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MIN:24.3°C
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ACP Bhagat Requests To Keep Additional DCP Charge Order On hold

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Assistant Commissioner of Police Vivek Bhagat, who has been accused of sexually harassing a woman journalist during a protest here, has written to the Delhi Police chief requesting that the order assigning him the current duty charge
of additional DCP be kept on hold in view of an inquiry pending against him in the Crime Branch. In his letter dated October 5, Bhagat said
his current duty charge as additional
DCP had been approved through an order issued earlier in the day.

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Rahul Gandhi Detained After 'Vote Chori' Protest Standoff

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A nine-hour standoff at Akashvani Bhavan in New Delhi ended late Tuesday night with Delhi Police detaining Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and several INDIA bloc leaders during a protest demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation over alleged "vote chori."

The Opposition MPs had marched from Parliament towards the Election Commission of India's headquarters, Nirvachan Sadan, but were stopped by multiple layers of barricades and heavy police deployment. Several leaders, including Gandhi, climbed barricades while attempting to proceed towards the poll panel's office.

Following the blockade, the protesting MPs moved into the nearby Akashvani Bhavan complex and began a sit-in. Gandhi said the Opposition would continue its protest until a delegation was permitted to meet the Chief Election Commissioner.

"I just want to meet the Chief Election Commissioner and tell him that he has done 'vote chori'," Gandhi said, adding that he was prepared to continue sitting at the venue. He also asked Delhi Police to provide an alternative location if it was uncomfortable with the protest.

During the standoff, Gandhi accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and the Election Commission of undermining democracy through alleged electoral irregularities. He asserted that the people ultimately hold those in power accountable.

Among those detained were Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K.C. Venugopal, Pawan Khera, Deepender Hooda and several INDIA bloc leaders, including TMC's Derek O'Brien and Abhishek Banerjee, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and CPI(M)'s John Brittas.

Police said around 260 people were detained. The Opposition leaders were taken to Kingsway Camp police lines and released after 10 pm, following roughly two hours in detention.

After his detention, Gandhi posted on X that democratic rights and constitutional principles were at stake, warning that accountability would follow.

TN, Pondy Bypolls: Brisk Polling Ends Largely Peacefully

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Polling ended at 6 pm for byelections in Madurantakam, Dharapuram Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu, as well as for Thattanchavady in Pondicherry. Brisk polling continued on Tuesday for the byelections to two Assembly Constituencies in Tamil Nadu and one in Puducherry, officials said. In Tamil Nadu, Madurantakam and Dharapuram Assembly Constituencies, both SC reserved segments, registered a turnout of 83.86 and 78.53 per cent, respectively at 5 pm, according to election authorities.

The Thattanchavady segment in Puducherry recorded a turnout of 78.83 per cent at 5 pm. The high-stakes bypolls in Tamil Nadu, which will have a bearing on not only the incumbent TVK regime, is also crucial for both the main opposition DMK, and the AIADMK, which had been relegated to the third spot in the April Assembly election. In Puducherry, the bypoll is seen as a test of popularity for the four month-old NDA government led by Chief Minister N Rangasamy, whose resigna-

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Revanth Orders Notices to KCR On Missing Land

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed officials to issue a survey notification immediately to trace 45 acres of land missing from the official records of Survey No. 325 at Erravelli in Markook mandal of Siddipet district, adjoining the farmhouse of BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. The directions came during a review of the land survey and revenue records of Erravelli and neighbouring Venkatapuram.

The Chief Minister, at the meeting late on Tuesday. also directed officials to issue notices to Chandrashekar Rao and his family members, whose land holdings are located adjacent to Survey No. 325, seeking submission of their revenue records for verification. Officials informed the Chief Minister that revenue records showed 388 acres under Survey No. 325, whereas the latest field survey could identify only 343 acres, leaving a discrepancy of 45 acres. Revanth Reddy directed officials to conduct a fresh survey covering Erravelli and



Venkatapuram to establish the whereabouts and status of the missing land and reconcile the ground position with the revenue records.

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Rs 50k cr scam charge on CM family: BRS' Krishank gets bail

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Hours after his arrest for allegations over the properties and businesses linked to Naimisha Reddy, daughter of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader Manne Krishank was released on bail on Tuesday, October 6.

Sharing the news on X, Krishank said, "Today, when the whole BRS leadership, legal cell and media stood for me, I'm overwhelmed with immense gratitude."

Adding that the judge asked him what his allegation was about and how he explained it to her, Krishank went on to request the CM to "Please answer about Maxbien, Medicover and Mindvault … Also answer about 200 Crores Govt to Tesseract , 1000 crores Swachh Bio MoU, and 5 Geetha Hyundai Showrooms. 50000 Crores in just 2 years is huge corruption."

The BRS social media convenor was arrested from his residence and was taken to Gopalpuram Police Station of the Malkajgiri Commissionerate.

A case was registered against him and others on Monday on a complaint lodged by Sai Kumar, Chairman of the Telangana Fisherman Congress Committee.

In his complaint, Sai Kumar stated that Krishank and others had circulated allegations concerning Naimisha Reddy's alleged properties and Pharma companies and requested the police to take action if the allegations were found to be false.

A case was booked at the Hyderabad Cybercrimes Police Station against Krishank and others under sections 353 (2) (statements or reports containing false information, rumors, or alarming news that promote enmity or hatred between different groups) and 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of the Bharat Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

A banner reading "Congratulations, Revanth Garu-for Rs.13,200 crore" had appeared outside a hospital in Secunderabad on Sunday. The same day, police arrested two BRS leaders from Secunderabad Cantonment for installing the banner.

Krishank had alleged that Medicover Hospital was sold for around Rs 13,200 crore and accused the Chief Minister's family of using the transaction to convert black money into white.

Meanwhile, the BRS leader said he was arrested simply because the ruling party lacked the guts to provide an answer.

"I believe this is the first time someone has been arrested for holding a press conference at Telangana Bhavan. I revealed evidence and questioned the fact that individuals serving as directors in Medicover and Maxbien are also directors in the schools being built by Revanth Reddy's daughter. I questioned how land worth Rs 200 crore was allocated to Tesseract, a company owned by Revanth Reddy's brother. Even after three days have passed, not a single person
from Revanth Reddy's family has offered a response. I was arrested precisely because they lacked the courage to answer these questions," he said.

Krishank was later taken to a court in Secunderabad, where he will be produced before a magistrate. Several BRS leaders reached the court to show solidarity with him.

UoH researchers identify phosphate mechanism in tomato plants

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The University of Hyderabad (UoH) researchers uncovered a vital molecular regulatory mechanism underlying phosphate remobilisation in tomato plants.

The study demonstrated that the tomato purple acid phosphatase gene, PAP26b, acts as a primary driver for transferring stored phosphate (Pi) from older leaves to younger, growing tissues in seedlings. The breakthrough offers critical insights that could help develop high-yielding crops requiring significantly less chemical fertilizer.

The research team was led by Prof Rahul Kumar and Abhishek Roychowdhury, among others.

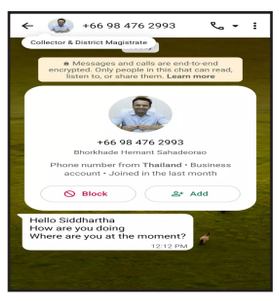
When PAP26b is silenced, older leaves lose their ability to effectively remobilise phosphate. This triggers a systemic Pi starvation response (PSR) in young leaves and roots—via master regulator SlPHL1 and microRNA miR399—even under normal nutrient conditions, the researchers said.

The team discovered that while young leaves and roots signal nutrient deficiency, older leaves on the same plant remain unaffected. This proves that different leaf nodes within a single plant maintain distinct phosphate signaling and balance mechanisms.

By identifying how PAP26b modulates the SlSPX2–SlPHL1 regulatory pathway, scientists now have a genetic target to enhance internal phosphate use efficiency (PUE) in crops.

Manipulating this mechanism could lead to resilient crop varieties that utilise internal nutrient reserves far more efficiently, cutting farmer input costs and mitigating soil degradation caused by excess fertilizer usage, the researchers added. The research findings have been published in the Journal of Experimental Botany.

Fake Messages Sent To Officials Using Collector's Photograph As Display Picture



Cyber fraudsters have allegedly been using the name and photograph of Mulugu district collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadevrao to send fake WhatsApp messages to officials and unsuspecting individuals. The collector said he had learnt that messages were being sent from the number +66 98 476 2993 using his name and photograph as the WhatsApp display picture. He clarified that people should not assume that such messages were genuine merely because they carried his name and photograph.

He advised recipients not to respond to messages from the number and to immediately block and report it on WhatsApp. The collector warned people not to share money, gift cards, personal details, bank account information or confidential passwords if such information was sought through the messages. He said using the names and photographs of public figures and senior officials to gain the trust of victims was emerging as a common tactic adopted by cyber fraudsters.

With fake messages being circulated in his name, the collector urged officials and staff to exercise caution and advised anyone receiving suspicious messages in his name to lodge a complaint with the cybercrime police.

