellery in his baggage. The seized jewellery was taken into custody for examination and valuation.

The DRI has registered a case and launched an investigation to determine the source of the gold, the circumstances in which it was being transported and whether others were involved in the alleged smuggling operation.



Dasoju Sravan seeks action plan to address Telangana education crisis

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan on Monday demanded immediate measures to address what he described as a deepening crisis in Telangana's school and higher education sectors, including a mega DSC recruitment drive, filling teacher vacancies and increasing the budgetary allocation for education. In an open letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on World Teachers' Day, Sravan criticised the Congress government over the closure of around 1,392 government schools in a single academic year between 2024-25 and 2025-26, citing UDISE data.

He expressed concern that around 2,245 schools had no students in 2024-25, while 4,793 schools had only one teacher for around 64,057 students, according to the 2024-25 records.

Sravan said more than 19,000 teacher posts remained vacant in government schools and questioned the delay in issuing the mega DSC notification promised under the Congress government's job calendar.

He said the Chief Minister should take corrective measures to improve the government education sector and the working conditions of teachers and students instead of merely extending greetings to teachers on World Teachers' Day. Sravan demanded an annual DSC calendar, a white paper on school closures and mergers, and measures to ensure that every school had at least two teachers. He also sought an end to contractual teaching appointments and regular recruitment.

The BRS MLC sought immediate announcement of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), release of pending dearness allowances (DAs), annual calendars for promotions and transfers, and filling of vacant District Education Officer (DEO) and Mandal Education Officer (MEO) posts.

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