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16 Banks | Over 12.9 Lakh Employees and Pensioners Covered

Telangana Expands Rs 1-Crore Insurance Cover for Government Workforce



Deputy CM says the bank-backed scheme carries no premium burden for employees or the State and provides higher benefits in specified accident cases.

Health Cards Expanded

The Deputy CM also said the government had introduced cashless health cards for employees and pensioners, with ₹240 crore allocated. The Employees Health Scheme has already enrolled hundreds of private hospitals.

Hyderabad, Sept 10

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka told the Assembly on Thursday that the State's accident insurance programme for government employees, pensioners, contract and outsourcing staff was a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at protecting families from financial distress after an employee's death. The government has agreements with 16 banks that handle salary accounts, allowing the insurance to operate without direct financial burden on employees or the State. The scheme covers more than 12.9 lakh people, including regu-

lar employees, pensioners, family pensioners and a wide range of temporary, contract, outsourcing, daily-wage, NREGS, MTS and SERP personnel. The insurance model was first introduced in Singareni Collieries, later extended to power utilities and then widened to government employees. Earlier reporting confirms that Telangana signed MoUs with 16 banks in June to expand accident insurance coverage across the government workforce. Vikramarka said families can receive benefits of up to ₹1.20 crore in accidental-death cases, while air-accident coverage can reach

₹2 crore and natural-death benefits can extend to ₹10 lakh, subject to applicable conditions.

He said 24 of 33 government-employee claims had been settled, while all 15 power-sector claims and 50 Singareni claims had been resolved.

- OUTCOME -
WIDER FAMILY SECURITY
Senior commanders in Arunachal now have a higher-level channel to manage border tensions before they escalate.

3 Major Exams Under Scrutiny | Solver Network Links Being Traced

Sanjeev Mukhiya Admits Role in Multiple Paper Leaks: EOU

Bihar investigators are tracing associates, leaked-paper distribution routes and possible links between older and later recruitment exam rackets.

Patna, Sept 10

Sanjeev Kumar alias Sanjeev Mukhiya, an accused in several examination leak cases, has reportedly admitted during Bihar Police Economic Offences Unit questioning to involvement in the 2017 NEET, 2023 Constable Recruitment and BPSC TRE-3 paper leak cases, investigators said. Mukhiya was questioned for several hours after the EOU obtained his remand from Beur Jail. Investigators focused particularly on the 2017 NEET case and the alleged breach of security surrounding transporta-

tion of question papers to examination centres. According to reports, he provided information about members of an alleged "solver gang", including identities and locations of some associates. The EOU is now verifying those claims and examining whether people linked to the older NEET case were also involved in subsequent competitive-examination leaks. Investigators are also tracing how leaked papers were allegedly circulated and how candidates may have obtained answers. Further questioning and legal action are expected after verification of the information.

2024 NEET CASE SEPARATE

The latest investigation is separate from NEET-UG 2024. The CBI said in July that it found no evidence linking Mukhiya to the theft or distribution of that paper and did not chargesheet him. A special court later ordered his release from custody in that case, though he remained jailed in other proceedings.

Munsif Bureau, New Delhi, Sept 10:

The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notice to the Centre on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking directions to ensure that children below the age of 18 are not permitted to independently create and maintain accounts on social media platforms despite their statutory incapacity to enter into contracts under Section 11 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872. It con-

Delhi court frames charges against Lalu Yadav, family in IRCTC money laundering case

New Delhi, Sept 10

In a fresh setback to Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad Yadav and his family members, a Delhi court on Thursday framed charges against them in the alleged money laundering case linked to the IRCTC hotel scam being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Special Judge (PC Act) Vishal Gogne of the Rouse Avenue Courts passed the order, holding that a prima facie case under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) is made out against Lalu Prasad Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi, son Tejashwi Yadav, and other accused persons, including Sarla Gupta, Lara Projects, and Sujata Hotel. The court, paving the way for trial proceedings, observed that there was sufficient material on record to proceed against the accused for the offence of money laundering, allegedly arising out of the IRCTC hotel scam registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The Rouse Avenue Court also discharged seven accused persons in the money laundering case. The court has fixed October 3 for the next hearing in the matter. Earlier, the Special Judge had reserved the order on framing of charges after hearing detailed arguments advanced by counsel appearing for the accused persons and the ED.

According to the ED, the accused persons were involved in the laundering of proceeds of crime generated through alleged irregularities in the award of contracts for the operation of IRCTC hotels during Lalu Prasad Yadav's tenure as Railway Minister between 2004 and 2009.

- Delhi court frames PMLA charges against Lalu Prasad Yadav, Rabri Devi and Tejashwi Yadav
- Case linked to the alleged IRCTC hotel scam; seven accused discharged
- Next hearing fixed for October 3

Yemen's Houthis seize control of Red Sea city of Mocha

Aden (Yemen), Sept 10

Yemen's Houthi group seized the strategic Red Sea port city of Mocha in south-western Taiz province on Thursday amid a rapid advance toward the Bab al-Mandab Strait, a critical route for international shipping, a military official told Xinhua. Houthi forces entered Mocha after hours of intense fighting, forcing government troops to withdraw southward toward Dhubab, a coastal area between Mocha and the Bab al-Mandab Strait, the official said on the condition of anonymity.

BRS leaders visit plot allegedly allotted to company linked to Telangana CM's brother

Hyderabad, Sept 10

Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) leaders on Thursday staged a protest over the purported allotment of government land to a company allegedly linked to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. BRS leaders led by party Working President K.T. Rama Rao visited the land allegedly allotted to Tesseract Advanced Systems Private Limited in Raviryala village, Maheshwaram mandal, Ranga Reddy district. The main Opposition party alleged that land worth about ₹200 crore had been allotted to Tesseract for just Rs 7

crore. The party accused the Chief Minister of facilitating the allotment for the benefit of his family members. As the BRS MLAs were suspended from the Assembly for rest of the Monsoon Session for disrupting the proceedings, demanding action against the alleged assault on party legislators at the Assembly gate on September 7, a meeting of the BRS Legislature Party was held at the residence of Rama Rao to decide the future course of action. After the meeting, a delegation of BRS leaders led by K.T. Rama Rao left for Raviryala village on the city's outskirts to see

the plot allegedly allotted to Tesseract. Meanwhile, BRS members staged a walk-out from the Legislative Council over the issue of alleged land allotment to Tesseract. The BRS members demanded a discussion on the alleged allotment and raised slogans in support of their demand. BRS leader in the Council, Madhusudhana Chary alleged that a shell company which does not have a single employee was allotted government land worth ₹200 crore. The BRS lodged their protest when Chairman G. Sukhender Reddy cut the mike as Chary took the name of Kondal Reddy.

India, Russia hold talks on joint production of civil passenger planes

New Delhi, Sept 10

India's Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday held discussions with Russia's Industry and Trade Minister Anton Alikhanov on joint manufacturing of civil passenger aircraft to meet India's demand for regional air connectivity. "With the immense potential of regional connectivity, there is a strong opportunity for India and Russia to take our relationship from buyer-seller to joint manufacturing and deeper industrial co-operation," Naidu said in a post on X. He further stated that India-Russia ties continue to grow, with aviation emerging as a key pillar of the strategic partnership.

Public sector aerospace company Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) and Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) previously signed an initial agreement for the licensed joint production and support of the Superjet (SJ-100) civil commuter aircraft in India, with localisation talks reportedly nearing completion. Discussions and proposed deals cover potential deliveries and arrangements for 105 regional turboprop aircraft to

Indian operators, including Pinnacle Air, Air Kerala, and Slek Aviation. Russia displayed its regional SJ-100, MC-21, and Il-114-300 aircraft at the Innoprom event here to target India's expanding regional connectivity needs. The growing aviation engagement comes as Russia seeks to deepen industrial cooperation with India beyond traditional defence platforms such as the MiG and Sukhoi fighter jets. The proposed aircraft deals indicate a possible expansion of India-Russia aerospace ties into civil aviation, regional connectivity and aircraft manufacturing.

CM Chandrababu Naidu thanks Centre for another push to Andhra's rail infra

Hyderabad, Sept 10

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday thanked the Centre for another major push for the state's connectivity, following the Union Cabinet's approval

of the third and fourth railway lines on the Renigunta-Rakrakonam section. He took to X to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for this significant boost to Andhra Pradesh's rail infrastructure. Another major push

for Andhra Pradesh's connectivity under the NDA's double-engine, bullet-train Sarkar! The Union Cabinet approved the 3rd & 4th railway lines on the Renigunta-Rakrakonam section, with 46 km in AP covering Tirupati & Chittoor districts, at a cost of ₹1,157 crore. This will ease congestion, improve train punctuality and strengthen

K'taka govt to move SC over Rs 2,186 crore Panchayat grants withheld by Centre

Bengaluru, Sept 10

The Karnataka government has decided to approach the Supreme Court against the Centre for withholding Rs 2,186.20 crore in grants due to the state's gram panchayats under the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Minister Eshwar B. Khandre held a meeting with Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty and senior officials at his office on Thursday to discuss the legal options available to the state. Khandre expressed displeasure over the Centre's refusal to release the Rs 2,186.20 crore allocated to Karnataka's gram panchayats for the 2025-26 financial year. During the meeting, the participants discussed the legal grounds on which the Centre's decision could be challenged before the Supreme Court. Khandre pointed out that Karnataka was facing drought-like conditions due to deficient rainfall this year. Drinking water shortages have been reported in 710 villages, while water is being supplied through tankers to 149 villages.

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17 Bidar Jail Inmates Receive Certificates After Electrical Fitting Training

Munsif Bureau Bidar, Sep. 10

Prisoners should receive proper training at Bidar Jail and return to society as responsible citizens. Raghavendra Upadhyaya, Member Secretary of the Bidar District Legal Services Authority and Senior Civil Judge, said that after being released from prison, they should put the skills and training acquired here to good use in their lives.

He was speaking recently while inaugurating a programme jointly organised at Bidar Jail by the Bidar Carmel Service Trust, Don Bosco and the District Jail.

He said that release from prison provides a good opportunity to lead a self-reliant life. There is generally a misconception about prisons in society.

People tend to think of prison as a place of punishment, pain, darkness and the end of life. However, the actual purpose of imprisonment is not merely punishment, but also reform, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society.

He also listened to the problems faced by the prisoners and resolved them on the spot. He advised them to approach the Superintendent directly if they encountered any difficulties.



Bidar District Jail Superintendent Shashidhar Badegira said, “A certificate distribution programme was organised for inmates who completed training in internal electrical fitting, in collaboration with Carmel Service Trust, Don Bosco and the District Jail.

Those who have undergone and completed this training should make good use of the skills they have

acquired and return to the mainstream of society.”

Sister Mary Rita, Unit Director of Carmel Service Trust, attended the programme as a guest and distributed certificates to 17 prisoners who had successfully completed electrical fitting training.

Jailer Vijayalakshmi said, “Prisoners should make use of the vocational and skill-development training provided in the jail.”

Uniformity in RTI implementation essential: Governor

NSS Hyderabad, Sept.10

Calling for greater uniformity in the implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act across the country, Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Thursday urged Information Commissions and government departments to strengthen proactive disclosure, leverage technology and ensure faster and more effective access to information for citizens.