Stray dogs on Hyderabad ORR raise road safety concerns

Stray dogs suddenly entering Hyderabad's Outer Ring Road are raising road safety concerns among motorists. Reddit users shared experiences of animals crossing the high-speed corridor, with some reporting sudden braking and crashes while others urged caution and safer driving speeds.

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Stray animals, particularly dogs suddenly coming onto the Outer Ring Road (ORR), are emerging as a serious road safety concern, with motorists saying the animals leave drivers with little time to react at high speeds.

The issue has sparked discussion among motorists on Reddit, where several users from the city shared their experiences of dogs unexpectedly jumping onto or crossing the ORR.

During the discussion, while some said they had to brake suddenly, others warned that swerving at high speed could result in a more serious crash involving other vehicles.

Motorists also pointed out that animals emerging from the road divider or roadside can be particularly difficult to spot in time. One driver described a dog suddenly jumping onto the road, leaving him with almost no time to make a safe decision. As a result, his vehicle ended up hitting a tree on the roadside. However, no injuries were reported among the passengers. The debate has also highlighted the confusion faced by motorists when an animal suddenly appears in their path. While some users advised drivers to avoid abrupt steering and remain in their lane, others stressed the importance of maintaining a safe speed and keeping a lookout, particularly near the road edges and dividers.

Several motorists said they prefer driving in the middle lanes on the ORR, where they believe they have a better view of obstacles emerging from the sides. Users also cautioned against unnecessarily occupying the extreme right lane except for overtaking.

Meanwhile, the discussions have drawn attention to the problem of stray dogs in the city. Apart from attacks on pedestrians and two-wheeler riders, dogs entering high-speed corridors such as the ORR can pose a significant risk to motorists and the animals themselves.

With the ORR carrying heavy traffic at high speeds, motorists say preventing stray animals from entering the expressway and strengthening monitoring along vulnerable stretches is important to avoid potentially fatal accidents.

Talasani Birthday Celebrations Held in Ameerpet

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The birthday of former Telangana Minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Satyam Theatre in Ameerpet. The event was organized under the leadership of former Ameerpet Corporator Seshu Kumari and witnessed the participation of a large number of BRS leaders, party workers, activists and local residents.

As part of the celebrations, a large-scale food distribution programme was organized, serving meals to nearly 1,500 people. A blood donation camp was also conducted, with 140 volunteers donating blood in support of healthcare and community welfare initiatives.

The celebrations reached a high point with a cake-cutting ceremony led by Talasani Saikiran Yadav, amid cheers from supporters and well-wishers.

Party leaders and local residents conveyed their birthday greetings and highlighted Talasani Srinivas Yadav's public service and association with the constituency.

The gathering reflected strong participation from the local community, with the birthday celebrations combining public festivities with welfare-oriented activities. The organizers thanked all volunteers, donors, party workers and residents for contributing to the successful conduct of the event.

Shilparamam Development Issues Raised by Corporator

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Serilingampally Corporator Ragam Nagender Yadav met Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Srijana IAS and submitted a memorandum seeking action on pending issues and development works in the division.

Yadav thanked the Commissioner for reducing the proposed width of the Taranagar main road from 100 feet to 80 feet, keeping small traders' concerns in mind. He also requested that the proposed flyover from Gulmohar Park to Vidyanikethan Model School be reduced from 120 feet to 100 feet.

Commissioner Srijana responded positively to the request and assured that necessary directions would be issued to the concerned officials, Yadav said.

Later, A.R. Pavan Kumar, president of the Serilingampally Private Schools Association, along with association members, invited Commissioner Srijana to the Bathukamma celebrations scheduled for October 10 in the presence of Corporator Yadav. Division honorary president Veeresham Goud and others attended the meeting.

Diverse Diets Associated With Lower Odds of Rheumatoid Arthritis: ICMR-NIN Study

Adults diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis had less diverse diets, lower micronutrient adequacy and diets with greater inflammatory potential than healthy adults, according to a study by researchers from the National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN), Hyderabad, and collaborating institutions.

The study tracked 615 adults aged 18–55 years, including 301 newly diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis cases and 314 healthy controls, and found that the median dietary inflammatory index (DII) score was 2.18 among those with rheumatoid arthritis compared with 0.37 among healthy controls.

The dietary inflammatory index measures the inflammatory potential of an individual's diet. Only 50.2 per cent of those with rheumatoid arthritis had a high dietary diversity score (DDS) compared with 74.2 per cent of healthy controls, while median micronutrient adequacy.

Hyderabad's KBR Park project gets a rethink after one-way traffic system

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Lacking foresight, driven by hindsight. That's seems to be motto of Telangana government these days.

Promising to streamline the traffic around KBR Park, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) announced a grandiose project with an estimated cost of Rs. 1,900 crore, comprising seven flyovers and seven underpasses, and took up works at a massive level only to shelve it later. Meanwhile, the road stretches were scarred with pits and craters, commuters were put to hardships and the biggest damage done was ecological. Scores of decades-old trees were mercilessly chopped down and the entire area was shorn off the green cover which would take ages to again set up.

In the process, apart from the indescribable inconvenience to commuters, public money was sunk – just because the civic body was shortsighted in approach and lacked a vision. The pits have to be filled up again and the roads restored, which again would mean pumping in tax payers' hard earned money. The entire project around KBR Park, aimed at creating signal-free junctions and to alleviate the heavy traffic under Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) project, clearly lacked creative ideation, proper assessment and minimalist approach to solve the problems.

It just tried to build upon grand designs of ringing the national park with a series of flyovers and underpasses at a huge cost. Ironically, a simple and creative solution emerged in the form of a circulating one-way traffic, which to its credit, the Hyderabad Police despite initial apprehensions from various quarters, successfully implemented.

Mid-course corrections are indeed welcome but the scant respect to public money does hurt the tax payers. Being widely debated now is the haphazard planning and inadequate attention to details on part of the GHMC in coming up with solutions in solving issues related to civic amenities and improving them.

Now, as an exculpatory measure, the GHMC higher-ups seek to sell the narrative that the city would be saving huge money by going in for a continuous, unified elevated corridor from Jubilee Hills Check Post to NFCL Junction, replacing the earlier plan of 'fragmented grade separators'.

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.

Asad Owaisi urges action against pre-printed Form 7 in Goshamahal

He claimed that a BJP sympathizer submitted pre-printed Form-7 against 122 voters in the Goshamahal assembly segment here as part of a "deliberate planning".

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Alleging that pre-printed Form-7 application forms were submitted in Goshamahal assembly constituency here for deletion of Muslim voters, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday, October 6, said the EC and Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy should take steps to check such a "conspiracy".

He claimed that a BJP sympathizer submitted pre-printed Form-7 against 122 voters in the Goshamahal assembly segment here as part of a "deliberate planning".

He said the Booth Level Officer (BLO), however, rejected the application.

"If Sangh Parivar is not doing this, who is doing it," Owaisi said, according



to an AIMIM video release.

He demanded that the Election Commission check such attempts and file a police case against the man who allegedly submitted the pre-printed Form 7 application in Goshamahal.

Telangana BJP had earlier rejected the allegations by Congress and AIMIM that the saffron party workers submitted such Form-7 applications.

Form-7 is a voter application form for objecting to the proposed inclusion or deletion of a name in the existing electoral roll. Form 6 is the application form for new voters.

Owaisi asks CM Revanth to look into Form 7 misuse Owaisi thanked Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy for directing District Election Officers (DEOs) in the state to take action as per the rules against applicants who knowingly made false statements or declarations in writing in Form-6, 6A, 7 and 8.

He, however, expressed apprehension that such Form-7 submissions may be taking place elsewhere in the state.

The Hyderabad Lok Sabha MP demanded that CM Revanth Reddy looked into such Form 7 applications.

He further expressed apprehension that such Form-7 might have been submitted in Uttar Pradesh during SIR.

The AIMIM president said the party would not remain quiet over any attempts to seek deletion of voters from the electoral rolls.

Alleging that BJP activists were attempting to remove Muslim voters' names from electoral rolls by submitting Form-7 during SIR, Owaisi on October 4 warned of a stir stronger than the one at Jantar Mantar in Delhi.

Telangana Congress has complained to state CEO Sudharshan Reddy that a Booth Level Agent (BLA) of BJP at Musheerabad here submitted Form-7 applications against 30 electors. Hitting back at Congress, state BJP president N Ramchander Rao has said no BLAs belonging to the BJP submitted any such Form-7 applications.

Recurring Foul Odour Troubles Residents Around Jawaharnagar

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Residents have complained of a persistent foul odour in their localities, which they suspect is linked to the nearby Jawaharnagar dump yard. The stink was particularly strong during the late-night, early-morning and evening hours and had become a recurring problem.

"We moved away from the city, travelling several kilometres to work, so that we could live in an area surrounded by greenery and enjoy fresher air. Unfortunately, the nearby dumping area is causing severe foul smells and air pollution. At times, the air becomes so unbearable that we struggle to breathe, experience headaches and nausea, and have worsening respiratory discomfort," said Sanreena Priscilla, a resident of Janapriya Apartments, Kowkoor. "A relentless foul odour has gripped the Hubsiguda-Uppal belt. The stench becomes particularly strong during late-night and early-morning hours. Residents suspect emissions from the nearby Jawaharnagar dump yard and poorly managed waste transit points are contributing to the problem," said Nikitha Gowda, a Habsiguda resident. "Beyond being a nuisance, the foul air is causing concerns among residents about respiratory problems, asthma flare-ups, headaches and nausea. We are urgently seeking the intervention of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation to address the issue and take steps to improve air quality," she added.

