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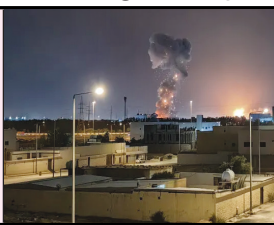
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Prime Accused Arrested in Sensational Haribabu Murder Case in Nizamabad

Nizamabad Bureau
Nizamabad,Sept. 20:

Police have made a major breakthrough in the sensational murder of Haribabu in Nizamabad city by arresting the prime accused, A-1 Santosh. Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, said a murder case was registered at the Nizamabad Two Town Police Station on September 17 based on a complaint filed by the victim’s mother, Chatari Lakshmi. Special teams were formed under the supervision of the Police Commissioner immediately after the case was registered. Using technical



evidence and CCTV footage, police accelerated the investigation and identified the accused. According to police, a murder case concerning the death of Haribabu’s wife, YouTuber Vaishnavi, had been registered at the Korutla Police Station on

March 17, 2026. In connection with that case, Haribabu, his mother Chatari Lakshmi and his two brothers were arrested and sent to Karimnagar Jail. They were subsequently released on bail. Following their release, Haribabu and his mother

allegedly felt that they were facing a threat to their lives from Vaishnavi’s family. They therefore moved to Nizamabad and began living in Sai Nagar. They were earning a livelihood by selling roasted corn near the RR Junction. According to the police investigation, A-1 Santosh allegedly planned the murder in advance with the intention of avenging Vaishnavi’s death. He reportedly travelled from Korutla to Nizamabad on September 17 at around 5 p.m. in a white Swift Dzire car bearing registration number TS-36A-4843, accompanied by his mother

Former Minister Jagadish Reddy slams Govt over farmers’ woes

NSS
Nalgonda, Sept 20:

Former Minister and Suryapet MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy on Sunday inspected withered crop fields in Telakanti Gudem village of Kanagal Mandal in Nalgonda district. He interacted with the farmers to console and reassure them before speaking to the media. He also visited the nearby electrical substation, examined the logbook and spoke with the concerned officials. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the Congress government’s actions re-

garding the farmers were criminal. “Why are crops being allowed to wither when water has arrived in the Krishna river? The government understand the farmers’ reactions regarding the hardships faced due to water and power shortages. The Chief Minister and ministers must explain why the crops are withering. What answer will state minister Uttam Kumar Reddy who lied about the water usage give to the farmers? The claim of a coal shortage is just as false as the claim regarding El Niño. Those, who dismiss this as mere politics should go and speak to the farmers,

whose crops have withered,” he demanded . He said that the Farmers themselves say that in the past, when state minister Komatireddy was the MLA, they were unable to cultivate their crops successfully and added that it was only after former CM KCR took charge that they could cultivate their lands and achieve bumper harvests. “They are now expressing anguish that their crops have been withering again over the past three years.!How much longer will they stage dramas using El Niño as an excuse? Back then, KCR had already made the necessary arrangements to gen-

erate 21,000 megawatts of power. During KCR’s tenure, there was a continuous supply of quality electricity for 24 hours a day. We delivered it. All of you who consumed that electricity are direct witnesses to this. Why did you halt power generation at the Yadadri and Bhadradri plants? Some cite a lack of water, others a lack of coal, as reasons for cutting off power and water supplies. You are intimidating millers and forcing mills to shut down. Ministers Komatireddy, Uttam Kumar Reddy and Bhatti must answer for this,” he said . (NSS)



Sixth Mega Free Eye Medical Camp Concludes in Kadthal

NSS
Kadthal, Sept 20 :

The sixth Mega Free Eye Medical Camp was successfully concluded in Kadthal with the aim of ensuring that poor people in rural areas do not have to forgo eye treatment due to financial difficulties. The camp was organised with the support of Ekta Foundation Chairman and Congress party state leader and TASK COO Shankireddy Raghavender Reddy. During the six-day eye screening programme: More than 5,500 people visited the camp. 3,591 eye examinations were conducted. 2,422 people were provided

with free spectacles. 154 people successfully underwent free cataract surgeries. Speaking on the occasion, Shankireddy Raghavender Reddy said that good eyesight is essential to every person’s life. He noted that, particularly in poor families, eye-related problems are often neglected because of financial difficulties. He said that the idea of organising free eye clinics was conceived with the objective of helping people facing such circumstances. The service programme, which began in Veldanda, has now expanded to six free eye



camp across six mandals, covering Kalwakurthy, Madgul, Talakondapally and Kadthal, among other areas. Across these six camps, more than 19,791 people have been examined, over 15,497 people have been provided with free spectacles.

Adilabad IT Tower Construction in Final Stages: 2,000 Local Youth Likely to Get Employment

Adilabad Bureau
Adilabad :, Sept.20:

A new chapter of technological development and employment opportunities is set to begin in Adilabad district. The construction of the modern IT Tower at Batti Savargaon near the district headquarters has entered its final phase. The facility will soon be inaugurated at the hands of the Minister for IT and Industries, Duddilla Sridhar Babu. District Congress Committee (DCC) President Dr. Naresh Jadhav inspected the under-construction building and

reviewed the structural works, interior amenities, and infrastructure readiness in detail. He directed the concerned officials to expedite and complete the remaining work at the earliest. Speaking to the media, Dr. Naresh Jadhav stated that the five-story (G+4) IT Tower has been equipped with all modern amenities, with a capacity to accommodate 2,000 IT professionals and local youth at a time. He emphasized that the primary objective of establishing the IT Tower is to provide employment to edu-

cated youth at their doorstep, eliminating the need for them to migrate to metro cities like Hyderabad and Bengaluru. Highlighting the progress of the IT sector in the region, he revealed that three prominent IT companies have already submitted applications for space allotment to set up their offices, while several other companies are showing keen interest in investing in Adilabad. The DCC President added that a meeting with the IT Minister will be held soon to finalize the inauguration date. Immediately after the

Ganesh Immersion Festival to Be Celebrated Peacefully in Nizamabad

Nizamabad Bureau
Nizamabad:, Sept.20 :

Nizamabad District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that the Ganesh immersion festival should be celebrated in a peaceful atmosphere with joy and enthusiasm. The District Collector, accompanied by Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya and other officials, inspected the Ganesh immersion routes today in a special bus. As the procession is scheduled to begin from the Dabba area of the district headquarters, the Collector and Police Commissioner closely inspect-



ed the route up to the Godavari Bridge in the Yamcha outskirts, where large Ganesh idols are

immersed. The District Collector and Police Commissioner also inspected the Amedha Godavari Bridge in Nandipet mandal and Gundla Tank in Armoor. They instructed Panchayat Raj and Roads & Buildings (R&B) officials to repair potholes on a war footing. They directed officials to remove tree branches along both sides of the roads so that the procession would not face any obstruction and to raise low-hanging electricity wires. As idols exceeding eight feet in height cannot be transported through the Janakampet railway crossing, the officials suggested using the Amedha Godavari Bridge in Nandipet mandal as an alternative route for the immersion of large idols.

Partial damage to a temple after lightning strike in Gundhari

Munsif News Bureau
Kamareddy,Sept 20:

A lightning strike accompanied by thunder occurred in Gundhari Mandal of Kamareddy district. A Shiva temple located near the Gundhari–Durgam road was struck by lightning, causing partial damage to the temple. Meanwhile, Suryakant and Shankar Varma, who were working in a nearby field in the outskirts of Bojjiwada, had taken shelter nearby to escape the rain. Suddenly, lightning struck, causing the mobile phones they were carrying to explode, as a result of which both men were injured.

Resolve Singareni Workers' Issues Immediately: MLA Raj Thakur

Munsif News Bureau
Ramagundam,Sept 20:

Ramagundam MLA M.S. Raj Thakur urged the state government to immediately resolve the pending issues of Singareni workers and expedite the implementation of the promises made by the government. Speaking in the Assembly, he thanked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for announcing measures including the implementation of G.O. 76, providing house-site pattas to workers, and constituting a committee to resolve the R&R (Rehabilitation and Resettlement) issue and provide jobs to eligible persons. He appealed to the government to speed up the implementation of these measures.



