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Didi Claims Vote Loot by BJP in WB Assembly Bypoll

KOLKATA
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Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday alleged large-scale vote loot by BJP at the assembly bypoll in two seats, Nandigram in East Midnapore and Rejinagar in Murshidabad, before her New Delhi visit to meet President Droupadi Murmu in a delegation of INDIA bloc leaders. Referring to the October 6-bypoll, the Mamata Trinamul Congress chief claimed, "No election has taken place yet like this. Have you ever heard of anyone declaring before an election exactly how many votes they will win by? This clearly raises questions about calculated voting, bogus voting.

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WAKEUP TELANGANA AWARDS 2026



Wakeup Telangana Chairman Mir Zulfequar Ali and owner Mir Qurram Ali were felicitated by BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan, BRSV Chief Gellu Srinivas Yadav, former SETWIN Chairman Mir Inayath Ali Baqri, former BRS Waqf Board member Waheed Ahmed, and other prominent dignitaries at the Wakeup Telangana Awards 2026 ceremony.

Operation Sindoor Showed IAF's Destructive Power, Air Defence: Air Chief

NEW DELHI
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Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh on Thursday said the force was ready to meet any contingency and that Operation Sindoor had demonstrated its destructive power and effective air defence capabilities to the world. Addressing the 94th Air Force Day celebrations at Air Force Station Hindan in Ghaziabad, he said the theme, "Infallible, Impervious and Precise", reflected the force's strength and resolve.

He said the world had witnessed the speed with which the IAF moved into combat operations last year. Air Chief Marshal Singh said rapid global changes, geopolitical uncertainty and emerging conflicts had demonstrated the importance of air power in protecting national interests. The IAF understood its responsibilities and remained alert, committed and prepared for any contingency, he said.

An air force's true strength lay in its operational preparedness rather than merely in possessing advanced aircraft and systems, he said.
It depended on how quickly and confidently the force could act when called upon.

Wait Till You Discover the Other Guy: Rahul

Weighs In As Elon Musk Asks if Ambani Runs India



NEW DELHI
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Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Thursday jumped into the escalating war of words between Elon Musk and Indian authorities, taking a sarcastic swipe at the central government and the country's corporate landscape following the tech billionaire's sharp public outburst targeting Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani. Quote-posting Musk's query questioning why Starlink remains unlicensed in India despite approvals across 165 nations, Gandhi wrote on X: "Welcome to India, Elon. Wait till you discover the other guy." The sardonic retort was an unmistakable reference to Gautam Adani, expanding Musk's attack on Ambani into the Congress party's broader, long-running political offensive alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government operates under the sway of a corporate duopoly.

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Cyber Fraud Knows No Borders, Warns Modi

NEW DELHI
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for a global framework bringing together governments, technology companies, telecom operators and financial institutions to combat cyber fraud and deepfakes, warning that digital threats crossed national borders. Speaking after inaugurating the 10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) at Yashobhoomi, Modi said India had gained considerable experience in tackling cyber fraud and was ready to share its lessons with the world.

"Technology achieves scale only when it earns trust. And we all know that cyber fraud and cybercrime do not respect borders. They have already crossed boundaries. A person sitting in one country may commit a crime in a third country with assistance from a second country," he said. "We are also witnessing how serious a challenge deepfakes have become. Therefore, it is necessary that we work on a global framework to address these issues. Governments, technology companies, telecom operators, and financial institutions must all become part of such a framework," he said. Modi urged the



GSMA and telecom operators worldwide to develop a global mechanism to prevent such fraud before it reached people. The GSMA represents mobile operators and organisations across the mobile ecosystem and related industries. He said users must be able to identify callers, verify the authenticity of messages and feel secure while making payments or sharing personal data. Consumer confidence, he said, was central to digital expansion.

"When he provides his data in any form, he should have the trust that his data is safe," Modi said. On semiconductor manufacturing, he said India's domestic ecosystem was expanding rapidly, with commercial production already underway at five locations. The next phase of the India Semiconductor Mission would focus on localising the entire supply chain, he

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Satcom Security Clearance Awaited From Home Ministry: MoS Telecom

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The Ministry of Home Affairs is looking into security-related issues with satcom services, Minister of State for Communications Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani said on Thursday. Speaking on the sidelines of India Mobile Congress 2026, the minister said that the Department of Telecom has issued licences to all satcom companies as well as provisional spectrum.

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"Now the issue is pending with MHA for security clearance. As soon as it is cleared, they will get it. It has nothing to do with one company," Pemmasani said.

On Wednesday, Elon Musk alleged that "certain oligarchs" have blocked his company's satellite communication services in India to maintain their monopoly in the country. In a response to a post by the DogeDesigner handle on social media platform X about the non-availability of mobile coverage in over 11,000 villages, Musk wrote, "Unfortunately, we are being blocked by certain oligarchs in order to maintain their monopolistic chokehold on the Indian people.

Opposition Steps Up Rajghat Protest Over Vote Theft

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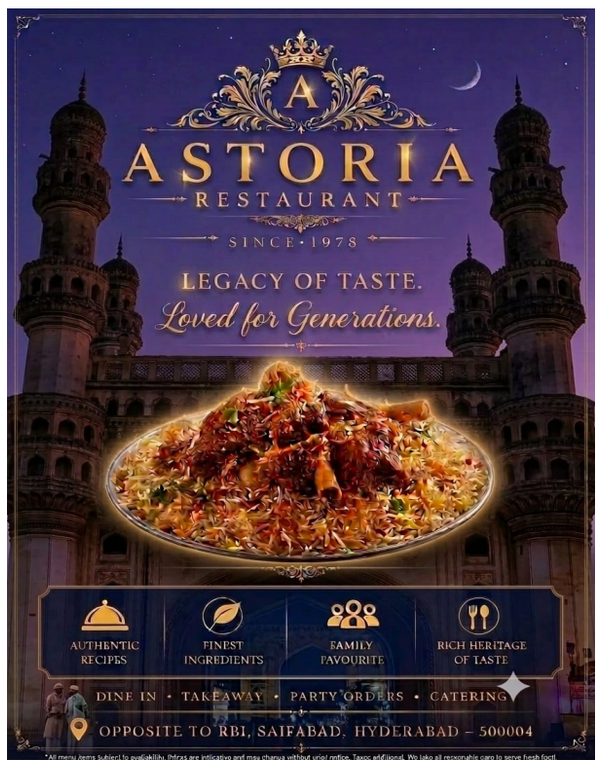
I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders held a sit-in at Rajghat on Thursday, continuing their protest for the third consecutive day to demand the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged "vote theft". After a lunch hosted by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge at Moets restaurant in Connaught Place, Opposition leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, travelled in buses to Mahatma Gandhi's memorial, where they offered floral tributes, sat in silence and prayed for "wisdom" for the government and the CEC.



The nearly five-km journey took around two hours, with hundreds of supporters accompanying the leaders. Party workers walked alongside the buses, raising slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah and Kumar, waving party flags and the Tricolour to the beat of drums. Gandhi said around 300 MPs wanted to hold a peaceful sit-in but had been prevented from doing so on the previous two days.

"We were stopped near the Election Commission's office and on the second day were prevented from going to Jantar Mantar, and were beaten up," he said. "The truth is that Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Mohan Bhagwat and Gyanesh Kumar have hijacked the country through a criminal conspiracy. They have destroyed the Constitution and stolen votes," he alleged. "They will be brought to justice. This is our guarantee, and you will see it happen," he added.

The lunch meeting, the second in 24 hours, brought together leaders from several I.N.D.I.A. bloc constituents to discuss their next course of action.



Indian IT Giants Hit by Green Card Freeze

NEW DELHI
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The United States on Thursday suspended eight major IT companies, including Microsoft, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Infosys and Wipro, from an employment-based green card certification programme for foreign workers, con tending that the practice has shut out Americans from the job market. An investigation was also ordered into the J-1 visa programme for rese arch scholars utilised by nine major universities, including Yale, Harvard, Stanford and Caltech.

While announcing the suspension, US VP J.D. Vance was most critical, calling foreign workers hired on H1-B visas as "foreign indentured servants" and the companies using the pro gramme as "visa mills". The suspension, announced jointly by Vance and labour secretary Keith Sonderling, prevents the companies.

GST Council Scraps Arrest Powers, Raises Prosecution Limit To Rs 5 Cr

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In a major tax reform, the high-powered 57th GST Council, chaired by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on Thursday cleared the scrapping of the arrest powers of GST officers, and raised the threshold to launch prosecution to Rs 5 crore from Rs 1 crore as well. However, the general penalty, which applies where no specific penalty is provided, comes down from Rs 25,000 to Rs 10,000.

As per the council's decision, now the minimum punishment stands removed, and the punishment, whether fine, imprisonment, or both, is completely left to judicial discretion in every case.

"The rate structure is settled, so the Council has turned to how the tax works day-to-day and the GST rate changes will now happen once a year. A taxpayer, who files late, makes an error or delays payment will face recovery, interest and a proportionate penalty, but nothing beyond that. There is no GST demand notice for tax amount below Rs 10,000," the council said.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, Sitharaman said that the council focused on process-related reforms aimed at improving ease of doing business and reducing compliance burdens rather than making changes to GST rates. "Businesses across India had complained about stringent tax practices and sought better ease of doing business. Business has to be trusted. Taxpayers have to be trusted and businesses among themselves, with trust, if they do it, we shouldn't be too intrusive," she said, adding that every agenda item of today will be implemented from 1st April 2027.