Sunaina K., a Mallapur resident, said the foul odour from the dump yard was affecting several surrounding residential areas. She said decomposing and burning waste could release pollutants and toxic gases and raised concerns over air pollution and possible contamination of soil and groundwater. Himabindu, who works with an NGO, said areas within a 5-6 km radius of a dumping yard could experience foul odour, particularly when waste was not managed properly. "Waste management has to be done systematically and seriously. Shifting the dumping yard alone will not solve the problem, as another location could eventually turn into another Jawaharnagar," she said, stressing the need for segregation at source and scientific waste processing.

TG Govt Identifies 320 Mandals As 'Drought-Hit'

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The Telangana government has identified 320 of the state's 614 mandals across 18 districts as facing severe drought conditions, attributed to the impact of El Nino, in its preliminary assessment. It directed officials to compile comprehensive data from the planning, revenue, groundwater, agriculture, panchayat raj and rural drinking water supply departments and finalise the list of drought-hit mandals by the end of October.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was expected to visit Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, submit the drought assessment report and seek Central financial assistance for relief and mitigation measures, official sources said. The Cabinet, which discussed the El Nino situation on October 1, noted that Telangana had recorded around 17 per cent deficient rainfall this monsoon. Of the 33 districts, 18 recorded severe rainfall deficiency.

SBI Bhongir Chief Manager Praised for Hands-On Customer

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SBI Bhongir Branch Chief Manager Sthita Pragna Joshi is receiving appreciation from customers for her hands-on approach to service amid a heavy rush at the branch.

Located opposite Bhongir Court, the SBI Bhongir Branch (Code 20173) is currently handling a large number of requests from Sarpanches and Gram Panchayat representatives for opening new accounts and completing banking formalities. Nearly 100 Gram Panchayats are reportedly approaching the branch in connection with Panchayat-related funds.



Despite the increased workload, Joshi has been personally attending to customers, listening to their concerns and monitoring services across various counters. During a visit by a Wakeup Telangana correspondent on Tuesday afternoon, she was seen interacting directly with customers, checking the status of their requests and coordinating with staff to resolve issues.

Her calm and approachable manner during the busy hours was appreciated by customers. Rather than limiting herself to administrative supervision, she moved between counters and tables to monitor services and address customer concerns.

Customers said her personal involvement and willingness to listen had made the banking experience more convenient, particularly during the ongoing rush.

The branch continues to manage Panchayat account-opening requests alongside regular banking services, with the Chief Manager remaining actively involved in customer support.

Essential Supplies Distributed to Divyang Family in Jawahar Nagar



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Essential food supplies were distributed to a financially distressed divyang family residing in the Divyang Colony under Chandrapuri Division of Jawahar Nagar Circle.

Sumalatha, a resident of the colony, lost her husband Raju, who was a person with disability, to illness about a year ago. She is currently raising two children and has been facing severe financial difficulties in meeting the family's basic needs.

After learning about the family's situation, Merugu Shivakrishna, State General Secretary of the Telangana Viklangula Hakkula Sadhana Samithi, contacted Madhyaboyina Raju, president of the Manikantha Pusala Sangham, Jawahar Nagar, seeking support for the family.

Madhyaboyina Raju responded by arranging rice and other essential provisions sufficient for about a week. The supplies were handed over to Sumalatha's family at the Divyang Colony on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Merugu Shivakrishna said the assistance would provide temporary support to the family and thanked Madhyaboyina Raju and his family for extending help in response to the request.

Balagam TV CEO Chintala Vijay Kumar, Star News TV9 reporter Raghu, Divyangula leader Nagaraju and women's leader Suguna were among those present.

Nutrition Awareness Highlighted at Jogipet Poshan Maah

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The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah programme was organised by the ICDS Jogipet Project at Avasali community venue in Ward No. 16, Jogipet, with a focus on nutrition, health and hygiene among pregnant women and adolescent girls.District Welfare Officer Lalitha Kumari attended the programme and stressed the importance of nutritious food, personal hygiene and healthy habits for women and adolescent girls. She



called for greater community-level awareness on balanced diets and proper hygiene practices to promote better health among families.The programme highlighted the nutritional needs of pregnant women and adolescent girls, with participants receiving information on dietary diversity, adequate nutrition and healthy lifestyle practices.Andole-Jogipet Municipal Chairman Krishna Reddy, Vice-Chairman Akula Satyanarayana (Chitti Babu) and Ward 16 Councillor Patlola Srinivas were present.ICDS CDPO Madhulatha, MEPMA TMC Bikshapati Goud, Anganwadi teachers and MEPMA Resource Persons also participated.The programme reinforced the message that improved nutrition, hygiene awareness and active community participation are essential for the well-being of women, adolescents and families.

ACB Surprise Check Finds Irregularities At Korutla Transport Office

KARIMNAGAR
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Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials of the Karimnagar range conducted a surprise check at the Transport department's unit office in Korutla, Jagtial district, on Tuesday and found several irregularities, officials said. The ACB officials verified office records, financial transactions, challans, pending applications and the overall functioning of the office. During the check, officials found that transport department constable N. Girish Kumar was conducting driving tests and checking vehicle registrations in the absence of the Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI).

The ACB also found that staff were allegedly collecting excess amounts from the public through agents for providing official services. The agents had unrestricted access to the office and were dealing with the RTA staff concerned on applications submitted by members of the public until the work was completed, officials said.

Free Eye Camp Marks Talasani Srinivas Yadav's Birthday

HYDERABAD
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A free mega eye camp was organized at Jai Nagar Colony, New Bhoiguda, under Bansilalpet division, to mark the birthday of former Telangana Education Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav. The camp was conducted under the auspices of Koshika Devender and witnessed strong participation from local residents.

Medical teams carried out eye screenings, offered consultations and identified patients requiring spectacles or further treatment. Several BRS leaders and local activists, including Gurram Pawan Kumar Goud, S. Rajender, Desapaka Srinivas, O. Raju, Kumar Yadav, Arun Kumar Goud and others, participated.



Residents appreciated the organizers for providing accessible eye care services in their locality.

Karimnagar Cotton Farmers Await Rains As Dry Spell Hits Crop Growth

KARIMANAGR
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Cotton farmers in Karimnagar district are hoping rains from the northeast monsoon will revive the growth of their crop, which has started wilting in some areas. Farmers said the crop cultivated in red soils is in a poorer condition than that grown in black soils. About 46,000 acres have been brought under cotton cultivation in Karimnagar district, making it the second-largest crop after paddy. As cotton requires less water than paddy,



both traditional cotton growers and other farmers took up the crop this season.

Cotton crop has faced water shortage from the beginning of the Kharif season due to deficit rainfall attributed to El Nino. Though sown at the beginning of the season, germination of cotton seedlings got delayed due to lack of rain. The dry spell has affected the overall crop growth.

Farmers fear yields could decline by around 50 per cent if the dry conditions continue. Ujjagiri Gangaiah of Venkatagiri in Ramadugu mandal cultivated cotton on four acres and paddy on three acres. He said the condition of both crops is poor even though he has an agricultural well. But adequate water is not available for irrigation.

Gangaiah said delayed germination has resulted in shorter tufts, which would reduce the crop yield. Longer tufts produce more flowers and more yield. He said he has spent more than Rs 30,000 an acre on cotton cultivation. He is worried whether he can recover his investment. He said rainfall every 10–15 days until Diwali is necessary to protect the crop and improve yield. Another farmer, Manda Rajamallaiah of Gopalpur in Karimnagar Rural mandal, said though cotton requires less water, soil moisture has declined due to high temperatures and a continued dry spell. Rajamallaiah hoped the crop would survive if there are two spells of rain.

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.

Opposition Leaders Detained During INDIA Bloc March To Election Commission

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Several opposition leaders, including Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Trinamool Congress MPs Abhishek Banerjee and Derek O'Brien, were detained on Tuesday after police stopped an INDIA bloc march towards the Election Commission and the protesters sat on a dharna demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation.Leaders of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi joined the march from the Parliament House complex, which was stopped on Parliament Street near the NITI Aayog office, between NITI Aayog and Akashvani Bhawan.

Gandhi was seen climbing the barricades and waving the Tricolour as security personnel prevented the protesters from proceeding towards the poll body's headquarters. Yadav, O'Brien, Banerjee, TMC MP Sagarika Ghose, Congress MP Jothimani and other opposition leaders were detained and taken away in buses. "We are being detained and taken to an unknown location," Ghose posted on X. Kharge said the opposition would continue its protest to protect voting rights and democracy.

"This protest will continue. We are doing this to protect your vote and your freedom," the Congress president said.