Raj Thakur said that around 28,000 workers are residing in nearly 50,000 Singareni quarters, while several of the quarters have become dilapidated. He demanded that vacant government land be identified and 100 square yards of land be allotted to eligible workers, enabling them to construct houses with the help of HRA and loan

facilities. He further stated that several R&B Department road works in Ramagundam, despite the tenders having been completed, have remained pending for the past year. He urged the government to obtain approval from the High Power Committee and commence the works immediately.

Central Gurudwara Sahib Gowliguda marks a Century of faith, service and Harmony in a befitting manner

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad,Sept 20:



A century of faith, service and community harmony came alive at the historic Central Gurudwara Sahib Gowliguda as the journey found a grand expression where thousands of Sikh devotees and people from different communities gathered at the Exhibition Grounds, Nampally in Hyderabad on Sunday to mark its Centenary celebrations (100 years) of the historic Gurudwara. Founded in 1926, the Central Gurudwara Sahib Gowliguda has stood witness to the transformation of Hyderabad across generations. Through changing times, it has retained its essential message of equality, brotherhood, compassion and sewa — selfless service. Its centenary, therefore, was much more than the completion of 100 years.

It was a celebration of the Sikh community’s enduring presence and contribution to the social and cultural life of Telangana. Celebrating the historic and landmark occasion, the Prabhandak Committee of Central Gurudwara Sahib Gowliguda, in association with Sikh Gurudwaras across Telangana organised ‘Vishaal Diwan ‘ (Mass Religious Congregation) where thousands of Sikh devotees and other faiths participated in congregation and offered prayers to Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Holy Scripture of Sikhs) at Exhibition Grounds, Nampally, Hyderabad on Sunday (September 20, 2026). The occasion was graced by prominent Sikh spiritual and community leaders.

Exercise Caution During Ganesh Immersion Processions: Nirmal SP

Nirmal Bureau
Nirmal, Sept. 20:

Nirmal district Superintendent of Police Dr G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, has urged Ganesh festival organisers and devotees to exercise extreme caution during idol immersion processions, particularly in view of the rains in the district. The SP advised organisers to take special precautions near electrical and high-tension wires while transporting Ganesh idols. She stressed that procession routes should be checked in advance and adequate care taken to ensure that idols and other materials do not come into contact with overhead power lines. The advisory follows an unfortunate incident in Nirmal on Sunday in which a person died after reportedly



coming into contact with a high-tension power line while a Ganesh idol was being transported for immersion. Dr Janaki Sharmila appealed to organisers and devotees to remain vigilant throughout the immersion processions and cooperate with the police and other departments to prevent accidents.

Hyderabad, northern Telangana receive moderate to heavy rainfall

Several Telangana districts, including Hyderabad, received moderate to heavy rainfall after a prolonged September dry spell. Karimnagar’s Kothapalle recorded the highest rainfall at 76 mm, while Hyderabad and Medchal-Malkajgiri witnessed localised showers and waterloggingBook Walking Tours After a gap that lasted for nearly the entire month of September, several districts in Telangana, including Hyderabad, witnessed moderate to heavy rainfall from the early hours of Saturday.Telangana Today Subscription While some districts witnessed heavy rainfall of more than 64.4 mm, Hyderabad and surrounding districts recorded moderate rainfall ranging from 15.4 mm to 64.4 mm.

6,000-km road projects under HAM to begin soon: Komatireddy

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.20

Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday announced that the Telangana government will soon commence construction of over 6,000 km of roads under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) at an estimated cost of ₹13,000 crore.

He stated that construction will begin shortly as the monsoon season comes to an end, with the corridors designed on par with National Highways.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, along with Cabinet colleague Vakiti Srihari and MLA Madhusudhan Reddy, laid foundation stones for HAM road developments and high-level bridge projects worth roughly ₹200 crore in the Devarakadra constituency of Mahabubnagar district.

Following the event, he inspected ongoing ghat road works at the Kurumurthy Temple and held a progress review meeting.

Addressing the media, the Minister lashed

out at former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao for neglecting irrigation infrastructure in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district and failing to complete the crucial Palamuru-Rangareddy project.

Highlighting the State’s fiscal pressures, Venkat Reddy noted that Telangana was formed with a surplus budget of ₹16,000 crore, but the previous BRS regime accumulated a total debt burden of ₹8.21 lakh crore.

The Minister disclosed that the current Congress gov-

ernment pays nearly ₹6,000 crore monthly in interest obligations, which has restricted the State’s eligibility for key central grants. He added that around ₹50,000 crore was borrowed off-budget through special corporations like Palamuru and Mission Bhagiratha.

Reaffirming the government’s commitment to regional irrigation, the Minister announced that ₹560 crore has been deposited into the District Collector’s account for land acquisition under the Uddandapur project.



A new computer lab was inaugurated at the Government Girls High School in Hussaini Alam to provide students with access to digital education and technology. The lab was jointly inaugurated by Lakshmi Manchu, Founder and Managing Trustee, and AIMIM MLA Mir Zulfiqar Ali.

Huge crowds turn up for Khairatabad Bada Ganesh darshan

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept 20

The Khairatabad Bada Ganesh pandal witnessed a massive turnout of devotees on Sunday, with thousands thronging the venue to seek darshan of the Mahaganapati.

The holiday saw a surge in the number of devotees arriving to have a glimpse of the idol. With all the queue lines packed, large groups of devotees were seen waiting along the roads for darshan.

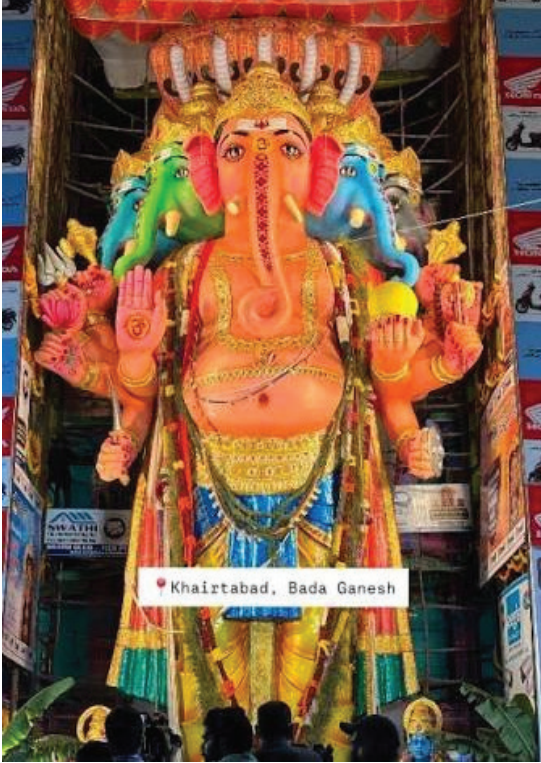
Meanwhile, Ganesh idol immersion ceremonies were underway at Tank Bund, resulting in heavy crowds in and around the area. After offering prayers at the Bada Ganesh, many devotees enthusiastically headed

towards Tank Bund to witness the immersion festivities. The entire area was virtually transformed into a sea of humanity.

Devotees also visited Ganesh pandals across different parts of the city, attracted by idols installed with various themes.

With the nine-day Ganesh Navratri celebrations scheduled to conclude on Thursday, the festival holiday on Sunday saw a significant increase in footfall at pandals across Hyderabad.

In the Old City, devotees formed long queues to seek darshan of the Gold Ganesh idol. The number of devotees visiting another massive Ganesh idol installed at Nagole also increased considerably.



Harish inspects Yadadri sub-station, questions govt’s 24-hour power

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.20

Former Minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Sunday conducted a surprise inspection at the Motakondur electricity sub-station in Yadadri Bhongir district, following widespread complaints from local farmers regarding undeclared power cuts.

Addressing the media at the sub-station, Harish Rao alleged that department personnel had intentionally removed the official log book prior to his arrival to conceal the actual power supply logs. He questioned why the state government hesitated to make



the log book public if 24-hour uninterrupted power was indeed being supplied to the agriculture sector.

“Log books record crucial operational data, including the duration of three-phase supply, tripping instances, and

actual supply hours. Farmers in Motakondur report receiving barely six to seven hours of power daily, resulting in crop damage.

We arrived to inspect the ground reality, only to find the records missing,” Harish

Rao said.