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He emphasised the need to give greater importance to proactive disclosure under Section 4 of the RTI Act, saying government departments should move from a system of providing information only on request to one in which relevant and updated information is routinely

placed in the public domain. This, he said, would reduce the need for citizens to file RTI applications for information that could otherwise be disclosed suo motu.

The Governor said information held by government departments was, in essence, public information, and making it available to citizens in a timely, accessible and transparent manner was an important responsibility of the administration.

Shiv Pratap Shukla also called for greater use of Artificial Intelligence, data analytics and digital record management to improve transparency and efficiency

in the handling of RTI matters. Technology, however, should remain citizen-centric and should facilitate access to information rather than create additional barriers, he said.

The Governor stressed the need to make the RTI mechanism more accessible to people in rural and remote areas, women, persons with disabilities and vulnerable sections of society. He also suggested that Information Commissions across the country develop a strong mechanism for sharing best practices, innovative approaches and successful experiences.

Protest Against Raids on Rice Mills in the Name of Physical Verification



Munsif Bureau Kamareddy, Sept 10:

The Rice Millers’ Association organised a protest in front of the Kamareddy Collectorate against the ongoing actions being carried out in the name of physical verification of rice mills and the harassment of millers. On the occasion, the association demanded that the raids on rice mills in the name of physical verification be stopped immediately and that the government grant time until December 31 regarding the C.M.R. (Custom Milled Rice) issue. The representatives said that the rice-milling industry has been operating in the state since 1960. Of the paddy supplied to millers between 2014 and 2024, nearly 98 per cent of the rice has already been returned to the government. They said it was not appropriate to harass all millers merely because a small quantity remained to be returned. Mohan Reddy said that, in the matter concerning the receipt of 67 kg of paddy, millers.

They said that the issue is causing problems for millers and demanded that a committee be constituted to ascertain the facts of the matter. They stated that if it is established that 67 kg of rice was received, the millers are prepared to correct their mistake and hand it over.

Fly91 launches direct flights from Tirupati to Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry

Munsif Bureau Tirupati, Sep. 10

Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu on Thursday flagged off Fly91’s inaugural flight from Tirupati, which landed at Vijayawada airport and received a ceremonial water-cannon salute, marking the launch of the airline’s Tirupati-Vijayawada-Tirupati service and taking its network to 13 destinations.

The regional airline has also introduced direct services connecting Tirupati with Hyderabad and Rajahmundry, making the temple town its third destination in Andhra Pradesh. With the latest expansion, Fly91 now serves four destinations across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

“Tirupati is one of the most sacred pilgrimage sites in our country and thousands

of devotees from across the country visit the city every day. The direct connectivity provided by Fly91 to Vijayawada, Rajahmundry and Hyderabad will offer faster and more convenient travel options for devotees,” said Naidu in a press release issued by the airline.

The new services connect Tirupati, a major pilgrimage and educational centre, with three important regional cities, offering additional travel options for pilgrims, students, business travellers and tourists.

Fly91 will operate a daily service between Tirupati and Hyderabad. The Tirupati-Vijayawada service will run four days a week — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays — while the Tirupati-Rajahmundry service will operate three days a week — Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Raid on Gambling Dens in Deglur; Four Arrested

Munsif Bureau Deglur, Sep. 10

Probationary DSP Vaibhav Padod has intensified action against illegal and unauthorised activities, including gambling and other illicit businesses operating in Deglur city. Police have been conducting raids against gambling dens and other unlawful activities. According to the police, a major raid was carried out in the Mukund Nagar area at a gambling den operating behind the Sant Rohidas Maharaj Temple. During the operation, police seized cash and other valuables worth approximately ₹87,000.

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GST data enables real-time tracking of AP Economy

Munsif Bureau Hyderabad, Sept. 10

Amaravati, Sept. 10 (NSS): Andhra Pradesh is developing a real-time system to track economic activity and estimate Gross Value Added (GVA) using GST and commercial tax data, Commercial Taxes department Chief Commissioner Babu A said at the 8th Collectors’ Conference. The GST-based assessment indicates 19.6 per cent year-on-year growth in manufacturing upto July, with estimated manufacturing GVA at around Rs.1.75 lakh crore. The estimate closely matched the Planning department’s First Advance Estimates, with a variation of just 0.6 percentage points. The department has developed an AI-based analytical system that combines GST returns with e-way bill data to assess manufacturing activity in real time. District-wise heat

maps allow Collectors to drill down to individual manufacturing units and examine their contribution to economic activity.

As GST returns are generally filed between the 18th and 20th of each month, the system could provide an early indication of the previous month’s economic performance, paving the way for monthly nowcasting of growth. A similar methodology for construction, using GST data from about 65 relevant HSN categories including cement, iron and steel, estimated construction GVA at Rs.1.25 lakh crore, against the Planning department’s estimate of Rs.1.29 lakh crore.

The department is also developing real-time assessments for trade, hotels and restaurants, real estate, communication and broadcasting, with mining and electricity proposed for inclusion.

Collector Inspects Shakti Sadan, Assures Support for Women's Education

Munsif Bureau Hanamkonda, Sept. 10:

District Collector Chahat Bajpai conducted a surprise inspection of Shakti Sadan—Swadhar Greh in the city on Thursday. During the inspection, she reviewed the facilities available at the centre in detail and interacted directly with the women staying there to understand their problems and needs.

The Collector also carefully inspected the admission register, staff register, inmates’ attendance register and other records maintained at Shakti Sadan. She enquired with the staff about the computer training, tailoring training and other vocational training courses being provided at the centre.

She also sought information from the staff about the food menu provided to the



inmates, the source of drinking water and the quality of the water, and obtained the necessary details.

During her interaction with the inmates, District Collector Chahat Bajpai advised them to complete

their education. She assured them that, after they complete their education, necessary steps would be taken to provide them with suitable employment opportunities and help them become self-reliant.

Eight-year-old girl walks again after complex foot reconstruction at KIMS

Munsif Bureau Vishakhapatnam, Sept. 10:

An eight-year-old girl, Lineesha, who suffered extensive injuries to her right foot in a road accident while returning home from school, has successfully regained the ability to walk following a complex reconstructive surgery at KIMS Hospitals, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam.

The girl sustained severe injuries to her right foot, including fractures and extensive damage

to the soft tissues, muscles and tendons. The injuries resulted in substantial loss of tissue and left the foot without adequate coverage and protection, making restoration of its normal function a major challenge.

According to Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon Dr. K Pavan Venkateswar, they first removed the damaged tissue and thoroughly cleaned the wound. A microsurgical tissue flap procedure was subsequently performed, in

which healthy tissue was harvested from the child’s left thigh and transferred to the injured right foot.

The transferred tissue was covered over the damaged area and its blood vessels were connected to vessels in the foot using microsurgical techniques. The procedure helped replace the lost tissue, restore blood supply to the affected area and provide adequate coverage for the underlying structures, including the tendons and bones.



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Kharif Paddy Procurement to Be Completed as Per Scheduled Plan

Munsif News Bureau Sircilla, Sept. 10

Sircilla District Collector Garima Agarwal directed officials to complete all arrangements for the procurement of paddy during the Kharif season as per the scheduled plan.

A review meeting on the arrangements for paddy procurement during the Kharif season 2026–27 was held at the auditorium of the District Integrated Office Complex on Thursday.

District Collector Garima Agarwal and Additional

Collector Gadum Nagesh attended the meeting.

Based on estimates by the Agriculture Department, the Collector directed officials to make arrangements for procuring approximately 2.40 lakh metric tonnes of fine and coarse varieties of paddy.

She instructed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for establishing a total of 236 paddy procurement centres across the district, including 136 under IKP, 96 under PACS, one under DCMS and seven under MEPMA.

Collector Garima Agarwal said Agriculture Department officials estimate that the arrival of paddy at procurement centres in the district is likely to begin from the last week of October.

She directed Transport Department officials to ensure that lorry contractors make vehicles available as per the agreements and that GPS devices are installed in all vehicles.

Officials informed the meeting that the district currently has 10,83,500 new gunny bags and 2,60,000 old gunny bags available.



The Collector instructed officials to procure additional

gunny bags according to the procurement requirements.

Food Safety teams find violations at 46 Food Establishments

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.10

Food Safety Officers of the Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) found multiple violations during a special enforcement drive covering 46 food establishments across districts outside the Core Urban Region.

The inspections covered restaurants, bakeries, dhabas, hotels, sweet

shops and hostels.

Officials found instances of spoiled meat and vegetables, cockroach, housefly and rodent infestation, unhygienic premises, poor record maintenance and improper food storage.

Refrigerators at some establishments were found to be unclean, with inadequate segregation and labelling of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. Expired food products and items affected by

pests were also found and discarded on the spot.

Officials collected 22 food samples on suspicion of adulteration. Improvement notices will be issued to 23 establishments, which will be reinspected to verify compliance.

TG SAFE has also decided to suspend the FSSAI licences of three establishments and direct them to stop operations immediately in the interest of public health.

Mahendra Meals, Biryani and Curry Point at Station Ghanpur; Sri Balaji Magic Mithai at Baopet, Karimnagar; and Cha Cha Family Dabha on NH-65 at Tupranpet, Choutuppal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district.

The authority said further action would be taken based on inspection and laboratory findings, and photographs and videos of the enforcement drive have been forwarded for publication. (NSS)



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High drama in Telangana Council over 22-A lands

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.10

High drama prevailed in the Telangana Legislative Council on Thursday over the dispute concerning prohibited lands listed under Section 22-A.

As soon as the House commenced, BRS members moved an adjournment motion seeking an immediate discussion on issues related to 22-A lands.

However, Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy rejected the motion and proceeded with the Question Hour.

Protesting against the manner in which the House was being conducted, BRS members staged a walkout from the Council.

Speaking on the occasion, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council S. Madhusudana Chary

strongly criticised the conduct of marshals in the Council.

Earlier, Legislative Affairs Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu appealed to the members to cooperate by remaining in their seats and allowing the House to function smoothly.

However, BRS members continued their protest and subsequently walked out of the House in protest against the proceedings. (NSS)

Students and Parents Urged to Utilise Extended Admission Window for Distance and Online Programmes

Munsif Bureau
Kagaznagar, Sept, 10

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) organised a press conference at Vasundhara Degree College, Kagaznagar, on Thursday to create awareness among students about higher education opportunities available through distance and online modes.

The press conference was addressed by Prof. Sayyad Aman Ubed, Deputy Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE); Dr. Mazhar Quadri, Regional Director, SRC Hyderabad; and Dr. S. M. Fasiullah, Assistant Professor of English, CDOE. Speaking on the occasion, the MANUU representatives highlighted the university's commitment to providing accessible and quality higher education, particularly to Urdu-medium students. They explained the various academic programmes offered through distance and online education and briefed students about the admission procedure and available learning opportunities.

CM REVANTH TURNED ASSEMBLY INTO "KAURAVA SABHA", SAYS BRS MLC SRAVAN

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept 10

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of undermining democracy and using the Telangana Legislature to divert attention from pressing public issues.