"The people of the country are saying that many of their votes have been deleted and vote theft is taking place, and we are fighting and will continue to fight for their protection," he said. Kharge said saving democracy was the first priority, followed by the demand for Kumar's resignation. "It is not just the people of the INDIA bloc who are here; everyone has gathered here because they feel that their vote is being taken away and their freedom is being lost," he said. Yadav accused the Election Commission of bias and said its decisions should be impartial.

"It is not a new thing that allegations have been made against the Election Commission. It should take impartial decisions that do not appear biased. The BJP should set up its office in the Election Commission," he said. "The Election Commission is deciding who will remain a citizen of India. Just think about it," Yadav alleged. Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Arvind Sawant also attacked Kumar, alleging, "The Chief Election Commissioner is a corrupt man. He has worked as a slave of the ruling party."

US Begins Largest Denaturalisation Drive, Targets 40 Including Indian

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The US launched the largest denaturalisation effort in modern history by moving to strip 40 individuals, including one of Indian origin, of their American citizenship, the Department of Justice said.The 40 individuals facing denaturalisation actions in multiple US courts have been accused of serious offences, including acting as an agent for a foreign government, committing voluntary manslaughter, and aggravated sodomy against a special-needs man.

Balwinder Singh of California is facing denaturalisation action in the state's Eastern District court for using a fraudulent identity to gain admission to and acquire a US citizenship. "Today's announcement marks the largest denaturalisation effort in modern history," said Attorney General Todd Blanche on Monday. Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, a naturalised US citizen's citizenship may be revoked and certificate of naturalisation cancelled, if it was procured illegally or by concealment of a material fact or by willful misrepresentation.

"Every single one of these individuals lied their way into US citizenship," said Assistant Attorney General Brett A. Shumate of the Justice Department's Civil Division. "This administration will continue to pursue the largest denaturalisation effort in department history to restore trust and integrity in US citizenship. Our message is clear: the United States will not tolerate deception in the naturalisation process," Shumate said.

According to the Department of Justice, Singh, in 1992, submitted an immigration application under the identity of Balwinder Singh. In 2003, he sought and received permanent resident status under a second identity. "Fingerprints establish that Singh submitted both applications. In 2009, Singh naturalised under his second identity. The complaint alleges seven counts for his numerous misrepresentations and unlawful acts that adversely reflect his moral character," the Justice Department said.

The department said it is seeking to revoke the citizenship of Jinchao Wei, a China-born former US Navy sailor convicted of espionage-related offences. According to the Justice Department, Wei enlisted in the Navy in 2021 and by February 2022 had begun conspiring to sell military secrets to China.

Rajnath Singh Launches First Indigenous FSS Surya In Vizag

VIZAG
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Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday launched the first Fleet Support Ship named Surya, laid the keel of the fifth Fleet Support Ship and inaugurated the upgraded Slipway-4 and 300-tonne Goliath Crane at the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd here. "The launch of FSS-1 is a symbol of achievement, the keel laying of FSS-5 is a symbol of resolve and the new Slipway is a symbol of our growing capability," Singh said, adding that HSL was strengthening not only its shipbuilding capacity but also the foundation of India's maritime power.

Recalling the launch of the first ship built in independent India, Jala Usha, at HSL in 1948, the minister highlighted the country's maritime heritage and said its relationship with the sea dated back to ancient times. He described HSL as a custodian of India's national maritime capability and lauded its contributions to the country's maritime and defence requirements for more than eight decades. Singh highlighted HSL's attainment of Miniratna Category-I status in 2025 after it came under the defence ministry, describing this as an important milestone reflecting its transformation and sustained efforts.

Highlighting the fleet support ship programme, Singh said the 43,500-tonne vessels were designed to replenish warships at sea, allowing naval vessels to remain deployed for longer periods and extending their operational reach across the Indian Ocean Region. FSS-1, named Surya, was launched following traditional honours performed by Laila Swaminathan, president, Navy Wives Wellness Association (NWWA) and wife of chief of naval staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan. The vessel entered the waters of the Bay of Bengal amid cheers from the gathering. Highlighting the role of Andhra Pradesh in India's maritime future, Singh said the presence of the Eastern Naval Command, Naval Dockyard, HSL and Visakhapatnam Port provided the city with the foundation of an integrated maritime ecosystem. He called for the development of Visakhapatnam as a major maritime industrial hub by bringing together naval expertise, shipbuilding capability, engineering talent, port infrastructure and skilled manpower.

The minister also stressed the need for an integrated national maritime ecosystem involving the Navy, HSL, DRDO, academia, industry, MSMEs and startups.

Supreme Court Raps Actor Rajpal Yadav Over GST Council to Con-

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WB Assembly Bypoll Sees Over 78% Voting Amid Vote Loot Slur On BJP

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The West Bengal Assembly bypoll in two seats, Nandigram in East Midnapore and Rejinagar in Murshidabad, recorded more than 78% voters turnout on Tuesday amidst allegations of a large-scale rigging by the opposition parties against ruling BJP. Nandigram and Rejinagar witnessed 79.39% and 78.42% polling respectively till 5 pm. Congress however demanded a re-poll at both seats. Party state president Subhankar Sarkar placed the demand to the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal in the afternoon. Chief minister Suvendu Adhikari, who cast his vote at Nandigram, rejected the claims of any electoral malpractice against his party. He said, "There is no opposition against us." At Nandigram, a Trinamul Congress supporter Sheikh Saiyam Qazi's garments shop at Gar Chakraberia was ransacked allegedly by BJP workers at around 12.30 pm when polling was underway. Congress candidate Milan Pradhan visited the address later. He accused BJP workers of not allowing his election agents at the polling booths and looting votes by rigging since morning. At Rejinagar, tension prevailed when Aam Janata Unnayan Party founder and Nowda MLA, Humayun Kabir, and his son and party candidate, Golam Nabi Azad, rushed to their party office and burst into protest alleging vote loot by the cops at the instructions of Mr Adhikari. Cops led by Officer-in-Charge of Rejinagar police station, Anjan Burman, asked Mr Kabir to go home.

Punjab HC Seeks Chief Secretary's Response Over 'False Statement' On DA Appeal

NEW DELHI
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The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Tuesday issued a notice to Punjab Chief Secretary K A P Sinha, asking him why criminal contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him for making a "prima facie false statement" in a case pertaining to the pending dearness allowance of employees and pensioners.A bench of Chief Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and justice Rohit Kapoor also asked the CS to remain present on Friday, which is the next date of hearing.

The development came following a report by the high court registry from the Supreme Court registry regarding the state government's appeal status. It showed that defects in the Punjab government's appeal in the Supreme Court have not been removed, which contradicted the stand of the Punjab CS that defects in its appeal have been cured. Petitioners' counsel Sunny Singla said the high court issued a notice to the Punjab chief secretary, asking why criminal contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him for giving a "false statement". Singla further said the court took note of the report that defects in the Punjab's government's appeal have not been removed.

On Monday, the court directed the high court registry to immediately get a report from the Supreme Court regarding the state government's appeal status. The court was hearing pleas related to the non-compliance of the court's August 3 order of releasing DA and dearness relief dues to state employees and pensioners at the rates paid to the members of the All India Services

FROM FRONT PAGE

Revanth Orders.....

The CM asked officials to distribute the land identified in Survey No. 325 among eligible local farmers. He directed officials to establish a 'Telangana Martyrs' Colony' in the survey area for families of those who sacrificed their lives during the statehood movement. Housing plots should be allotted to eligible martyrs' families and the colony developed with all necessary infrastructure. He suggested entrusting the construction to the Housing department and directed officials to complete the colony by June 2, 2027.

The Chief Minister further instructed officials to establish a Young India Integrated School and an education hub at Velikatta in Kondapak mandal, excluding assigned land and Mission Bhagiratha land from the proposed development. Against the backdrop of El Nino conditions, Revanth Reddy directed officials to use water in reservoirs and tanks judiciously. He also asked them to identify those using water from the Mallanna Sagar reservoir unauthorisedly and take appropriate action.

TN, Pondy Bypolls.....:

In Puducherry, the bypoll is seen as a test of popularity for the four month-old NDA government led by Chief Minister N Rangasamy, whose resignation from Thattancvahady necessitated the electoral exercise.

No major untoward incidents were reported and officials swiftly addressed some minor technical glitches in EVM-VVPAT equipment at a few booths. Polling began at 7 am and it is scheduled to continue until 6 pm. An election official said the polling stations in both constituencies have been witnessing a steady footfall of voters across various age profiles since morning. As of 3 pm, in Madurantakam, out of the total 2,13,788 lakh voters (Men, 1,04,926, Women 1,08,797 and Third gender 65), 70.31 per cent of them had cast their votes.

Over 3,000 personnel drawn from both state and Central Armed Police Forces have been deployed for security in Madurantakam, which has 285 polling booths. In Madurantakam, 27 candidates are trying their luck and the key nominees are ruling TVK's K Maragatham Kumaravel, DMK's I Paranthamen, AIADMK's Kanitha Sampath, CPI (M)'s P Suganthi, and NTK's Janakiraman. Speaking to reporters, the Left candidate P Suganthi said youth participation was noticeably lower compared to the general elections held four months ago.