The BRS deputy floor leader targeted local Congress MLA Beerla Ilaiah and Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, urging them to visit the field and address the farmers’ grievances directly.

Harish Rao further accused the Congress administration of employing “diversion politics” to avoid accountability on agricultural power supply, the Section 22-A prohibited lands list, and alleged land irregularities.

He noted that all asset disclosures regarding his family are already part of public record through official election affidavits and income tax filings. (NSS)

Malkajgiri police gear up for Ganesh immersion with 5,874 personnel

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept 20:

The Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate is implementing a comprehensive security blueprint, ‘Ganesh Suraksha Sankalp-2026’, to ensure seamless monitoring throughout the Ganesh immersion processions.

In an official statement issued on Sunday, Police Commissioner Badugula Sumathi stated that elaborate security arrangements have been put in place to prevent

any lapses.

This marks the first large-scale Ganesh immersion programme under the newly reorganised, urban-centric Malkajgiri Commissionerate.

A total of 5,874 police personnel will be deployed across the commissionerate’s jurisdiction. The operation will also integrate additional forces, specialised outside units, and officials from various civic departments.

CP Sumathi urged all Ganesh Utsav committees

and local mandapam organisers to complete mandatory online registration for every installed idol.

She noted that registration enables law enforcement to track exact mandapam locations, designated procession routes, timing, and local CCTV coverage.

Continuous monitoring will remain active from the initial day of idol installation through the final immersion proceedings, the Commissioner added. (NSS)

Officials to begin farmer-wise enjoyment survey in Erravelli

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept, 20

The land survey around the farmhouse of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao at Erravelli village in Markook mandal of Siddipet district is progressing rapidly. However, the survey of assigned lands in Survey No. 325 was temporarily halted on Sunday for the weekly holiday and will resume on Monday.

Revenue officials indicated that the next phase will focus on a farmer-wise physical verification, with particular attention to lands held by Dalit farmers.



Notices have already been issued to approximately 100 farmers holding land in Survey No. 325, directing them to present relevant ownership documents and evidence at the site. Authorities plan to serve notices to another batch of over 100 farmers in phased intervals. Over the past three days, survey teams have been marking

the outer boundaries of Survey No. 325. With boundary identification complete, officials will record specific individual land holdings.

An “enjoyment survey” will be conducted first to determine actual physical possession and ongoing cultivation by individual farmers. Following this verification, the land units will be formally sub-divided and updated in the official records.

Officials have advised all concerned landholders to be present during Monday’s field survey along with their land documents and supporting evidence. (NSS)

Free Health camp for Sr. Citizens

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept.20

In connection with World Senior Citizens day, Lions International District 320 A, 320 D and Senior citizens forum of Gandhinagar (Hyderabad) are organizing a Free Mega Health camp for senior citizens on October 2, 2026, from 8.30 am, at AV college, domalguda in the city.

Health, sports, cultural programs and legal advice form part of the event.

Medical practitioners from different branches like Cardiology, vascular, general physician. General surgeon, urology, Gastroenterology, orthopedic, homeopathy, ayurveda will attend on the people. Medicines will be distributed free to the needy.

Senior citizens above 60 years can avail the facilities by registering their names.

For more details and registration, senior citizens can contact Lion Dr GK Ramana on mobile no. 9849031601 (NSS)

40-Year-Old Trapped as Lift Suddenly Moves Up in Moosapet

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept, 20

Murali had reached the second floor from the ground floor with his wife in a three-storey building in Engineer Nagar. As he was stepping out of the lift, someone pressed the button for the third floor, causing the lift to suddenly move upward. One of Murali’s legs was inside the lift while the other was on the second-floor landing. His leg became caught in the lift’s grille, leaving him suspended between the second and third floors.

The incident was reported to the Hyderabad Disaster Response Force (HYDRAA) control room at 9:15 a.m. A HYDRAA team from Kukatpally, which was near-



by, reached the scene within about 15 minutes. Led by Marshal JDV Prasad, the res-

cue team broke open part of the lift wall and began efforts to free Murali using a hydrau-

lic cutter. Personnel from the Sanath Nagar Fire Station also joined the rescue operation.



A special tree plantation drive titled “One Tree in the Name of Mother” was organised at MPPS Dadanagar Urdu Medium School with the aim of promoting environmental conservation, encouraging afforestation and instilling a sense of love and responsibility towards nature among students. As part of the campaign, students planted various saplings on the school premises and pledged to ensure their regular watering, protection and proper maintenance. Addressing the students, Complex Headmaster Rehman Ghauri said that trees play a vital role in maintaining clean air.

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Kaghzanagar, Sept 20

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and proper maintenance. Addressing the students, Complex Headmaster Rehman Ghauri said that trees play a vital role in maintaining clean air, a healthy environment and ecological balance. In view of increasing pollution and growing environmental chal-

lenges, he stressed the need for extensive plantation and greater public participation in environmental protection.

He emphasised that planting a sapling alone is not sufficient and that its proper care is equally important. He urged everyone to regularly

water and protect the saplings and nurture them until they grow into healthy trees.

“Planting a sapling is a beautiful beginning, but nurturing and protecting it until it becomes a full-grown tree is our true responsibility,” Rehman Ghauri said.

He further stated that the “One Tree in the Name of Mother” campaign beautifully links the love and respect for mothers with the message of environmental conservation and love for nature. Such initiatives, he said, play an important role

in creating environmental awareness among students and encouraging them to become responsible citizens. The programme was attended by School Headmaster Aziz Khan, primary and pre-primary section teachers, CRP Arshad Ali and others.



At a Glance

Public consultations on Tamil Nadu auto fare revision on Sep 23

IAN S
Chennai, Sep. 20

The Tamil Nadu Transport Department has directed district Collectors to hold public consultation meetings on September 23 as part of the government’s move to revise auto-rickshaw fares across the state.

Representatives of auto-rickshaw unions, consumer organisations, commuters and other stakeholders will participate in the meetings, with their suggestions to be considered before finalising the revised fare structure. Tamil Nadu has around 3.46 lakh registered auto-rickshaws.

The existing fares, fixed in 2013, are Rs 25 for the first 1.8 km and Rs 12 for every additional kilometre. Auto unions have sought a minimum fare of Rs 45 and Rs 20 per additional kilometre, citing rising fuel, maintenance, insurance and spare-parts costs.

Tamil Nadu Progressive Consumer Centre President Sadagopan also supported the proposed fares and urged the government to announce the revision soon, particularly ahead of the Ayudha Puja and Deepavali seasons.

He further called for making digital fare meters and GPS devices mandatory in auto-rickshaws to ensure fare transparency, passenger safety and regulatory compliance. The government is expected to consider the suggestions received during the consultations before announcing its decision.

Man ‘beats’ wife to death, later kills self in Odisha

IAN S
Bhubaneswar, Sep. 20

A 35-year-old man allegedly beat his wife, Rasmita Naik, 30, to death following a family dispute in Dhenkanal and later died by suicide. Police said Ratnakar alias Mithun Naik assaulted her with a wooden stick after an argument.

He later left their three daughters at his brother’s house and allegedly hanged himself from a tree. Police sent both bodies for postmortem and registered a case.

Bengal: Over 33 pc wards in Kolkata and Howrah are reserved for women post-delimination

IAN S
Kolkata, Sep. 20

Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) and Howrah Municipal Corporation (HMC), the two major urban civic bodies in West Bengal, will go to polls by the end of 2026 with a substantial number of wards reserved for women candidates.

As per the draft delimitation proposal for KMC, the total number of wards is set to increase to 209 from the current 144. Out of the proposed 209 wards, 70 will be reserved for women, accounting for over 33 per cent of the total.

Similarly, in HMC, the number of wards is slated to increase to 68 from the current 50. Out of these, 23 will be reserved for women, which comes to nearly



34 per cent.

Political parties with complaints or suggestions on the draft delimitation list can submit them to the concerned authorities by October 5.

The preparatory process for the elections in both civic bodies has already begun. Elections to form new boards in KMC and HMC are likely to be held in November this year, im-

mediately after the festive season beginning with Durga Puja next month.

However, an official involved in the process said the excitement usually associated with civic polls is missing this time, largely because of the lack of enthusiasm among the two factions of the Trinamool Congress, which is officially the principal

opposition party in West Bengal.

