



AC Short Circuit at Adilabad RIMS Claims Infant’s Life, Triggers Panic in Pediatric Ward

Munsif News Bureau Adilabad, Sep 22:

A sudden short circuit in an air-conditioning unit at the pediatric ward of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Hospital in Adilabad triggered panic among patients, parents and hospital staff on Tuesday, resulting in the death of a female infant undergoing treatment.

Soon after receiving information about the incident, District Collector Rajarshi Shah, District Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, former State Minister Jogu Ramana and other local leaders rushed to the hospital and inspected the affected ward. They interacted with the medical staff and sought details about the incident and the circumstances that led to the AC short circuit.

The officials also reviewed the condition of the other children undergoing treatment in the ward and enquired about the medical facilities and safety measures in place. Hospital doctors and management were directed to give priority to the treatment and safety of the remaining children and take all necessary precautions to prevent any further untoward incident.



Speaking to the media, former minister Jogu Ramana expressed deep grief over the death of the infant and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family. He said the distress and anguish faced by parents who witnessed their children caught in such a critical situation was deeply painful.

Ramana also expressed serious concern over the alleged lack of proper maintenance of air-conditioning units and electrical equipment at a major government hospital such as RIMS. He demanded a comprehensive and impartial inquiry into the incident, identification of those responsible and appropriate action. He further urged the authorities to ensure regular inspection and maintenance of electrical systems and equipment in hospitals to prevent similar

CM Revanth Reddy Expresses Grief Over Infant’s Death



his neonatal ward. The Chief Minister described the infant’s death as extremely tragic and conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. Taking serious note of the incident, Revanth Reddy directed the State and district authorities to ensure the best possible medical treatment for all infants affected by the fire and smoke. He also instructed the medical teams to continuously monitor the vital signs and health condition of the affected children and ensure that they receive immediate and comprehensive care.

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed deep shock and anguish over the tragic incident at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Adilabad, in which an infant lost life following a fire in the

RIMS FIRE: T-BJP CHIEF SEEKS PROBE, ACTION AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 22:

BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao on Tuesday expressed shock over the fire at the NICU of RIMS Hospital in Adilabad that claimed the lives of two newborns and demanded a high-level inquiry into the tragedy.

Rao conveyed condolences to the bereaved families and alleged that lapses in electrical safety and maintenance of critical equipment, including air-conditioners,

may have contributed to the incident.

He urged the state government to ensure advanced medical care for the children who survived the fire and are undergoing treatment elsewhere. He also demanded strict action against the concerned officials and hospital management if negligence is established.

Rao called for immediate fire and safety audits of all government hospitals across Telangana and sought adequate financial assistance for the affected families.

Telangana readies 8,283 centres for Kharif paddy procurement

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 22:

The Telangana Civil Supplies Department has geared up for paddy procurement for the Kharif 2026-27 season, with operations set to commence in the first week of October to handle an estimated 65 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy through 8,283 Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) across the State. The department has put in place a comprehensive ‘SHT’ (Storage, Hamali and Transport) strategy aimed at ensuring a smooth and leak-proof procurement and supply chain. As part of measures to support farmers, the government has mandated that farmers have an AgriStack Farmer ID to claim the paddy bonus.

Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government M. Stephen Raveendra reviewed the pre-

paredness for the procurement operations on Tuesday. He held detailed reviews and video conferences with all District Civil Supplies Officers (DCSOs) and District Managers (DMs) to assess arrangements at the ground level.

Raveendra said adequate stocks of gunny bags and tarpaulins, besides sufficient transport vehicles, had been arranged at all 8,283 procurement centres. Contingency stocks have also been kept ready for immediate deployment, he said.

The Commissioner said inter-departmental coordination had been strengthened to ensure the availability of adequate Hamali workers for prompt unloading and stacking of paddy at procurement centres.

The department is mobilising defunct rice mills, function halls and emergency CAP facilities to meet storage needs during procurement.

ACB Catches GPO, Another Person Accepting 80,000 Bribe in Mancherial

Munsif News Bureau Mancherial, Sep 22:

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Adilabad Range Unit, on Tuesday caught a Grama Paripalana Officer (GPO) and another person while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹80,000 at Peddapeta in Bheemini mandal of Mancherial district.

The accused officer, Durga Prasad, GPO of Peddapeta Gram Panchayat, had allegedly demanded ₹1.30 lakh from the complainant for showing official favour in validating a land transfer in the complainant’s name and issuing Patta Passbooks. According to the ACB, the officer instructed the complainant to pay ₹80,000 as the first instalment and the remaining ₹50,000 after completion of the work.

As part of the trap, Durga Prasad allegedly reached the outskirts of Peddapeta near agricultural fields along with Pothu Rajender, 33, of Bitturpalli, on Rajender’s motorcycle. The GPO allegedly directed the com-

The Minister inaugurated two wetting machines procured at a cost of ₹1.01 crore for sanitation purposes. He said tenders had been invited at an estimated ₹83 crore to provide 24-hour drinking water supply to residents.

Komatireddy said 63 km of CC roads had been laid using SDF funds, while roads and drainage facilities would be developed in the

Telangana seeks Karnataka water release to save standing crops in Mahabubnagar

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 22:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy have requested the Karnataka government to release water from the Upper Krishna system to help protect standing crops facing water stress in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana had taken up

the issue with Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in view of the difficult water situation in the Krishna basin and the urgent needs of farmers dependent on the Jurla system.

He said Karnataka had been requested to consider releasing some water from the Narayanpur reservoir so that additional inflows could reach the Jurla project and provide relief to farmers whose standing crops were

under stress.

“We have explained the situation and requested them to release some water. They have said they will examine the availability and get back to us,” Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

The Minister said the State government was making every possible effort to protect standing crops while also ensuring adequate water reserves to meet drinking-water requirements in the coming months.

He said the prevailing situation called for careful management of the limited water available in reservoirs. Any release for irrigation, he added, would have to be calibrated keeping in view drinking-water security in case the dry conditions persisted.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the crisis also underscored the need to create adequate storage infrastructure in the upper reaches of the Krishna basin within Telangana.

Govt committed to protecting rights of Dalits, tribals: Adluri

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 22:

Welfare Minister Adluri Lakshman Kumar on Tuesday said the Congress government was committed to protecting the dignity, equality and constitutional rights of Dalit and tribal communities. He said 7,563 cases had been registered under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act since 2023, adding that the government was ensuring timely compensation and assistance to victims through a green channel.

Warangal Citizens Seek Naming of Mamnoor

Munsif News Bureau Adilabad, Sep 22:

Welcoming Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s initiative to invite public suggestions on the naming of Warangal’s Mamnoor Airport, citizens and social activists from the district have urged the government to name the airport after the last ruler of Hyderabad, Nawab Mir Osman Ali Khan.

Social activist Izhar Khan, Shaikh Abdul Khaleel Rabbani (IYM), Syed Faizullah, an AIMIM activist from Warangal, and other prominent citizens submitted a representation to the Chief Minister and concerned authorities in this regard.

The representatives pointed out that the history of Mamnoor Airport is closely associated with the Nizam era. According to historical records, the foundation of the airport was laid in 1930 during the reign of Nawab Mir Osman Ali Khan. They said the facility was established not merely as an airfield but also to strengthen connectivity between



Warangal, then an important administrative centre, and Hyderabad.

The airport also facilitated the movement of royal delegations and British officials and played a role in transporting raw materials, finished textiles and other commercial cargo linked to the renowned Azam Jahi Mills. This, they said, contributed to Warangal’s emergence as an important industrial centre. During World War II, the airfield was also used as a defence and training facility by the Royal Air Force. The citi-

zens said Warangal holds immense historical and cultural significance and that recognising the contributions of the Seventh Nizam and the airport’s historical connection with his reign would be appropriate. They proposed that the facility be named “Mir Osman Ali Khan Airport” as a tribute to this historical legacy.

The representatives appealed to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to take into consideration public sentiment and Warangal’s historical background and consider the proposal on priority.