Outlining the key recommendations of the GST Council, Sitharaman also said that one among them is on simpler registration returns. "An automatic registration is already being done within 3 work-

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Hyderabad tops Telangana in voter additions, deletions during SIR exercise

Hyderabad recorded the highest number of voter additions and deletions in Telangana, with 29,226 names added and 2,066 removed as of October 7. The city also received 6,335 Form 7 applications seeking deletion of names from electoral rolls.

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad topped the State in adding and deleting electors, with 29,226 voters added to the electoral rolls and 2,066 names removed as of October 7.

As per the information released by the Telangana Chief Electoral Office on Thursday, Hyderabad recorded the highest number of Form 7 applications, seeking deletion of 6,335 voters from the rolls and 2,066 names have already been removed.

Among the 15 Assembly constituencies, Jubilee Hills saw a maximum of Form 7 at 1,026 applications, followed by 963 in Yakutpura.

Musheerabad, Goshmahala and Bahadurpura Assembly constituencies, which hit the headlines over alleged pre-printed Form 7 submission for bulk deletion of voters, saw 151, 222 and 842 applications respectively.

So far, Nampally constituency registered the highest number of votes deletion at 316 out of 523 applications, followed by Yakatupura constituency where 242 names were removed from 842 applications.

As for additions, 1,93,135 Form 6 (application for enrolment of new elector) applications have been filed from Hyderabad, with highest of 28,165 from Bahadurpura, 22,750 Chandrayangutta and 19,008 from Nampally constituencies. As many as 29,226 names have already been included in the roll.



Among other districts, 1,122 voter names out of 2,223 in Rangareddy district were excluded from the final voter list. However, this district recorded 74,375 Form 6 applications and 6,206 names have already been added to the rolls.

In Medchal-Malkajgiri district, 1,749 Form 7 applications were received and 761 names deleted from the rolls. While 64,167 applications were filed seeking new enrolment and 386 were cleared. In Peddapalli district, 1,737 Form 7 applications registered and 1,332 electors were excluded from the final roll.

Overall, 24,323 Form 7 applications were filed across 119 Assembly constituencies in the State and 12,204 names were removed from the rolls, so far.

As for new enrolment, 4,88,417 Form 6 and 6,270 Form 6A (application for addition by overseas Indian) applications were filed and 51,821 and 118 respectively were cleared for inclusion in the final list, which will be published on November 9.

Azharuddin urges Minority youth to focus on higher education and skills

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin on Thursday urged minority youth to pursue higher education, acquire new skills and maintain discipline to build successful careers and take advantage of emerging employment opportunities globally.

The Minister was speaking at an event organised by the Minorities Welfare Department at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Hyderabad, where CM Overseas Scholarship cheques, mopeds, sewing machines and other welfare benefits were distributed to beneficiaries. “It is heartening to see so many young



people coming forward to avail themselves of government welfare schemes. These opportunities should be used effectively to build a better future,” Azharuddin said.

The Minister distributed CM Overseas Scholarship cheques, mopeds, sewing machines under the Indiramma Mahila Shakti scheme, cheques under the Indiramma Minority Mahila Yojana and other benefits to eligible beneficiaries in the presence of senior officials and public representatives.

Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir said the welfare schemes were aimed at supporting genuine beneficiaries from the minority communities. He highlighted several initiatives undertaken for minority welfare, including financial support for Haj pilgrims and ex-gratia assistance to families affected by the Madina accident.

He said minority achievers such as Mohammed Siraj and Nikhat Zareen had been appointed to Group-I services and noted that hundreds of minority students had benefited from the CM Overseas Scholarship programme.

Fine rice prices rise to Rs 90 a kg in Hyderabad, may touch Rs 100

With Dasara Navaratri festive season commencing from Sunday, many households are already feeling the pinch as fine rice prices in retail markets have risen to Rs.85-Rs.90 a kg. Traders estimate that prices could touch Rs.100 a kg in the next few days.

In a span of 30 to 45 days, the price of a 25-kg bag of fine rice has increased by Rs.300 to Rs.500. Depending on the variety, a 25-kg bag of raw rice, which used to cost about Rs.1,500, is now being sold for Rs.1,900. Similarly, steam rice, which was priced at about Rs.1,600, is now being sold for Rs.2,100. “This is just the beginning. One should not be surprised if the price of fine rice reaches Rs.100 a kg. We have no idea,” said a kirana store owner from Mothinagar.

Till two months ago, rice millers’ supervisors used to call traders to take orders for supplying stocks. Now, the situation has reversed, with traders reporting delayed supplies from millers amid rising demand. Meanwhile, procurement by traders from other rice-consuming States has commenced.

There is generally strong demand for fine rice cultivated in Telangana, particularly from the erstwhile Nizamabad, Nalgonda and Khammam districts.

Accordingly, traders from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have already started procuring paddy from farmers in different districts. This has also affected supplies to markets within the State.

Considering the paddy production this season, traders expect prices to rise further. During the Vanakalam season last year, paddy was cultivated on about 92 lakh acres. This year, the area has declined to 78.23 lakh acres.

Furthermore, the State government is holding stocks of fine rice varieties for supply under the Public Distribution System. Against this backdrop, traders expect prices to increase further during the Dasara and Deepavali festivals.

Complete Basar Godavari Pushkaralu Arrangements on Time: Nirmal Collector

NIRMAL
Wakeup telangana

Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed officials of all concerned departments to complete the ongoing development and construction works in Basar within the stipulated time in view of the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu. He stressed that no negligence would be tolerated in the arrangements and instructed officials to closely monitor the progress of all works and ensure their systematic completion within the deadline.



The Collector reviewed the progress of various works at a meeting held on Thursday evening at the Executive Officer’s office of the Sri Gnana Saraswati Devi Temple in Basara. During the meeting, he sought detailed updates from officials of different departments regarding the status of ongoing projects and instructed them to regularly supervise the works under their respective departments and ensure timely completion.

Bhavesh Mishra stated that devotees visiting Basar during the Godavari Pushkaralu should not face any inconvenience. He directed officials to ensure the availability of all essential facilities, including safe drinking water, toilets, dedicated changing rooms and adequate parking arrangements.

He also emphasized the need to establish spacious parking areas for devotees arriving from different places and to make effective security arrangements to ensure their safety and convenience.

The Collector further instructed the concerned officials to immediately complete the necessary formalities if permission from the Forest Department was required for any construction work. He said that timely action would help prevent delays in the commencement and completion of the projects.

He called upon all departments to work in close coordination and strengthen the overall arrangements for the successful conduct of the Godavari Pushkaralu.

Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanketh Kumar, RWS Executive Engineer Sandeep, Horticulture Officer Ramana, Temple Executive Officer Anjana Devi, Tahsildar Poon Chander, and other officials and staff members attended the review meeting.

Ramgopalpet Residents Question Political Interference in Private Construction

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents, traders and small builders in Ramgopalpet division of Secunderabad have raised concerns over alleged interference by certain local political functionaries in private construction activities, while several civic issues remain unresolved.

According to local stakeholders, problems such as damaged roads, overflowing drains, leaking sewage pipelines, poor sanitation and inadequate streetlight maintenance continue to affect neighbourhoods. However, they allege that some political workers appear more focused on monitoring private building projects than addressing public grievances.

Small plot owners and contractors have reportedly expressed concerns over frequent site visits, questioning and alleged interference by individuals who do not hold official municipal authority. Residents have also questioned the priorities of local representatives, arguing that their primary responsibility should be to coordinate with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and ensure the timely resolution of civic problems.

The names of two local figures, identified as “Bachchu” and “Babu,” along with a self-styled social activist, have surfaced in allegations made by local stakeholders. However, the claims require independent verification, and the individuals concerned should be given an opportunity to respond.

Residents have called for greater transparency and accountability, urging the GHMC to clarify the respective roles of elected representatives, municipal officials and private individuals in construction-related matters. They have stressed that any building violations should be addressed through established legal procedures rather than informal pressure. The central demand from residents is clear: local leadership must prioritise civic amenities, public welfare and lawful administration over alleged interference in private property matters.

Ram Vilas Paswan’s Death Anniversary Observed with Fruit Distribution to the Poor

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Lok Janshakti Labour Cell State President G. Surender distributed fruits to underprivileged people on Thursday to mark the death anniversary of former Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan. The programme was organised in several areas of Ramachandrapuram and Serilingampally mandals. On the occasion, Surender garlanded Paswan’s portrait and paid floral tributes to the late leader.



Speaking on the occasion, Surender recalled Paswan’s contributions to the welfare and development of poor, weaker sections and Dalit communities. He praised Paswan for leaving his job to dedicate himself to public service and the upliftment of disadvantaged sections.

He also stated that Union Minister Chirag Paswan was carrying forward his father’s ideals and working towards fulfilling his vision. Surender said the observance of Ram Vilas Paswan’s death anniversary across the country reflected the lasting impact of his services to society. Sunil and others participated in the programme.

NPRD seeks free RTC travel, 5 pc quota for persons with disabilities

A protest was held today in front of the RTC Bus Bhavan under the aegis of the Telangana State Committee of the National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled (NPRD), and a representation was submitted to RTC Executive Director (ED) Venkanna.