Political observers feel it is uncertain whether the two factions of the Trinamool Congress, especially the “original but minority” faction led by former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her nephew Abhishek Banerjee, will be able to field candidates in all wards of both KMC and HMC.

Alliance with NC won’t stop Congress from raising public issues: Tariq Karra

IAN S
Srinagar, Sep. 20

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president and legislator Tariq Hameed Karra on Sunday said the Congress will continue to raise people’s genuine concerns in the Assembly despite its alliance with the ruling National Conference (NC).

Speaking to reporters after a meeting of Congress MLAs ahead of Monday’s Legislative Assembly session, Karra clarified that the alliance with the NC would not prevent the Congress from raising issues concerning the people.

“We will take up genuine concerns and ensure they are expedited,” he said.

Karra said the primary purpose of the Assembly was to raise questions and ensure that issues affecting the people are addressed at the earliest. He added that such concerns could be raised by members of the ruling party as well as the opposition.

The Congress Legislature Party meeting discussed the upcoming Assembly session and issues to be raised during its proceedings.

DMDK flags crimes, farm distress and civic concerns in TN

IAN S
Chennai, Sep. 20

DMDK general secretary and Vriddhachalam MLA Premalatha Vijayakant on Sunday sought urgent intervention by the TVK government on several issues, ranging from violent crimes and farmers’ welfare to dengue, electricity disruptions, and paddy procurement.

Expressing concern over the state’s law-and-order situation, she referred to the Sivaganga double murder and killings reported in Madurai and Krishnagiri. Such incidents, she said, required swift investigation and firm action to restore a sense of security among residents.

Premalatha urged the police to identify and arrest those responsible and ensure stringent punishment through legal proceedings. She also asked the government to take preventive steps to curb similar incidents.

She called for stronger measures to prevent dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases. Local bodies must intensify mosquito-control operations, while government hospitals should have adequate beds, medicines, and diagnostic facilities.



Premalatha expressed concern over reports of dengue infections among Anna University students and sought urgent preventive action on campus.

Highlighting the farmers’ protest at Samayapuram, she demanded a complete waiver of agricultural loans. Referring to reports that crop loans amounting to Rs 247.15 crore had been waived for 50,779 farmers in Tiruchy district, she sought similar relief for eligible farmers across Tamil Nadu.

The DMDK leader also urged the government to resolve concerns raised by fishermen in Pattinapakkam and ensure adequate security during Vinayaka Chaturthi processions. She asked the state to exert pressure on

Karnataka to secure Tamil Nadu’s legitimate share of Cauvery water.

On the power situation, Premalatha said the government must address complaints of unannounced outages in different parts of Tamil Nadu immediately.

She also called for faster procurement of rain-exposed paddy in Tirunelveli and Vriddhachalam to prevent farmers from suffering avoidable financial losses.

Premalatha said the government must treat these concerns as priorities and announce time-bound measures to resolve them. Its credibility, she added, would depend on how quickly it protected public safety, supported farmers, and ensured uninterrupted delivery of essential services.

Gujarat: Mother delivers triplets with help from 108 emergency team in Rajkot

IAN S
Rajkot, Sep. 20

An emergency medical team from the 108 service successfully assisted in the delivery of two babies after a woman carrying triplets gave birth to her first child before the ambulance reached her home in Rohishala village of Tankara taluka on Saturday night.

The Paddhari 108 team received the emergency call at 8:48 p.m. on September 19. EMT Jignasha Luhar and pilot Sureshbhai im-

mediately rushed to the woman’s residence. On reaching the spot, they found that the first of the three babies had already been delivered, while two deliveries were still pending.

Luhar assessed the mother’s condition and used her emergency medical training to manage the situation. She also remained in contact with ERCP Dr Jotsna, who provided medical guidance over the phone. Following the doctor’s instructions, the team provided the required care and

successfully assisted with the delivery of the remaining two babies.

All three newborns were boys. After the deliveries, the emergency team continued monitoring the mother and the newborns and ensured they received necessary medical attention before transporting them to Janana Hospital.

The mother and all three babies were safely handed over to doctors at Janana Hospital. The 108 team said triplet deliveries require careful management.



Legal empowerment to remain in focus at conference starting in Goa tomorrow

IAN S
Panaji, Sep. 20

Legal empowerment and citizen-centric justice delivery are expected to top the agenda at a workshop starting on Monday on Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA 2.0), an official said.

The regional workshop will also feature the significance of legal empowerment, citizen-centric Justice delivery, and the collaborative efforts required to achieve the constitutional vision of equal access to justice, the official said in a statement.

The workshop, being organised at the University Auditorium, India International University of Legal Education and Research (IULER), Goa, is a part of the Department’s continued efforts to strengthen access to Justice through technology-enabled legal services, legal awareness initiatives, and promotion of pro bono legal assistance across the country, the statement said.

The Goa Governor will be the Chief Guest at the programme, which is



expected to be attended by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice, Government of India, and the Minister for PWD, Captain of Ports and Legal Metrology, Government of Goa.

The event will bring together representatives from the Central and State Governments, Common Service Centres (CSCs), the Ministry of Rural Development, law institutions of the State, and other stakeholders working to ensure accessible and inclusive justice delivery, the statement said.

A key highlight of the event will be the showcase of the best reels created under the “Nyaya Prabodh: Awakening to Justice” campaign – Know Your Rights in 90 Seconds, followed by the launch of a Slogan

Competition under Nyaya Prabodh.

The initiative aims to deepen citizens’ understanding of their constitutional and legal rights, promote legal literacy, and foster greater public engagement and participation in the Justice delivery ecosystem, it said.

The workshop will also feature the screening of a documentary showcasing the achievements of DISHA 2.0 in Goa, followed by live interactions with Tele-Law beneficiaries, Panel Lawyers, Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), and Nyaya Sahayaks.

These interactions will show how technology-enabled legal services are helping bridge the gap between citizens and justice institutions, particularly in remote and underserved areas, the statement said.

Fake social media account, ChatGPT used in Ketan Agarwal’s murder

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A fake Instagram account, ChatGPT, murder films and podcasts on evading police detection were allegedly used by Siya Goyal and her co-accused while planning the murder of her fiancé, 26-year-old businessman Ketan Agarwal, the police charge sheet has revealed.

The 5,053-page charge sheet, filed on Saturday, details the alleged conspiracy behind Agarwal’s death at Lohagad Fort in Pune on June 18. According to the police, Goyal allegedly pushed Agarwal off the fort with the assistance of her purported lover Chetan Chaudhary and another accused, Ritesh Hange. All three have been arrested.

Investigators said the accused initially considered seriously injuring Agarwal and even explored hiring a person from outside Maharashtra. The plan was abandoned over fears that the hired assailant could expose the



conspiracy. The person contacted during this stage has since become a witness, according to the charge sheet.

The accused later allegedly decided to kill Agarwal themselves and studied murder-related films, used ChatGPT and listened to podcasts on avoiding detection. They also researched the Meghalaya honeymoon murder case involving Raja Raghuvanshi, who was allegedly killed by his wife, Sonam, in 2025. As part of the plan, a fake Instagram account named ‘Mahi’ was created using a photograph of a woman known to the accused. Messages

from the account allegedly lured Agarwal to Lohagad Fort on June 18 on the pretext of a surprise birthday plan for Goyal. The account was deleted after the incident.

The charge sheet further states that the accused conducted a recce of locations around Lonavala before selecting Lohagad Fort. Goyal and Chaudhary reportedly visited Tiger Point and other isolated locations. Police said Lohagad was chosen because a death had occurred there in March last year, leading the accused to believe that Agarwal’s death could be made to appear as an accidental fall.

Tejashwi Seeks Rs 15,000 Aid for Bihar Flood Victims

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Pune, Sep. 20

RJD leader and Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav on Sunday urged the Centre and Bihar government to provide immediate financial assistance of Rs 15,000 each to flood- and drought-affected farmers and declare the situation in the state a national disaster.

Addressing a press conference, Yadav claimed over 45 lakh people had been affected by floods, while several areas faced drought-like conditions due to deficient rainfall. He demanded a survey of crop losses and immediate relief for affected families, saying they needed food and other essentials even after flood-

waters receded.