BJP SLAMS DETENTIONS, DEMANDS WATER RELIEF FOR FARMERS

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 22:

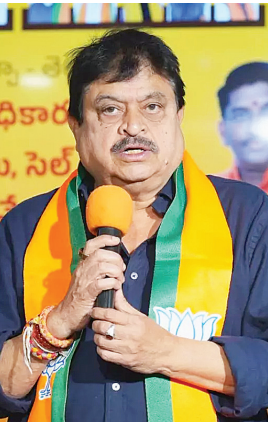
BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao alleged that the Congress government was resorting to arrests and detentions instead of addressing public grievances, after BJP leaders were stopped while proceeding to the Jurla Project.

Speaking to the media at Jadcherla on Tuesday, Rao said farmers in the Jurla command area, the Godavari basin and areas covered by the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme were facing serious difficulties due to inadequate irrigation water. He questioned the government’s decision to restrict

water supply after farmers had already sown crops and urged authorities to advise farmers on alternative crops whenever water availability was expected to be low.

Rao demanded implementation of a crop insurance scheme and alleged that the state government had failed to fulfil its promises on farmer welfare. He also sought details of payments made under various farmer-support schemes, including Rythu Bandhu and the procurement bonus.

The BJP chief further raised the issue of compensation to farmers whose lands were acquired for the Palamuru and Kalwakurthy irrigation projects. He de-



manded fair compensation, including consideration for wells, borewells and standing plantations, and sought parity with compensation provided for land acquisition in the Kodangal Industrial Estate.

Rao said the BJP would continue to raise the concerns of farmers and displaced families.

CPM CONDEMNS ARREST OF JOHN WESLEY, SEEKS JURALA WATER RELEASE

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 22:

The CPM Telangana State Secretariat on Tuesday condemned the detention of State Secretary John Wesley and two other leaders

while they were visiting Mahbubnagar to assess farmers’ grievances. Party workers in Wanaparthy were also reportedly detained.

The CPM said inadequate water was threat-

ening crops despite farmers investing around ₹30,000 per acre. It urged the government to release water from the Jurla project and hold talks with Karnataka for additional supplies.

Seethakka orders speedy verification of new pension applications

NSS
Hyderabad, Sept. 22:

Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Seethakka on Tuesday directed officials to expedite the field-level verification of applications for new pensions and make arrangements to distribute them before the Dasara festival.

She instructed SERP CEO Divya Devarajan to deploy additional staff, if necessary, to complete the verification process at the earliest and ensure that all eligible applicants receive the benefit.

Seethakka said eligible



single women and widows should be covered under the pension scheme without delay. She directed officials to take all necessary measures to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out.

The Minister asked officials to complete the required process in time for the launch of the new pensions in October and ensure their distribution by Dasara.

MMTS TO RUN NIGHT SPECIALS FOR GANESH IMMERSION

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 22:

South Central Railway (SCR) will operate special MMTS train services during the nights of September 25 - 26 and September 26 - 27 to clear the additional passenger rush expected during Ganesh idol immersion.

The special services will operate between 11 pm and 5 am on the two nights.

The services will cover the following routes:

Secunderabad-Hyderabad, Hyderabad-Lingampally, Lingampally-Hyderabad, Hyderabad-Secunderabad, Hyderabad-Lingampally, Lingampally-Falaknuma, Falaknuma-Secunderabad and Secunderabad-Hyderabad.

SCR said the special MMTS trains would stop at all stations on the respective routes.

Passengers have been advised to make use of the additional services during the immersion festivities.

ACB Unearths Assets Worth 6.13 Crore in DA Case Against NIMS Official



NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 22:

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a disproportionate assets case against Nori Lakshmi Bhaskar, Additional Medical Superintendent at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), and unearthed assets worth around ₹6.13 crore during searches conducted at multiple locations.

According to the ACB, the 56-year-old official allegedly accumulated assets disproportionate to his known sources of income through corrupt practices and other suspected means during his service.

The ACB conducted searches on Tuesday at Bhaskar's residence in Erragadda and seven other locations linked to his relatives, friends, suspected benami holders and associates. Officials reportedly seized documents and details relating to several movable and immovable properties.

The assets identified include a four-bedroom flat in a high-rise gated com-

munity, two three-bedroom flats in Kukatpally and five two-bedroom flats in Manikonda, Pet Basheerabad and Kukatpally. Documents relating to four open plots in Yadadri, Nandigama and Shamirpet were also found, along with an 800-square-yard plot in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

The ACB said the actual market value of the properties could be several times higher than the values mentioned in the documents. During the searches, officials also found three cars, including a Jaguar, Audi and Tata Nexon, besides four two-wheelers. Gold jewellery weighing 517.8 grams and electronic equipment valued at around ₹5 lakh were also found.

The agency further identified around ₹41 lakh in bank accounts, ₹12 lakh in post office deposits, investments of about ₹35 lakh in private financial institutions and mutual fund investments worth approximately ₹29.55 lakh.

The ACB also alleged that Bhaskar had invested around ₹1.30 crore in the purchase of a flat involved in a dispute

Heavy Rain Lashes Hyderabad as IMD Issues Red Alert for Telangana



NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 22:

Hyderabad witnessed sudden spells of heavy rain across several areas on Tuesday evening, slowing traffic movement at key stretches. The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, has meanwhile issued a red alert for several districts of Telangana, forecasting very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall, with isolated areas likely to receive more than 204.5 mm of rain between Wednesday, September 23, and Friday, September 25.

The red alert covers

Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Mahabubabad, Warangal and Hanamkonda districts.

The IMD has also issued an orange alert for several districts from Tuesday, September 22, to September 27, warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall ranging from 64.4 mm to 204.5 mm. Thunderstorms accompanied by squally winds reaching 50 to 60 kmph are also likely in these areas. The districts under the orange alert include

Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sirisilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon and Siddipet.

For Hyderabad and neighbouring districts, including Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy, the weather office has forecast heavy rainfall of 64.5 mm to 115.5

mm between September 22 and September 26.

Following the heavy rain on Tuesday evening, traffic movement slowed considerably from Shaikpet Flyover towards Tolichowki due to rainfall and increased vehicular flow. Traffic police advised commuters to drive cautiously, maintain a safe distance from other vehicles and follow the instructions of traffic personnel.

The IMD has advised people in the affected districts to remain alert as intense rainfall, thunderstorms and gusty winds are expected over the next few days.

SCHOLARSHIPS MUST OPEN DOORS TO A BETTER FUTURE: GOVERNOR

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 22:

Financial constraints should not prevent deserving students from pursuing education, Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said on Tuesday, urging students to use scholarships as an opportunity to build a better future.

The Governor distributed scholarship cheques totalling Rs.5 lakh to 28 underprivileged students at a programme organised by the Mahamana Malaviya Mission, Hyderabad, under the Mahamana Shiksha Seva Prakash, at Lok Bhavan.

Shukla said Bharat Ratna Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya considered education a powerful instrument of nation-building. He urged students to set clear goals, overcome challenges



through determination and contribute to their families, society and the nation.

The Governor advised the beneficiaries to view the scholarships not merely as financial assistance but as an opportunity to pursue their aspirations.

He appreciated the Mahamana Malaviya Mission for its educational and social service initiatives and commended donors for supporting needy students. The Governor

also cautioned young people against drug abuse, saying it harms individuals, families and society. He called upon youth to work together to address social challenges with the principle of "Nation First".

Governor's Special Chief Secretary M. Dana Kishore, Mission president P.C. Jain, general secretary Dr Veer Gopal Reddy, executive members, students, parents and donors attended the programme.

CYBERABAD INVOKES PD ACT AGAINST MATRIMONIAL FRAUDSTER IN 19 CASES

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 22:

Cyberabad Police have invoked the Preventive Detention (PD) Act against matrimonial fraudster Manda Venkata Kameshu alias Karthik Reddy, accused of cheating women through fake matrimonial profiles.

Cyberabad Commissioner of Police M. Ramesh ordered his detention at Central

Prison, Cherlapalli, to prevent further cheating activities.

According to police, the 33-year-old B.Tech graduate from West Godavari allegedly created fake profiles on matrimonial websites and posed as a well-settled NRI from a reputed family with a high-paying job. He reportedly used fictitious names, including Karthik Reddy, to conceal his identity.

Police said he contacted women through matrimonial apps, WhatsApp and Instagram, gained their confidence by promising marriage and later allegedly sought money citing fabricated emergencies and financial difficulties.