After exercising her franchise and visiting a few polling stations in her constituency, TVK's Kumaravel claimed she maintained a strong, personal connection with the local people, viewing them as a family. Her rival DMK candidate Paranthaman claimed that he could see "visibly happy faces" of the voters who have decided to usher in a change this time in favour of the opposition party. As regards Dharapuram, P Sathyabama (TVK), S Suganya (DMK), K Bhanumathi (AIADMK), P Lakshmanan (CPI) and M Karthika (NTK) are the key contestants out of the total 22 nominees contesting in the bypoll. Dharapuram's electorate comprises 2,23,306 voters and of them, men are 1,07,285, women 1,16,013 and 8 are third gender. In Dharapuram too over 3,000 police personnel are on duty and there are 320 polling stations.

ACP Bhagat.....

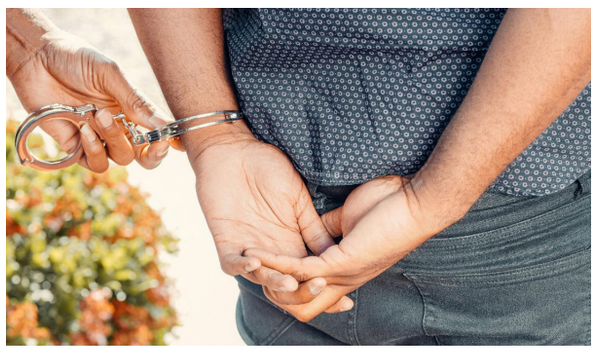
"However, considering the enquiry pending against me in the Crime Branch Delhi Police regarding allegations against me by a YouTuber, I hereby give my consent to keep this order concerning only me on hold," he said in the letter addressed to the Commissioner of Police Anurag Kumar. Bhagat, who is posted as Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Connaught Place, signed the letter and requested that the order concerning him alone be kept on hold.

The development comes a day after the Delhi government said Bhagat's current duty charge as additional DCP would be withheld after he requested "of his own volition" not to avail the charge until a full inquiry into the alleged harassment of women journalists is conducted and "satisfactorily concluded". Bhagat was among 12 DANIPS officers assigned the current duty charge of additional DCP on Monday. The government subsequently said the earlier order would be modified and reissued for assignment of the charge.

CRIME

Hyderabad burglary: Two arrested for stealing Rs 23 lakh, gold jewellery

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Two people who attended a dinner function hosted by their neighbour and, hours later, allegedly burgled his house at Hassannagar in Attapur last month were arrested by the police on Tuesday.

The arrested men were identified as Mohammed Osman (28), a hair salon operator, and Syed Anwar (20), a delivery executive with Zepto. The police said the duo were friends and lived in the same locality as the victim, Syed Hamed, a businessman. The incident took place on the intervening night of September 25.

According to the Attapur police, Osman knew that the businessman kept substantial amounts of cash at home and shared the information with Anwar. The two allegedly planned the burglary and waited for an opportunity.

On September 25, Hamed had hosted a function for his children at N.R. Function Hall and invited the two men. "After attending the function, the accused returned home and later climbed onto the victim's house during the night. Anwar remained on the terrace to watch for people while Osman entered the house armed with a hammer and screwdriver. He broke open the bedroom locks and an almirah and stole cash and gold jewellery, including a necklace, chain and ear tops weighing about five tolas," the police said.

They fled with Rs. 23 lakh in cash and gold jewellery worth about Rs. 1 lakh.

Based on a complaint, the police registered a case and tracked down the duo. During interrogation, they admitted to the crime. The police recovered Rs. 8.50 lakh in cash, two mobile phones, a hammer and a screwdriver from the suspects. Further investigation is underway to recover the remaining booty.

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

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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
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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.

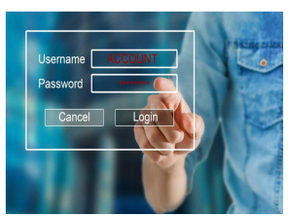
Syed Khaja Moinuddin, a resident of Tadbun, died in Port Sudan following a prolonged illness. He worked as a driver in Sudan for over 12 years.

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.

Telangana Cyber Security Bureau arrests over 100 in mule account crackdown

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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau has arrested more than 100 persons allegedly involved in supplying 'mule accounts' to cybercriminals and providing KYC documents for fraudulent banking transactions in a major operation across five southern States. The two-week operation was conducted in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala by teams of the Cyber Security Bureau. The suspects allegedly acted as agents for cybercriminals by arranging bank accounts and KYC documents that were used to receive and transfer proceeds of online fraud. Police seized large quantities of debit cards and bank passbooks linked to mule accounts from the arrested persons.

Officials said the operation was aimed at dismantling the network that facilitates cybercrime by providing banking infrastructure to fraudsters.

The arrested persons are being brought to Hyderabad on transit remand for further investigation.

The Bureau is expected to examine the financial transactions and links of the accused with wider cybercrime networks.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

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

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

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

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

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

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



Discoms Strained, Consumers Bear The Brunt

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Telangana's power distribution companies will begin recovering ₹5,420.23 crore from non-agricultural consumers from November, even as they face a much larger strain from unpaid dues of state government departments, estimated at ₹57,336 crore. The irrigation department accounts for the biggest share—₹29,264 crore—towards electricity charges for lift-irrigation schemes. These pending payments have squeezed the discoms' working capital and added to liabilities, while they must still make timely payments to generators, transmission utilities and fuel suppliers.

The latest recovery covers only 2022-23 and 2023-24. The larger claim remains unresolved: between FY 2016-17 and FY 2022-23, actual power purchase costs exceeded approved estimates by ₹10,281.73 crore. With ₹203.83 crore under wheeling true-up and ₹2,232.84 crore under the UDAY agreement added, the discoms had sought to recover ₹12,718 crore from consumers. The earlier BRS government reportedly agreed to absorb this by paying ₹2,543.6 crore annually for five years, with interest as per RBI norms, but instalments were not paid and the liability remains.

The ERC had permitted a 30-paise-per-unit recovery during the BRS regime, but discoms did not implement it, leaving the legacy dues unresolved as fresh claims piled up. For the recent two years, the gap between power purchase costs and revenue collections is ₹7,635.22 crore — ₹5,186.29 crore for 2022-23 and ₹2,448.93 crore for 2023-24. TGSPDCL's share is ₹5,665.42 crore, while TGNPDCL's is ₹1,969.80 crore. The state government must reimburse ₹2,214.99 crore for the agricultural component—₹1,442.49 crore for TGSPDCL and ₹772.50 crore for TGNPDCL—under its free-power policy.

The TGERC has allowed recovery of ₹5,420.23 crore from non-agricultural consumers — ₹4,222.93 crore in TGSPDCL's area and ₹1,197.30 crore in TGNPDCL's. The levy will be 30 paise per unit in November bills and 50 paise thereafter, spread over 29 months in TGSPDCL and 26 months in TGNPDCL. Charges will be linked to each consumer's electricity use in 2022-23 and 2023-24, with one-twelfth of annual consumption taken as monthly billing. Consumers will not pay beyond the true-up amount tied to their past usage.

The Commission has directed discoms to show the true-up charge separately in bills, with financial year, monthly consumption and rate applied. If recovery covers both years, amounts must be shown separately. With government departments owing ₹57,336 crore and the earlier ₹12,718-crore liability still pending, the latest order shifts part of the recent cost gap to consumers, while leaving government reimbursements and wider receivables unresolved—keeping the power sector's finances under severe strain.

Rupee Falls To 2 Month Low, RBI Sells Dollars To Arrest Fall

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The Indian rupee declined to its weakest level in over two months on Tuesday hit by outflows by Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) from domestic equities, elevated crude oil prices, strong dollar demand from importers and high global bond yields with pre-monetary policy positioning adding to the pressure. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.32 per dollar and fell to a multi month low of 96.45, a fall of Rs 1.13 or nearly 1.2 per cent from its opening level. Market participants said that the RBI through state run banks sold dollars around 96.30–96.40 levels to smooth the decline. The rupee finally closed the day at 96.42 per dollar, down 13 paise compared to its previous close of 96.29 per dollar.

"The RBI is largely expected to hike the repo rate tomorrow by 25 basis points which would be positive for the rupee but by itself may not be sufficient to reverse the trend (of rupee falling) as the move is largely priced in. A hawkish stance and guidance together with continued RBI intervention and liquidity management would have a stronger stabilising impact," said Kunal Sodhani, head treasury Shinhan Bank.

Says Anil Bhansali, head treasury at Finrex Trading Advisors, "The magnitude of today's move suggests that dollar demand was unusually strong, while importer hedging and stop-loss demand may have amplified the move once 96 level was breached. With the pair now approaching the 96.96 record low touched in May, the 96.50–96.70 becomes an important immediate resistance area, while sustained RBI intervention and any improvement in oil or global risk sentiment could provide some near-term relief."

"The range for the rupee is expected between 96 to 96.75 tomorrow," added Bhansali. Meanwhile, the Dollar Index which tracks the value of a dollar against six major currencies remained firm at 102 after touching an intrada high of 102.30. Brent crude retreated noticeably in the morning after an early rise to an intraday high of $100.99/bbl, with the price now around $97.93, epresenting a fall of more than $3 from the day's peak.