Sravan alleged that the Assembly witnessed three days of "meaningless rhetoric" instead of debates on issues such as alleged irregularities involving Section 22-A lands, Rs.20,000 crore in pending fee reimbursement dues and GO 97, which he said had affected over one lakh polytechnic students.

He accused the Chief Minister of misleading the House by relying on information circulated through a purported fake social-media account and demanded that Revanth Reddy be debarred for the remainder of the session.

The BRS leader condemned the alleged police assault on BRS MLAs and MLCs, claiming elected representatives were stopped at the Assembly gates and physically manhandled. He alleged that the government had ignored court observations concerning the conduct of police personnel.

Sravan further alleged that the Congress government was resorting to a "Teen Patti" strategy by filing cases against BRS leaders whenever it faced criticism. He questioned the timing of alleged SC/ST and sexual-harassment cases and described them as politically motivated.

CS sets 10,000 overseas placement target for TOMCOM

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept 10:

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed the officials of the Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM) to prepare a comprehensive action plan to facilitate 10,000 overseas placements for the youth of Telangana during the current year.

The Chief Secretary conducted a review meeting on the functioning and activities of TOMCOM at the Secretariat here on Thursday.

He reviewed the progress made by the organisation in facilitating overseas em-

ployment opportunities and discussed measures to significantly scale up its operations. The Chief Secretary emphasised that the primary objective of TOMCOM should be to create more employment opportunities for the youth of the State by connecting them with legitimate and suitable job opportunities in foreign countries. He directed the officials to adopt a focused and outcome-oriented approach to achieve the target of 10,000 overseas placements.

Sanjay Jaju instructed the officials to identify countries, sectors and occupations where there is a

growing demand for skilled manpower and accordingly design placement-oriented programmes for Telangana youth.

The Chief Secretary also directed TOMCOM to formulate a clear framework for partnering with reputed private recruitment and skill development agencies to expand the reach and scale of overseas placements.

Under the proposed framework, eligible private agencies could be onboarded with TOMCOM as principal partners for identifying suitable candidates, providing necessary training and facilitating their placement abroad.

Govt hospitals to get 9 new 3-Tesla MRI machines, 8 CT scanners: Rajanarsimha

Munsif Bureau
Kagaznagar, Sept, 10

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha announced in the Legislative Council that the Telangana government is expanding high-end diagnostic and critical care infrastructure across state-run hospitals. Replying to queries raised by MLCs during the session on Thursday, the Minister stated that the government is procuring nine new state-of-the-art 3-Tesla MRI machines, installing eight CT scanners, and procuring 485 additional ventilators for high-demand facilities. Currently, government hospitals operate nine MRI machines, 50 CT



scanners, and 1,770 ventilators. Existing MRI services at major centers—including Gandhi, Osmania General,

NIMS, MGM Warangal, RIMS Adilabad, TIMS, and MNJ Cancer Hospital—will soon expand to Government General

Hospitals in Nizamabad, Siddipet, Suryapet, Nalgonda, and Mahabubnagar, alongside Niloufer Hospital, he said.

Owing to increased foot-fall driven by improved service standards, both Gandhi Hospital and Osmania General Hospital will receive additional MRI units to handle the surge in patient numbers, the Minister said. Highlighting maintenance protocols, Damodar Rajanarsimha emphasised that the government is ensuring continuous operation of all critical infrastructure through the e-Upakarn web-based system, which monitors equipment procurement, supply chain logistics, and maintenance. (NSS)

SP Nithika Panth, Urges Public to Utilise Mega Lok Adalat

Munsif Bureau
Khagaznagar, Sept 10

District Superintendent of Police Nithika Panth, IPS, has urged the public to make use of the National Mega Lok Adalat scheduled for Saturday, September 12, to resolve eligible disputes quickly and amicably.

She said compoundable criminal cases, civil and property disputes, family and matrimonial matters, bank recovery cases, electricity theft cases and cheque-bounce cases, among others, can be settled through mutual consent.

The SP advised people not to prolong minor disputes by spending valuable time and money on lengthy court proceedings when an amicable



settlement is possible.

She said police personnel would identify eligible cases and counsel both parties on available compromise options to facilitate settlements during the Lok Adalat.

Panth urged the public to approach concerned police officials and use the Mega Lok Adalat for speedy, amicable settlement of disputes.

ACB catches two Officials taking Rs.1 Lakh bribe in Hyd

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept 10

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday caught two government employees red-handed while accepting a Rs.1 lakh bribe in Hyderabad.

The accused were identified as Anandeshi Raghavender, an outsourcing employee at the Telangana Secretariat, and Medi Vinod, Senior Assistant at the Telangana State Industrial Development Corporation (TSIDC), Parishrama Bhavan, Basheerbagh.

According to the ACB, the duo demanded the bribe from a complainant for processing and facilitating medical reimbursement claims under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) scheme. The assistance included issuing a cheque for the sanc-



tioned amount of Rs.2 lakh and processing the remaining reimbursement claim. The ACB said Raghavender had earlier demanded and received Rs.5,000 from the complainant through Vinod via a PhonePe transaction. On Thursday, Vinod alleged-

ly accepted Rs.1 lakh from the complainant and handed it over to Raghavender. ACB officials recovered the tainted cash from Raghavender's possession.

The accused allegedly abused their official positions to obtain undue advantage, the ACB said.

Both officials are being produced before the I Additional Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases at Nampally for judicial remand.

The investigation is continuing. The complainant's details have been withheld for security reasons. (NSS)

BRS, BJP creating ruckus inside, outside Assembly: Aadi Srinivas

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept10

Government Whip Aadi Srinivas on Thursday criticised the BRS and BJP, alleging that the two opposition parties were creating disruptions inside and outside the Assembly and wasting valuable House time.

Speaking to the media at the Assembly media point, Srinivas said the government was making efforts to facilitate discussions on public issues and find solutions, but the opposition parties were resorting to political tactics and disrupting the proceedings.

"Three days of the Assembly session have already been wasted. The opposition parties should stop indulging in petty politics and focus on public issues," he said.

Traffic Police gear up for safe, smooth Ganesh Immersion Processions

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept 10

The Hyderabad Traffic Police have stepped up preparations for the upcoming Ganesh Festival and immersion processions, fo-

cusing on traffic management, public safety and crowd control across the city.

Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Hyderabad, Joel Davis reviewed the arrange-

ments with Traffic Inspectors and senior officers and directed them to complete all preparatory works on priority.

Officials were asked to inspect idol procession routes,

check flyover and underpass clearances, prepare traffic diversion plans and regulate idol sales points and Ganesh pandals. Special arrangements are also being made for devo-

tees visiting the Khairatabad Ganesh. The preparations include deployment of adequate manpower, barricading, signage, temporary toilets, parking facilities and public address sys-

tems. Officers were also directed to complete road repairs and pothole filling and use drones to monitor key procession routes. Arrangements for bandobust personnel and VIP movements

were reviewed. The Joint CP instructed officials to coordinate closely with the GHMC, other departments and festival organisers for timely completion of the works. The Traffic Police

appealed to citizens, organisers and stakeholders to cooperate with the authorities, follow traffic regulations and help ensure a safe, peaceful and hassle-free Ganesh Festival. (NSS)



At a Glance

India has world’s cheapest Internet data: Scindia

IANSS Chandigarh, Sep. 10



Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia on Thursday said India has become the world’s cheapest data market, with data costs falling from Rs 287 per GB a decade ago to Rs 9 today.

Speaking at the Global Fintech Fest, Scindia said broadband access had risen from six crore people to over 102 crore. He said 5G now covers 99.9 per cent of districts and 85 per cent of the population.

India has over 144 crore Aadhaar identities and 60 crore Jan Dhan accounts, while UPI accounts for 84 per cent of digital transactions. Scindia said India contributes 49 per cent of global digital transactions.

INDIA IS ALL SET FOR THE HIGH-PROFILE EVENT: PM MODI

IANSS New Delhi, Sep. 10

As New Delhi gears up to host the two-day BRICS Summit over the weekend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that India is gearing up for the high-profile event.

PM Modi shared a video on X, showing Bharat Mandapam - the venue of the BRICS Summit - all decked up to welcome world leaders. The video ended with a text that read, “India is gearing up for BRICS 2026”.



Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability”, reflecting PM Modi’s vision of a people-centric approach rooted in the spirit of “Humanity First.”

In addition to these areas, the leaders will exchange views on strengthening intra-BRICS cooperation on common priorities and share perspectives on global and regional matters of mutual importance.

BRICS comprises Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates.

BRICS partner countries are: Belarus, Cuba, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda,

Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

India is a founding member of BRICS, and has previously held its chairship in 2012, 2016 and 2021.

India assumed its fourth BRICS chairship on January 1. The year 2026 also marks a significant milestone as BRICS completes 20 years since its establishment.

Ahead of the BRICS Summit, the Delhi Police, in coordination with multiple agencies, have made elaborate security arrangements, including the deployment of 15,000 police personnel and 200 companies of paramilitary forces.

Police have also issued advisories for the general public about the routes that will be “restricted” for VVIP movement in view

of the upcoming event.

Under its BRICS chairship, India has hosted over 350 meetings and high-level engagements to further strengthen the BRICS strategic partnership across three fundamental pillars: political and security, economic and financial, and cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

Through these engagements and business-to-business and people-to-people initiatives, India’s BRICS chairship has contributed to advancing BRICS cooperation through practical and development-oriented outcomes, according to the statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

DELHI TO SET UP OWN SDRF FOR SPEEDY DISASTER RESPONSE: CM REKHA GUPTA

IANSS New Delhi, Sep. 10

The Delhi government has decided to establish its own State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to ensure faster rescue and relief operations during natural and man-made disasters, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Thursday.

The decision comes close to the fatal paying guest building collapse in Satya Nikethan in south Delhi and is aimed at strengthening the national capital’s disaster response capabilities, the government said.

A dedicated SDRF will enable quick deployment of trained personnel at disaster sites, improve coordination during rescue operations and help minimise loss of life and property. The government will also provide specialised training to Fire Department personnel and Civil Defence volunteers.

A high-level meeting chaired by Gupta at the Delhi Secretariat was attended by Chief Secretary Rajeev Verma, NDRF Director General Piyush Anand, NDRF Inspector General Narendra Bundela and senior officials from various de-



partments.

NDRF officials briefed the Chief Minister on the proposed force and said a battalion with up to 1,100 personnel could be raised in Delhi. The force would function under the Delhi government and respond to disasters on its instructions.

The NDRF would provide training to SDRF personnel and assist with specialised equipment suited to Delhi’s geographical conditions and local requirements.

Gupta also directed officials to share details of available disaster management equipment and its storage locations with concerned departments so that resources can be deployed immediately during emergencies.

“Setting up an SDRF in Delhi had been a

long-standing requirement,” Gupta said, adding that a dedicated force was essential for a densely populated metropolitan city such as Delhi.

The Chief Minister said the move would reduce dependence on external assistance and strengthen Delhi’s capacity for an immediate local response. She stressed that disaster management should focus not only on post-disaster rescue but also on advance preparedness.

The meeting also discussed providing land for an NDRF battalion in Delhi. NDRF officials said land was available in the outer areas, but stressed the need for its presence in Central, North and South Delhi, considering the capital’s importance and the location of key Central government institutions.