He also allegedly obtained victims' credit card details, OTPs and banking credentials and misused them for unauthorised transactions and online betting.

Revanth directs officials to remain alert as heavy rain lashes Hyderabad

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 22:

Following heavy rain in Hyderabad, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directed the official machinery to remain on high alert and take immediate measures to prevent inconvenience to the public.

The Chief Minister instructed the Commissioners of the three municipal corporations in the Greater Hyderabad region, HYDRABAD and the police commissioners to work in close coordination and continuously monitor the situation.

Civic authorities were directed to take immediate steps to prevent water-logging on major roads, junctions and in residential colonies. Necessary personnel and machinery should be deployed promptly in areas experiencing water stagnation, he said.

Revanth Reddy also directed the Energy Department to ensure uninterrupted power supply and asked the Traffic Police to take proactive measures to prevent traffic congestion.

He instructed officials to pay special attention to low-lying areas and colonies vulnerable to flooding. Special teams should be deployed to remove obstructions to the flow of water in drains and storm-water channels, he said.

Rescue teams should remain ready to respond immediately to any emergency, while control rooms should closely monitor the situation, the Chief Minister said.

He emphasised that officials must remain available on the ground, closely monitor the situation and take all necessary measures to ensure that people do not face any inconvenience.

BRS FLAGS VOTER ROLL DEADLINE, SIR LAPSES



NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 22:

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar criticised the Election Commission's schedule for registration of graduate voters for the upcoming MLC elections and alleged lapses in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Telangana.

A BRS delegation led by MLC L. Ramana met Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy on Tuesday and submitted a representation on the issue.

Sravan questioned the November 6 deadline for submitting Form-18, pointing out that the final electoral roll under the SIR process is scheduled to be published on November 20. He argued that voters could

face difficulties in identifying polling stations, part numbers and other electoral details before the final roll is published.

According to Sravan, the CEO responded positively and assured the delegation that the matter would be referred to the Election Commission in Delhi, with efforts to seek an extension of the deadline.

The BRS leader also alleged that inadequate public awareness about the SIR process could result in eligible voters being left out of the rolls. He criticised the state government over the participation levels in the revision exercise and urged the Election Commission to ensure a transparent and voter-friendly process.

BSNL Assures Early Resolution of Network Issues in Malini, Medipalli



Munsif News Bureau
Kaghaznagar, Sep 22:

Residents of Malini and Medipalli gram panchayats in Kaghaznagar and Sirpur mandals have been facing persistent mobile connectivity problems despite the installation of network towers.

Taking up the issue, All India Mahila Congress Secretary B. Adhitha met BSNL State Head Ratnakumar and Jio representatives in Hyderabad and submitted a representation seeking improved services. BSNL officials assured that the technical issues would

be addressed and necessary works completed by the end of this month. Tower-related works have already commenced, officials said.

Residents thanked B. Adhitha for pursuing the issue with the authorities.

Works at the BSNL tower have already commenced, with officials assuring residents that the connectivity issues will be resolved and reliable mobile services restored by the end of this month. The move is expected to improve communication and access to essential mobile services in the two villages.



At a Glance

Simanta Shekhar quits BJP

IANS Gangtok, Sep. 22



Assamese singer and BJP leader Simanta Shekhar on Tuesday resigned as chairman of the Assam State Film (Finance and Development) Corporation, from the BJP’s Assam state executive committee and from the party’s primary membership.

Shekhar said he had submitted his resignation letters to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and BJP state president Dilip Saikia.

In a statement, Shekhar said his decision was for personal reasons and was not linked to the BJP. He clarified that he would not join any political party in future.

Shekhar said ties with Assam would remain unchanged and wished them well.

PM Modi announces ‘Project Rhino’ on World Rhino Day

IANS New Delhi, Sep. 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday marked World Rhino Day by announcing Project Rhino to provide financial and technical support to states where the greater one-horned rhinoceros is found.

In a post on X, Modi lauded wildlife officials, conservationists, forest personnel and local communities for their role in protecting rhinos, saying India’s conservation efforts had helped strengthen the population of the species.

“On World Rhino Day, we celebrate the magnificent greater one-horned rhinoceros and laud all those at the forefront of its protection,” he said.

Modi highlighted Assam’s contribution to global rhino conservation, noting that the state accounts for nearly 80 per cent of the world’s rhino population. He also pointed to the success of Kaziranga National Park in combating poaching and protecting the species.

The Prime Minister



highlighted conservation efforts in other rhino-bearing states. “On one hand, rhinos have either returned or are well protected in parts of Bihar and West Bengal. On the other hand, success of reintroduction of rhinos in Dudhwa (Uttar Pradesh) is creating history,” he said.

Modi said these developments reflected the sustained commitment of communities, conservationists and governments towards animal protection and active wildlife management across rhino-range states.

Announcing Project Rhino, he said the initiative would support rhino-bearing states through financial and technical assistance. It will focus on animal protection, habitat management, genetic improvement and a better understanding of population dynamics.

India continues to implement landscape-level conservation measures for the greater one-horned rhinoceros, whose global population is concentrated primarily in India and Nepal. Assam remains India’s most important rhino habitat, with Kaziranga National Park among other important rhino

habitats.

Conservation efforts in Bihar and West Bengal, along with the reintroduction programme at Dudhwa National Park in Uttar Pradesh, have also helped expand and secure the species’ range.

Project Rhino is expected to provide an institutional framework for strengthening these efforts through coordinated financial, technical and scientific interventions. The initiative will support coordinated action across rhino-bearing states and strengthen long-term conservation efforts. It will further improve monitoring of rhino populations.

Jaipur Mayor election set for direct BJP-Congress contest

IANS Jaipur, Sep. 22

The Jaipur Municipal Corporation Mayoral election is set for a direct contest between BJP candidate Sunil Kothari and Congress candidate Sunita Mawar after Congress councillors Sunita Methi and Dashrath Atal withdrew their nominations before

also being held in several municipal bodies across Rajasthan. Polling for Mayor and Deputy Mayor posts in Jaipur, Jodhpur and Kota is scheduled for September 25.

Political discussions over cross-voting have intensified following the Sirohi Municipal Council Chairperson election. BJP candidate

Pooja Mali received five votes, while the party reportedly has 10 councillors. However, the election was held through secret ballot and there is no official confirmation identifying any councillor as having cross-voted.

In Dausa, BJP’s Urmila Saini was elected unopposed as Vice-Chairperson of Mahwa



the 3 p.m. deadline on Tuesday.

Methi and Atal had filed their papers as covering candidates. The 150-member corporation has 78 BJP councillors, 57 from Congress and 15 Independents. A candidate needs 76 votes for a majority. The Mayor will be elected on September 25.

Elections for Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairperson posts are

Municipality after Congress candidate Rambabu Saini withdrew his nomination.

In Hanumangarh, Congress-backed Poonam Shekhawat was elected Vice-Chairperson of Tibbi Municipality unopposed after another candidate withdrew. A day earlier, Congress’s Devi Lal had been elected Chairperson by four votes.

In Jaisalmer, the Deputy Chairperson contest is between BJP-backed Madhubala Devising

Chauhan and Congress-backed Premalata Chauhan after Congress-backed councillor Sahil Singh Mahecha withdrew. The council has 25 BJP, 16 Congress and four Independent councillors.

Focus is on Jaipur September 25 Mayoral election.

Casual, daily-wage workers protest in Srinagar for wage hike, regularisation

IANS Srinagar, Sep. 22

Casual labourers and daily-wage workers from various Jammu and Kashmir government departments staged a protest in Srinagar on Tuesday, demanding enhancement of wages and regularisation of their services.

The protest was organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Casual/Daily Wagers Forum and led by its president, Sajad Ahmed Parray. The workers said their demands for regularisation and better wages had remained unresolved for a long time and urged the government to take concrete steps to address their concerns.

The demonstration was held during the ongoing session of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, where issues concerning temporary and daily-wage workers are being discussed. The government has informed the House that it is examining a uniform framework for regularising temporary workers,



including daily-rated workers, casual and seasonal labourers, contractual employees and other need-based workers.