Ai+ Unveils Festive Deals on Nova, Pulse Smartphone Series

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ai+ Smartphone has announced special festive pricing across its Nova and Pulse smartphone ranges during Flipkart's Big Billion Days 2026, with prices starting at ₹8,999. The company said the offers combine affordable pricing with large batteries, AI-powered cameras and 5G connectivity.

The festive lineup includes eight smartphones across the Nova and Pulse series, catering to different price segments. The Pulse 2 is priced at ₹8,999 and features a 6,000mAh battery and 50MP AI camera, while the Pulse 2 FE is available from ₹8,999 under applicable bank offers and comes with a MediaTek G81 chipset and 50MP camera.

The Nova 2 5G, priced at ₹11,999, offers a 6,000mAh battery, 50MP AI camera and dual 5G support. The



Nova 2 Neo 5G costs ₹12,999 and features a Dimensity 6300 processor and Sony IMX582 camera sensor.

For users seeking larger battery capacity, the Nova 2 Power 5G starts at ₹15,999 under applicable offers and packs a 7,000mAh battery. The Nova 2 Pro 5G, priced from ₹16,999, is powered by a Dimensity 7100 chipset.

At the higher end, the Nova 2 Ultra 5G is priced from ₹18,999 and features a 1.5K AMOLED display, IP68 protection and Dimensity 7400 processor. The NovaFlip 5G, priced at ₹49,999, features a foldable design, dual AMOLED displays and a 50MP camera.

The offers are available for a limited period on Flipkart during Big Billion Days 2026 and are subject to stock availability and applicable bank discounts.

Ai+ Smartphone is powered by NxtQuantum OS, developed by NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, an Indian deep-tech company founded by Madhav Sheth. The company says its focus is on developing locally engineered technology, privacy-focused software and connected devices for Indian consumers.

GST Council to Consider Rate Rejig Proposals Yearly

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Wakeup telangana

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"Stability is worth more to most businesses than any single concession," a source said, adding a stable rate structure allows contracts to be priced over their term and capital spending to be planned. Sources said the rate structure reworked last year has been in place for about a year and has worked for consumers, industry, tax revenues and for the economy. Last year's GST rate rationalisation has boosted consumption, and GST revenues have also grown over the year. The monthly revenues have grown in double digits since June this year.

KLH Hyderabad Launches Agentic AI Campus with HCL Group AI Labs



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

KLH Hyderabad has launched its Agentic AI Campus initiative in collaboration with HCL Group AI Labs, aiming to integrate artificial intelligence into student learning, innovation and industry-oriented projects. The initiative was inaugurated by Deepak Sarvanan, National Head, HCL Group AI Labs, at KLH's Bachupally campus. The launch was accompanied by the signing of an MoU between KLH Hyderabad and HCL Group AI Labs.

Dr. L. Koteswara Rao, Principal, KLH Bachupally, represented KLH during the MoU exchange, along with Dr. A. Srinath, Dean–Skill Development, and other senior officials and faculty members.

The programme will enable students across disciplines to explore, develop and apply AI solutions through practical projects, faculty mentorship and industry interaction. Students will work on areas including business automation, data-driven services and discipline-specific AI applications.

KLH Vice President Er. Koneru Lakshman Havish said the initiative would help students gain practical AI skills and develop intelligent solutions for real-world challenges.

The campus will also focus on faculty training and responsible AI practices, including data privacy, bias, reliability and human accountability. Through the partnership, KLH aims to strengthen AI learning across its Bachupally and Aziznagar campuses and prepare students for an increasingly AI-driven workplace.

Jio IPO: Key Risks Investors Need to Watch

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Reliance Jio has built a massive presence across India's telecom, broadband and digital services sectors, but its scale does not eliminate business risks. As investors track the proposed Jio IPO, the company's Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) highlights several factors that could affect its future performance.

Jio Platforms reported revenue from operations of ₹1,46,885.3 crore in FY2026 and a profit after tax of ₹30,049.1 crore. Its customer base stood at 524.4 million as of March 31, 2026. Despite this strong scale, the company remains exposed to risks related to spectrum, technology, competition, debt, regulation and cybersecurity.

Spectrum and network operations remain among the key concerns. Jio requires licences and spectrum to operate its mobile network and may need to participate in future auctions as demand increases. Renewals and additional spectrum purchases can involve substantial costs.

Network reliability is another important factor. Major outages or deterioration in service quality could affect millions of customers and disrupt digital services that depend on Jio's network infrastructure.

The fast pace of technological change also requires continuous investment. Jio has moved from 4G to 5G and will need to keep upgrading its network, equipment and digital platforms to remain competitive.

Competition could put pressure on pricing and margins. Customers can switch between telecom and broadband providers based on tariffs, network quality and services. Customer churn is another concern. Jio reported a monthly churn rate of 1.67% for the exit quarter, meaning even small changes can represent a significant number of customers at its scale.

Debt and capital expenditure will also require attention. Jio and its subsidiaries had ₹71,529.2 crore in fund-based outstanding borrowings as of March 31, 2026. The company proposes using part of its IPO proceeds to prepay certain borrowings of Reliance Jio Infocomm.

Regulatory changes could increase operating costs or affect licences and compliance requirements. Meanwhile, cybersecurity and data privacy risks are becoming increasingly important as Jio expands its digital, cloud, connected-device and AI offerings.

The DRHP also identifies risks related to related-party arrangements, infrastructure providers, intellectual property and brand reputation.

For investors, key indicators to monitor include customer growth, ARPU, churn, network spending, debt and technology investments. Jio's ARPU rose from ₹181.7 in FY2024 to ₹214 in FY2026, while its customer base increased from 481.8 million to 524.4 million.

Overall, the Jio IPO presents significant scale and growth potential, but investors will need to weigh these opportunities against the risks disclosed in the company's IPO documents.

Finance Ministry Urges Private Banks to Step Up Lending Under Mudra, Stand-Up India Schemes

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The finance ministry on Tuesday urged private sector banks to increase their participation in financial inclusion schemes including Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) and Stand-Up India, according to an official statement. Chairing a review meeting with heads of all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and senior officials of major private sector banks (PVBs), financial services secretary Sanjay Lohiya urged banks to participate wholeheartedly in the forthcoming Financial Inclusion saturation campaign from October 21 to December 31.

Lohiya asked private sector banks to give more thrust to serving marginalised sections of society and fulfilling their banking needs. "During the meeting, a detailed review of the progress under various Financial Inclusion schemes including Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY) and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)," the ministry said.

Ishita Dutt shares glimpses from making of 'Drishyam 3'

Actress Ishita Dutta shared a glimpse of the making of 'Drishyam 3', giving a peek into the camaraderie behind the much-awaited film as she posted a picture with the team.

Ishita took to Instagram, where she shared a string of pictures from the making of "Drishyam 3". It also included pictures of Ishita with Abhishek Pathak, Shriya Saran and Mrunal Jadhav.

She wrote: "One with the team…" Drishyam: The Conclusion is directed by Abhishek Pathak. It is a sequel to Drishyam 2, which released in 2022. Unlike its predecessors, the film features an original story and is not narratively connected to its Malayalam counterpart. The film stars Ajay Devgn, Tabu, Shriya



Saran, Jaideep Ahlawat, Rajat Kapoor, Prakash Raj, Ishita Dutta and Mrunal Jadhav.

Drishyam: The Conclusion follows Vijay Salgaonkar using meticulous manipulation and sharp psychological tactics to protect his family as a renewed, high-stakes legal and police investigation closes in. Drishyam tells the gripping tale of a family caught in the shadow of a shocking disappearance. A policewoman's son goes missing, and she threatens to destroy Vijay's family.

Determined to protect his loved ones, Vijay spares no effort in keeping them safe.

Seven years later, in the sequel, the Salgaonkars have tried to move on from the traumatic events of their past. But just when life seems to have found its rhythm, unexpected circumstances arise, threatening to unearth dark truths long buried.

The film is a Hindi remake of the Malayalam film of the same name.

Drishyam has also been remade in Tamil, Telugu, and Kannada Presented by Star Studio18, the Panorama Studios production is directed by Abhishek Pathak and written by Abhishek Pathak, Aamil Keeyan Khan and Parveez Shaikh. Produced by Alok Jain, Ajit Andhare, Kumar Mangat Pathak and Abhishek Pathak, Drishyam The Conclusion is all set to release theatrically on 2nd October 2026.

Delhi HC Seeks Salman Khan's Response On 'Kala Hiran' Suit

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The Delhi High Court on Tuesday sought actor Salman Khan's response on a plea by makers of the film "Kala Hiran: The Battle for Legal" seeking to stay the Bollywood star's suit against the release of the movie. Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani issued a notice to Khan on the makers' application, which argued that substantially the same dispute is already pending before the high court in an earlier suit filed by the actor.