ODISHA TO RECEIVE MORE RAIN AS FRESH LOW-PRESSURE AREA FORMS OVER BAY OF BENGAL

IANSS Bhubaneswar, Sep. 10

Several parts of Odisha are likely to receive more rain after a fresh low-pressure area formed over the Bay of Bengal, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Thursday.

According to the IMD, Bhubaneswar, the low-pressure area formed over the north Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood and persisted over the same region. Its associated cyclonic circulation extends up to 9.4 km above mean sea level and tilts southwestwards with height.

The weather system is likely to trigger heavy rainfall across several parts of Odisha over the next few days.

The IMD issued a red warning for Kalahandi and Kandhamal, forecasting heavy to very



heavy rainfall at a few places and extremely heavy rainfall at one or two places till Friday morning.

An orange warning was issued for Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Koraput, Gajapati and Ganjam, with heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at one or two places.

Heavy rainfall is also expected in several other districts, including Baleshwar, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghapur, Cuttack, Kendujhar, Mayurbhanj,

Boudh, Nuapada, Balangir, Malkangiri, Puri, Khordha and Nayagarh.

Yellow warnings remain in place in several districts till Sunday. Thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph are also likely.

The sea is expected to remain rough to very rough along the Odisha coast for the next 48 hours. The IMD advised fishermen not to venture into the sea during this period.

DELHI HC DEFERS HEARING ON ED PLEA AGAINST SONIA, RAHUL GANDHI IN NATIONAL HERALD CASE

IANSS New Delhi, Sep. 10

The Delhi High Court on Thursday adjourned the hearing on the Enforcement Directorate’s (ED) criminal revision petition challenging a trial court order that refused to take cognisance of its prosecution complaint against Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and others in the alleged National Herald money laundering case.

A single-judge Bench of Justice Manoj Jain listed the matter for further hearing on October 9.

The ED has challenged the December 16, 2025, order of a Special Judge at the Rouse Avenue Court, which held that



the agency’s prosecution complaint under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) was not maintainable in law.

Besides Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, the ED has named Congress Overseas chief Sam Pitroda, Suman Dubey, Sunil Bhandari, Young Indian and Dotex Merchandise Private

Limited as proposed accused.

The agency has argued that the trial court erred in holding that a PMLA prosecution complaint cannot be based on a scheduled offence arising from a private complaint. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the ED, had earlier argued that such an interpretation would make the PMLA

“otiose and redundant”.

The ED has maintained that criminal proceedings can be initiated either through a police investigation or a private complaint before a Magistrate. The High Court had earlier observed that the matter required consideration and issued notices to the respondents.

The case concerns allegations that Congress leaders conspired to acquire control of assets worth more than Rs 2,000 crore belonging to Associated Journals Ltd (AJL), publisher of the National Herald, through Young Indian. The controversy dates to 2012, when BJP leader Subramanian Swamy filed a private complaint alleging cheating and breach of trust in the acquisition of AJL by Young Indian.

Karnataka prescribes two stanzas of Vande Mataram at state events

IANSS Bengaluru, Sep. 10

The Karnataka government has made it mandatory to sing the first two stanzas of “Vande Mataram” at state government events, while prescribing the full song for programmes attended by the President, Prime Minister or Governor.

The order issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) said the move was aimed at maintaining uniformity, respect and proper protocol at official functions. It noted the song’s role in promoting nationalism, unity and patriotism during the freedom movement.

The order also referred to guidelines issued by the Union Home Ministry on the official version and rendition of “Vande Mataram”.

The decision comes amid a wider political debate over the national song. The original composition has six stanzas, while the first two are commonly used for official and public renditions.

PUNJAB CM ‘USING GREEN PEN FOR LOOT AND TORTURE’, ALLEGES SUKHBIR BADAL

IANSS Jaipur, Sep. 10

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Badal on Thursday accused Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann of misusing his self-proclaimed “green pen” to suppress dissent and carry out what he called “loot and torture”.

Addressing a gathering in Kharar, Badal referred to the alleged torture of youth Chamkaur Singh at Dhuri police station, after which he reportedly consumed a poisonous substance. He



also mentioned alleged incidents in Sheron and Toor Banjara villages involving residents who had questioned the government.

“This is the change AAP has brought into Punjab

politics,” Badal said, alleging that the government was using force to silence criticism.

He also attacked Mann over the state’s crime and drug situation, claiming

that the Chief Minister had given “clean chits” to individuals facing serious criminal allegations.

Badal said the SAD would take strict action against gangsters and drug traffickers if voted to power. He promised special laws to confiscate their properties and impose a minimum 20-year jail term for such offences.

The SAD chief also promised comprehensive development of Kharar constituency, including improved infrastructure and public services.

Beautician found dead in Indore hotel

IANSS Indore Sep. 10

A 32-year-old beautician, Sonali Sharma, was found dead in a hotel room in Indore’s Tilak Nagar on Wednesday, with police suspecting poisoning. Her companion, pipe trader Deepak Khandelwal, took her to hospital, where doctors declared her dead, then disappeared. Police are examining CCTV footage and searching for him.

Bombay HC Questions Maha DGP Over Parth Pawar’s omission in Pune land case

IANSS Mumbai, Sep. 10

The Bombay High Court has questioned Maharashtra Police over the omission of Parth Pawar, son of late Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, as an accused in the alleged Pune government land scam.

Justice Madhav Jamdar noted that M/s Almeida Enterprises LLP acquired 40 acres of government land in Mundhwa at a price allegedly far below its market value. Investigation records



showed Parth Pawar and Digvijay Patil as the firm’s directors, but police charged only Patil.

The court directed Maharashtra DGP Sadanand Vasant Date to personally file an affidavit explaining the disparity in the investigation and

whether Pawar was excluded due to his influence.

The issue arose during an anticipatory bail plea by Pune Tehsildar Suryakant Yewale, who denied the allegations. The DGP and investigating officer must respond before the next hearing on September 28.

The alleged scam concerns 43.3 acres of government land valued at nearly Rs 1,800 crore. A government panel headed by Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Vikas Kharge termed the deal illegal and criminal.



At a Glance

Lee wraps up France visit

IAN S
Paris, Sep. 10

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung concluded a four-day visit to France on Thursday, aimed at deepening cooperation in advanced industries and culture.

Lee co-chaired a cinema industry summit with French President Emmanuel Macron in Saint-Paul-de-Vence and announced a joint investment initiative. The leaders also discussed artificial intelligence, defence and nuclear energy.

South Korea and France signed an agreement to expand cooperation in AI, semiconductors and quantum technologies through regular meetings, joint research and investment promotion.

Lee also met National Assembly Speaker Yael Braun-Pivet and called for closer government and parliamentary ties as the countries mark 140 years of diplomatic relations.

INDIA, QATAR DISCUSS WAYS TO DEEPEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

IAN S
DOHA, Sep. 10

India’s new Ambassador to Qatar, Srikar Reddy, on Thursday presented a copy of the Letter of Credentials to Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and discussed ways to further deepen and enhance the strategic partnership between both countries.

“Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar, Dr. K Srikar Reddy, called on H.E. Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and presented the copy of the Letter of Credentials. Ambassador conveyed the greetings of the leadership of India, and they exchanged views on India-Qatar relations and ways to further deepen and enhance the strategic partnership,” the Embassy of India in Qatar stated on X.

Ambassador Reddy arrived in Doha on Saturday and was received by Charge d’Affaires Sandeep Kumar and Ibrahim Yousuf



Fakhro, Director of the Protocol Department.

“H.E. Dr. Srikar Reddy, Ambassador-designate of India to Qatar, arrived in Doha today. Cd’A Sandeep Kumar joined H.E. Amb. Ibrahim Yousuf Fakhro, Director of Protocol, in welcoming Dr. Reddy. The Embassy thanks H.E. Amb. Ibrahim Fakhro for the warm and gracious reception extended to the new Ambassador. We look forward to further strengthening the close and longstanding partnership between India and Qatar,” the Indian

Embassy in Qatar stated on X.

In July, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar visited the Middle Eastern country and also called on Qatar’s Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani in Doha.

During the meeting, EAM Jaishankar and the Prime Minister discussed various facets of bilateral cooperation and explored new opportunities to deepen the Strategic Partnership between the two nations.

“A pleasure to meet

Qatar PM and FM Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani in Doha today. Thanked him for ensuring the safety and well-being of the Indian community. Reviewed various facets of our bilateral cooperation, especially energy, trade, investments, connectivity, security and people-to-people ties. Explored new opportunities for deepening our Strategic Partnership. Appreciated his sharing of assessments on the West Asia conflict and its impact,” EAM Jaishankar posted on X.

XI JINPING TO ATTEND BRICS SUMMIT

IAN S
Beijing, Sep. 10

Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi from September 12 to 13, the Chinese Foreign Ministry announced on Thursday. The visit will be Xi’s first to India in nearly seven years.

“At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi, President Xi Jinping will attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi from September 12 to 13,” the ministry said in a state-

ment.

The announcement came hours after Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jia-kun declined to confirm Xi’s visit at a regular briefing.

Xi’s visit comes as India and China seek to stabilise ties following the deadly 2020 Galwan Valley clash. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Xi are expected to hold bilateral talks on the sidelines of the summit.

India has repeatedly stressed the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity along the India-China border for the



continued development of bilateral relations.

The two countries have also continued diplomatic and military engagement over the boundary question. During the 25th round of Special Representatives’ talks in

Beijing on August 25, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held discussions on the boundary issue and bilateral ties.

According to India’s Ministry of External

Affairs, the two sides noted progress in implementing understandings reached by Modi and Xi in Kazan in October 2024 and Tianjin in August 2025. They also welcomed the resumption of people-to-people and cross-border exchanges, including the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra and border trade.

The BRICS summit is expected to provide an important platform for India and China to discuss bilateral ties as well as wider issues of cooperation within the grouping.

Trump promises \$5,000 dividend to every adult citizen if Republicans win midterms

IAN S
Washington, Sep. 10

US President Donald Trump has promised to issue a \$5,000 (Rs 4.75 lakh) payment to every adult American citizen if Republicans win control of both chambers of Congress in the November 3 midterm elections.

Trump announced what he called the “Trump dividend” while addressing a special midterm Republican National Committee convention in Dallas. He linked the proposed payment to what he described as the country’s strong economic performance.

“If the Republicans win the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, both of them, because of our tremendous economic success ... I will issue a dividend to every adult citizen in the United States of America for \$5,000,” Trump said.

He said the money would have to be spent within the United States.

The promise came as Trump sought to make himself a central figure in the Republican cam-



paign to retain control of the House and Senate. Although he is not on the ballot, Trump urged voters to treat the midterm elections as though he were running.

“When I’m on the ticket, Republicans always do very well,” Trump said. He urged supporters to “pretend that I’m on the ballot” once more, warning that a Republican defeat would threaten his administration’s policies on the border, taxes and security.

Trump also promised to campaign extensively for Republican congressional candidates in the weeks leading up to the election. He said he would travel to states with closely contested races and hold ral-

lies for candidates seeking seats in the House and Senate.

During his address, Trump repeatedly warned supporters about what he described as the threat of communism in the US, saying, “We will defeat communism in America.”