Yadav also criticised the relief measures of the Centre and state government and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister and Agriculture Minister to visit the affected areas. He said relief and rehabilitation should be prioritised over political events.



Japan Air Chief Flies Tejas, Calls It Symbol of Trust

IAN S
Jodhpur, Sep. 20

Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) Chief of Staff General Takehiro Morita said his flight in India's indigenous Tejas fighter was a valuable experience and a symbol of trust and friendship between the two countries.

Morita made the remarks during Exercise Veer Guardian-2026 at Air Force Station Jodhpur, where he and IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh flew in the Tejas. He said the partnership had advanced beyond joint exercises to tactical training, exchanges and possible space cooperation.

Singh described the partnership as based on mutual respect and professional trust, with a shared vision of a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific. Referring to "Kizuna", he said shared experiences had strengthened the bond between the two air forces.

Singh said Morita's Tejas sortie reflected confidence in India's indigenous aircraft and highlighted the potential of its defence aviation industry and research and development.

Iran denies US claim on Hormuz oil transport



IAN S
Tehran, Sep. 20

Senior spokesman for Iran's armed forces Abolfazl Shekarchi rejected a claim by US Central Command (CENTCOM) that US forces had supported the transport of over 1 billion barrels of oil through the Strait of Hormuz "in the last couple of months."

In a statement carried by Iranian media, Shekarchi described the claim, made earlier in the day by CENTCOM Commander Admiral Brad Cooper, as "false and ridiculous."

He added that Cooper's remarks constituted a "projection and a failed psychological operation to boost the morale of the terrorist US Army's exhausted and worn-out forces in the region and

justify the exorbitant financial costs and casualties incurred by the United States in the region," Xinhua news agency reported.

Shekarchi noted that such claims could not change the reality of the expulsion of the "aggressive" US Army from the region, stressing that the initiative in the Strait of Hormuz remained in the hands of Iran's armed forces.

In a video posted on social media on Saturday, Cooper said, "We've reached this significant milestone while assisting over 2,000 commercial ship transits through the strait by providing coordinated protection. Clearly, the momentum is building."

"CENTCOM forces have supported more than 1 billion barrels of crude

oil leaving the Gulf," Adm. Brad Cooper said in remarks released by the command on US social media platform X.

"Thousands of ships have passed through the strait. Over 1 billion barrels of crude have been shipped from Gulf partners through the Strait of Hormuz, and Iran has exported zero barrels thanks to our ironclad blockade," he added.

At the same time, Cooper said Iran had exported "zero barrels" of oil, attributing the halt to what he called the US "ironclad blockade."

Following US-Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28, Tehran restricted passage through the strategic waterway, while US forces imposed a naval blockade targeting vessels traveling to or from Iranian ports.

Yemen's Houthis claim attack on Riyadh, heralding escalation in tensions with Saudi Arabia

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Riyadh/Sanaa, Sep. 20

Yemen's Houthi group said that it had launched large-scale attacks targeting the Saudi capital Riyadh and Yanbu, a major industrial and energy hub on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast, marking a major escalation in the confrontation between the two sides.

In a statement broadcast by Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the operations involved "a large number of ballistic and cruise missiles and drones."

Sarea said the first operation targeted what he described as "sensitive targets" in Riyadh, while the second struck a facility belonging to Saudi oil giant Aramco in Yanbu. Xinhua news agency reported.

"The two operations were successful," Sarea said, claiming that large fires broke out at the targeted sites.

The Houthi statement came after explosions were heard in Riyadh twice on Saturday. Smoke was seen rising near King Khalid International Airport in the northeastern part of the capital following the second incident, while some flights were delayed.

Saudi authorities had earlier issued an aerial threat alert for Riyadh



before announcing that the danger had passed, reportedly the first such alert for the Saudi capital since tensions between the Houthi group and Saudi Arabia intensified recently.

In a later statement, the Saudi-led coalition said that its air defenses intercepted and destroyed a Houthi ballistic missile targeting Riyadh and thwarted attacks on Baish, Taif, Farasan and Yanbu. Coalition spokesperson Turki Al-Maliki said the attacks targeted "civilians and civilian objects" and vowed "appropriate measures" to deter further attacks.

Sarea, the Houthi spokesperson, denied that the group deliberately targeted civilians, saying that the attacks against Riyadh were in response to inten-

sified Saudi airstrikes on Houthi-held areas in Yemen.

The spokesperson vowed that the Houthis would continue retaliatory operations under what he called an "escalation for escalation" strategy until Saudi airstrikes cease and restrictions on Yemen are lifted.

The attack on Saudi's capital marks the latest escalation between Yemen's Houthi group and Saudi Arabia.

This round of conflict began in mid-July when the Yemeni Armed Forces struck Houthi-controlled Sanaa International Airport to prevent an Iranian passenger plane from landing.

The plane carried a senior Houthi delegation returning from Iran after attending

Khamenei's funeral ceremonies.

The Houthi group accused Saudi Arabia, a main ally of the internationally recognized Yemeni government, of launching the strikes and soon launched counterstrikes with ballistic missiles and drones in retaliation. It then announced a ban on Saudi shipping through the Bab al-Mandab Strait on July 20 and has since claimed a series of attacks on Saudi tankers and oil facilities in Saudi Arabia.

Yemen's conflict erupted in late 2014 when the Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of northern Yemen, prompting a Saudi-led coalition to intervene in March 2015 in support of the internationally recognized government.

North Korea fires unidentified projectile toward East Sea: South Korean military

IAN S
Seoul, Sep. 20

North Korea fired at least one projectile toward the East Sea on Sunday, South Korea's military said. The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) detected the launch but did not immediately provide details about the type or range of the projectile.

The latest launch came about a week after North Korea fired multiple short-range ballistic missiles from the Wonsan area toward the East Sea on September 12. According to the South Korean military, the missiles travelled around 250 km before falling into the sea. The launch took place a day after South Korea, the United States and Japan concluded a five-day trilateral military exercise.

The JCS said South



Korean and US intelligence authorities had been closely monitoring North Korea's military activities and were sharing relevant information with Japan. South Korea has also stepped up surveillance for possible additional launches and remains on full alert.

The September 12 launches were seen as a protest against the trilateral military exercise. Sources said North Korea appeared to have

used Hwasong-11 series ballistic missiles and 600-mm multiple rocket launchers during recent weapons tests.

The latest launch comes amid heightened military tensions in the region. The South Korean military said it would continue to monitor North Korea closely while maintaining a strong South Korea-US defence posture and readiness to respond to any further provocations.

Australia: One child killed in stabbing incident in Sydney, three critically injured

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Tehran, Sep. 20

A child was killed and two other children and a woman critically injured in a stabbing incident in western Sydney on Sunday.

Police said emergency services were called around 12:45 p.m. to Valley Heights, about 60 km west of central Sydney, after reports of three children and a woman suffering stab wounds inside a vehicle. Members of the public provided first aid, but one child died at the scene. The other two children and the woman were taken to hospital in critical condition. Police said the children were believed to be under five and the woman in her 40s.

A crime scene has been established, and police said they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the incident. Investigations are underway.

Iran says participation in UNGA session its 'legal right'

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Tehran, Sep. 20

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei said Iran's participation in the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York is a "legal right" and not a favour to be granted by any country.

Speaking to state-run IRIB TV, Baghaei said Iran had no particular interest in being in New York, but considered the UN a platform that should not be abandoned. He accused the "other side" of using various means to prevent the Iranian delegation from attending, but said such efforts and what he called negative propaganda would not stop Iran from participating and presenting its position.

The US State Department said Washington would issue visas to Iran's "core del-



egation" in line with its obligations as the UN host country. It added that the Iranian delegation would be smaller than last year.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump is expected to put Iran's nuclear programme at the centre of his UN diplomacy next week. He is scheduled to address the UN General Assembly on Tuesday and later meet Gulf Cooperation Council leaders in New York. US officials said Iran would

be a major topic of discussion, although no meeting between Trump and Iranian officials has been confirmed.

US Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz said Trump's speech would stress the need to ensure that Iran does not obtain a nuclear weapon. The speech is also expected to cover diplomatic agreements, unresolved conflicts and progress on Trump's 20-point Gaza peace plan.