Khan has sought restraint on the release of the film, purportedly based on him. In his plea, the movie's producer Amit Jani contended that the proceedings amount to parallel litigation concerning the same proposed film, promotional material and alleged infringement of the actor's personality or publicity rights. The application said that Khan has already initiated a suit concerning protection of his personality rights, in which an ex-parte ad-interim injunction was granted on December 11, 2025. Khan subsequently moved an application seeking interim injunction specifically in respect of the proposed film. The interim injunction remains pending, the producer said.

It said the core relief sought in the suit -- restraining release, exhibition and dissemination of the proposed film and its teasers -- is substantially the same relief already sought in the earlier proceedings. On July 27, a coordinate bench had passed an interim order directing the removal of a teaser for the film and other related posts from online platforms after Khan's objection to them. Earlier, the film's makers had told the court that the movie was not ready to be released as it is yet to get certification from the censor board and even the trailer has not been released. Khan's restraint application is part of his lawsuit for protection of his personality rights.

While passing the interim order, the high court had said the makers of 'Kala Hiran' cannot exploit the 59-year-old Bollywood star's name, mannerisms and other distinctive attributes for commercial gains without his authorisation or disseminate content that injures his reputation. The court had observed that using social media to disseminate content that violates personality rights or harms reputation exacerbates the mischief, given the speed, reach and permanence of digital publications.

The makers have also clarified that the movie was not Salman Khan's biopic and he cannot invoke personality rights "to erase" public events concerning the blackbuck controversy.

Khan's application has accused the filmmakers of deliberately attempting to "sensationalise" the poaching case and make headlines to grab public attention at the cost of the actor's goodwill and reputation.

Khan had earlier approached the high court to restrain various social media platforms and e-commerce websites from unauthorisedly using his name, images, persona and likeness and to protect his personality rights.

Telangana Clinches Overall Title at National Sports Aerobics Championship



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Telangana emerged as the overall champions at the 4th National Sports Aerobics, Fitness Aerobics, Step Aerobics & Action Aerobics Championship 2026–27, held at G. Pulla Reddy School, Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad.

For the first time in the combined history of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the region hosted the prestigious national-level championship, attracting 365 student participants from seven states — Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

Telangana dominated the overall standings with 570 points, finishing ahead of Tamil Nadu, which secured second place with 505 points. Andhra Pradesh finished third with 480 points.

Telangana athletes delivered an impressive performance across various categories, securing several gold medals. In the Under-8 Girls Sports Aerobics category, Gnanvi, Samiksha, Dolly and their team won gold. Adriti Mishra and her group claimed gold in Under-10 Girls Fitness Aerobics, while Yashvik, Viraj, Arjun, Nandan and Bhargav secured gold in Under-10 Boys Sports Aerobics.

In the Under-11 Girls Fitness Aerobics category, Shanaya Madaan and her group won gold. Telangana also recorded a clean sweep in the Under-14 Girls Fitness Aerobics, with Aaradhya Jain, Khushvi Malakar, Myra Ahuja and Deepta Badruka each winning gold medals.

Arni Jain Lajawat added another gold for Telangana in the Under-18 Girls Sports Aerobics category. In Step Aerobics Solo, Asfa Noor and Areeba Fatima also secured gold medals.

The closing ceremony was attended by senior office-bearers of the All India Sports Aerobics Fitness Association (AISAFA), including General Secretary Sri Dattatreya, Joint Secretary Padma, Vice Presidents Pannier Silven and Parvati, and President Sri Magan Lal Ji. AISAFA Joint Secretary and HDSAFA President Sri Raaj Singh, along with SAFAT members and other dignitaries, congratulated the Telangana contingent for its outstanding performance.

MS Dhoni Launches 7Padel's Ultra-Premium Indoor Facility in Hyderabad

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Cricket legend and former India captain MS Dhoni inaugurated 7Padel MS Dhoni, an ultra-premium indoor padel, fitness and wellness facility in Jubilee Hills, marking the brand's entry into Hyderabad.

Spread across 15,000 sq ft, the state-of-the-art facility features three padel courts, a fully equipped gym, recovery suite with a sauna, ice bath and infrared room, and a wellness studio offering yoga and Pilates. The venue also includes an in-house café and an elevated viewing gallery for spectators.

Dhoni inaugurated the facility alongside PadelPark India co-founders Nikhil Sachdev, Jigar Doshi and Pratik Doshi. The facility is designed to combine sporting performance, fitness, recovery and social experiences under one roof.

Speaking at the launch, PadelPark India Co-Founder Jigar Doshi said Hyderabad had been on the company's radar for some time. He said the growing demand for sports that are both active and social made padel an ideal fit for the city. The 7Padel platform aims to build an inclusive community through regular play, professional coaching and organised competitions.

Dhoni highlighted the importance of developing the sport from the grassroots level. He said building quality courts, taking care of players and encouraging newcomers to participate would help padel expand across cities in India.

The Hyderabad launch comes amid rapid growth for 7Padel and PadelPark India. The 7Padel network currently operates more than 50 owned and managed courts across Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru, Chennai and Delhi, serving a community of over 55,000 players.

The company said padel has been witnessing significant growth across India, with an estimated more than 125,000 active players and an expanding network of courts. PadelPark India has built more than 320 courts nationwide and aims to cross 500 courts by the end of 2027.

The company also plans further expansion into cities including Kochi, Coimbatore, Chennai, Jaipur and Delhi NCR. PadelPark India describes itself as a 360-degree padel ecosystem covering infrastructure development, professional tournaments, training, equipment distribution and venue management. Its portfolio includes Skypadel India, the Mercedes-Benz Indian Padel Tour, the Indian Padel Academy, Bullpadel India and 7Padel.

With the Jubilee Hills facility, 7Padel aims to strengthen Hyderabad's emerging sports and fitness ecosystem while making professionally managed padel facilities more accessible to players of all experience levels.

Nehru Zoo Marks 63rd Zoo Day with New Facilities, Safari Buses

New facilities, safari buses and conservation initiatives unveiled during Wildlife Week celebrations in Hyderabad zoo

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Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, marked its 63rd Zoo Day anniversary with the inauguration of new animal welfare facilities, the launch of conservation initiatives and the introduction of four new safari buses. The celebrations were held as part of the ongoing 72nd Wildlife Week.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and Chief Wildlife Warden Telangana Vinay Kumar, IFS, who was the chief guest, inaugurated several upgraded facilities aimed at improving animal welfare and strengthening zoo management.



The newly upgraded animal night house for the Malayan Sun Bear, holding kraals for Sambar and Nilgai, and spacious day kraals were inaugurated during the celebrations. The new facilities are intended to provide improved housing and better conditions for captive animals.

Vinay Kumar also launched the zoo's official monthly newsletter, specialised animal health cards for systematically tracking the medical care of zoo residents, and newly designed wildlife conservation posters.

A major highlight of the celebrations was the launch of four newly procured safari buses. The buses are expected to enhance visitor transportation and strengthen the zoo's popular safari circuit covering Lion, Tiger, Bear and Bison enclosures.

The zoo also honoured its dedicated employees with Excellence in Zoo Services Awards in recognition of their efforts in animal upkeep, management and overall zoo services.

Championship trophies were also presented to the winning employee teams from the recently concluded sports meet. Competitions included Cricket, Kabaddi, Tug of War, Lemon and Spoon and Musical Chairs, among other events.

Addressing the gathering, Vinay Kumar said Nehru Zoological Park is one of the pioneering and best zoos in the world, attributing its achievements to the commitment and tireless efforts of its staff.

He noted that the zoo has received several awards for its wildlife conservation and breeding programmes and congratulated the entire team for its continued efforts and achievements.

The celebrations were attended by senior Forest Department officials, including Ratnakar Jouhari, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Development), Telangana; Sharvanan, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana; N. Kshitija, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and CEO, CAMPA, Telangana; VSNV Prasad, IFS, Field Director, Amrabad; Dr. S.J. Asha, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration), Telangana; Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath, IFS, Director, Zoo Parks, Telangana; and J. Vasantha, IFS, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad.

IntrCity Bus Passengers Get Free Hyderabad Metro Rides

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IntrCity SmartBus has partnered with L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd. to provide complimentary Hyderabad Metro rides to passengers travelling to or from Hyderabad, making first- and last-mile connectivity easier for intercity travellers.

Under the initiative, passengers can use the Metro to reach designated stations near their IntrCity SmartBus boarding points before departure and travel onward from Metro stations after arriving in Hyderabad, without paying an additional Metro fare.

To avail the facility, passengers must book an eligible IntrCity SmartBus journey through the company's app or website. They can present their valid booking ticket at designated Metro stations to receive a complimentary Metro travel ticket.



Manish Rathi, Co-founder and CEO, IntrCity SmartBus

IntrCity SmartBus CEO Manish Rathi said the passenger journey begins from home rather than at the bus boarding point. He said the partnership seeks to simplify important parts of the journey, particularly reaching the boarding point and travelling to the final destination after arriving in Hyderabad.

Rathi said Hyderabad Metro offers a reliable way to navigate the city's traffic and that the complimentary ride facility would help make intercity travel more convenient, predictable and affordable.

The companies said the initiative would also promote public transport and support more sustainable urban mobility in Hyderabad.