He also addressed tensions involving Iran and repeated his warning that the US could take further military action. Trump said Iran should not “get cute” and warned that Washington would respond forcefully if necessary. He also questioned whether Iran should be allowed to possess a nuclear weapon.

Trump additionally suggested that New Mexico should be renamed “New America”, saying he believed the proposed name would be appropriate for the neighbouring state.

The remarks came as Republicans prepare for a closely watched midterm contest in which control of Congress will be at stake. Trump’s pledge places economic promises and his personal political influence at the centre of the Republican campaign.

UN CHIEF CONCERNED OVER ESCALATION OVER STRAIT OF HORMUZ

IAN S
United Nations, Sep. 10

United Nations, Sep 10 (IANS) UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is deeply concerned over the latest escalation in and around the Strait of Hormuz, including reported attacks on commercial vessels and threats to maritime and energy infrastructure, his spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said.

Dujarric said navigational rights and freedom of navigation through the strategic waterway must be restored and respected under international law.

Guterres urged all parties to exercise maximum restraint and avoid actions or rhetoric that could further inflame the volatile situation. Any escalation could have serious consequences for civilians, regional stability, international peace and security, and the global economy.

The UN chief called on the parties to use diplomatic channels and resolve disputes through dialogue and negotiations. Dujarric said the UN Secretariat was ready to support credible de-escalation efforts and a comprehensive, lasting settlement.

The statement followed

a claim by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Navy that it had captured a US unmanned underwater vehicle near the Strait’s entrance.

The IRGC identified the vehicle as a Dive-LD and said it was seized during an intelligence and operational mission. It also claimed Iranian air defence systems had shot down a US MQ-9 Reaper drone over the Strait.

The US military later said one of its underwater drones had malfunctioned while surveying regional waters, but did not confirm whether Iran had seized it.

South Korean team returns from UAE after Strait of Hormuz assessment

IAN S
Seoul, Sep. 10

A South Korean government team tasked with assessing the security situation near the Strait of Hormuz returned from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Thursday as Seoul weighs a possible military deployment amid pressure from the US.

The team, comprising defence and foreign ministry officials, travelled to the UAE over the weekend to assess security and operational conditions near the strategic waterway, including military bases, ports and logistical facilities. It arrived at Incheon International Airport, west of Seoul, on Thursday, officials said.

The mission was conducted discreetly as Seoul considers its potential role in helping ensure safe and free passage through the crucial shipping route amid the ongoing US-Iran

conflict.

The deployment of the assessment team has been viewed as a possible indication that Seoul is considering a military role in US-led efforts in the region. However, South Korea’s Defence Ministry has stressed that no decision has been made on deploying forces and that the team’s purpose was to assess security and safety conditions.

Local reports have cited several possible assets, including the P-8A maritime patrol aircraft, a logistics support ship and explosive ordnance disposal teams. The logistics vessel has reportedly been ruled out because its deployment would require more than 100 sailors.

The team is believed to have assessed Al Dhafra Air Base near Abu Dhabi, a major US military facility, for possible operations involving the P-8A. Under South Korean procedures, an assessment of a poten-

tial overseas deployment site is followed by a report to the National Security Council.

Senior presidential secretary for public relations Seong Ghi-hong reiterated on Thursday that no final decision had been taken. He said Seoul could consider technological assistance and other alternatives in addition to combat or non-combat forces.

The issue presents a diplomatic challenge for Seoul as Washington presses its ally to contribute to efforts to secure the strategic waterway. South Korea is also facing domestic opposition to a possible military deployment.

South Korea and the US are expected to hold the Korea-US Integrated Defence Dialogue in Busan next week. Although the Hormuz issue is not formally on the agenda, Washington could raise the matter during the talks, according to sources.

Lindy Cameron becomes first woman UK Foreign Office PUS

IAN S
London, Sep. 10

British High Commissioner to India Lindy Cameron has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary (PUS) at the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), becoming the first woman to hold the role.

Announcing the appointment, Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband praised Cameron’s extensive experience in diplomacy, development and national security, as well as her leadership in international postings. He said she would lead an FCDO focused on advancing British values and interests, and thanked Nick Dyer for serving as interim PUS.

Cameron said she was proud to lead Britain’s diplomats and development professionals. She joined the Civil Service in 1998 and has held senior positions in the former Department for International Development and the Foreign Office.

She said she was proud of her achievements in India but would be sad to leave.

Her appointment followed an external recruitment process chaired by the independent First Civil Service Commissioner.

The FCDO said details of her successor as British High Commissioner to India would be announced in due course.

Cameron has served in India since April 2024. Before that, she led the National Cyber Security Centre from 2020 to 2024, after more than two decades in international development, national security policy and crisis management.

Her previous roles included Director-General at the Northern Ireland Office and Director General, Country Programmes, at DFID. She also held senior posts in humanitarian, conflict and Middle East policy, and worked with the Cabinet Office, Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence. Her experience included leading the Stabilisation Unit and serving with a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan’s Helmand province.

'I am not an actor': Philippines defence chief rejects China's 'theatrics' remark

IAN S
Manila, Sep. 10

Philippine Defence Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. on Thursday rejected China’s accusation of “theatrics”, saying “I am not an actor” after criticising Beijing during the Seoul Defence Dialogue in South Korea, local media reported.

The remarks followed Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning’s comments in Beijing on Wednesday after Teodoro questioned China’s position on the 2016 international arbitration ruling on the South China Sea.

Teodoro said China’s conduct was more “theatrical” than his own remarks, referring to past statements by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi about Mischief Reef. “What’s more theatrical than Wang Yi saying that Mischief Reef was for peaceful purposes and they would never milita-

rize?” he said, according to ABS-CBN.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Manila Strategy Forum in Paranaque City, Teodoro also defended his response to a note he received while addressing the Seoul forum on Tuesday. The note, which he said appeared to have come from China, restated Beijing’s rejection of the 2016 arbitral ruling.

Teodoro had been discussing the importance of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) when the note was handed to him. He read excerpts stating that the arbitration breached fundamental principles of international law and that the award was “illegal, null, and void” and not legally binding.

He later accused China of “actual coercion, bullying and aggression” in the South China Sea. On Thursday, Teodoro said his response had been instinctive and driven by

what he described as basic decency and proper conduct.

Rejecting suggestions that the incident had been staged, he said: “Ask the Korean organisers. I will not answer them.” He added that he had too much respect for South Korean organisers to stage such an incident.

In July 2016, the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague ruled in favour of the Philippines in key aspects of its case against China, including finding no legal basis for China’s historic-rights claims within the so-called nine-dash line. China rejected the ruling as “null and void”.

The South China Sea is a major global trade route and is subject to overlapping claims by China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan. The disputes have repeatedly triggered confrontations and remain a major security flashpoint in the Indo-Pacific.

MUSLIM GRIEVANCES CANNOT BE SILENCED: WHEN PROTEST BECOMES THE LAST LANGUAGE OF THE VOICELESS



By: Shujath Ali Sufi

When a community repeatedly takes to the streets to defend what it believes are its fundamental rights, the question that must be asked is not why it is protesting, but why it feels that protest is the only language left that anyone will hear. Muslim personal law boards and other community organisations have every right to raise their voice on issues affecting Muslims, particularly when questions

of personal law, religious freedom, family rights, constitutional protections and social justice are involved. In a democracy, dissent is not a favour granted by those in power; it is a constitutional principle that keeps power accountable. But protest cannot become an empty ritual. A procession, a memorandum and a press conference may generate headlines for a day, yet they achieve little if they are not followed by sustained legal, political

and social action. If Muslim organisations want to be taken seriously, they must move beyond periodic outrage and build a permanent, disciplined strategy for defending rights. The responsibility is especially heavy on Muslim personal law boards. They cannot afford to speak only after a controversy has exploded. They must anticipate threats, study proposed legislation, engage constitutional experts, strengthen legal institutions and

communicate their position convincingly to the wider public. At the same time, governments and political parties must stop treating Muslim concerns as either a vote-bank calculation or a law-and-order inconvenience. A government that listens selectively to citizens weakens the very democracy it claims to protect. If a community raises a legitimate constitutional concern, the answer cannot simply be silence, dismissal or suspicion. Muslims, too, must demand accountability from their own leadership. Community representatives cannot invoke the language of rights while ignoring education, economic insecurity, women’s concerns, unemployment, political under-representation and the everyday discrimination faced by ordinary citizens. There is also a larger danger. When legitimate grievances remain unanswered for too long, frustration can harden into alienation. That serves nobody except those who thrive on communal polarisation. Responsible

leadership must therefore be uncompromising in defending constitutional rights while equally uncompromising in rejecting hatred, intimidation and violence. The message to the authorities should be clear: Muslims are citizens, not subjects seeking permission to exist with dignity. Their constitutional rights are not political bargaining chips to be granted or withdrawn according to convenience. And the message to Muslim leadership should be equally clear: rights must be defended not merely with slogans, but with scholarship, law, organisation, political maturity and sustained public engagement. Protest is sometimes necessary. But protest should be the beginning of a struggle for justice, not its conclusion. A community that wants its voice heard must build institutions powerful enough to speak every day—not merely crowds large enough to be noticed for one afternoon. Democracy ultimately demands something very simple: listen before people are forced to shout.

Iron Absorption Matters as Much as Iron Intake: How to Get More from Your Diet



Iron is an essential nutrient required for the production of haemoglobin. A lack of iron or poor absorption of the mineral can lead to iron deficiency and anaemia, causing symptoms such as frequent tiredness, weakness, dizziness and fatigue even after moderate physical activity. For those looking for affordable sources of iron, foods such as drumstick leaves and masoor dal can be included in the daily diet. However, experts point out that simply consuming iron-rich foods is not enough. The amount of iron absorbed by the body is equally important. Iron from plant-based foods is mainly non-haem iron, while animal-based foods provide haem iron. Non-haem iron is absorbed less efficiently by the body compared with haem iron. Therefore, consuming large quantities of iron-rich plant foods does not necessarily mean that blood iron levels will automatically improve. One simple way to improve the absorption of non-haem iron is to combine iron-rich foods with vitamin C-rich foods. Lemon, amla, guava, oranges and tomatoes are good sources of vitamin

C. Adding lemon juice to masoor dal or drumstick-leaf dishes, or having vitamin C-rich fruits along with meals, can help the body absorb iron more effectively. At the same time, people should avoid having tea or coffee close to iron-rich meals. Certain compounds present in tea and coffee can interfere with the absorption of non-haem iron. Therefore, it is advisable to maintain a gap between iron-rich meals and tea or coffee. Iron is not the only nutrient required for healthy blood cells. The body also needs adequate protein, folic acid, vitamin B12 and other essential nutrients for the proper production and functioning of red blood cells. A balanced diet containing pulses, vegetables, fruits, whole grains, milk and other suitable protein sources is therefore important. Drumstick leaves and masoor dal can form part of a healthy diet and help provide iron, but people with diagnosed anaemia should not consider these foods a substitute for treatment. Iron deficiency may occur not only because of inadequate dietary intake but also because the body fails to absorb iron pro-

perly or due to blood loss. If iron deficiency occurs repeatedly or continues without an obvious reason, the underlying cause should be investigated. Conditions such as gastritis, coeliac disease, inflammatory bowel disease, peptic ulcers and chronic gastrointestinal bleeding may contribute to iron deficiency. Dietary changes alone may not be sufficient in cases of severe or diagnosed anaemia. When haemoglobin or ferritin levels are significantly low, doctors may recommend iron supplements depending on the severity of the deficiency, its underlying cause and the individual’s overall health. Iron supplements should not be taken without medical advice. People seeking to improve their dietary iron intake can combine foods such as drumstick leaves and masoor dal with lemon or tomatoes and include vitamin C-rich fruits such as amla, guava and oranges. Avoiding tea and coffee immediately around iron-rich meals can also help. However, persistent, severe or unexplained iron deficiency requires proper medical evaluation and treatment rather than relying solely on diet.