Speaking at the protest, former Nalgonda MLA Nandyala Narasimha Reddy stated that the state government is neglecting persons with disabilities, who are among the most marginalized sections of society.

M. Adivayya, State General Secretary of the NPRD, demanded that priority be given to allocating shops to persons with disabilities within RTC-owned shopping complexes. He accused the Congress party of deceiving persons with disabilities by failing to fulfill the promise made during the Assembly elections to provide free travel facilities for them.

The demands included free RTC travel facility for persons with disabilities, implementation of 5% reservation in RTC shopping complexes, filling up backlog posts for persons with disabilities in the RTC. The agitation would continue until the state government fulfilled promises made to persons with disabilities, the protestors said.

Mahabubabad farmers protest erratic power supply for irrigation

MAHABUBABAD
Wakeup telangana

Farmers from several villages in Mahabubabad district staged a protest on Thursday, demanding a reliable electricity supply for agricultural operations, alleging that frequent and unscheduled power cuts were affecting their crops.Farmers from Teegalaveni village in Gudur mandal and Katrapalli, Arpanapalli, Jalledu Thanda and Bhavanigadda Thanda in Kesamudram mandal expressed concern over irregular power supply, which they said was preventing them from irrigating their fields and causing crops to wither.The agitating farmers staged a dharna on the main road near the Teegalaveni electricity substation in Gudur mandal. They said timely electricity was essential to operate agricultural pump sets and provide adequate water to their standing crops.



The protesters expressed frustration over the difficulties faced in managing their agricultural activities amid uncertain power availability.Local BRS leaders arrived at the substation and extended their support to the farmers. They alleged that repeated complaints to the concerned officials had failed to resolve the issue and criticised the Congress government over the reported power disruptions. The leaders warned that the agitation would continue until the electricity supply problems were addressed.

The protesters maintained that uninterrupted power was crucial for protecting crops and preventing financial losses to farmers. They urged the electricity department to take immediate steps to ensure a consistent supply, particularly during critical irrigation periods.

The agitation was called off after the Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of the electricity department gave assurances regarding the farmers’ grievances. Gudur Sub-Inspector Ramesh Babu was present during the discussions that led to the conclusion of the protest.Former ZPTC member Ravula Srinath Reddy, TRS town president G. Veeru Naik, Dhanasari PACS director Kondreddy Ravinder Reddy, Beruwada sarpanch Esam Lakshminarayana, ward member Age Ramu, Banoth Venkanna and others participated in the protest.The farmers urged officials to fulfil their assurances and ensure reliable electricity to safeguard agricultural production and livelihoods.

Six-year-old boy drowns in Godavari at Pusur in Mulugu

A six-year-old boy drowned in river Godavari at Pusur of Wajedu mandal in the district on Thursday. According to sources, the deceased boy Kummari Hemanth (6) of the village, along with his friend Revanth, went to attend nature's call near the lift irrigation scheme built on the Godavari.

Hemanth was said to have accidentally slipped and fell into the Godavari. He drowned and died at water level at the spot. Revanth, who was on the bank, ran home in fear. As the boy was missing as it was time to go to school, the family members searched the village.When they found out that Revanth had gone with him, they called the boy and inquired. When he said that he had fallen into Godavari, a search operation was launched and Hemanth's body was recovered. The local police registered a case and took up investigation into the incident.

KTR backs journalist Rekha Mudiraj after questioning at police station

BRS working president KT Rama Rao extended support to journalist Rekha Mudiraj after she was questioned for several hours at a Hyderabad police station while accompanied by her infant. The BRS alleged the questioning raised concerns over media freedom.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



BRS working president KT Rama Rao has extended support to journalist Rekha Mudiraj after she was allegedly questioned for several hours at a police station while accompanied by her six-month-old child.

According to the BRS, police registered a case against Rekha and summoned her for questioning over the broadcast of a press conference organised by the opposition party on her YouTube channel. The party alleged that she was questioned for around eight hours and was not allowed to breastfeed her infant during the proceedings.

Rama Rao, who had been following the developments since Wednesday night, spoke to Rekha over the phone on Thursday and enquired about the incident. He assured her that the BRS would stand by her and provide necessary support, urging her not to lose courage. He also expressed his intention to meet her personally after recovering from his illness.

Acting on Rama Rao's instructions, BRS leaders and women representatives visited Rekha's residence and met her family members. They assured the family of legal assistance and support from the party.

The BRS strongly criticised the government over the alleged prolonged questioning of a woman journalist accompanied by an infant. The party questioned the action taken against her for broadcasting an opposition press conference and said the incident raised serious concerns about media freedom and the working conditions of journalists.

The opposition party maintained that journalists must be allowed to carry out their professional responsibilities without undue pressure or intimidation. It also assured Rekha and her family that the party would continue to support them and assist them in addressing the matter through appropriate legal channels. The incident has brought renewed attention to concerns surrounding press freedom, police procedures and the treatment of journalists while performing their professional duties.

TGSRTC union elections set for October 9 in erstwhile Khammam

KHAMMAM
Wakeup telangana

All is set for recognised union election in Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) in erstwhile Khammam district.

Around 1,791 workers across seven depots in Khammam district are set to exercise their right to vote on October 9. The union elections taking place after a gap of nearly ten years have generated considerable excitement and anticipation.

Key issues on the agenda include the merger of the RTC with the government, implementation of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) recommendations, payment of wage arrears, staff shortages and job security besides reducing work pressure resulting from the introduction of free bus travel for women under Mahalakshmi scheme.

A topic drawing particular attention in these elections is the role of new voters. There has been a gap of nearly ten years since the last recognition union elections were held in 2016. A large number of newly recruited employees have been added to the voters' list during this period.

As many as 12 trade unions are in the electoral fray. These include the Employees Union, Telangana Mazdoor Union, Staff and Workers Federation, National Mazdoor Union, Karmika Sangh, Karmika Parishad, Bahujan Workers Union, Telangana RTC Workers Union, Staff and Workers Union, Samajika Telangana Mazdoor Union, Bahujan Karmika Union, and Telangana Jathiya Mazdoor Union.

Though there are 12 unions contesting the recognised union elections, the primary competition is between two alliances. The Telangana RTC Workers union (Ashwathama Reddy faction) and the Staff and Workers Federation (SWF) are contesting as one alliance.

The Employees Union, National Mazdoor union (NMU), and Telangana Mazdoor union (TMU Thomas Reddy faction) are contesting as another alliance. The election results are expected on October 17.

AIMIM MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Inspects Water Pollution in Hakeempet



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin inspected water pollution and low water pressure issues in Hakeempet, under the Karwan Assembly constituency, following concerns over the local water supply.During the visit, he assessed the problems faced by residents and reviewed the situation regarding the quality and pressure of drinking water.

Gattu Ravinder Participates in Yoga Programme for Senior Citizens

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



An awareness and yoga training programme was organised at the Pranam Day Care Centre in Sangareddy on October 1 to mark the International Day of Older Persons 2026. The programme focused on promoting healthy, active and dignified ageing among senior citizens.

Retired Divisional Accounts Officer Gattu Ravinder participated in the programme and interacted with elderly participants. The event highlighted the importance of regular yoga, physical activity, meditation and a balanced lifestyle for maintaining physical and mental well-being in old age.

The programme was conducted as part of Elder-Friendly Awareness Week 2026, based on the theme, "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives." Senior citizens enthusiastically took part in yoga exercises and meditation under expert guidance.

Officials and representatives, including CDPO Chandrakala, Child Protection Officer Ratnam, Senior Assistant Venkatesham, Field Response Officer Satish, Red Cross Society member Jyothi, District Women Empowerment Coordinator Pallavi, Community Educator Umera and Venkat, attended the programme.

Pranam Day Care Centre representatives Mamatha, Jayashree and Sai were also present. Organisers stressed the importance of social interaction, community support and an active lifestyle in helping senior citizens lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

Vikarabad farmers protest frequent power cuts, demand adequate supply



VIKARABAD
Wakeup telangana

Unable to bear frequent power cuts, farmers from Kerelli, Ibbanur, Kondapur, Kurdu and Bacharam villages under Vikarabad constituency staged a protest on the Vikarabad-Tandur road on Thursday, demanding sufficient power supply.

The farmers squatted on the road and raised slogans against the State government. They said insufficient and erratic power supply was causing additional losses as agriculture pump sets motors were frequently getting burned out.

The farmers said power supply improved slightly at night, but the situation during the day was extremely difficult due to frequent interruptions. They alleged that electricity department staff were cutting power arbitrarily in the name of Line Clearance, making it difficult to ensure regular irrigation for their crops.

Although the State government had promised 24-hour quality power supply, the farmers expressed frustration that the assurance remained unfulfilled. They alleged that across substations and villages in the Vikarabad constituency, they were receiving quality power for only two to three hours a day.