The government has also said that a committee constituted in March 2025 is examining the humanitarian, legal and financial aspects of regularisation. Consultations with the concerned departments are required before a final policy decision is taken.

The protesting workers urged the government to expedite the process and provide relief on issues relating to wages and regularisation.

The government has assured phased regularisation of daily wagers in the Union Territory.

According to available statistics cited in the report, more than 50,000 daily wagers are working in various departments across Jammu and Kashmir.

The workers said their services are vital to the functioning of several government departments. Departments such as the Public Health Engineering Department, Flood and Irrigation Department and Power Development Department depend significantly on the services of casual and daily-wage workers, they said.

The protest remained focused on the workers’ long-pending employment-related demands.

Tuna caught in Indian waters safe to eat: CMFRI

IANS Kochi, Sep. 22



Tuna caught along the Indian coast is safe to eat, ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) said on Tuesday.

The clarification followed reports of parasites in skipjack tuna caught in the Atlantic off Brazil. CMFRI said findings from one region should not be linked to Indian waters.

Director Dr Grinson George said consumers need not avoid tuna. He advised thorough cooking, which kills parasites.

MIZORAM TARGETS 1% SHARE IN INDIA'S PROJECTED \$30 TRILLION ECONOMY BY 2047:

IANS Aizawl, Sep. 22

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma has set an ambitious economic target for the state, aiming for a one per cent contribution to India’s projected \$30 trillion economy by 2047, with the state’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) expected to reach around Rs 25 lakh crore and per capita income to cross Rs 16 lakh.

Addressing the NITI Aayog Regional Workshop for the North Eastern Region on “Strengthening State Institutions for Transformation to Drive Viksit North East Region”, Lalduhoma said targets alone would not transform Mizoram and stressed the need to strengthen institutions, capabilities, policies and delivery systems to achieve the goals.

“A vision has value only when it is translated into clear priorities, responsibilities, timelines, resources and measurable outcomes,” he said.

Lalduhoma highlighted Mizoram’s extensive in-

ternational borders with Myanmar and Bangladesh, saying the state occupies an important position in India’s Act East engagement with Southeast Asia. He said the challenge was to convert these strategic advantages into sustainable economic opportunities for the people of the region.

The Chief Minister appreciated NITI Aayog for bringing the State Support Mission (SSM) to Mizoram and supporting the strengthening of the State Institution for Transformation (SIT). He said the initiative had helped enhance the state’s capacity for planning, governance and delivery in the spirit of cooperative federalism.

Lalduhoma said he had raised the need for continued support to strengthen the SIT in Mizoram and the Northeast at the latest meeting of the NITI Aayog Governing Council. He also referred to his earlier interventions on the importance of the SIT in the Mizoram Assembly and other public forums.

He said the SIT had a crit-

ical role in helping the government think strategically, use evidence, work across departmental boundaries and focus on measurable outcomes. The institution should help identify priorities, assess whether interventions were delivering results and determine what needed to be changed where they were not.

The Chief Minister also said Mizoram was planning a Cabinet Retreat of all Ministers through the SIT to deliberate on Vision 2047, improve convergence among departments and prepare a pipeline of priority projects to translate the vision into action.

Highlighting the importance of the Northeast, Lalduhoma said the region had significant strengths in its young population, natural resources, cultural diversity, entrepreneurship, tourism and strategic location.

He said the regional workshop was important as the northeastern states had much to learn from one another. SITs could help connect governments with

knowledge and expertise from across the region and the country, he added.

Describing NITI Aayog as an important strategic partner, Lalduhoma expressed hope for continued guidance, expertise and support for peer learning. He said the journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047 would ultimately be built through the transformation of the states and called for Mizoram, other northeastern states and NITI Aayog to work together to ensure the region makes a meaningful contribution to national development.

Mizoram Home Minister K. Sapdanga, other Ministers and MLAs attended the event. NITI Aayog member Dr Joram Aniya, state Chief Secretary Khilli Ram Meena, NITI Aayog Public Policy Specialist Dr Amrit Pal Kaur and Mizoram Commissioner, Planning & Finance Vanlaldina Fanai also addressed the gathering. Representatives of SITs from all northeastern states and senior officials attended the workshop.

TEJASHWI DEMANDS BIHAR CM'S RESIGNATION OVER JAMUI CASE, RAISES CUSTODIAL DEATHS

IANS Patna, Sep. 22

RJD leader and Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Tuesday demanded Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary’s resignation over the alleged molestation of a minor student in Jamui and criticised the government over law-and-order issues.

Addressing a press conference in Patna, Tejashwi said the incident had brought disrepute to Bihar and accused the government of failing to deal seriously with crimes



against women and girls. Referring to an earlier statement by Choudhary that he would resign if an incident involving a woman or girl occurred in Bihar, Tejashwi said the Chief Minister should step down if he stood by the statement.

Tejashwi criticised remarks by ruling alliance leaders Umesh Kushwaha and Shrawan Sumar, who he said had described the incident as a “petty incident”. He also alleged that Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Sports Minister

Shreyasi Singh and Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi were attempting to divert attention from the case.

He said police had identified seven to eight people allegedly involved in the Jamui incident and demanded action against all of them and the harshest punishment under law after a speedy trial. The case remains under investigation.

Tejashwi also raised alleged deaths in police and judicial custody in Bihar and demanded judicial inquiries. Referring to the death of Amarjeet Yadav in Sasaram, he said the

RJD had met his family and provided Rs 1 lakh in financial assistance. He demanded action against officials allegedly responsible, including dismissal of the Sasaram Jail Superintendent and registration of an FIR.

Citing Ministry of Home Affairs data based on information received from the National Human Rights Commission, Tejashwi said Bihar recorded 19 police-custody death cases between April 2025 and March 15, 2026.

He demanded judicial inquiries into custodial deaths.

Odisha govt on high alert as deep depression likely, heavy rain forecast

IANS Bhubaneswar, Sep. 22

The Odisha government on Tuesday directed officials to remain on high alert as a depression over the Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a deep depression and bring rain.

IMD Bhubaneswar Director Manorama Mohanty said the system is expected to intensify within 12 hours and cross the north Andhra Pradesh-south Odisha coast between Gopalpur and Visakhapatnam during the night of September 23 and early hours of September 24.



The system is likely to bring heavy rainfall to southern Odisha between September 22 and 24, with winds of 55-65 kmph and gusts up to 75 kmph.

Red alerts have been issued for Ganjam, Gajapati, Koraput and Rayagada on September 22; Koraput, Malkangiri,

Nabarangpur and Kalahandi on September 23; and Nabarangpur on September 24.

The IMD advised people to avoid low-lying areas and follow advisories. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea until early September 26.

At a Glance

US networks halt Trump pool coverage

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Washington, Sep. 22

Five major US television networks suspended their shared pool coverage of President Donald Trump after the White House stopped CNN from carrying out an assigned trip.

Fox News, ABC News, CBS News, CNN and NBC News took the joint step after CNN was removed from the TV pool for Trump's trip to New York for the UN General Assembly.

The networks said the public had a "vital interest" in independent reporting and that no administration should restrict a news organisation over its reporting.

The move came as CNN, MS NOW and Politico sued the Trump administration in federal court, seeking to block the ban and restore their White House credentials.

The outlets said the restrictions violated their First Amendment rights. Trump rejected the charge, saying the White House was targeting "FAKE NEWS".

AI failures spark US Senate probe call

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Washington, Sep. 22

Three senior US senators have called for investigations into reported artificial-intelligence failures in US military and intelligence operations, warning that unreliable data and AI-generated falsehoods could lead to lethal mistakes.

Senators Mark Warner, Jack Reed and Chris Coons asked Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth and Director of National Intelligence Jay Clayton to give inspectors general access to examine the incidents.

Their letter cited reports that an AI targeting platform used outdated data during a US strike in Minab, Iran, and that an aborted military interdiction operation involved potentially false AI-generated intelligence. The reported failures have not been independently established.

The senators urged probes and said AI must remain under human oversight.

Two critical after Sydney home invasion, shooting leaves boy injured

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Sydney, Sep. 22

Two men were hospitalised after being assaulted during a home invasion in Lalor Park, western Sydney, on Tuesday, police said.