Can Protein Bars Be Eaten Every Day? Experts Explain

Protein has become an important part of breakfast, especially for people with busy lifestyles. Starting the day with adequate protein can help provide sustained energy, control hunger and support muscle health. Protein bars, which typically contain around 25–30 grams of protein, have therefore become a convenient breakfast option. However, experts say they should not routinely replace a balanced breakfast. Having enough protein at breakfast can slow digestion and help keep the stomach fuller for longer. This may reduce frequent hunger and cravings for sweets or unhealthy snacks during the morning. A protein-rich breakfast can also support people trying to lose weight. Studies suggest that consuming around 30 grams of protein in the morning may influence appetite-regulating hormones such as ghrelin and leptin, helping control hunger and reduce unnecessary snacking before lunch. Adequate protein intake may also help maintain more stable blood sugar levels by slowing the digestion and absorption of carbohydrates and supporting steady energy. Spreading daily protein intake across the three main meals can further support muscle building and maintenance.

This is particularly important for physically active people and those focused on fitness. Although a protein bar may provide around 30 grams of protein, experts consider a balanced breakfast with the same amount of protein a better option. A complete meal can provide protein along with fibre, complex carbohydrates, healthy fats, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients. These additional nutrients are generally lacking or limited in many protein bars. Protein bars can, however, be useful when travelling, during busy mornings or when healthy food is not readily available. But not every protein bar is necessarily healthy. Some products contain high amounts of added sugar, artificial sweeteners, excess calories, low fibre and highly processed ingredients. As a result, a bar may be high in protein but still have limited overall nutritional value. Consumers should therefore carefully check the nutrition label before buying a protein bar. Ideally, the product should contain at least 15–20 grams of protein, limited added sugar and a good amount of fibre, while being made as much as possible from whole-food ingredients. Total calorie content should also be considered.

Instead of relying on protein bars, people can choose healthier breakfast options such as eggs with whole-grain toast, Greek yoghurt with nuts, paneer, vegetable chilla, tofu scramble, or oats with milk and seeds. These foods provide protein along with fibre, vitamins, minerals and other essential nutrients. People trying to lose weight, older adults, fitness enthusiasts and those who feel hungry before lunch may benefit from a breakfast containing around 30 grams of protein. However, protein bars alone are not a solution for weight management, as overall diet quality, calorie intake and physical activity also matter. Experts recommend combining protein with fibre and healthy fats, drinking enough water and choosing whole foods whenever possible. Protein bars are best used as a convenient option when needed, rather than as a daily replacement for a balanced breakfast.

Monsoon Infections Can Turn Serious When Respiratory Symptoms Are Ignored



With the monsoon bringing high humidity, damp indoor environments and increased exposure to respiratory infections and allergens, pulmonologists at Kamineni Hospitals have cautioned that what begins as a routine cough, cold or viral infection can sometimes progress into more significant respiratory problems. The hospital’s specialists have highlighted increasing clinical concerns around asthma and COPD exacerbations, bronchitis, persistent post-viral cough, allergic respiratory conditions and pneumonia, particularly among vulnerable individuals. **Dr. Subhakar Kandi,** Senior Consultant Pulmonologist, Kamineni Hospitals, said that monsoon conditions can aggravate existing airway diseases such as asthma and COPD. Changes in humidity, exposure to mould and indoor allergens, along with respiratory infections, can trigger wheezing, chest tightness, persistent cough and breathlessness. “Patients with asthma or COPD should not ignore a sudden increase in symptoms or a greater need for their reliever medication. A respiratory infection that may be mild in a healthy individual can trigger a significant exacerbation in someone with an underlying lung condition. Early medical assessment can help prevent a manageable flare-up from progressing to a serious respiratory complication,” he said.

Dr. E. Ravindra Reddy, Senior Consultant Pulmonologist, Kamineni Hospitals, said that persistent cough following a viral infection should not always be dismissed as “just bronchitis”. “A cough can continue for some time after a viral infection, but

a persistent or worsening cough accompanied by fever, breathlessness, wheezing, chest pain, low oxygen levels or blood in the sputum requires medical evaluation. It is important to distinguish between a self-limiting viral illness, acute bronchitis, an asthma or COPD exacerbation and pneumonia, as the management of each can be different. Unnecessary antibiotics should also be avoided unless there is a clear medical indication,” he said.

Dr. Ravindranath, Senior consultant Pulmonologist, Kamineni Hospitals, emphasised the importance of recognising respiratory warning signs and protecting high-risk groups. “Older adults, young children and people living with asthma, COPD, heart disease or other chronic illnesses need closer monitoring during the monsoon. Breathlessness at rest, persistent or worsening wheezing, chest pain, falling oxygen saturation, coughing up blood, persistent high fever with respiratory symptoms, severe weakness or confusion should not be ignored and warrant prompt medical attention,” he said.

Dr. D.S Sowjanya, Consultant Pulmonologist, said “People recovering from viral or flu-like infections should pay attention to symptoms that persist or worsen after the initial illness appears to be settling. Ongoing cough, wheezing, chest tightness or breathlessness may indicate that the infection has aggravated an underlying airway condition. Patients with asthma or COPD should be particularly cautious and continue their prescribed inhalers and medications as advised. Timely review

can help identify an exacerbation early and prevent further deterioration.” “Monsoon-related respiratory problems are not limited to infections alone. Damp indoor environments, mould, dust and poor ventilation can contribute to airway irritation and worsen respiratory symptoms. People experiencing recurrent cough, wheezing or breathlessness should not repeatedly self-medicate without identifying the underlying cause. A proper clinical assessment can help determine whether the symptoms are related to an infection, airway disease or another respiratory condition and guide appropriate treatment” added Dr. Bharath Janapati, Consultant Pulmonologist. The specialists advised residents to maintain good respiratory hygiene, adequate ventilation and indoor cleanliness, particularly in damp environments. People with asthma or COPD should continue their prescribed medications and inhalers as advised by their physicians and avoid known triggers. Regular hand hygiene, cough etiquette and appropriate precautions in crowded indoor settings can also help reduce the spread of respiratory infections. Kamineni Hospitals said its Pulmonology, Emergency and Diagnostic services remain available for the evaluation and management of seasonal respiratory illnesses and complications. The hospital urged people not to ignore persistent cough, wheezing or breathlessness and to seek timely medical advice, particularly when symptoms worsen or occur in high-risk individuals.

Hope and Wellness Week Held at RGUKT Basar



Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar, is observing “Hope and Wellness Week–2026” from September 7 to 11 under the Psychological Wellness Centre to promote mental health, emotional well-being, self-confidence and positive thinking among students. The week-long programme featured a Wall of Positivity, Yellow Ribbon Campaign, “Are You OK?” initiative, yoga, stress-man-

agement sessions and a digital detox challenge. Students also participated in painting, essay writing and elocution competitions. On September 10, Neuropsychiatrist Dr Aladi Suresh of Nirmal addressed students on the importance of mental health and counselling. PUC-I and PUC-II students also took part in an awareness walk marking World Suicide Prevention Day. Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. Govardhan, Administrative

Officer Muralidhar, Dean of Sciences and Humanities Dr Vitthal, Student Welfare Officer G. Nagaraju, wardens, department heads, counsellors, coordinators, faculty members and students participated in the programme. The initiative will conclude on September 11 with cultural programmes at the SAC Auditorium. The programme carries the message: “You are not alone—talk, connect, seek help and choose hope.”



Mona Agarwal Secures LA28 Quota With Silver, Avani Lekhara Wins Bronze at Changwon Worlds

Changwon, Sep 10:

India enjoyed a double podium finish at the World Shooting Para Sport Championships in Changwon on Thursday, with Mona Agarwal winning silver and two-time Paralympic champion Avani Lekhara claiming bronze in the Women's 10m Air Rifle SH1 event.

Mona, a bronze medalist at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, secured a quota place for India at the LA28 Paralympic Games with her silver-medal finish. She narrowly missed out on gold, scoring 250.0 points, just 0.2 behind Serbia's Kristina Trifunovic, who topped the final with 250.2. Avani finished third with 229.4 points.

The silver marked Mona's maiden World



Championships medal. She had previously won a silver medal at the World Cup at the same venue last year.

For Avani, the bronze came on her return to the World Championships after four years. The two-time Paralympic champion has three Paralympic rifle medals, including back-to-back R2 gold medals, and has also enjoyed success

at the Changwon range, where she won gold at the 2022 World Cup.

The Changwon 2026 World Championships feature 324 shooters from 53 countries, with 24 LA28 quota places on offer. A total of 150 shooting Para sport quota places will be available for the 2028 Paralympics across 13 medal events.

Yash Thakur Replaces Harshit Rana; Bumrah Cleared for Afghanistan T20I Series

New Delhi, Sep 10:

India have named Vidarbha pacer Yash Thakur as Harshit Rana's replacement for the upcoming T20I series against Afghanistan and the T20 squad for the Asian Games. Rana is currently recovering from an injury at the BCCI Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

The 27-year-old Thakur recently featured in India's tour of Zimbabwe, where he claimed four wickets in two matches. He has also played 50 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy matches, taking 81 wickets.

Meanwhile, fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has been



declared fit and cleared to play in the Afghanistan T20I series. The BCCI had earlier made his selection subject to fitness clearance. Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington Sundar have also received the green light to feature in the series.

Bumrah missed the third ODI against England in July and was subsequently rested for India's two-Test series in Sri Lanka. The three-match T20I series against Afghanistan is scheduled to begin on September 13.

Fatima Sana Shaikh recalls facing sexism in film industry: 'Learn to stand up for yourself'



New Delhi, Sep 10:

Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh has opened up about facing sexism and deeply rooted patriarchal attitudes in the film industry.

She asserted that women often have to fight against societal conditioning to make their voices heard. Speaking at the trailer launch of her upcoming release "Hunkkaar—The Roar," the 'Dangal' actress said patriarchy cannot be blamed solely on men, as women are also part of a system that has been deeply ingrained in society. "Patriarchy is not only the fault of men. There are also women in

it. They are also included. It internalizes. And we are all born in the same conditioning. And we have to fight it," she says and acknowledges that it's "deeply ingrained."

Sharing an example from the film industry, Shaikh recalled being in meetings where she was presented with a female-centric story about a woman trying to find her voice.

Fatima said, "Even I have been in such rooms, where you go to a room, the producer tells you that this is a mind-blowing film for you. Then, the role is of a woman who is trying to find a voice," - an idea that is

female-oriented, taps into women-empowerment, social politics - however, Shaikh finds no woman in the room except her, emphasizing the irony of the situation.