Pakistan: PTI, TTAP condemn arrest of former PM Imran Khan's sister

IAN S
Islamabad, Sep. 20

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan on Sunday condemned the detention of former Prime Minister Imran Khan's sister Aleema Khan, calling it a step that could worsen tensions. He demanded her immediate release and said the party would soon announce its course of action. The Lahore deputy commissioner ordered Aleema Khan's detention for 30 days under the Punjab Maintenance of Public Order (MPO) Ordinance, citing public safety and order concerns. Her driver, Muhammad Ameer, was also ordered to be detained for 30 days.

The Tehreek Tahafuz Aain Pakistan (TTAP) also condemned the detention, alleging that Aleema Khan was held under 3-MPO without charges. The alliance called for the release of Aleema Khan and other political workers, alleging that the move was aimed at disrupting political activity ahead of a September 27 protest.

Aleema Khan's son Shahrez Khan alleged that she was abducted after leaving home and said she was on bail in all cases against her in Lahore.

Imran Khan's son Kasim Khan also alleged that police had taken his aunt into custody and demanded that her family and lawyers be allowed to meet her and that she be released.

DR Congo expands Ebola vaccination to Ituri, over 3,700 people vaccinated

IAN S
Kinshasa, Sep. 20

Ebola vaccination was expanded on Saturday to Ituri Province, the epicentre of the outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with 3,771 people already vaccinated with the Ervebo vaccine.

The latest phase began with the BRAVO vaccination study in Bunia, Ituri's capital, conducted by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) with Congolese health authorities, the Africa CDC and other scientific partners. The study

aims to vaccinate around 20,000 frontline workers in Ituri and North Kivu and assess whether Ervebo can protect against the Bundibugyo virus.

Ervebo was developed and licensed against the Zaire virus, so its effectiveness against Bundibugyo has not yet been established. The International Coordinating Group approved 70,000 doses for the DRC in August, including 50,000 for frontline workers and 20,000 for a Phase 3 trial. By mid-September, 16,520 doses had

reached the country. Vaccination began on August 27 for people at high risk of exposure. By September 17, 3,771 people had received the vaccine, including 3,063 in Tshopo and 708 in Bas-Uele provinces.

The BRAVO study will run for nine to 12 months, while a separate Phase 3 trial is planned. The DRC has reported 7,541 confirmed cases, including 3,639 deaths, with a case fatality rate of 48.3 per cent. Declared in May, it is the country's largest and deadliest Ebola outbreak.

China's AI push raises fears of job losses, hits young workers the hardest

IAN S
New Delhi, Sep. 20

China's rapid adoption of artificial intelligence is reshaping workplaces across industries, boosting productivity but also intensifying concerns about job displacement, particularly among young workers, a report has said.

As Beijing accelerates efforts to integrate AI into nearly every sector of the economy, employees in fields ranging from software development to delivery services are increasingly feeling the impact, according to Quartz report.

Among them is Beijing-based programmer Fei Zhaojun, who lost his job after his employer began exploring whether artificial intelligence could perform coding tasks traditionally handled by humans, the re-

port said.

Fei was one of around 160 employees laid off during a workforce reduction at his company. Reflecting on the shift, he said that many mid-level programming roles are becoming replaceable as AI capabilities continue to improve. Since losing his job, Fei has stepped away from the tech industry and has been creating short-form

videos while considering his next career move.

AI adoption in China has accelerated sharply. According to IDC, fewer than 10 per cent of Chinese industrial enterprises used AI models and agents in 2024, but the figure rose to nearly half of all industrial businesses last year as companies turned to AI to improve efficiency and cut costs.



‘Tomorrow is a new challenge’: Elavenil shifts focus to mixed team event after double silver

Nagoya, Sept 20

Elavenil Valarivan is already looking to put her double-silver success behind her and shift focus to the next challenge, with the Indian shooter set to compete in the mixed team 10m air rifle event at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games.

Elavenil enjoyed a memorable day at the Games on Sunday, helping India win silver in the women’s 10m air rifle team event before claiming another silver in the individual competition at the Aichi Pref. General Shooting Gallery.

However, with the mixed team event still to come, the shooter said she would take the learnings from Sunday’s competition but treat the next day as a fresh start.

“I think, of course, today’s success is something that I would... Today’s learning is something that I would be taking from here today. But tomorrow again, it’s a new day; it’s a new challenge for me,” Elavenil replied to an IANS query during a media interaction.

“We have the pre-event training tomorrow, and we have the mixed doubles match day after. So my goal is just to leave this off, take the learning from today’s event and head on to the next one,” she added.

Elavenil said she does not want the celebrations surrounding her two medals to distract her from the competition ahead, knowing she will have enough time to enjoy the achievement once



she returns home.

“Of course, there is plenty of time for me once I am back at my home to celebrate,” she said.

With another event still to come, Elavenil also had a message for young shooters and athletes watching her performance.

“I think my message would be to believe in themselves. I mean, I keep telling this because I kind of have lately been doing this, that is, believing in myself, because when one starts to believe in themselves, I think there is no stopping. Let it be sports, let it be culture, let it be education, let it be whatever field they are choosing to be,” she said.

“If they have the trust in themselves that they can achieve what they want. I think that is the biggest takeaway that I can give,” she added.

Talented Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has a long way to go, says Sanath Jayasuriya

Gurugram, Sept 20

Legendary Sri Lanka cricketer Sanath Jayasuriya has lauded young Indian batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, saying that he has a long way to go, while terming Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson as talented and proven players.

15-year-old Sooryavanshi, who made his international debut in the T20I tour of England in July, was recently an unused member in India’s 3-0 series win over Afghanistan at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, as Abhishek and Sanju made 346 runs between themselves across the series, including sharing a 142-



run opening stand in the third T20I.

The trio are in Japan for the historic one-off T20I in Sano on Tuesday, before playing in the Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan. “They’re talented and they’ve been proven players and all three, Sooryavanshi and all these players are really good. Sooryavanshi has a long way to go and when he will get the opportunity, he will do good,” Jayasuriya said to IANS on the sidelines of the launch of the

Corporate Cricket World Cup on Sunday.

Commenting on Sri Lanka’s prospects at the Asian Games, where the women’s team is set to battle against India in the gold medal game and the men’s campaign is scheduled to kick off later this week, Jayasuriya backed both squads to deliver strong performances. “I think we have a talented, good team for Asian Games, men’s and women’s and they’re doing well and I hope they will continue to do well,” he noted.

He also reserved special praise for rising Sri Lankan batting all-rounder Sonal Dinusha, and hailed his ability to deliver under pressure.

Asian Games: Deepika’s magic helps Indian women’s hockey team thrash Uzbekistan 19-0 in Pool A opener

Kakamigahara City, Sept 20

The India women’s hockey team began their Asian Games 2026 campaign with a dominant 19-0 win over Uzbekistan in their Pool B opener at Gifu Prefectural Green Stadium on Sunday.

Deepika was the star of the match, scoring a whopping eight goals. Ishika scored three, while Lalthantluangi and Neha each bagged two. Baljeet Kaur, Navneet Kaur, Lalremsiami and Sakshi Rana each scored one.

The match marked Savita Punia’s 320th senior international cap. She joined Vandana Katariya as the joint-most capped Indian women’s hockey player. Meanwhile, Baljeet completed her 50th senior international cap.

India will next take on Indonesia on Monday.



Indian women were all guns blazing, riding on Deepika’s hat-trick, as they were 8-0 in front against Uzbekistan at half-time. After the break, India looked in no mood to give Uzbekistan a chance to score, and Deepika was once again at her supreme best, scoring four goals in a row to stretch India’s lead to 13-0.

Then Ishika, Lalthantluangi, Sakshi and Navneet joined the party, extinguishing any hopes for Uzbekistan and wrapping up the dominant 19-0 win to start their campaign in style.

The Indian women arrived at the Asian Games with considerable momentum after a historic fifth-place finish at the FIH

Hockey Women’s World Cup 2026 — their best result at the tournament in more than five decades.

Led by captain Salima Tete, the Indian women will aim to improve on their bronze-medal finish at the 2023 Asian Games and challenge for only their second Asian Games gold medal.