Emergency services were called around 7:30 a.m. after two men entered the home and assaulted a 64-year-old man and a 44-year-old man before fleeing. Both were taken to hospital with head injuries.

Separately, an 11-year-old boy was critically

Trump makes unusual visit to Mamdani's Gracie Mansion

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New York, Sep. 22

US President Donald Trump made an unusual visit to New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani's official residence on Monday, holding a cordial meeting with the Democratic Socialist despite sharp political differences between the two.

Trump, in New York for the United Nations General Assembly, praised Mamdani after their meeting, saying he was "off to a good start" and would be "a great" mayor. The visit was the first by a sitting US president to Gracie Mansion in more than four decades, according to reports.

The two discussed housing, affordability and immigration. Mamdani has proposed developing 12,000 housing units over Sunnyside Yard in Queens and said the project would require federal assistance. Trump acknowledged the need for federal approvals and potentially federal funding.

Mamdani said he also raised his opposition to the Trump administration's immigration policies, including its crackdown and chang-



es involving Temporary Protected Status for Haitians. "I shared my very strong opinions about how we can keep New Yorkers safe, how we can keep immigrant New Yorkers safe," he said.

The two also differed over media access. Asked about the White House's decision to bar CNN, MS NOW and Politico reporters, Mamdani said all members of the press would be welcome at his events. Trump defended the restrictions and criticised what he called "fake news".

Despite their differences, the meeting maintained the cordial tone of their earlier White House encounter in February. Trump, who was born in New York, also praised Gracie Mansion, calling it "a

beautiful place".

Mamdani has previously criticised Trump's policies and described him in strongly negative terms during the political campaign, while Trump has also attacked Mamdani. Their meeting nevertheless focused on areas where the city and federal government could work together, particularly housing.

Mamdani was also scheduled to meet Senator Bernie Sanders, a prominent progressive voice who has supported his political rise. The meeting came as both leaders seek cooperation on AI issues despite their wider policy differences.

The 15-room mayoral residence, located on 4.5 hectares along the East River, has been the official home of New York City's mayor since 1942.

CALIFORNIA DECLARES EMERGENCY AHEAD OF POTENTIALLY HISTORIC EL NINO

IANSS
Los Angeles, Sep. 22

California has declared a state of emergency to prepare for a potentially historic El Nino season, with officials warning of winter storms, coastal flooding and other hazards.

The proclamation will mobilise state resources and accelerate preparations, according to the governor's office. State agencies have been directed to protect

vulnerable communities, prepare critical infrastructure, stockpile emergency supplies and work with local authorities to reduce risks from flooding and landslides.

"The emerging El Nino event is already breaking records, and forecasters expect it to continue to strengthen, potentially becoming the strongest in recorded history," the governor's office said.

El Nino is a natural climate pattern marked

by warmer-than-average ocean temperatures in the tropical eastern Pacific. It can alter weather patterns and bring wetter, more intense winters to California.

Authorities have urged Californians to sign up for emergency alerts and make evacuation plans.

The potential impact could extend beyond the US. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the

DMZ blast prompts Seoul warning as defence minister tells North to stop border hardening

IANSS
Seoul, Sep. 22

South Korea's new Defence Minister Kang Shin-chul on Tuesday urged North Korea to halt border-hardening measures along the inter-Korean border, saying Seoul would not "walk on eggshells" in responding to Pyongyang's actions.

Kang spoke after a suspected landmine explosion south of the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) in the western border area injured three South Korean military officers on Monday, Yonhap News Agency reported.

An investigation is under way to determine the cause of the blast amid speculation that it may have been triggered by a landmine allegedly planted by North Korea on the South Korean side of the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ).

"(North Korea) must cease its border fortification. Of course, we need to speak out," Kang said, adding that the explosion could be one of the "secondary effects" of North Korea's border-hardening activities.

Kang said he would issue a firm warning to Pyongyang over its fencing



and mine-laying activities. "You keep bringing up that we walk on eggshells when it comes to North Korea, but we do not," he said, referring to his statement during his confirmation hearing that North Korea's military was South Korea's enemy.

However, Kang said the military had yet to confirm whether Monday's explosion occurred at a site where North Korea is suspected of laying mines across the border.

He said investigators needed to determine whether the suspected minefield, the patrol route used by South Korean personnel and the explosion site matched. Difficult terrain had prevented the military from obtaining clear footage, he said.

The blast occurred inside the DMZ. An Army

battalion commander was seriously injured, another officer suffered a leg fracture, and a third officer sustained less severe injuries.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said the officers were clearing a path for an upcoming United Nations Command (UNC) field inspection of sites on the southern side of the DMZ where North Korean troops are suspected of planting mines, potentially in violation of the armistice agreement.

Kang, a former deputy commander of the South Korea-US Combined Forces Command, stressed the importance of "mutual trust" with Washington amid the transition of wartime operational control from the US to South Korea.

He said the technical

conditions for the transition may already have been met, but noted that political consultations and mutual trust remained important. Kang also indicated that he could visit Washington before the next ministerial defence dialogue, expected in early November, if necessary.

A retired four-star Army general, Kang was nominated by President Lee Jae Myung on Aug. 30. On his first day as defence minister, he visited Seoul National Cemetery before holding his first meeting with senior military commanders.

The Defence Ministry said Kang ordered a firm response to provocations, tougher training and a thorough investigation into the suspected mine blast while keeping "all possibilities open".

Kim urges propaganda revamp

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Seoul, Sep. 22



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has called on party officials to modernise propaganda and ideological work to meet the "expectations of the times", state media reported.

In his closing address at four-day workshop, Kim urged innovations in new ideological work and use of modern information technology to block the spread of outside ideas and "reactionary ideological culture".

The workshop focused on ideological education and mobilising the public to implement Workers' Party decisions. Session, third since 2022, concluded on Monday.

JD VANCE DEFENDS TRUMP'S MEDIA BAN

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Washington, Sep. 22

US Vice President JD Vance defended President Donald Trump's decision to bar CNN, MS NOW and Politico from White House access, saying the move did not amount to an attack on free speech.

"He's not banning media outlets," Vance told reporters. He said the administration was refusing "special access" to outlets that, in his view, engaged in "effectively propaganda".

Vance claimed about 92 per cent of the three organisations' stories on Trump and his administration were negative. He said the outlets could still report on the White House and access public information.



The three news organisations have sued the Trump administration, alleging that the restrictions violate their First Amendment rights. A federal court hearing is scheduled for Wednesday.

Vance also said Trump was expected to hold further discussions on Iran this week. He said Trump was expected to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Two pilots killed in helicopter crash while fighting California wildfire

IANSS
Sacramento, Sep. 22

Two pilots were killed when a contract helicopter crashed while supporting firefighting operations on the Dome Fire in Yosemite National Park, California, officials said.

The crash occurred at about 2:55 p.m. local time on Sunday in Mariposa County, with two people aboard, the Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection said. The helicopter was performing a water-bucket operation and dropping water on the fire when it crashed southeast of Lake Ostrander, according to the California Complex Incident Management Team 3.

The Alaska agency identified one of the pilots as Greg King, describing him as a "dedicated avi-

ator and a dear friend to many of us". The identity of the second pilot was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the crash.

The National Park Service said the Dome Fire was 15 per cent contained on Monday. The fire, first reported on September 15 near Chilnualna Falls in the Wawona area, has prompted some trail and back-country closures, while Yosemite remains open.

Authorities said the helicopter was actively supporting crews battling the wildfire at the time of the crash. The crash site was southeast of Lake Ostrander, where firefighting operations were underway.



Waves crash onto a California coastal road during an earlier storm, highlighting the flooding risks associated with severe weather. 'File Photo'

'LET TIBETANS DECIDE': DALAI LAMA'S NEPHEW CALLS FOR REFERENDUM

IANSS
Lhasa, Sep. 22

China should allow Tibetans to decide their future through a referendum if Beijing wants to demonstrate that its rule enjoys popular support, Khedroob Thondup, nephew of the 14th Dalai Lama, has argued in The Tibet Express.

Thondup said a free vote would allow Tibetans to express whether they accept Beijing's account of the region's "liberation". He argued that a referendum would test the legiti-



macy of China's claims.