"The irony is that when you try to say something, she won't appreciate it. She can't handle it. And then, she will make weird jokes, or she will mansplain. Because she will tell us how women feel when there is a violent crime. She will tell us that actually, it's not that bad. It's like this," she explains. However, she also points out that the way to deal with all of it is to "learn to stand up for yourself and fight," she added. Meanwhile, Fatima takes on the role of a no-nonsense police officer in the upcoming courtroom drama. The show is produced by Birla Studios and Applause Entertainment, in association with Priyanka Chopra's production house, Purple Pebble Pictures, and Mangata Films Production.

Directed by Karan D. Kapadia and Nitya Mehra, "Hunkkaar—The Roar" is scheduled to stream on JioHotstar from September 25.

Ishan Kishan Extends Unbeaten Captaincy Record with Duleep Trophy Triumph

- **Ishan Kishan Led East Zone To Their Third Duleep Trophy Title.**
- **He Scored 350 Runs In The Final Against South Zone.**
- **Ishan Extended His Unbeaten Record As A First-Class Captain To 16 Matches.**
- **He Also Entered The Top 10 Unbeaten Captains In First-Class Cricket.**
- **It Is His Second Title As Captain After Winning The 2025-26 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.**

Chennai, Sep 10:

India international Ishan Kishan extended his unbeaten record as captain in first-class cricket after leading the East Zone to their third-ever Duleep Trophy title on Thursday.

Kishan was in stellar form in the final against South Zone, scoring 350 across two innings to lead the domestic side to a win on the first-innings lead. With the victory, Kishan has also extended his record for being unbeaten as captain in first-class cricket

to 16 matches. His run began in 2018 and is now in its ninth year.

This has made him enter the top 10 of the unbeaten captains list in FC cricket. As per CricViz, the list is headed by former Sri Lanka cricketer Mahinda Halangoda, who was unbeaten in 30 FC matches as skipper.

Meanwhile, Kishan credited the team's collective effort for their win. "We won this title as a group. I think everyone was taking care of each other, which was the most

important thing for me. I think I've been a good leader (offered a cheeky smile), but I think the journey doesn't end here.

"You need to keep getting better in all the departments. Whether you're fielding or batting, you'll always make mistakes. So we just need to rectify that and get better day by day," Kishan said in the post-match presentation ceremony.

The Duleep Trophy win is Kishan's second title as captain after winning the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy for Jharkhand in the 2025/26 season. Reflecting on his approach and mindset during his time away from the national team, the wicketkeeper-batter highlighted how the period helped him mature both as a cricketer and as a captain.

"I think it was more about just being calmer af-



ter the break, being more into the game, knowing what's important, how aware you are of the game and how you are reading the situation. You need to take care of each other, try and help each and every ball, so they don't get into that zone where I was.

"So I was just trying to help everyone, and it's been a good transforma-

tion for me as well. I've been more calm, more aware of situations, and more hungry. You want to perform for your team. You need to make your team win, and that is something which changed in me. Hundred percent, that is going to be there (on being that cheeky guy) till I turn ninety," he added.

Dinusha, Robinson, Mahmud shortlisted for ICC Men's Player

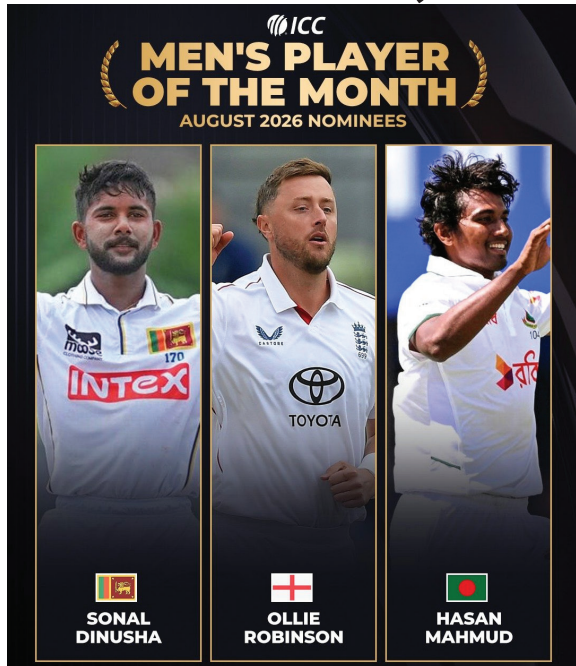
New Delhi, Sep 10:

Sri Lanka batter Sonal Dinusha, England pacer Ollie Robinson and Bangladesh fast bowler Hasan Mahmud were on Thursday nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for August 2026.

All three nominees produced match-defining performances as per various situations encountered in the longest format during the month. Left-handed batter Dinusha was in imperious form during Sri Lanka's two-match series against India, which they lost 1-0 at home. The youngster set the tone in the opening Test at Galle International Stadium with a fine century, before following it up with a fighting 84 in the second innings.

He raised the bar further in the second Test at the SSC Ground in Colombo, striking 103 in the first essay and remaining unbeaten on 133 in the second to help Sri Lanka secure a hard-fought and epic draw. Dinusha finished the series as the leading run-getter on either side, accumulating 420 runs at a staggering average of 140 across the two matches.

On the other hand,



England seamer Robinson proved to be the wrecker-in-chief in his side's dominant start to the home Test series against Pakistan. The right-arm pacer delivered a career-best performance in the opening Test at Headingley with figures of 8-80.

He then backed it up with a clinical spell of 8-35 in the second match at Lord's as England wrapped up comfortable victories in both encounters to go 2-0 up and take an unassailable lead in the series. Robinson ended August 2026 with 16 wickets at an exceptional average

of 7.18.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh fast bowler Mahmud came into the spotlight via being the architect of his country's landmark Test victory on Australian soil. The pacer produced a match-winning display during the Darwin Test triumph, picking up 6-55 in the first innings and 3-56 in the second essay to engineer a famous victory for Bangladesh. Hasan finished the two-match Test series in Australia, which ended in a 1-1 draw, with nine wickets at an average of 19.77.

Salil Arora Eyes India Cap After SMAT, IPL Success

New Delhi, Sep 10:

Punjab and Sunrisers Hyderabad batter Salil Arora is looking ahead to the upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and the Indian Premier League as he looks to fulfil his "dream" of playing for India in the future.

The 23-year-old, who is currently playing for Ludhiana Lions in the ongoing Sher-E-Punjab T20 League, had a stellar Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy campaign in 2025-26 and also impressed many with his exploits in the IPL 2026.

Arora was Punjab's leading run-scorer in the SMAT 2025-26, having scored 358 runs in eight innings, including a maverick unbeaten 125 off 45 balls against Jharkhand.

His SMAT exploits helped him earn an IPL contract with the SRH ahead of the 2026 season, and he impressed in his limited time at the crease in the death overs, with a notable knock of 30 off just 10 balls being one of his major highlights from the season. Speaking to IANS, Arora revealed that his dream remains to play for India as he is eyeing another strong SMAT and

an IPL and is not looking to take pressure from his previous strong outings. "Yes, I see the upcoming Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy as a strong opportunity. I want to perform there and then go to the IPL. And then I want to perform in the IPL and play for the Indian team. This is my dream and my goal," he told IANS.

Arora, the wicketkeeper batter, is currently part of the leadership group of Ludhiana in the Sher-E-Punjab T20 League and has led the side in the absence of Arshdeep Singh. He has played a few fiery knocks, including a 38-ball 78 against Fazilka Falcons, and has also batted higher up the order at No.3 in the tournament.

The young batter shared that his outings in the state franchise league have given him a lot of confidence, and he will try to carry this momentum into the next match as the team targets a semifinal spot. He also said he felt the need to bat higher up the order as per the team's requirements, and the change brought a positive result, with him scoring an unbeaten 78 off 38 deliveries.

India-AFG 1st T20i May be Postponed

New Delhi, Sep 10:

The first T20I between India and Afghanistan, scheduled in Delhi on September 13, is likely to be postponed by a day due to security arrangements for the BRICS summit. The Delhi Traffic Police has requested the match be shifted to September 14.

The match is scheduled at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, while the BRICS summit will be held on September 12 and 13. The BCCI is yet to take a final decision on the rescheduling.

Rohit Sharma's 2027 World Cup Spot Still Uncertain as BCCI Weighs Options

New Delhi, Sep 10:

Former India captain Rohit Sharma's place in the squad for the 2027 ODI World Cup remains uncertain despite his impressive form in the 50-over format. The veteran opener recently hit a century at Lord's, but questions continue to surround his long-term future with the national team.

Rohit, who now plays only ODI cricket, appears unfazed by the uncertainty. Speaking about his World Cup preparations, he said the tournament is still a long

way away and there is no need to rush decisions, with the 2027 event scheduled for October.

The World Cup will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, and Rohit will be close to 40 by the time the tournament begins. With selectors looking at younger options such as Yashasvi Jaiswal, the competition for the opening spot is expected to intensify.

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia recently backed Rohit's current form, saying the veteran is playing

exceptionally well and urging people not to believe rumours surrounding his future. His remarks have kept the possibility of Rohit featuring in the 2027 World Cup squad alive.

Reports following a BCCI review meeting suggested that chief selector Ajit Agarkar, head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Shubman Gill favoured giving Jaiswal an opportunity, while VVS Laxman and T20I captain Shreyas Iyer reportedly backed Rohit's inclusion.

Rohit, meanwhile, is

focused on staying in contention and is preparing for India's upcoming ODI series against the West Indies. His performances in the coming months could play a crucial role in determining whether the experienced opener gets a chance to feature in what could be his final World Cup.

Rohit Sharma's performance in the upcoming ODI series against the West Indies could be crucial to his 2027 World Cup hopes, with selectors also considering Yashasvi Jaiswal for the opening spot.



City school students scream in horror as cobra enters classroom



A Class 10 lesson at a Hyderabad school took an terrifying turn when a cobra slithered into the classroom, sending students scrambling out in panic as their teacher was conducting a lesson.

The incident took place at Serenity School in Keesara, where students spotted the snake inside the classroom and immediately began screaming and rushing out.

The school management alerted a snake catcher, while the students remained outside until the cobra was safely removed.

The sudden appearance of the snake left students frightened, with the classroom being cleared as efforts were made to locate and remove the reptile.

The incident also raised concerns among parents, who alleged that this was the third time a snake had entered the school premises. They questioned the management over the safety and cleanliness of the campus and called for immediate measures to prevent such incidents.

Parents also urged the school management to give greater attention to maintaining a safe and hygienic environment for students, alongside its regular operations.

What was supposed to be a routine Class 10 lesson thus turned into an unexpected evacuation, with a cobra becoming the most alarming visitor in the classroom that day.

Thar, Fortuner Owners Take Road Safety Oath In Daman; Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw Calls It 'Commendable'

Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has backed a road-safety campaign in Daman that brought owners of Mahindra Thar and Toyota Fortuner SUVs together for a public pledge on responsible driving. Reacting to a video of the campaign on X, Mazumdar-Shaw said India needs more than driving lessons to improve behaviour on the roads.