Congress Holds Protest in Mudhole Against Rahul Gandhi's Arrest

NIRMAL
Wakeup telangana



Congress leaders and party workers staged a protest at the Mudhole mandal headquarters on Wednesday against the arrest of Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. The protest was led by former Mudhole MLA G. Vitthal Reddy, following directions from the All India Congress Committee (AICC), Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, and Nirmal District DCC president and Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju Patel.Congress leaders observed the day as a "Black Day" in protest against the arrest of their leader. The demonstration was held on the Nizamabad–Bhainsa National Highway, expressing solidarity with the ongoing protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, where Congress leaders are demanding the resignation of the Election Commission of India.During the protest, Congress leaders strongly condemned Rahul Gandhi's arrest and reiterated their demand for the resignation of the Election Commission. They stated that safeguarding democratic values, protecting people's rights and ensuring transparency in the electoral process were essential for a healthy democracy.The protest in Mudhole was organised to express solidarity with the Congress agitation underway in Delhi and to highlight the party's concerns regarding the functioning of the Election Commission.Mudhole Mandal Congress president Kishtaiah, Nirmal District DCC secretary Bashir Ahmed, DCC general secretary Pothanna Yadav, Afroz Khan, former Mudhole MPP Surender Reddy, Syed Khalid Makhdoom, Srinivas Goud, Ram Reddy, Mahender Goud, and several other Congress leaders and party workers participated in the protest.

Eatala Rajender Attends Aliabad Municipal General Body Meeting



ALIABAD
Wakeup telangana

Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender participated in the Municipal General Body Meeting held at the Aliabad Municipal Council office under the chairpersonship of Chairperson Kattam Sirisha.The meeting discussed ongoing development works, infrastructure facilities and public issues within the municipality.

Participants deliberated on measures to improve civic amenities and address residents' needs.Municipal councillors, officials and other representatives attended the meeting.

Gajjel Nagesh Distributes Sarees to Women Ahead of Bathukamma and Navratri

HYDERABAD
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Former Telangana Beverages Corporation Chairman and BRS leader Gajjel Nagesh distributed sarees to women from Ward No. 2, Arjun Nagar, ahead of the upcoming Bathukamma and Navratri festivals.The programme was held at his residence in Gunrock, where he presented sarees to women and extended festive greetings, wishing them happiness and prosperity.Speaking on the occasion, Nagesh recalled that the previous BRS government, under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao, distributed Bathukamma sarees annually to women across Telangana as part of its welfare initiatives.He said that BRS remained committed to women's welfare and dignity, irrespective of whether the party was in power, and would continue to stand by the people and raise their concerns.Senior BRS leaders Jangli Raju, Ramachander, Swaroopamma, Lakshmi, Roopa, Shanthamma and Mounika, along with Lavanya, women residents and other party members, participated in the programme.

Low-Voltage Fluctuation Disrupts Drinking Water Supply in Matoor

MATOOR
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Drinking water supply in Matoor Village, Motakondur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, is likely to be affected on Friday after electrical components of the village drinking water filtration system were reportedly damaged due to power-voltage fluctuations.

According to the Matoor Gram Panchayat, the fluctuation reportedly resulted in damage to the water filter motor, pump, capacitor and relay coil, affecting the functioning of the drinking water system.

The Gram Panchayat has informed villagers that drinking water supply may not be available on Friday, October 9, as repairs are being taken up. The supply is expected to resume from Saturday, October 10, subject to completion of the repair work.

Villagers have requested the Matoor Gram Panchayat to take up the repair work on a war-footing basis and restore the drinking water supply at the earliest.

Residents said regular drinking water is essential for their daily needs and urged the authorities to avoid prolonged disruption.

They also requested the concerned officials to examine the issue of power-voltage fluctuations and take suitable preventive measures to protect the water supply equipment from further damage.

While appealing to villagers to cooperate during the temporary disruption, residents urged the Gram Panchayat to ensure that regular drinking water supply is restored without delay.



SIR row: Former judges caution against unsubstantiated 'vote theft' claims

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In a strongly worded open letter, 42 former judges, including former Supreme Court and High Court judges, on Thursday expressed grave concern over what they described as a sustained campaign to undermine the Election Commission, judiciary and other constitutional institutions.

The signatories questioned allegations of "vote theft" without supporting evidence, warning that repeatedly branding constitutional authorities as "thieves" and "compromised" could erode public trust in democracy.

"Criticism of institutions is a democratic right. Denigration is not," the letter, signed by former Supreme Court judges Hemant Gupta and Pankaj Mittal, among others, said.

CJP stages 'chappal protest' in Bengaluru in solidarity with women

BENGALURU
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Members of the Cockroach Janta Party on Thursday staged a 'chappal protest' in Bengaluru condemning crimes against women and demanded safety and appropriate action.

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, co-convener Ashutosh Ranka and spokesperson Saurav Das joined the protest and expressed solidarity with women and the protesters raised slogans of 'Azadi' (freedom), 'Ek kachori, do samosa', and 'Mahila mange Azadi'.

Demanding the right to live safely and exercise their rights without fear, women carried posters that read 'Fight like a girl, they say, so we are here', and 'Scrap SIR, Save Democracy'.

While many waved the national flag, one of the protesters held a chappal and said women should use it against those who try to suppress them. The protesters said safety was not only a woman's right but also the government's responsibility.

The protesters expressed solidarity with women who were allegedly assaulted recently during an agitation in Delhi against alleged irregularities in the SIR exercise.

Several women joined the protest after taking time off from their work and some brought their children too.

"This protest is in solidarity with all the women. This is about being treated as women and as human beings. We are human and deserve equal rights. We should neither be treated as second-class citizens nor as goddesses. We stand in solidarity with child brides, women who have been murdered or raped, victims of dowry-related crimes and every other form of violence. We want equal rights for women," said Nivedita, a volunteer with CJP.

Sanah, a lawyer, said that as a woman, she has herself experienced the impact of a patriarchal society. "I believe it is time for us to stand up for what is right and work towards ending violence against women," she added.

Didi Claims Vote Loot by BJP in WB Assembly Bypoll

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana



Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday alleged large-scale vote loot by BJP at the assembly bypoll in two seats, Nandigram in East Midnapore and Rejinagar in Murshidabad, before her New Delhi visit to meet President Droupadi Murmu in a delegation of INDIA bloc leaders. Referring to the October 6-bypoll, the Mamata Trinamul Congress chief claimed, "No election has taken place yet like this. Have you ever heard of anyone declaring before an election exactly how many votes they will win by? This clearly raises questions about calculated voting, bogus voting, rigging and vote loot. Such practices cannot continue for long. No one can remain in power indefinitely by looting votes."Sharing details about her Delhi visit, Ms Banerjee said, "I earlier decided not to attend the programme. Since my name was included and the organisers personally requested my presence, I have decided to go especially when a movement is underway. It is also not appropriate for us to remain absent at such an important time."

She added, "I may join the protest at Jantar Mantar scheduled for October 10 but it is not confirmed now. I am going to Delhi for Bengal and for the people of the entire country. I also intend to approach the Honourable President of India and seek the signatures and support of leaders from political parties across the country." She also condemned the attack on CPI(M) leader and former Rajya Sabha MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya's residence in the city by a motorcycle-borne miscreant in the morning.

Ms Banerjee posted on X-handle, "After Baruipur Court, Bankshall Court, Chandannagar and Salboni, another brutal attack today. This time at the residence of Sr Advocate Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya in Kolkata. Evidence on video confirms the brazenness such attackers have towards law enforcement in West Bengal." She added, "I strongly condemn such continuing attacks on the legal fraternity. It is true that in the past 15 years Bikash da and us have often been on different sides of the ideological and legal divide. However, the line of decency was never crossed."

Odisha Bandh Disrupts Normal Life; Transport, Mining Operations Hit

BHUBANESWAR
Wakeup telangana



Normal life was disrupted across Odisha on Thursday as the Congress-led INDIA bloc enforced a 12-hour statewide bandh, with buses and autorickshaws staying off the roads, shops and markets remaining closed and road and mining operations affected at several places.

The bandh, observed from 6 am to 6 pm, was called over four major demands — withdrawal of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2026, resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the electoral roll revision, resignation of school and mass education minister Nityananda Gond over alleged errors in school textbooks, and immediate relief for flood-affected families.

The impact was particularly visible in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Sambalpur, Bhadrak and several other districts. In the capital, protesters blocked roads at several locations, while bus and autorickshaw movement came to a halt at Master Canteen. Additional police personnel were deployed across the city, with around 18 platoons and 100 officers kept ready to maintain law and order. Public transport remained the biggest casualty.

Although the state private bus owners' association had not extended support to the bandh, services were disrupted at several places amid picketing and road blockades. The Nikhila Utkal Auto Chalak Sangha kept autorickshaws off the roads, citing security concerns. Several passengers were left stranded. In Cuttack, a group of five persons who had visited Puri said they could not return home after finding no buses.

A surgeon heading to Capital Hospital in Bhubaneswar was also reportedly stopped by protesters before being allowed to proceed after explaining that he had scheduled surgeries. The bandh had a major impact on the mining belt of Sundargarh. At Koida, protesters blocked the main intersection, halting mineral transportation from several mines. Railway sidings remained closed and goods trains were reportedly stopped, while mining operations, shops and markets were shut.

In Malkangiri, schools, shops and markets remained closed and vehicular movement was disrupted across all seven blocks. In Sambalpur, women Congress leaders adopted an unusual form of picketing at the Collectorate, handing flowers to employees and urging them to stop work.