In his article, Thondup alleged that Tibetans face restrictions on language, religious practice and freedom of expression, citing the sidelining of Tibetan in schools, monitoring of monasteries and restric-

tions concerning images of

the Dalai Lama. He also alleged arbitrary arrests and surveillance. China has described its control over Tibet as a peaceful liberation and development project, while Tibetan representatives and rights advocates dispute that narrative.

The debate has coincided with concerns over access to information from Tibet following devastating floods.

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) said no independent Tibetan media outlet or international news

organisation had been allowed to freely access areas affected by floods that struck Tibet and Nepal on Aug. 26. It said Chinese authorities had authorised only state media to cover the disaster.

RSF said the restrictions made it difficult to independently assess the scale and impact of the disaster. Aleksandra Bielakowska, RSF's Head of Advocacy for Asia-Pacific, described Tibet as a "de facto information black hole" under Chinese President Xi Jinping's leadership.

Rangabelia Women's Cooperative Sustains Sundarbans Craft Livelihoods Despite Sales Pressure



Nearly five decades after its beginnings, the women-led cooperative continues to support livelihoods through hand-batik, weaving and tailoring, but weaker handicraft purchases and limited institutional support are putting pressure on its traditional model.

Based on PIB Inputs Munsif Desk

For women in this remote part of the Sundarbans, hand-batik, weaving and tailoring are more than traditional crafts. They have provided an alternative source of income for generations through the Rangabelia Mahila Industrial Co-operative Society, which continues to combine craft production with women’s livelihood training.

The initiative traces its roots to 1976, when Bina Kanjilal established the Rangabelia Mahila Samity as part of a wider movement for women’s economic and social empowerment associated with the rural-development work of Tushar Kanjilal. Research on the organisation records batik, weaving, tailoring and other vocational skills among its long-running activities.

Cooperative representatives say about *30,000 women have received various forms of training over the years*, while more than 100 women are currently engaged in its activities, including several long-serving members.

The organisation operates as an industrial cooperative. Its representatives said its present administrative status has limited access to some government benefits and institutional assistance. Although government audits have been conducted, they said the cooperative has not received direct beneficiary assistance from either the State or Central Government. Loan proposals have also been prepared but not pursued, partly because some elderly members remain cautious about taking on financial liabilities.

The larger challenge is the market. According to the cooperative, annual sales once reached about *₹80 lakh, but declined to nearly *₹65 lakh two years ago and ₹57 lakh in the last financial year*. It attributes the fall to competition, the higher production cost of hand-made goods and dependence on tourist purchases.

Tourism nevertheless remains central to the model. West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation currently includes Rangabelia village in its Sundarbans itinerary, while research on community-based tourism identifies the cooperative’s handicrafts among locally produced goods sold to visitors.

Cooperative representatives say tourist numbers may have risen, but visitors increasingly make smaller handicraft purchases. They argue that responsible tourism should generate greater income for local communities rather than merely increase footfall.

The cooperative also reports market connections in Delhi and associations with organisations including *Amar Kutir* and the *Wildlife Institute of India (WII)*. WII documentation independently records the Rangabelia Mahila Industrial Cooperative Society as a registered group associated with its Sundari initiative and livelihood-related skill training.

For Rangabelia, sustaining these market links may prove crucial to keeping traditional skills economically viable while preserving a women-led livelihood institution approaching five decades of continuous work.

Sundarban's Mangrove Tiger Habitat in Focus as Telangana Journalists Review Conservation Efforts

The 9,630-sq-km Indian Sundarban, spread across 102 islands, remains the world's only mangrove forest inhabited by tigers, where conservation increasingly combines field patrols, camera monitoring, technology and measures to reduce human-tiger conflict.

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The distinctive ecology of the Sundarban and efforts to conserve its Royal Bengal Tigers came into focus on Tuesday as a media delegation from Telangana visited the mangrove landscape and interacted with Forest Department officials.

Siladitya Acharya, Range Officer, Eco-Tourism, briefed the journalists on the Sundarban’s biodiversity and measures including regular

patrolling, camera trapping, technology-based surveillance and steps to minimise human-tiger conflict. Eco-tourism, he said, is regulated to limit pressure on the fragile ecosystem.

The Indian Sundarban covers about *9,630 sq km and comprises 102 islands*, of which 54 are inhabited and 48 are predominantly forested. Around 4,263 sq km forms the Reserve Forest. The tidal landscape is shaped by the interaction



- 54 of the Indian Sundarban's 102 islands are inhabited, while the remaining 48 largely comprise mangrove Reserve Forest.
- The 2024-25 exercise photo-captured 81 tigers in the Sundarban Tiger Reserve and 20 in adjoining South 24 Parganas, with one tiger common to both areas.
- Forest officials use patrolling, camera traps, surveillance and nylon-net barriers to protect wildlife and reduce tiger movement into settlements.

of freshwater and saline tides across rivers, creeks and estuaries.

UNESCO describes the Sundarbans as the *only mangrove forest in the world inhabited by tigers*, whose population has adapted to swimming, tidal waterways and the saline environment.

During the *2024-25 Phase IV tiger estimation exercise, 81 tigers were photo-captured inside the Sundarban Tiger Reserve and 20 in adjoining South

24 Parganas, with one animal recorded in both areas. The reserve reported an estimated tiger density of **4.27 per 100 sq km*, while the data was forwarded to the Wildlife Institute of India for further analysis.

Nylon-net fencing is also used along vulnerable forest fringes to discourage tigers from entering settlements.

The landscape has changed considerably over time: the Javan rhi-

noceros and wild water buffalo, historically recorded in the wider Sundarban region, have disappeared, while the tiger has survived in its unusual mangrove habitat.

Conservation therefore extends beyond protecting the tiger to safeguarding the mangroves themselves—an ecosystem that supports exceptional biodiversity and provides an important natural buffer along the Bay of Bengal coast.

'China must allow Tibetans to decide their own future through referendum'

China’s invasion of Tibet in 1950 has not been able to win the hearts of the Tibetans as for them, it has resulted in the loss of sovereignty, suppression of culture and the erosion of basic freedoms. If China thinks to prove otherwise, it must hold a referendum in Tibet in which residents can freely take a decision regarding their future, a report has detailed.

“A referendum would allow Tibetans to express, freely and without coercion, whether they accept the so called ‘liberation’ or reject it as an occupation. Such a vote would be the ultimate measure of legitimacy. Self-determination is a principle enshrined in international law. Referendums have resolved disputes from East Timor to South Sudan. If China is confident in its claim that Tibetans are ‘grateful citizens,’ then a ballot box should confirm it,” Khedroob Thondup, nephew of the 14th Dalai Lama, wrote in ‘The Tibet Express’.

The reality on the ground in Tibet reveals a different story, as the Tibetan language has been sidelined in schools, monasteries have been monitored, and photos of the Dalai Lama have been prohibited. Arbitrary arrests, surveillance and restrictions on religious practice regularly occur in Tibet. These realities reveal the hollowness of the “liberation” narrative, as liberation does not mean surveillance, censorship and fear.

“China’s 1950 invasion of Tibet has failed to win the hearts of the Tibetan people. Decades of propaganda cannot mask the truth: Tibetans remain unconquered in spirit. If Beijing wishes to prove otherwise, it must allow Tibetans to decide their own future through a referendum. Anything less is an admission that “liberation” was never liberation at all, but occupation,” Thondup mentioned.

Recently, a leading international press freedom organisation strongly condemned the sweeping restrictions imposed by the Chinese authorities on media professionals from accessing vital information regarding the Tibetan region following the devastating flash floods.

The massive flood that struck Nepal’s Rasuwa originated in the Tibetan region of China on August 26. It swept through the transboundary Bhote Koshi River, leaving over a thousand dead and causing massive destruction in the Himalayan nation.

Expressing grave concern, Reporters Without Borders (RSF) said that no independent Tibetan media outlet or international news organisation has been granted access to the disaster-stricken area.

The organisation said this “reflects a long-standing practice of the Chinese regime, which exercises some of the strictest control in the world over media professionals.”