"I think India needs this kind of 'schooling' more than another driving lesson! Commendable move by the Daman Collector," she wrote.

She followed it up with another post highlighting the idea behind the public pledge. "Making Thar and Fortuner owners take an oath to drive safely, sometimes a little public pledge may work better than a thousand road signs!" she added.

What happened in Daman?

The Daman administration recently organised the "Thar-Fortuner Sankalp Yatra", bringing together owners of the two SUVs for a public road-safety pledge.

A video shared by the Department of Information



and Publicity of Daman on its official X account showed long queues of Thars and Fortuners during the campaign. Their owners were seen taking an oath administered by the district collector.

The campaign used slogans including "Raftaar Nahi, Sanskaar" and "Bhaigiri Nahi, Zimmedari", urging motorists to put responsible driving ahead of aggressive behaviour on the road.

The initiative, however, also prompted questions about whether taking an oath is enough to tackle India's road-safety problems.

One social media user argued that the bigger issue was how difficult it is to obtain a driving licence and called for stronger regulatory action. "More than this kind of schooling, I would be of the opinion



that getting a driving license should be made really difficult. It is high time that the regulators and relevant authorities pull up their socks and do the work for which they are getting freebies from taxpayers money."

Another user said the problem was not limited to owners of particular car brands, but was about how seriously people treat traffic rules. "There is widespread violation of traffic rules not just by drivers of these makes. And none of these guys lack education about rules. Utter disregard for the safety of others needs to be severely punished," commented another.

Another took a different view, arguing that young drivers and parenting also need to be part of the conversation. "Problem is not with the owners of these

vehicles, it's with their children who consider themselves above the law. Best thing to do is to train them in parenting not driving," said another.

Others welcomed the initiative but pointed out that simply asking people to drive slowly does not cover everything that constitutes safe driving. "Its a great initiative. But 90% of indian drivers do not know what safe driving is. Will have to define to them what safe driving is. Taking right turns from extreme left, overtaking from the left even while making U-turns, abrupt lane changing all these have to be specifically told to them that they are cause for most of the crashes. Safe driving is not just driving slowly"

The debate also widened into a criticism of driving culture in crowded Indian cities. "In a crowded nation where roads double as shops, parking spaces, political meeting grounds & living spaces for millions, majority of the car owners behave as if the stretch of road before them belongs exclusively to them—and look at everyone else with contempt."

Bluorng co-founder stunned by iPhone Duo's Rs 4.5 lakh price



Bluorng co-founder Siddhant Sabharwal's reaction to the price of Apple's newly launched foldable iPhone Duo has sparked a discussion online, with some users pointing out the irony of his comments given Bluorng's premium pricing.

In an Instagram video, Sabharwal appeared surprised while checking the price of the new iPhone. "Please understand that I love Apple. But I was just checking. So, the 2TB is ₹4.5 lakh. It starts at ₹3 lakh, yes. It's a phone..." he said. Sabharwal then acknowledged that he expected criticism in his direct messages. "I knew you guys would fry me in my DMs," he said, before adding, "Bro, ₹4.5 lakh is kind of... theek hai, we all know that we are get-

ting this, but please don't complain. Bluorng is not expensive.

What did social media say?

The comments section quickly turned the conversation towards Bluorng's own pricing. One user wrote, "Apple is just simply inspired by @bluorng," while another commented, "It's highly possible that, they were inspired by you."

Another user joked, "Just sell a couple of tees bro!! and it's yours."

"₹4 lakh for an iPhone? it's just a phone.' brother, you sell t-shirts for prices that make people ask whether they accidentally clicked on the wrong product category. you can't spend a minute preaching about how absurdly expensive 'just a phone' is and then turn around and put a luxury tax on cotton. nothing wrong with charging a premium for your brand. just maybe don't lecture people about overpriced products while actively participating in the exact business model you're criticising," wrote another.

SBI assistant manager shares why she quit her job to start a yoga studio

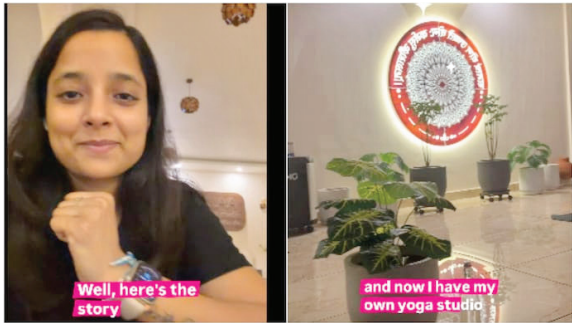
A former State Bank of India (SBI) assistant manager has left her secure banking job to pursue a career in yoga, saying the pressure of her work had left her struggling with daily headaches and mental exhaustion.

Snigdha Bose, a certified yoga and pranayam instructor, now runs Tulaa Wellness Studio in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut.

In a video posted on Instagram, Snigdha said she had a "stable job" at SBI, with a secure career and a decent salary, but eventually realised that she was no longer happy with the life she was leading.

"I quit my job at State Bank of India and now I have my own yoga studio. I was not feeling happy in my job. I felt this extreme pressure, had a headache every day. I used to take painkillers every day, and I did not like that life," she said in the video.

Snigdha said the long hours of sitting, constant stress and mental exhaustion had gradually become part of her rou-



tine: "I knew I needed to change something inside me. And that is the reason I took this massive step for myself. My family has been there for me."

In her caption, she explained that her decision was not simply about leaving a corporate job to become a yoga teacher. She had noticed how demanding work schedules often leave people with little time to care for their physical and mental wellbeing.

"So many of us wake up, rush to work, sit for hours, deal with stress, come back exhausted, and repeat the same cycle again," she said.

Stiffness, fatigue, feeling disconnected from one's body and constant exhaustion, she said, can

gradually become "normal" without people realising it.

Snigdha acknowledged that leaving a stable job is not an option for everyone and stressed that people do not necessarily need to quit their jobs to prioritise their health.

"You can still take care of your body while working a demanding job. You can still build strength, mobility, and calm into your everyday life. You can still feel better without completely changing your life," she said.

Today, Snigdha Bose has channelled her experience into Tulaa Wellness Studio, where she teaches yoga and pranayam, turning a difficult period in her career into a new professional path.

Rajasthan man climbs telecom tower, threatens to end life unless network is restored



A 25-year-old man in Rajasthan climbed a telecom mobile tower after becoming frustrated with a month-long network problem, refusing to come down and threatening to end his life if the issue wasn't addressed.

The incident took place in Bedham village of Deeg district, where residents had been struggling with poor mobile connectivity for nearly a month. The man, identified as Pushkar, climbed the tower and threatened to jump if the network problem was not resolved.

Word of the incident quickly spread through the village, drawing a large crowd to the spot. Police and administrative officials were informed, following which a team from Sadar police station reached the site and began trying to persuade him to climb down.

Videos recorded by bystanders began circulating on social media, while Pushkar himself recorded a video explaining why he had taken the drastic step.

The situation continued for around three and a half hours as police officers spoke to Pushkar from below. Meanwhile, officials contacted the telecom representatives and asked the company's technical team to reach the spot and address the network problem.

Machine Applies Intricate Mehendi Design In Seconds



The advancement of technology is drastically changing the way people work, with machines now capable of performing tasks that were once considered uniquely human. From customer service to manufacturing, technology is taking over repetitive jobs. A viral video showing a machine applying intricate mehendi designs has sparked a discussion on whether technology could affect professions like this.

RPG Group Chairman Harsh Goenka shared a video on his X account showing what appeared to be a machine applying an intricate mehendi design on a person's hand. The clip showed a machine labelled "Dhara Mehndi Design" using fine, needle-like tips to create

intricate patterns on the hand.

The speed and precision of the machine left social media users both amazed and concerned. Sharing the video, Goenka wrote, "Some more jobs gone." "Oh God, This Looks So Dangerous"

His post quickly gained attention on the platform, which led to a discussion amongst users about the rapid advancement of technology, job security and the growing role of machines in professions traditionally carried out by humans.

While some agreed with Goenka's concerns about technology replacing human labour, many users said they would still prefer getting mehendi applied by a human artist. "Oh god, this looks so

dangerous. Even if it's AI, people will get ideas and make it," said a user.

Another wrote, "Man the competition keeps getting tougher."

An individual penned, "By mistake, if any unforeseen happens, you can't do anything except damage the machine and go to hospital for treatment."

Meanwhile, someone mentioned, "It doesn't have to be. I still prefer the touch of a human being and prefer the human connection. I would still let humans have that job. Those who want machines can use machines. I would rather still turn to human beings."

"Some more jobs created: earlier it's an art. Now anyone can have this machine and make a livelihood," commented a person.

Warning About AI Risks

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His Exit Adds To A Wider AI Safety Debate

Anthropic, an artificial intelligence company, spent almost two years trying to bring a 27-year-old AI researcher, Jacob Coxon, into the company. But just four months after joining, Coxon left and raised concerns about the speed at which major AI companies are building more powerful systems.

Ethan Perez, an AI safety researcher at Anthropic, said he and other colleagues had wanted Coxon to join because of his work at

OpenAI. Perez also said he supported Coxon's concerns about the risks linked to advanced AI.

"Jacob was a senior researcher who joined Anthropic in May. My Anthropic colleagues and I had been trying to recruit him for ~2 years, because we knew he was a strong researcher at OpenAI," Perez wrote.

Perez Said He Was Sad To See Coxon Leave Perez said he had personally tried to convince Coxon to stay at

Anthropic and join his team. However, Coxon decided to leave despite the effort to keep him at the company.

"Before he left, I pitched him to stay and join my team, and I was sad he decided to leave, as are many of my colleagues," he wrote on X.

Perez also backed Coxon's wider concerns about the future of AI. He said he "100%" agreed with Coxon that AI poses serious risks to society. "I'm glad he's speaking

out," Perez added.

Perez works on AI safety at Anthropic, with his research focused on reducing the chances of serious harm from advanced AI systems and large language models.

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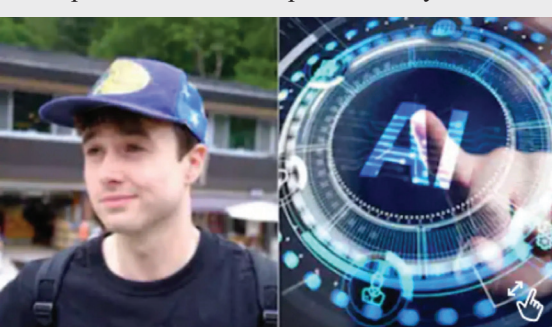
Coxon explained his reasons for leaving Anthropic in a post on X on Wednesday. He said his recent work had involved AI training research at both OpenAI and Anthropic.

"I spent the last three years doing pretraining research at both OpenAI and Anthropic. Neither company is acting responsibly," Coxon said. "They are racing straight to self-improving superintelligence and gambling with our lives."

Coxon had joined Anthropic in May after the company had spent a long time trying to recruit him. His decision to leave after only around four months has made his criticism stand out.

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Coxon's comments have added to an ongoing debate in the AI industry over how quickly companies should develop more advanced



systems. His concerns focus on whether AI firms are putting too much focus on improving the abilities of their systems while not giving enough attention to possible safety risks.