CBI Arrests 4 in Multi-State Exam Racket

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested four people, including a CGST inspector, in connection with an alleged impersonation and cheating network operating across Delhi, Bihar, Haryana and West Bengal. The agency's Special Task Branch in Mumbai carried out coordinated raids across the four states following the registration of an FIR on a complaint by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection, officials said on Thursday.

The accused allegedly "fraudulently infiltrated multiple stages of the selection process", including written examinations and interviews, by physically posing as candidates, the CBI said in a statement. The agency said the alleged impersonation undermined the integrity of public examinations and deprived "genuine, hard-working aspirants of their rightful opportunities". The investigation is continuing to identify other people involved and establish their roles in the alleged racket, the CBI said.

Central Team Arrives In Maharashtra To Assess Drought

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana



An 11-member Central government inter-ministerial team on Thursday arrived in Maharashtra to take stock of the drought situation and assess the extent of damage in drought-affected districts, amid the state government's demand for a relief package for farmers. The team will begin its field visits on Friday and is scheduled to visit Beed, Jalna and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in Marathwada; Pune, Ahilyanagar and Solapur in western Maharashtra; and Yavatmal and Nagpur in the Vidarbha region. The team is expected to assess the ground situation and submit its findings to the Centre.

The team is headed by Muktanand Agrawal, Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and includes administrative and technical officials from several Union ministries and departments, including agriculture, water resources, rural development, drinking water, food and public distribution, animal husbandry, finance and NITI Aayog. Following the team's arrival in Mumbai, a meeting was held at Sahyadri Guest House in the presence of senior Maharashtra government officials, including Chief Secretary Rajesh Agrawal and ACS, Relief and Rehabilitation Department, Vinita Ved Singal.

Officials said the Central team will remain in the state until Sunday. For the field assessment, the 11-member team has been divided into three groups. The first team will inspect Ahilyanagar, Solapur and Pune in western Maharashtra, while the second team will visit Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Jalna and Beed in Marathwada. The third team will assess the situation in Nagpur, Yavatmal and adjoining drought-affected areas of Vidarbha.

Nadda Says India Close To TB Elimination Goal

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union health minister J.P. Nadda on Thursday said India was "very close" to achieving its tuberculosis (TB) elimination goal as he launched the Joint Squad for Health (JOSH) initiative, which will mobilise more than 58,000 youth volunteers to strengthen the fight against the disease at the grassroots level. Speaking at the launch at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Nadda said TB incidence in India had declined by 21 per cent, compared with a global decline of 12 per cent. Treatment coverage in the country had reached 92 per cent, against the global average of 78 per cent, he said.

"We have reached very close to the target. We need to give the last push," the minister said, calling for greater public participation to achieve the TB-free India goal. The JOSH initiative will bring together MY Bharat volunteers and National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets to strengthen community mobilisation, screening, early diagnosis and treatment. Nadda said the government had already involved MPs, MLAs, mayors and councillors in the campaign through workshops and other programmes. However, eliminating TB would require sustained participation from volunteers and grassroots workers, he added.

"We do not want to confine this campaign within any boundaries. We want to break those boundaries and move forward," he said. The minister said the campaign would go beyond awareness and preventive measures to focus on active case finding, identifying asymptomatic patients, early diagnosis and ensuring treatment. He urged JOSH volunteers to coordinate with Nikshay volunteers, Nikshay activists and Nikshay Mitras to ensure that TB patients received medicines and nutritional support. Nadda said coordinated efforts by the government, healthcare workers, volunteers and communities were essential to give the TB elimination campaign its final push.

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On semiconductor manufacturing, he said India's domestic ecosystem was expanding rapidly, with commercial production already underway at five locations. The next phase of the India Semiconductor Mission would focus on localising the entire supply chain, he said.

Modi recalled launching 5G services from the IMC platform in 2022 and predicting their expansion in 2023. He said 5G connectivity had now reached every district through more than 5.5 lakh base stations, increasing internet speeds tenfold.

He credited the IMC with helping advance India's telecom ambitions and said it had emerged as a platform for the country's progress and aspirations. Referring to the congress theme, "scale without boundaries", he said India's experience demonstrated how such expansion could be achieved. Modi said that while global telecom discussions focused on spectrum, towers and network speeds, mobile phones had become a tool of good governance in India over the past 10-12 years and were central to the Digital India vision. He said India's telecom growth, affordable devices and large user base had drawn global interest, but urged delegates to examine the purpose and approach behind these developments to understand the country's priorities. Modi said modern technology was becoming a privilege of a few a decade ago. The Digital India campaign placed mobile phones at the centre of efforts to widen access through telecom reforms, infrastructure expansion and domestic device manufacturing. "This was a very big effort for the democratisation of technology," he said. He said wider access to mobile phones and data had improved people's ease of living and helped offices, banks and schools continue functioning during the pandemic. Digital education was also bringing quality learning within reach of children in remote villages, including the poorest, he said. Citing the national Diksha platform, Modi said it had facilitated more than five billion learning sessions and 60 billion learning minutes during the pandemic up to July 2022. "Now our effort is to connect about 25 crore students.

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Musk's direct attack on Ambani and Gandhi's swift intervention turned a high-stakes corporate regulatory impasse over satellite broadband spectrum into a full-scale political confrontation. The Ministry of Communications strongly rebutted charges of favoritism or administrative bias, describing allegations that its authorization regime is discriminatory as "baseless and misconceived." The government maintained that all three major satellite communication contenders—Musk's Starlink, Reliance Jio Satcom, and Bharti Airtel-backed Eutelsat OneWeb—stand on an equal regulatory footing, with operational rollout strictly subject to ongoing national security evaluations and data compliance protocols.

Bharti Airtel chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal similarly dismissed claims of an unfair playing field, emphasizing that his venture, Eutelsat OneWeb, is undergoing identical compliance scrutinies while awaiting final clearances. With the country's main Opposition leader seizing upon the American billionaire's comments, the contentious standoff over India's digital communications space has transformed from an administrative debate into a high-octane political debate on crony capitalism and market access.

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Now, we will be further streamlining this process of registration so that there is total clarity in the process," she said. "The council has decided to introduce automatic acceptance of routine changes in registration particulars, including an additional place of business, even the cancellation of registration by the taxpayer will be made easy. Faster refunds, the second, which is important, the acknowledgement period will come down from 15 to 10 days, with deemed acknowledgment where no response is issued," she said. For small business houses, the finance minister also said the council has simplified the registration mechanism for small taxpayers making supplies through e-commerce platforms. To protect for honest taxpayers, there was an agenda on amending Section 162C of the CGST Act.

CRIME

Retired Employee Loses ₹18 Lakh in Digital Arrest Scam

Bank Manager's Alertness Prevents Further ₹2 Lakh Transfer

KAPRA
Wakeup telangana

A 66-year-old retired employee from ECIL was allegedly cheated of around ₹18 lakh by cyber fraudsters in a digital arrest scam. A further transfer of ₹2 lakh was stopped after a bank manager noticed the victim's distressed state and alerted the police.

The victim, a resident of AS Rao Nagar Colony near Pace School, visited the Bank of Baroda, AS Rao Nagar branch, at around 3 p.m. on Thursday to transfer ₹2 lakh from his account to an unidentified account. Observing that he appeared frightened and distressed, the branch manager suspected a possible digital arrest scam and immediately alerted Inspector Sandeep.

Kushaiguda DI G. Venkateshwarlu, ECIU SI Tarun and Police Constable Raju (Cyber Warrior) reached the bank, collected details from the victim and later visited his residence for further inquiry.

During questioning, the victim reportedly stated that he received a video call from an unidentified person through Facebook on October 5. The fraudsters allegedly recorded the video and threatened to circulate it on social media. They reportedly claimed that the video had already been uploaded on YouTube and demanded money for its removal. Similar threats were allegedly made regarding X and Instagram.

The fraudsters subsequently posed as police officials and allegedly intimidated the victim, demanding around ₹30 lakh. The victim told police that he had already transferred approximately ₹18 lakh to the fraudsters.

Police found that the victim had around ₹80 lakh in cash, fixed deposits and other deposits across his accounts. They intervened immediately and prevented him from transferring the additional ₹2 lakh.

The victim was counselled about digital arrest scams and other forms of cyber fraud. Police advised him not to communicate with the fraudsters, respond to their calls or messages, or comply with any further financial demands.

Based on the information provided by the victim, suspicious transactions were reported through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal. Police are collecting digital evidence, bank transaction details, account information and other technical evidence.

Police said a case would be registered and further investigation taken up based on the victim's complaint. The timely intervention by the bank officials and police prevented the victim from suffering an additional financial loss, police said.

Modified Silencers Crushed Under Road Roller

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Warangal traffic police have cracked down on modified silencers fitted to vehicles, citing their contribution to noise pollution and public inconvenience. Around 350 silencers seized from vehicles were crushed under a road roller at the Pochamma Maidan Circle here on Thursday. The drive was carried out on the direction of police commissioner N. Shwetha, IPS, under the supervision of traffic additional DCP Rayala Prabhakar Rao. traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, inspectors and other personnel participated in the programme.

The traffic police had seized the silencers during vehicle inspections after finding that they had been altered in violation of prescribed standards to produce excessive noise. The seized silencers were subsequently destroyed using a road roller.