In the aftermath of the disaster, it said, the Chinese authorities have only authorised state media to cover the floods in Tibetan areas, with reports highlighting Beijing’s achievements and successes in relief efforts rather than providing a comprehensive account of the scale and impact of the devastation.

India's FDI expansion should be deeply integrated with economic, industrial ecosystem

The next phase of India’s foreign direct investment (FDI) policy should focus not only on attracting investment but also on creating an environment in which investment can be sustained, expanded and more deeply integrated with India’s economic and industrial ecosystem, an ASSOCHAM study said on Monday.

India’s foreign direct investment landscape has changed significantly over the past 25 years.

According to official DPIIT/RBI data, total FDI inflows rose from \$4 billion in FY2000-01 to around \$95 billion in FY2025-26, while FDI equity inflows rose from \$2 billion to \$59 billion over the same period.

Between FY2000-01 and FY2025-26, India received a cumulative total of \$1.16 trillion in FDI and \$791 billion in FDI equity. The trend reflects India’s growing integration with the global economy and the gradual expansion and liberalisation of its FDI regime, said the study.

“India has built a strong foundation for attracting Foreign Direct Investment. The next phase should focus on making it easier for investors to establish, operate and expand businesses in India, while strengthening the wider economic benefits of such investments,” said Nirmal Minda, President, ASSOCHAM.

The ASSOCHAM working paper highlights that FDI has become an important component of India’s development across services, manufacturing and emerging sectors.

Services and computer software and



hardware account for nearly one-third of cumulative FDI equity inflows, while significant investment has also gone into automobiles, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, infrastructure, electronics and renewable energy, said Minda.

The paper emphasises that FDI supports development by bringing capital, technology, global market access, and international business linkages.

“Its wider impact depends on how much investment creates domestic value addition, employment, exports, technology and linkages with Indian enterprises,” said Dr SP Sharma, Chief Economist, ASSOCHAM.

The paper has recommended strengthening investor aftercare, improving the single-window approval process, reducing land costs and improving land availability, logistics, utilities, compliance and finance, promoting technology and R&D-oriented investment, developing ready-to-invest infrastructure, and improving coordination between Central and State governments.

India's core industrial activity grows by 4.8 pc in Aug; cement, electricity

Driven by growth in sectors like cement, electricity, and iron ore, India’s core industrial activity grew by 4.8 per cent (provisional) in August on a year-on-year basis.

The growth in the Index of Core Industries (ICI) was, however, slightly less than the growth rate of 5.0 per cent recorded in July (final index).

According to a Commerce Ministry statement, cement, electricity, iron ore, steel, and refinery products observed growth rates of 12.5 per cent, 11.6 per cent, 5.5 per cent, 3.4 per cent, and 2.6 per cent, respectively, last month.

Iron ore, electricity, and cement have been the major drivers of overall growth of industrial production during recent months.

On the other hand, coal, natural gas, crude oil, and fertilisers witnessed negative growth in August 2026. Moreover, the cumulative growth rate of ICI during April-August was 4.3 per cent (provisional estimate) -- compared to 2.4 per cent in the corresponding period of the previous year.

According to the official statement, the final index for the month of July has been revised from 121.2 (provisional estimate) to 120.8. The annual growth rate has been revised from 5.4 per cent to 5.0 per cent for the month of July. India’s manufacturing sector continues to expand in August amid softer demand conditions.



Ram temple donation row: UP SIT to file charge sheet within 2 days, identifies 105 incidents

The Uttar Pradesh government on Monday informed the Supreme Court that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged financial irregularities in donations and offerings at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya has substantially completed its investigation and will file the charge sheet within the next two days.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana was hearing a batch of petitions seeking a court-monitored investigation into alleged financial irregularities in the handling of donations and offerings received by the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.

Appearing for the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government, Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta told the apex court that the status report had been submitted in a sealed cover.

SG Mehta also informed the CJI-led Bench that the deadline for filing the charge sheet expires on September 25 and said that the charge sheet would be filed within the next two days.

The Uttar Pradesh government further informed the Supreme Court that the investigation has been completed to a substantial extent and that the chargesheet would be filed before the competent court upon completion of the remaining formalities.

Taking the submission on record, the bench permitted the Sessions Judge concerned to pass an appropriate order in accordance with law.

The status report placed before the apex court also detailed the manner in which the SIT analysed CCTV footage and other material to identify the accused persons, besides examining records relating to donations and offerings.

According to the status report, analysis of CCTV footage revealed 105 incidents of theft of donations at the temple.

The status report also informed the top court that receipts for valuable items received as offerings are generated through software and that such valuables are kept in State Bank of India (SBI) lockers.

The latest developments come after the Supreme Court had directed the Uttar Pradesh government to reconstitute the SIT probing the alleged irregularities and ensure a fair, speedy and qualitative investigation.




INDIA 216/3 BEAT SRI LANKA 69 ALL OUT BY 147 RUNS

India Women Crush Sri Lanka by 147 Runs to Retain Asian Games Cricket Gold

Mandhana crosses 11,000 international runs as dominant victory delivers India's first gold of Aichi-Nagoya 2026



Munsif Desk,
Nisshin, Japan, Sept. 22:

India's women produced a commanding all-round performance to retain their Asian Games T20 cricket title, crushing Sri Lanka by 147 runs in Tuesday's final and delivering the country its first gold medal of the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Games.

Batting first at Korogi Sports Park, India amassed 216 for three, the highest total in the women's competition at these Games. Openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma laid the foundation

with a blistering 99-run partnership. Mandhana struck 79 off 45 balls, while Shafali contributed 48 before Richa Ghosh provided a powerful finish with an unbeaten 49 from just 22 deliveries.

Mandhana also created history during her innings, becoming the first woman cricketer to reach 11,000 runs across international formats, adding a significant individual milestone to India's gold-medal triumph.

Sri Lanka never recovered from early setbacks in their chase and were bowled out for 69 in

15.4 overs, with captain Chamari Athapaththu's 27 providing their only substantial resistance. All 10 wickets fell to spin. Deepti Sharma led the attack with three wickets, while Shafali Verma, Shreyanka Patil and Sree Charani claimed two each.

The emphatic victory gave India a second successive Asian Games women's cricket gold, following their title at Hangzhou 2023.

In the bronze-medal playoff, Pakistan defeated Bangladesh by 31 runs to secure third place.

India Survive Extraordinary Japan Scare by Two Runs in Historic T20I

Sano, Sept. 22:

World champions India survived an extraordinary scare from Japan, winning by just two runs in the countries' first-ever men's T20 International after rain and a wet outfield reduced the historic contest to five overs a side.

India, batting first, were rocked by Japan's disciplined attack and managed only 32 for four. Seventeen-year-old left-arm spinner Charlie Hara-Hinze claimed 2/17, dismissing dangerous opener Abhishek

Sharma for a first-ball duck before also removing captain Shreyas Iyer, who top-scored with 16.

Japan, ranked 41st in the world and playing their first T20I against a Full Member nation, then threatened a remarkable upset. Captain Kendel Kadowaki-Fleming scored 12, helping the hosts reach a position where they required eight from the final over.

Axar Patel held his nerve, conceding five runs as Japan finished 30 for three. The tense finale also

featured a wide initially signalled by the umpire before being overturned following consultation between the officials.

The match followed weather disruption amid concerns surrounding Typhoon Dujan and served as preparation for the Asian Games.

Japan next face Afghanistan on September 24 at Korogi Park, while defending champions India enter the men's competition directly in the knockout stage.

ILT20 2026 Auction: Set for October 1 in Dubai, Over 200 Players in Fray

Dubai, Sept. 22:

The countdown to the ILT20 2026 auction has begun, with the auction scheduled to be held on October 1 at the ICC Academy Indoor Facility in Dubai. More than 800 cricketers from 20 countries registered for the auction, but after the selection process, around 200 players have been shortlisted for the final auction.

With the auction just days away, franchises are assessing their remaining budgets, available slots and squad requirements. Each franchise will have a purse of USD 1.3 million (around ₹12.42 crore) for the auction. A significant portion of the purse is expected to go towards player retentions, leaving franchises with roughly ₹6 crore to strengthen their squads through the auction.

Players registered for the 2026 season between July and September. Following the auction, each team must have a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 23 players in its squad.