The stakes extend far beyond the podium at the Asian Games, as the tournament serves as the primary gateway to the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

For every team taking the field, finishing positions will directly determine their Olympic trajectory. While the champions earn the ultimate prize, an immediate ticket to LA28, the event also provides critical qualifying berths for the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

India begin men’s hockey title defence with 13-1 rout of Indonesia

Nagoya, Sept 20

India launched their Asian Games men’s hockey title defence in emphatic fashion, decimating Indonesia 13-1 in their opening Pool A encounter on Sunday.

Eight different goal-scorers were on target for the Indian team, headlined by Dilpreet Singh’s four-goal haul, as India put on a clinical display from the first whistle to the last. With a comprehensive win to start their campaign, India will next take on Sri Lanka in their second Pool A fixture on September 22.

India got off to a fast start with Shilanand Lakra converting a rebound off Harmanpreet Singh’s saved drag-flick in the 6th minute, before Abhishek doubled the advantage in the 12th minute, turning home a rebound after the initial effort was parried by Indonesia custodian Alam Fajar. Despite Fajar producing a couple of early saves to deny Mandeep Singh, India carried the momentum into the break, closing the first quarter with a 2-0 lead.

The second quarter saw the Men in Blue run riot. Dilpreet Singh struck twice

inside two minutes (18th, 19th) to open his account for the tournament, followed by a well-worked finish from Rajinder Singh in the 19th minute and a first goal of the campaign for Mandeep Singh (21st). Harmanpreet Singh added a penalty corner strike in the 28th minute, though he had earlier seen a penalty stroke saved by Fajar diving to his right. India went into the half-time break with a commanding 7-0 lead, having found the target from open play, penalty corners, and a variety of combinations across the pitch.

Indonesia found their first goal of the match early in the third quarter when captain Aulia Al Ardh converted a penalty corner in the 33rd minute, reducing the deficit to 7-1 after a video referral confirmed the decision in Indonesia’s favour.

India responded swiftly to the setback, with Shilanand Lakra netting his second of the match (35th) and Dilpreet Singh completing his hat-trick (37th), before Sukhjeet Singh joined the scoring column in the 38th minute to push the lead out to 10-1 by the end of the third quarter.

Smriti becomes leading T20I run-scorer across men’s and women’s cricket

Nisshin, Sept 20

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana added another feather to her illustrious cap as she became the leading run-scorer in T20I cricket across men’s and women’s game on Sunday.

Mandhana achieved the milestone during the Asian Games semifinal against Bangladesh women at the Korogi Sports Park with a strong cameo of 37 from 19 balls. The Indian vice-captain surpassed former New Zealand cricketer Suzie Bates to top the run-scorers’ list. She now has 4788 runs in 171 innings.

Coming into the game, Mandhana had 4751 runs in 170 innings and needed to score only eight to go past the New Zealand icon, and she did that pretty early in her innings when she hit a couple of fours in her first seven balls with two singles too. Mandhana and Bates were already above the leading run-scorer in men’s T20Is - Babar Azam - and have now made further gap from him.

Most runs in T20I cricket (men’s and women’s):



1 - Smriti Mandhana: 4,788 runs
2 - Suzie Bates: 4,758 runs
3 - Babar Azam: 4,596 runs
4 - Jos Buttler: 4,292 runs
5 - Harmanpreet Kaur: 4,287 runs
Mandhana had recently become the leading run-scorer in women’s international cricket as well. During the Asia Cup, she broke the record of former India skipper Mithali Raj to become the most prolific run-scorer in

the women’s game.

She hit 124 against Hong Kong in the Asia Cup to surpass Mithali’s tally of

10,868 runs and also hit her 18th international hundred, which was the most in women’s international cricket, making her go past the legendary Meg Lanning. The century record was later equalled by South Africa women’s captain Laura Wolvaardt.

Coming to the Asiad semifinal, India opted to bat first against Bangladesh. The Women in Blue are looking to defend their gold medal from the 2023 Hangzhou Games. They defeated hosts Japan in the quarterfinal earlier.

India women beat Singapore for second straight TT win, men lose to Iran

Toyota, Sept 20

India women’s table tennis registered a come-from-behind win against Singapore in a thrilling second tie in Group F at the Sky Hall Toyota here on Sunday.

India were trailing 1-2 against Singapore before Sreeja Akula and Yashaswini Ghorpade staged a comeback to win their matches and hand India a 3-2 win in their second Group F tie. They had earlier beaten Indonesia in their opener 3-0.

After their first two ties, the Indian side is on top of Group F with four points from three matches, and they will be meeting Pakistan next in their last group-stage outing on Monday.

Against Singapore, Yashaswini started strongly with a 3-1 win over Jian Zeng before Sreeja came second best in a thrilling five-game encounter against Ming Loy. She lost 2-3 as Singapore levelled the tie before Zhao Tan defeated Diya Chitale in four games to help Singapore lead the tie 2-1.

With their backs against the wall, the Indian team staged a comeback



as Sreeja came roaring in her second match after losing the first game 6-11. She won the next three games 11-3, 11-7, 11-4 to win the match 3-1 as India levelled the tie 2-2.

Yashaswini, who started with a win in the first match against Singapore, then returned for the decider and showed nerves of steel to win 3-2 despite losing the first game 5-11. She won the next two games 11-8, 12-10 but lost the fourth one 4-11. The fifth game also went to the distance before the Indian held her composure to

take the final game 11-9 and win the match and the tie for India.

Meanwhile, the men’s team also won their Group F opener against Indonesia by 3-0. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran defeated Muhammad Negara 3-0, Manav Thakkar beat Muhammad Junindra 3-2, while Manush Shah beat Affan Pratama 3-0 to hand India a 3-0 victory.

The men’s side also went down in the second tie to Iran 0-3 later. Manush Shah, Manav Thakkar and Harmeeet Desai all lost their matches as India men’s team lost their second group outing.

Rishabh Das finishes sixth in the men’s 100m backstroke final

Tokyo, Sept 20

Indian swimmer Rishabh Das finished sixth in the men’s 100m backstroke final at the Asian Games after clocking 54.77 seconds on Sunday.

China’s Jiayu Xu won the gold with the timing of 51.98, while Hidekazu Takehara (53.93) pocketed silver and Juho Lee of South Korea (53.94) bagged the bronze medal.

Das booked his place in the men’s 100m backstroke final after producing a strong performance in the heats, finishing fifth overall with a time of 54.85 seconds. Das finished third in Heat 3, just 0.42 seconds behind Juho Lee, while China’s Asian record holder Jiayu topped the overall standings in 52.63 seconds in the heats.

Meanwhile, Das’ compatriot Utkarsh Patil narrowly missed out on a place in the final. He clocked 56.19 sec-

onds to finish sixth in his heat and 12th overall.

India endured a less encouraging outing in the men’s 100m freestyle heats. Rohit Benedicton finished fifth in Heat 5 with a timing of 50.25 seconds and was 12th overall, earning a reserve spot. Akash Mani finished eighth in the same heat in 50.85 seconds and did not advance.

Das’ campaign at the 2026 Asian Games has not ended, as he will now shift his focus to the 50m backstroke event on Monday, with Olympian Srihari Natraj also in the fray.



‘Want to focus on my batting’: Nigar Sultana on decision to leave T20I captaincy



Nisshin, Sept 20

Bangladesh captain Nigar Sultana has stated that her decision to leave the T20I captaincy is to focus on her batting, brushing aside the reports that she was hurt after not getting support from the Bangladesh Cricket Board during tough times.

Sultana had informed the BCB of her decision to leave the T20I captaincy following the Asian Games and opened up on the rationale behind that after Bangladesh’s loss to India in the Asian Games semifinal on Sunday. “No, it’s totally (false that I left the captaincy because I was hurt). As a batter, as a player, I have a lot more to give to my country and my team. So I want to focus on that, and that’s why I made this decision,” Nigar told the media after the 114-run defeat to India at the Korogi Sports Park.

Bangladesh were steamrolled by India in the semifinal as their batters failed to put up a fight in the 196-run chase against the defending gold medalists.

The Bangladeshi skipper admitted the shortcomings of the batters, while also pointing out that the bowlers could have fared better. “When you’re chasing a big total, this kind of collapse is natural. With slightly better bowling, we could have restricted them to fewer runs,” said Nigar.