Speaking on the occasion, Prabhakar Rao said the use of modified silencers resulted in excessive noise pollution and caused considerable inconvenience to the public. Students, elderly persons and those suffering from health problems were particularly affected by such noise, he said. He advised motorists to use only the original silencers fitted by vehicle manufacturers and warned that legal action would be taken against those who modify silencers to produce excessive noise. Traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, inspectors including Sujatha and other.

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

4 Unauthorised Clinics Identified

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

Two Killed After DU Student's Car Hits Workers on Dwarka Expressway

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Two labourers were killed, while three others, including the driver of a speeding hatchback, were injured after the car went out of control and hit the workers near Shri Ram Chowk along the Dwarka Expressway early Thursday, police said.The accident occurred when the labourers were installing iron grilles to secure the divider near Shriram Chowk. After positioning the grille, two of them were tightening the screws while the other two stood holding it in place when they saw a white Chevrolet Beat approaching from Delhi direction and going out of control.

The car, allegedly driven by a 20-year-old Delhi University student, ploughed straight into the youths who were standing by the crash barrier, leaving two youths dead on the spot, police said.

The other two workers leapt towards the green belt along the middle of the expressway to save their lives. The car then came to a halt after crashing into a wall.

Anand Asks Cops to Improve Investigation Standards

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Director-General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand on Thursday directed senior police officers to strengthen the implementation of the new criminal laws, improve investigation standards and take measures to improve the state's national ranking. At a high-level review meeting, Anand assessed the implementation of the new laws and the performance of police units lagging behind in the state's crime rankings.

He said Telangana had a score of 60.15 in the national-level assessment of the implementation of the new criminal laws. The assessment was based on four parameters — administrative reforms (20 per cent), operational efficiency (45 per cent), ICT application (25 per cent) and integration (10 per cent). The DGP said there was considerable scope to improve the state's ranking through effective implementation of Zero FIR, online charge sheets, e-Sakshya, e-Summons and Nyaya Shruti.

He directed officers to ensure time-bound investigations and make effective use of the Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS). He also stressed the need to improve the disposal of cases under investigation, conviction rates and the overall quality of investigations. Referring to the performance of ERAGLE Force and the Cyber Security Bureau, Anand said periodic reviews and corrective measures had helped both wings achieve significant results at the national level.

He said the EAGLE Force had emerged as the top-performing unit in the country, while Telangana's efforts to combat cybercrime had also received national recognition. Similar reviews should be conducted in other police units to identify deficiencies and take corrective measures at the field level, he said.

The meeting reviewed six major areas, including disposal of cases under investigation, the tracking system for sexual offences, disposal of pending trial cases, registration of FIRs at crime scenes and effective use of e-Sakshya.

EDITORIAL

NO COMPULSION TO SING VANDE MATARAM WELCOME

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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.



Dreame Technology Announces Festive Discounts on Smart Home Products

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Dreame Technology, a global smart home innovation brand, has announced special festive offers across its home cleaning and personal care product portfolio during the Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026 sale. The offers cover robotic vacuum cleaners, wet and dry vacuum cleaners, cordless stick vacuums and hair dryers.

The festive deals are available on Amazon India and will also be offered at the same promotional prices through the Dreame India website, Croma and Reliance Retail. Customers can benefit from no-cost EMI options, select bank offers and cashback deals on eligible products.Among the robotic vacuum cleaners, the Dreame X60 Ultra Complete is available for ₹1,29,999, compared with its earlier price of ₹1,34,999. The L50s Pro Ultra is priced at ₹69,999, while the L50 Ultra CE costs ₹53,999.

The D30 Ultra is available for ₹44,999, and the D20 Ultra is priced at ₹42,999.Other offers include the L50 Plus at ₹33,999, the L50 at ₹26,999 and the F10 at ₹17,999. The L10 Prime is available for ₹31,998, while the D10 Plus Gen 2 is priced at ₹22,999.In the stick vacuum cleaner category, the Dreame R20 is offered at ₹24,499, down from ₹36,999. The R10 Pro is available for ₹15,999, while the H12 Core costs ₹18,999.

The H12 Dual and H12 Dual FlexReach are priced at ₹33,999 and ₹43,999, respectively. The Mova J10 and Mova J20 are available for ₹5,499 and ₹7,999.For personal care, the Dreame Gleam and Glory hair dryers are both priced at ₹5,499 under the announced offers.Manu Sharma, Managing Director of Dreame Technology India, said the festive campaign aims to make smart home and personal care solutions more accessible to Indian consumers, helping simplify daily routines and provide greater convenience.

The company also highlighted its after-sales support network, which covers more than 165 cities across India. Services include product pick-up and drop facilities, virtual and on-site installation assistance, and a dedicated customer support helpline.The helpline operates from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.Dreame said the promotional prices are available for a limited period and remain subject to product availability and applicable offer conditions.

TUCPA, TUC Synod Honour 21 Air Force Officers and Senior Pastors on Air Force Day

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana United Christians and Pastors Association (TUCPA), in association with the TUC Synod, organised a special celebration to mark the 94th Indian Air Force Day, honouring 21 Indian Air Force officers and senior pastors for their dedicated service.

The event recognised the bravery, commitment and sacrifices of Air Force personnel in safeguarding the nation's security and peace. The organisers also felicitated senior pastors aged between 65 and 92 years, acknowledging their decades of spiritual leadership, moral guidance and contributions to community welfare.

Bishops and pastors representing various mainstream churches from across Telangana attended the programme, demonstrating unity and respect for both national service and spiritual leadership.

Delegates appreciated the arrangements made by Goneh Solomon Raj, General Secretary of TUCPA and the TUC Synod. They also expressed gratitude to the presidents and committee members for their efforts in making the celebration successful.

TUCPA works towards the welfare of the Christian minority community, Protestant denominations and church leaders while promoting social harmony and interfaith engagement.

Committee members included Rev. M. Purshotham, Rev. P. Menno Joel, Bishop M. Bhasker, Bishop Joseph Anjanna, C. Hemalatha, D. Shobha and M. Shalini.

Amazon Delivery Partners Get Starry Surprise Before 'The Traitors Telugu' Launch

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of the premiere of Prime Video's upcoming reality series The Traitors Telugu on October 15, Amazon organised a special fan experience in Hyderabad, bringing together entertainment and its delivery associates.

During the trailer launch and contestant reveal event held on October 6, popular Telugu actor Teja Sajja, who hosts The Traitors Telugu, surprised five Amazon delivery associates with a special meet-and-greet opportunity. The initiative offered the associates a chance to interact with the actor and experience the excitement surrounding the upcoming show.

The interaction was designed to recognise Amazon's delivery associates and provide them with a memorable experience beyond their everyday responsibilities. Photographs, videos and behind-the-scenes content from the meeting were also shared on social media, generating conversations around the show and extending the experience to a wider audience.

The Traitors Telugu will begin streaming on Prime Video from October 15, 2026. The Telugu adaptation follows the success of two seasons of the Hindi editions of The Traitors, bringing the internationally acclaimed reality television franchise to Telugu-speaking audiences.

The show is expected to offer viewers a mix of strategy, deception, suspense and psychological gameplay, with contestants navigating challenges while attempting to identify those secretly working against the group.

Sharing his experience, Kuntala Shiva, a delivery associate at Amazon India, said he was thrilled to meet Teja Sajja in person. He described the interaction as a special experience and said being part of the launch celebrations made the occasion even more memorable.

Another delivery associate, Dinesh Yadav, said meeting the actor was a moment he would cherish. Having watched Teja Sajja's films, he said he had never imagined getting an opportunity to interact with him personally. He added that speaking with the actor, taking a photograph and participating in the celebration made the experience particularly meaningful.

The initiative highlighted Amazon's effort to create engaging experiences for its delivery associates while connecting them with popular entertainment moments.

With its October 15 premiere approaching, The Traitors Telugu is preparing to introduce the franchise to a wider regional audience.

Merchant Fee on UPI Payments May Be Deferred Till January 1

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The implementation of the new merchant discount rate (MDR) on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions above Rs 2000 is likely to be deferred to January 1, 2027, instead of the earlier proposed October 15 rollout date. "Most likely the roll out will just be delayed till January. An announcement is expected in the next few days," a senior industry official told DC. The move comes as merchant associations, retailers, fintech companies requested for a deferral.

A final decision on delaying the rollout is yet to be taken by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) that operates and manages the UPI. Discussions regarding this matter are also underway with the Ministry of Finance. Merchants, trade associations, MSME retailers had raised concerns that the introduction of MDR from October 15, coincides with the festive season (which starts from October and lasts till December) where a large share of transactions crosses the Rs 2,000 limit.

They had argued that the introduction of MDR would put further pressure on them and also affect consumer purchasing behaviour. On the other hand, payment companies have asked for a deferral to allow them to upgrade their systems for the rollout. These issues were recently discussed by the UPI Steering Committee. Last month, the NPCI had announced that effective October 15 an MDR of 0.4 per cent will be introduced on Person-to-Merchant (P2M) UPI transactions above ₹2,000 while high value purchases of Rs ₹75,000 and above will attract MDR fee of ₹300 per transaction.

Trader associations urge NPCI to defer UPI MDR rollout beyond festive season

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Traders' bodies have requested the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to defer the rollout of recently announced merchant discount rates (MDR) on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions scheduled for October 15, according to a report.