IntrCity SmartBus currently connects Hyderabad with more than 35 cities across over 20 routes. Its network includes destinations such as Bengaluru, Vijayawada, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Mumbai and Pune.

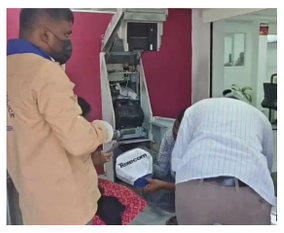
The complimentary Metro facility is available to passengers booking upcoming IntrCity SmartBus journeys to or from Hyderabad through the company's app or website.

Burglars cut open Hyderabad ATM, flee with Rs 30 lakh

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Burglars broke open an Axis Bank ATM with a gas cutter in Shamshabad and decamped with around Rs 30 lakh in cash in the early hours of Tuesday, October 6.

The incident occurred at the ATM located in Satamrai under Shamshabad police limits. After being alerted, Shamshabad police reached the spot and began examining



CCTV footage to identify the burglars.

The RGIA police said, "The burglars used a gas cutter to break open the ATM and stole the money. The incident occurred between 3 and 3:30 am. Special teams have been formed to nab the accused."

A CLUES team also inspected the scene and collected evidence. Police are examining CCTV footage from the ATM and surrounding areas to identify the suspects and trace their movements.

A case of house burglary at night has been registered under Section 331 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and an investigation is underway.

Licensed firearms under scrutiny after two Hyderabad incidents

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A licensed firearm is meant to be a tightly regulated possession. Yet two recent incidents — a licensed rifle allegedly being used to hunt a black buck and another firearm being handed over to a relative who fired three rounds during a wedding celebration — have brought the system of granting, renewing and monitoring arms licenses under scrutiny.

In the black buck case detected on September 28, Future City police, in coordination with the Forest Department, apprehended nine persons and seized about 13 kg of suspected black buck meat, a licensed .315 rifle fitted with a telescopic sight and silencer and 19 rounds of ammunition. The police investigation revealed that the group had travelled from Hyderabad to the Makthal area near Narayanpet, where the animal was allegedly hunted using the rifle. The firearm was reportedly obtained under the sports/shooting category.

The second case concerns a wedding celebration in which Amer Bin Sayeed allegedly fired three rounds into the air using the licensed .32 revolver of his cousin, Valeed Hussain. Chandrayangutta police seized the revolver, ammunition and licence documents and booked both men under the Arms Act. Police said the weapon had been used by a person other than the licence holder.

The recurrence is significant. Hyderabad has witnessed earlier instances of licensed firearms being used for celebratory firing, followed by police cases. Yet similar incidents continue to surface, raising questions about whether action against individual offenders is being accompanied by effective preventive monitoring of licence holders and their weapons.

The issue goes beyond the two cases. The licensing process needs closer scrutiny of an applicant's background, the reason for seeking a firearm, previous handling of weapons, and eligibility at the time of renewal. Allegations that brokers help people obtain and renew licences, and that some officials accept money to clear applications, have surfaced

The police also need to ensure that other details given by applicants are genuine, including their business activities and, where required, the source of funds. Regular verification of licence holders, surprise checks of weapons and ammunition, and quick action, including suspension of licenses, when a weapon is misused, can improve monitoring, people feel. Social workers have also alleged that some people with large real-estate interests fund firearm licences for associates or relatives as a status symbol.



Hanamkonda collector Chahat Bajpai inspects various departments at the Government Maternity Hospital on Tuesday.

CM Revanth Condemns Rahul's Arrest

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday condemned the detention and arrest of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi and MPs belonging to the party and the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, describing the action as a reflection of the "hubris of a failing government." Revanth Reddy alleged that the BJP-led government was afraid of Rahul Gandhi's leadership and his campaign to protect the Constitution and voting rights of citizens. He said the Opposition would not be deterred by such actions and that the participation of people, particularly the youth, in the campaign to protect democracy and voting rights would strengthen the movement.

Drawing a parallel with the freedom struggle, Revanth Reddy said the British government had also arrested leaders including Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Subhas Chandra Bose at different stages on flimsy grounds. He said the arrests would not weaken the Opposition's resolve and would instead strengthen its efforts to defend democratic institutions and citizens' voting rights. "We are not going away from our determination and resolve to stake everything

ECI Says Khairatabad Bypoll Awaiting Election Petition Verdict

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The Election Commission of India on Tuesday submitted to the Telangana High Court that it would not take further steps to conduct the byelection to the Khairatabad Assembly segment, till the pending election petition filed by P. Vijaya Reddy was disposed of. The ECI filed an affidavit to this effect following the directions of the court in the petition filed by Vijaya Reddy.

The petitioner had requested the High Court to direct the ECI not to issue the notification for the byelection, contending that her election petition challenging Danam Nagender's election in the 2023 Assembly polls was still pending. She challenged Nagender`s election on the ground of insufficient disclosure about the property details of his kin.

During the hearing of that petition on October 1, a division bench of the High Court had questioned the contention of the ECI. Senior counsel Avinash Desai, representing the ECI, had orally submitted that the poll panel would not conduct the byelection till the disposal of the election petition.

Senior counsel had also referred to the judgment of the Supreme Court in 2010 in 'ECI v. TRS ', in which it was ruled that the Election Commission would withhold the conduct of by-elections in constituencies where a previous election's validity was challenged through an election petition.

Considering the submission of the ECI, the High Court on October 1 had directed its counsel to submit its contention in an affidavit by October 6.

Reels Craze Sparks Marital Tragedies

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In Gajwel, Siddipet district, a 35-year-old woman, Tejaswini died by suicide allegedly after her husband, Home Guard Gopal Reddy, objected to her constant reel-making. Married for 11 years with two children, she had launched a YouTube channel and was active on social platforms. Frequent quarrels over her videos escalated when he forbade her from uploading reels. Distressed, she took the extreme step when alone at home.

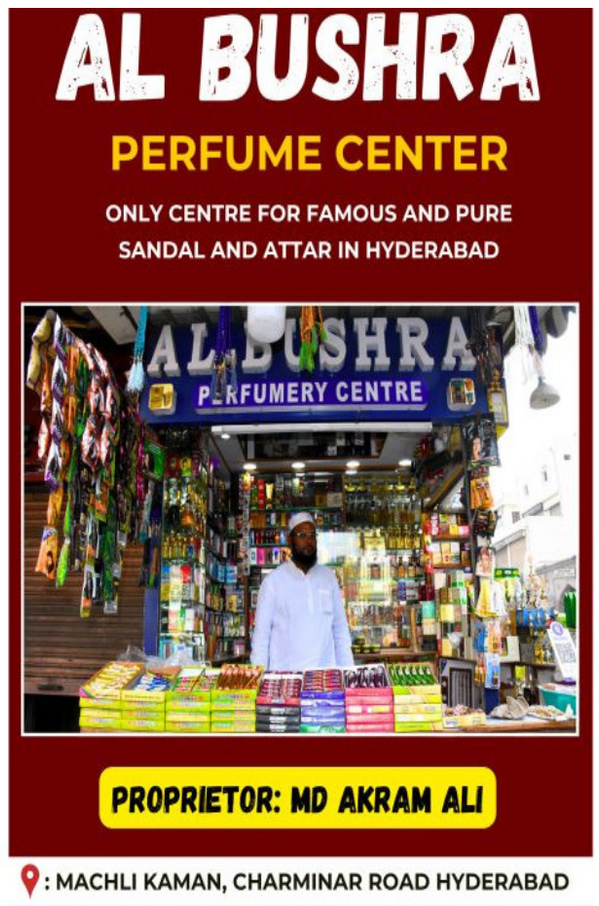
Police have registered a case. In another case, a man returned from abroad to kill his ex-wife in Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad, after tracking her address through reels she posted. Psychologist Dr Sripooja told Deccan Chronicle that "reels culture" is sowing discord in marriages, stressing that couples must adopt open mindsets and avoid taking things personally.

Nims Sets Up 24/7 Helpline For Patient Referrals And Admissions

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The Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (Nims) has set up a 24/7 helpline — 040-2348-9692 — to coordinate patient referrals, admissions, emergencies and other medical services. The RMO duty mobile number was 9490296073, and the director's duty mobile number 9490076060, a statement said. Assistant medical superintendents Dr N Rakesh (9490295048), Dr M. Charan Raj (9490295057), Dr Syed Salman (9398979541) and Dr Pushpi Rani (6305808940) would be available for coordination. The system would be supervised by Dr Kashireddy Venkata Krishna Reddy, additional medical superintendent and additional professor (9490295004).

Under the system, details such as the patient's name and contact number can be sent through WhatsApp to the designated officials, followed by a phone call. The officials will coordinate with the departments concerned for admission and other medical requirements. Nims medical superintendent Dr Nimma Satyanarayana said the hospital administration would remain available for patient care, welfare and coordination of medical services. Patients' names, attendants' details, contact numbers and relevant medical records can also be shared with the duty RMO through the designated mobile number, Nims said. The facility will also be available to ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, other public representatives and their personal staff for coordinating treatment and referrals of patients.



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