Delhi Police trace minor girl after 8 years, recover her from Bihar

Delhi Police have solved an eight-year-old missing-person case after tracing a girl, who had disappeared as a minor from Anand Parbat in 2018, to Bihar's Samastipur district.

The girl was 14 years old when she went missing on October 14, 2018, following which a kidnapping case was registered at Anand Parbat police station.

Over the years, the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) of Central District carried out extensive searches, examining CCTV footage and checking around 90 shelter homes for girls, 52 orphanages, religious places and other locations across Delhi-NCR.

A breakthrough came a few months ago when police received information suggesting that she might be in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. A police team travelled there, but learnt that she had moved from the location shortly



before their arrival.

Investigators continued to develop leads and later received information that she was residing in Bihar's Samastipur district. Acting on the input, the team reached Samastipur on September 15.

Through technical surveillance, field verification and local enquiries, police narrowed her location to Shahpur Patori and recovered

her with the assistance of local police.

She was brought back to Delhi on September 17, underwent medical examination and counselling, and her statement was recorded under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.

After completing the required legal formalities, police handed her over to her parents, reuniting the family after eight years.

Woman biker sends chocolate to auto driver in Bengaluru traffic



The moment was shared on Instagram by Alisha Ansari. In the clip, Alisha was seen riding through heavy traffic when she spotted a woman driving an auto-rickshaw nearby. Rather than simply passing by, Alisha reached into the tank bag on her bike and took out a chocolate. She then asked a scooter rider next to her to pass it on to the auto driver.

The man took the chocolate and handed it to the woman behind the wheel. Once Alisha saw that her small gift had reached its intended recipient, she gave a thumbs-up.

The gesture was simple, but the thought behind it is what made the moment stand out. Alisha then turned towards the camera and spoke about women who take up demanding jobs and work hard to support their children, families and par-

ents. She shared the video with the caption, "Women ho ya men, mehnat sabki khaas hai (Whether women or men, everyone's hard work is special.)"

The clip was immediately loved by viewers, who praised Ansari for acknowledging another woman's work in such a spontaneous way. Many found the exchange especially heartwarming because it was not a grand gesture, but a small act of kindness between two strangers sharing the same busy road.

In a city where traffic jams are usually associated with honking, impatience and hurried commutes, the brief exchange offered something different. A biker spotted another woman working through the rush-hour chaos and chose to remind her that her effort mattered.

At 81, this Gurugram dadi is still travelling, working and living life her way

An 81-year-old grandmother from Gurugram is still filling her calendar with travel, work and social plans, and she has no intention of slowing down. From taking a cruise to Alaska to running her business, she continues to lead a life that keeps her granddaughter wondering how she manages it all.

Mehar Toor, an entrepreneur, shared an Instagram video introducing her 'OG Sherni' grandmother to the viewers. The clip showed the two chatting casually, while Mehar asked her grandmother about her latest adventures. "Let me introduce to you my 81-year-old grandmother. She is a businesswoman, an avid traveller still at the age of 81. What's up, Dadi?" Mehar said at the beginning of the video. "I'm fine, how are you?" her grandmother replied.

When Mehar asked what she had been doing lately, the conversation soon turned to travel. Her grandmother revealed that she recently went on a cruise to Alaska.

"I have really enjoyed it," she added. "At 81 years old?" Mehar asked, clearly impressed.

"Yeah, because I feel fully confident I can, you know, go anywhere," her grandmother explained. Mehar then told her, "You also look 22 years old," before asking what advice she would give younger people.

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"I say that they should enjoy their life. They should work, they should work hard, and eat good food. At the same time, they should look after themselves," she said.

"The OG Sherni - My 81-year-old grandmother is more active than I am - she lives alone, continues to travel the world, has an endless calendar of kitty parties and a spirit you can spot from a mile away. And that's what Sherni is to me - it's someone who refuses to give up or slow down even when 'society' expects you to," Mehar Toor wrote in the caption.



Sailor Father And Son Unexpectedly Cross Paths In The Middle Of The Ocean

What are the odds of a father and son, both sailors, crossing paths in the middle of a vast ocean while aboard two different ships? To be honest, very slim. But for Rusheel Saran and his father, that extraordinary coincidence became a moment that they will remember for life.

Rusheel took to Instagram to share the chance encounter he had with his father. In a video, he explained that they are both sailors, but they were sailing on separate vessels and in totally different directions when their paths unexpectedly crossed.

"It Turned Out To Be My Father" "Today I had what might be one

of the most iconic father-son moments of my life, and it happened in the middle of the ocean. I was sailing north when I noticed a massive vessel approaching us from the opposite direction. So naturally, I checked the charts, and that's when I realised who it was," he said in the clip. "It turned out to be my father. His ship was headed south, and my ship was headed north."

The encounter was particularly meaningful because of the vastness of the ocean and the unlikely circumstances that brought the two ships together. Reflecting on the moment, Rusheel recalled some-

thing his father told him.

"One Unforgettable Moment" "Somewhere in this vast nothingness, a father and son found each other, sailing in different directions yet united by the same ocean. Maybe that's what growing up is. You eventually set your own course, but you never really stopped sailing with the person who taught you how to navigate through life," his father told him.

In the caption of the post, Rusheel wrote, "A one in a billion chance brought my Papa and me, two generations of sailors, together in the middle of the ocean. Two ships, two journeys, and one unforgettable moment."

The video has struck a chord with viewers online, with many describing the chance meeting as a reminder of the enduring bond between parents and their children.

"Oofff, this hit me like a truck," said a user.

Another commented, "This is the rarest of rare moments in a Seafarer's life."

"This is so wholesome, dude. What a beautiful moment," an individual commented.



Villagers stand on tracks, stop local train in Bengal for Vishwakarma Puja rituals

In a bizarre Vishwakarma Puja celebration, villagers in West Bengal stopped a moving local train, climbed on it and began performing rituals around the locomotive with drums, sweets and traditional decorations.

A video of the incident was shared on Instagram by Sweety Paik, who also participated in the puja. The video showed several men standing in the middle of the railway track, holding a red gamchha and two banana leaves with their stems, both commonly used during religious rituals.

As the train approached, the men remained on the tracks instead of moving away. The train eventually came to a halt, revealing that it is a local service travelling towards Sealdah in Kolkata.

Once the train stopped, the men climbed onto the front of the locomotive to begin the Vishwakarma Puja. They tied banana leaves to

the front of the train and decorated the locomotive with the red gamchha. The ritual then continued with traditional offerings, drums and sweets.

Several people were seen gathered around the train as drummers performed during the ceremony. The loco pilot, meanwhile, appeared visibly unhappy about the situation as the celebrations took place around the locomotive.

The video shows the participants continuing with the rituals despite the obvious risks involved in stopping a moving train and standing on the tracks.

The footage was widely shared on Instagram and Facebook, where viewers reacted with surprise to the bizarre manner in which the puja was conducted. Several people also pointed out the risks of standing on an active railway track and stopping a train for a religious ceremony.



Vishwakarma Puja is widely celebrated across West Bengal, particularly among people associated with machinery, tools, factories and other forms of skilled work. Vehicles and machines are often cleaned and decorated as part of the celebrations, with people offering prayers for safety and prosperity.

Stopping a local train on an active railway route, however, was certainly an odd way to mark the occasion.

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Tea vendor spots exhausted mother, dances to comfort her crying child on train

A woman travelling with a child after his medical treatment in Gorakhpur received a sweet gesture of kindness from a tea seller on a train. Seeing the exhausted mother struggling to calm her crying child, the vendor first offered her a cup of tea and then decided to entertain the little one himself.

The tea seller, identified as Raja Babu from Patna, was seen in a video dancing energetically in the aisle of the passenger train. With the child still crying, he kept dancing and making playful moves in an attempt to distract him and bring a smile to his face.

His effort soon appeared to work. The child's attention shift-

ed towards the dancing vendor, while the mother smiled at the unexpected attempt to comfort her son.

Fellow passengers also watched the impromptu performance, with several reacting with smiles and applause.

The video captured Raja Babu turning a tiring journey into a brief moment of joy. Rather than simply continuing with his work, he noticed the mother's exhaustion and chose to do something to ease the situation.

The video went viral on X and quickly garnered praise from social media users. Many appreciated the tea seller for noticing the mother's situation and making an effort to help without being asked.