The report from NDTV Profit — citing sources — said trade associations proposed delaying the new charges until after the festive season or into early next year, citing concerns about the impact on merchants during a peak sales period.

NPCI, which designed the revised MDR framework in consultation with stakeholders, has not yet taken a decision.

Under the new rules, a flat levy of Rs 5 will apply to select merchant categories for UPI payments above Rs 2,000, while large merchant payments above Rs 2,000 will attract a fee of 0.4 per cent, capped at Rs 300, NPCI had said.

Capital-market payments, such as mutual funds and securities transactions, will face a lower MDR of 0.02 per cent, also subject to a Rs 300 cap per transaction.

NPCI estimates the changes will affect only about 4 per cent of merchant transactions, leaving over 95 per cent of person-to-merchant UPI payments outside the MDR framework. Small merchants using peer-to-peer merchant models will continue to enjoy zero MDR.

No monthly quota or cap is imposed on free UPI usage for individual users, and they can continue to make UPI payments without an MDR charge on transactions within the applicable free framework.

The revised structure also creates a dedicated fund to promote UPI acceptance among small merchants, with 5 per cent of total MDR collections earmarked for the initiative. MDR revenue will be shared among players and is intended to support UPI expansion, cybersecurity and innovation. Banks have been advised to ensure merchants do not pass MDR charges on to customers.

Telangana's Data-Centre Push Faces Power, Water Test

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Telangana's plans to attract 8–10 GW of data centre investment face challenges from rising electricity demand and a projected water shortage, even as the state ranks among India's most attractive destinations for data centre investments. In the wake of higher than normal temperature caused by the El Nino weather phenomenon, the state recorded an all-time peak power demand of 19,543 MW last month, a 23 per cent increase over the corresponding day last year. Within Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, peak power demand reached 4,782 MW last summer and is projected to cross 5,000 MW next summer.

The growing demand for electricity, coupled with Hyderabad's projected domestic and industrial water shortfall of 240 million gallons per day (MGD) by 2027–28, has raised concerns over the availability of reliable power and water for cooling systems at large data centres. S&P Global recently placed Telangana alongside Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat at the top of its Data Centre Policy Attractiveness India Index. Telangana's ranking reflects its combination of power-related measures, regulatory support, land and capital incentives and operational assistance.

The state's Data Centres Policy promises dual-grid power supply, access to renewable energy, fibre infrastructure and continuous water supply for cooling systems, besides fiscal incentives. The policy also provides for renewable energy procurement through open access, explores captive solar and wind generation and promises electricity at generation cost for eligible data centres. Energy and utilities consultant Dr P. Sridhar said the ranking validated Telangana's early policy design but cautioned against relying on incentives without adequate grid infrastructure. "Telangana must publish a data-centre-specific transmission and renewable-procurement roadmap before approving further multi-gigawatt clusters," he said.

The Union power ministry informed Parliament in July 2026 that artificial intelligence (AI) data centres were expected to add 26.3 GW of electricity demand by 2031–32. The additional demand is expected to be integrated into the grid and met primarily through renewable energy. Cooling systems account for an estimated 40 per cent of a data centre's electricity consumption, placing additional demands on power generation, transmission, storage and backup infrastructure. For Telangana, the projected expansion of data centres would require coordinated planning for renewable energy procurement, grid upgrades and energy-efficient cooling systems.

IT solutions architect T. Kiran Reddy said investors required predictable regulations and reliable infrastructure rather than incentives alone. "Global hyperscalers are not looking only for cheap land or power tariffs. They want bankable power contracts, credible renewable supply, transparent water norms and predictable approvals. Telangana can lead if it converts its policy commitments into measurable service-level standards," he said. Water availability presents another challenge. Hyderabad is among India's data centre markets facing high water stress, with a projection estimating a domestic and industrial supply shortfall of 909 million litres per day, equivalent to 240 MGD, by 2027-28.

Amazon Makes Fresh Job Cuts, Mainly in Retail Division

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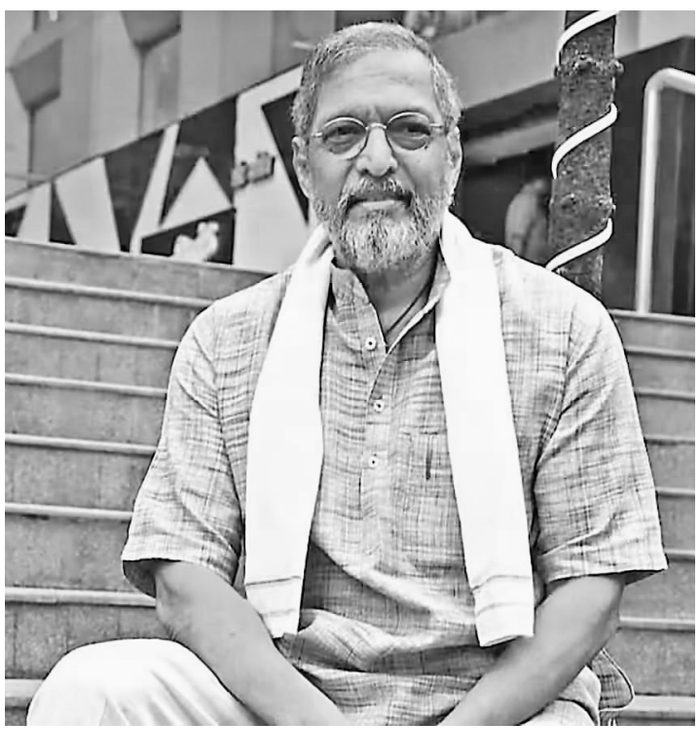
Amazon confirmed on Wednesday it had cut what it said were a small number of jobs, primarily in its Stores unit which oversees the main e-commerce website. The layoffs to its retail unit coincide with one of Amazon's biggest shopping days, which it calls Prime Big Deal Days. The promotion started on Tuesday and runs through Wednesday, offering varying discounts. The cuts are the latest in a series of small reductions since a larger round of 30,000 job cuts that began last year and continued into January. Some affected employees reached out to Reuters and shared posts from internal Slack channels about the news. Amazon let go fewer than 1,000 white-collar workers, a person familiar with the matter said. Business Insider earlier reported the layoffs.

"We've adjusted parts of our Stores business because we believe this structure will better enable us to deliver on our priorities," a spokesperson said in an emailed statement. The internal Slack channel suggested a number of divisions within Stores were involved, including customer service and selling partner services, and possibly other units across Amazon. Employees in the US, India and the UK were among those getting pink slips.

Jeff Bezos, the founder and executive chairman of Amazon, said in a Fox News interview aired Wednesday, that continued job cuts have been necessary because the company overhired during the pandemic. "People were staying home and they were ordering, and it was an incredible.

Nana Patekar Dies At 76

Veteran actor Nana Patekar, celebrated for his powerful performances in Hindi and Marathi cinema, died at his residence in Dona Paula near Panaji in the early hours of Thursday. He was 75. He is suspected to have suffered a heart attack, though the exact cause of death is yet to be established.According to news agency PTI, Patekar was found unconscious at his apartment and rushed to a private hospital. Doctors attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for nearly 45 minutes but could not revive him. He was declared dead at around 5.10 am, senior doctor Dr Shekhar Salkar said.A medico-legal case has been registered, and his body was sent to Goa Medical College and Hospital in Bambolim for a postmortem examination.According to information shared with doctors, Patekar had messaged a friend around 3.30 am, saying he was unwell. The friend noticed the message around 4 am and rushed to the actor's residence, where he was staying with a caretaker. An ambulance was subsequently dispatched, and treatment began during the journey to the hospital.The actor's sudden demise shocked fans and colleagues, particularly as he had reportedly appeared fit and attended an event recently.Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences, describing Patekar as an exceptional performer whose contribution to Hindi and Marathi cinema was immense. He said the actor's passing had left a deep void.Actor Akshay Kumar, who worked with Patekar in the Welcome franchise and Housefull 5, remembered his distinctive voice, intensity and honesty in performances. Actors R. Madhavan and Kangana Ranaut also expressed grief, recalling his influence and remarkable screen presence.Born Vishwanath Patekar into a Marathi family in Murud-Janjira, Maharashtra, he earned recognition through films such as Parinda, Tirangaa, Krantiveer, Khamoshi: The Musical and Prahaar: The Final Attack. He received three National Film Awards and the Padma Shri for his contributions to cinema.In 2018, actor Tanushree Dutta accused him of sexual harassment. Patekar denied the allegations, and the case was later closed due to insufficient evidence.He is survived by his wife and son Malhar.



'Baa Baa Black Sheep' gets praise from Meghalaya CM



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Telugu crime comedy 'Baa Baa Black Sheep', the first South Indian film to be shot entirely in Meghalaya, is gearing up for a worldwide theatrical release on October 9, 2026. The trailer, teaser and two songs released so far have received a positive response from audiences.

Against this backdrop, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma released a special video congratulating the team of 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'.

Calling it "a proud moment for our state", Conrad K Sangma said 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' was the first South Indian film to be shot entirely in Meghalaya and that the film would take the beauty of the State to audiences beyond its hills.

Referring to Meghalaya's mist-covered hills, breathtaking waterfalls, pristine rivers and living root bridges, he said, "Cinema is another wonderful opportunity to share our land with the world."

Sangma congratulated producer Venu Donepudi, Chitralayam Studios, the cast and the technical team. He thanked the team for choosing Meghalaya as the filming destination, placing their trust in the State and bringing its beauty to the big screen.

He also said film production creates opportunities for the youth and local communities, allowing them to showcase their talent and learn new skills. Sangma expressed his eagerness to welcome more filmmakers to the State.

Sangma said 'Baa Baa Black Sheep', which is releasing on October 9, would entertain audiences with humour, unexpected twists and diverse characters.

"When the natural beauty of Meghalaya captivates you on the big screen, come to theatres and experience its beauty, culture and warm hospitality for yourself," he said.

Producer Venu Donepudi said, "We are extremely grateful to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma, for his support and encouragement. The people of Meghalaya welcomed us with great warmth. The breathtaking landscapes and hospitality of the State brought life to 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'.

"We look forward to shooting many more films in this beautiful State. Sangma garu's encouragement means a lot to our entire team. We hope the film, releasing on October 9, will make Meghalaya proud."

'Baa Baa Black Sheep' is a new-age crime comedy made with a different concept. Presented by Donepudi Chakrapani and produced by Venu Donepudi under Chitralayam Studios, the film is directed.

Naresh Gotte Wins South Zone Tenpin Bowling Tournament Title in Hyderabad

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Telangana's Naresh Gotte clinched the title at the South Zone Tenpin Bowling Tournament, which concluded at Game Xtreme, Hitech City, Hyderabad, delivering an impressive performance to emerge champion from the eighth qualifying position.

In the final, played over two games on cumulative pinfall, eighth seed Naresh defeated top seed and fellow Telangana bowler Naveen Siddam by an aggregate score of 338–321. Naresh established a crucial 32-pin lead in the opening game, scoring 180 against Naveen's 148. Although Naveen fought back in the second game with 173 pins against Naresh's 158, the deficit proved too difficult to overcome. Naresh secured the championship with a 17-pin overall advantage.

Earlier, in the knockout rounds, fifth seed Anand Babu of Tamil Nadu defeated third seed Parthiban J, while seventh seed Shanmugananda of Karnataka also featured in the competition. In another contest, Naresh overcame Telangana's Aditya Varma and Andhra Pradesh's Goutham Abhilash to advance.

Naresh subsequently scored 356 pins to defeat Anand Babu (303) and second seed Mahipal Singh of Tamil Nadu (348), securing his place in the final against Naveen.



Naveen finished runner-up, while Mahipal Singh claimed third place. Anand Babu secured fourth, followed by Goutham Abhilash in fifth, Aditya Varma in sixth, Shanmugananda in seventh and Parthiban in eighth.

Naveen Siddam received two special awards for recording the highest average in a six-game block, at 202.33, and the highest average across 18 games, at 189.00.

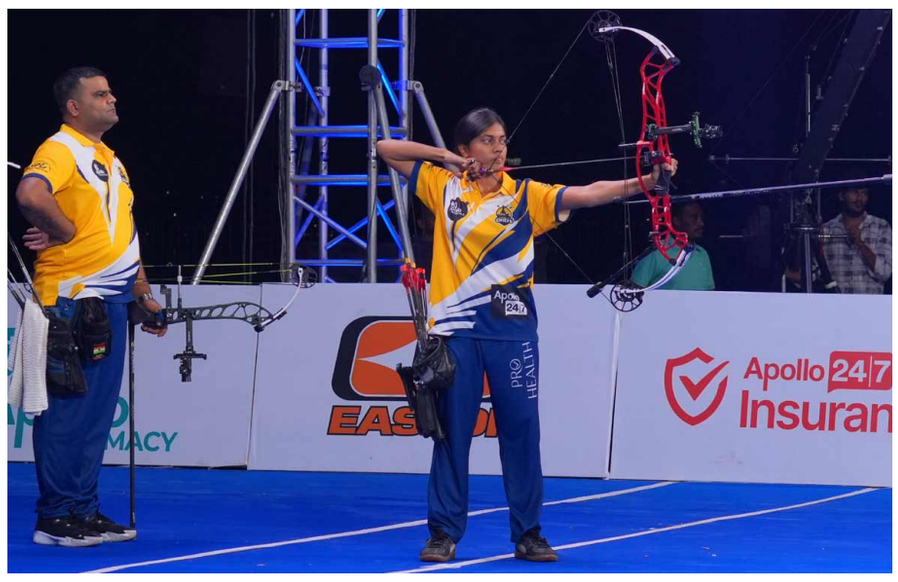
Naresh's victory highlighted his consistency and composure under pressure, as he converted an eighth-place qualifying finish into a memorable championship triumph on home lanes in Hyderabad.

Archery Premier League: Kakatiya Knights stun Mighty Marathas after comeback

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Kakatiya Knights pulled off a remarkable comeback after a poor start as they stunned Mighty Marathas on the opening night of Archery Premier League Season 2 here on Wednesday. On either side of the Knights' comeback win, defending champions Rajputana Royals and Chero Archers registered wins in regulation time against Prithviraaj Yodhas and Chola Chiefs respectively as the second season got underway at the People's Plaza on Necklace Road.

In the second match, Marathas suffered a remarkable collapse after opening their match by winning the first two sets, before losing the next two and then missing out in the shootoff against Kakatiya Knights. Nico Wiener and Neeraj Chauhan nailed the inner X-ring on the target face in the hit-or-miss shootout for Knights after the Marathas let slip a 4-0 advantage. Marathas paid the price for substituting their main recurve man, Dhiraj Bommadevara, after the first two sets. Bommadevara, the Archery World Cup Final champion, was in tremendous form, shooting three 10s and a 9 with his four arrows, before the Marathas brought on Mrinal Chauhan, who struggled right through as Knights bounced back.



In the first match of the evening, Rajputana Royals laid down the marker early on in Archery Premier League's second edition too as they beat Prithviraaj Yodhas 5-3 in a repeat of first season's final.

With compound archers Ojas Deotale and world No 1 Ella Gibson leading the way with high-scoring arrows at the start, Royals also had Tokyo Olympic recurve champion Mete Gazoz to thank, as he repeatedly closed out the sets with the 120-second countdown winding down. The Abhishek Verma-led Yodhas bounced back from a slow start and could have taken the match into a hit-or-miss shootoff with the final arrow too, but Mexico's Mathias Grande shot a costly 8 in the end.

In the third match Chero Archers prevailed 5-3 against Chola Chiefs. The Archers took the first set but Chiefs fought back to level the match at 2-2. Their star recurve archers – Marcus D'Almeida and Atanus Das – both shot 7s with the final arrows of the set. But Chiefs had done enough earlier to take a low-scoring set 71-70. In the third set Archers shot superb 79 out of 80 and the Chiefs' set was done even before the last arrow as they took a 4-2 lead in the match. In the final set, Chikitha Taniparthi and Rajat Chauhan couldn't apply the early pressure on Archers as they dropped a couple of 9s. Archers, on the other hand, saw their compounds give the perfect start to their side. A 7 from Casey Kaufhold with the penultimate arrow made it tricky but it didn't matter in the end.

Marathas' star Dhiraj, despite his cameo appearance in the match, was adjudged the best recurve archer of the day, while Royals' Bhakat was the best female archer of the day. Among the compounds, Knights' leader Wiener clinched the award after his stunning performance during the comeback victory, and Becerra walked away with the prize for female archer of the evening.

The league is being broadcast on Sony LIV, Doordarshan, and World Archery TV, and tickets are available on District by Zomato.

Wakeup Telangana Awards 2026 Honour Achievers from Diverse Fields

Achievers from business, journalism, social service, sports, literature, modelling, cosmetology and real estate honoured at the Wakeup Telangana Awards 2026.







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The Wakeup Telangana Awards 2026 ceremony was held in a grand manner at NTR Auditorium in Nampally, Hyderabad, honouring distinguished personalities from Hyderabad and across Telangana for their outstanding achievements and contributions to various fields.

The prestigious event brought together prominent political leaders, social representatives, educationists, business professionals, journalists and other dignitaries to celebrate individuals who have made significant contributions to society through their respective professions and public service.

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan, BRSV State President Gellu Srinivas Yadav, former SETWIN Chairman Mir Inayath Ali Baqri, former Telangana Waqf Board member Waheed Ahmed, Congress youth leader Fathe Affan Khan and Sunshine School Chairman Syed Nooruddin Ali Abid attended the ceremony as chief guests. Representatives of Sevenage News, along with other distinguished guests, also participated in the celebrations.

The awards recognised achievers from a wide range of sectors, including business, journalism, social service, sports, literature, fashion, beauty and real estate. Businessmen, journalists, social workers, sportspersons, writers, top models, cosmetologists and real estate professionals were among those honoured for their accomplishments and contributions.

The ceremony provided a platform to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and professional excellence of individuals who have made a difference in their respective fields. The gathering also highlighted the importance of recognising talent, encouraging innovation and appreciating those who work towards social progress.

The participation of political leaders and prominent personalities added significance to the event, which celebrated achievements across diverse professional and social backgrounds.

The Wakeup Telangana Awards 2026 reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to identifying and honouring individuals whose efforts contribute to the development of society and inspire others to pursue excellence.

The grand ceremony concluded as a celebration of achievement, recognition and community spirit, bringing together distinguished personalities from different walks of life on a common platform in Hyderabad.













































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