As per ILT20 regulations, squads must include at least 11 players from full-member nations, including a minimum of four players from Afghanistan and one from Ireland. Teams are also required to have representation from the UAE, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

The minimum base price for players is set at around ₹9.55 lakh, while some shortlisted players are expected to have higher base prices ranging between ₹38 lakh and ₹76 lakh.

MARK WOOD RETIRES FROM INTERNATIONAL CRICKET AT 36, ENDS 11-YEAR ENGLAND CAREER

New Delhi, Sep 22:

England fast bowler Mark Wood has announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 36, bringing an end to an injury-hit 11-year career. Wood made the decision ahead of England's Ashes campaign next summer, saying medical advice meant he would no longer be able to play Test and ODI cricket.

Wood, who battled a series of injuries throughout his career, said he had finally accepted that his international journey had come to an end. "This time, I have lost the battle," Wood said while announcing his retirement.

The Durham pacer made his international debut against New Zealand at Lord's in 2015 and quickly established himself as one of England's most trusted fast bowlers.

Known for his express pace and ability to trouble batsmen with high-speed deliveries, Wood became an important part of England's bowling attack across formats.

Wood was part of England's historic 2019 ODI World Cup-winning campaign, taking 18 wickets as England lifted the trophy for the first time. He also played a key role in England's 2022 T20 World Cup triumph in Australia.

Despite his recurring injury problems, Wood repeatedly returned to international cricket and remained one of England's most feared pace bowlers. His final international appearance came in November last year.

In Test cricket, Wood claimed 119 wickets in 38 matches. He also took 80 wickets in 70 ODIs and 54 wickets in 38 T20 internationals.



Reflecting on his career, Wood said representing England had been a childhood dream and that he felt fortunate to have travelled the world, met extraordinary people and competed against some of the best teams in the game.

With Wood's retirement, England have lost another experienced pace option ahead of major assignments including the Ashes and the next ODI World Cup.

Manu, Mirabai, Esha: Headline India's Huge Wednesday Medal Push

Shooting, weightlifting, badminton and wushu offer India major medal opportunities on packed Asian Games Wednesday



Nagoya, Sept. 22:

India face one of their busiest medal-chasing days of the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games on Wednesday, with Manu Bhaker, Mirabai Chanu and Telangana shooter Esha Singh among the headline athletes in action.

Double Olympic medallist Bhaker will join Suruchi Inder Singh and Esha Singh in the women's 10m air-pistol qualification from 6:15 AM IST, with the individual final scheduled for 9 AM, subject to qualification. The trio will also compete in the team event.

Telangana's Esha, an Arjuna Award recipient, is listed among the state's leading athletes by the Sports Authority of Telangana.

At 6:30 AM, Anantjeet Singh Naruka, Bhavtegh Singh Gill and Mairaj Ahmad Khan resume men's skeet qualification, with the individual final scheduled for 12:30 PM for those advancing.

Olympic medallist Mirabai Chanu takes centre stage in the women's 49kg weightlifting final at 10 AM, seeking the Asian Games medal missing from her distinguished career.

India's men then face China in the badminton team semifinal at 11:30 AM, having beaten Japan in the quarterfinals. Later, Roshibina Devi meets Indonesia's Thania Kusumaningtyas in the women's 60kg Sanda wushu semifinal from 2:30 PM, with a place in the gold-medal bout at stake.

INDIA HAMMER SRI LANKA 16-1: Asian Games Hockey Goal-Fest

Jugraj strikes four as Abhishek and Dilpreet hit hat-tricks; India pile up 29 goals from opening two Pool A matches



Aichi-Nagoya, Sep 22:

India continued their explosive start to the Asian Games men's hockey competition with a crushing 16-1 victory over Sri Lanka at the Gifu Prefectural Green Stadium on Tuesday, registering their second successive emphatic Pool A win.

Drag-flicker Jugraj Singh led the goal rush with four strikes in the 10th, 22nd, 42nd and 53rd minutes, while forwards Abhishek and Dilpreet Singh completed hat-tricks. Abhishek scored in the 11th, 17th and 49th minutes, with Dilpreet finding the net in the 30th, 38th and 55th.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh contributed two goals, while Manpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad and Sukhjeet Singh were also

on target as India maintained relentless attacking pressure throughout the contest. Sri Lanka managed a solitary consolation goal through Suresh Ratnayake in the 50th minute.

The result followed India's 13-1 demolition of Indonesia in their opening fixture, taking their remarkable tally to 29 goals in two matches, while conceding only twice.

The back-to-back victories underline India's status among the leading contenders for the Asian Games title, although sterner tests now await as the pool stage progresses.

India next face Korea on Thursday, September 24, at 11:30 AM IST, a fixture expected to provide a considerably tougher examination of their campaign.

TELANGANA SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 AT NASR POLO & EQUSTRIN ACADEMY, HYDERABAD



Hyderabad, Sep. 22:

Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy, Hyderabad, concluded a landmark ten-day equestrian festival featuring the Hyderabad Horse Show 2026, EFI National Qualifier for JNEC 2026 and Telangana Showjumping Championship 2026. The three events brought together around 450 riders and resulted in the presentation of 120 medals. Competitions ranged from 45 cm introductory classes for young riders to the challenging 115-120 cm Open category. The Telangana Showjumping Championship, held on

September 19 and 20, saw 198 participants competing across 13 categories, with 52 prize-winning performances. Mohammed Hasham of The Ashva Collective was among the standout performers, winning the 105-110 cm Open and 115-120 cm Open categories with Kanye Kang. Nasr Polo's Mir Najamuddin Azam produced an impressive performance on home ground, winning the 60 cm Under-14 and 60 cm Open titles with Sana and the 105-110 cm Under-14 category with Rikotta. He also secured two second-place finishes and a fourth-place finish.

Samyukta Vanapalli and Captain completed a notable double by winning both the 100 cm Under-14 and 100 cm Open competitions. Nasr Polo rider Aizah Mir also recorded five placings across various categories. Other notable results included Naag of Archi Horse Riding Academy winning the 45 cm Under-10 category, Moksh of Royal Caballo Club taking the 45 cm Under-14 title and Chandra Shekhar of Archi Horse Riding Academy winning the 45 cm Open category. In the 80-90 cm Under-14 event, Ayaan Verma of Covia Stable finished first, while Abdul Mannan

of Royal Caballo Club won the 80-90 cm Open category. The 100 cm Under-14 title went to Samyukta Vanapalli, while she also won the 100 cm Open event. The ten-day programme brought together riders, coaches, officials, veterinarians, grooms, parents and participating academies, highlighting the growing popularity of equestrian sport in Hyderabad. The closing ceremony was attended by Nasr Education Society Chairman Nawab Mir Khutubuddin Khan, who interacted with the participants and winners and presented the awards.

Sakshi Stuns Olympic Medallist 5-0 at Asian Games

Aichi-Nagoya, Sept. 22 – India's Sakshi Chaudhary produced one of the country's standout individual performances at the Asian Games on Tuesday, defeating Paris 2024 Olympic bronze medallist Aira Villegas of the Philippines 5-0 in the women's 51kg round of 32.

Competing at Nishio Gymnasium, Sakshi controlled the bout with her reach, accurate jab and movement. Her dominance was reflected in the scorecards, with all five judges awarding her each of the three rounds 10-9, giving the Indian a unanimous decision.

The victory sends the Commonwealth Games gold medallist into the pre-quarterfinals, where she faces a formidable challenge against Kazakhstan's Alua Balkibekova on Thursday. Balkibekova is the reigning World Boxing 51kg world champion, having won gold at the 2025 World Boxing Championships in Liverpool.



Roshibina Seals Third Straight Asiad Medal Faces Indonesian Rival for Place in Final

Aichi-Nagoya, Sept. 22 – India's Naorem Roshibina Devi has guaranteed herself a medal at a third consecutive Asian Games after advancing to the women's 60kg sanda semi-final, extending an exceptional run at the continental event.

The 25-year-old from Manipur overwhelmed Man Sin Chu of Macao, China, in Tuesday's quarter-final, triggering wushu's 12-point superiority rule in the opening round. She has won both her bouts at these Games by the same 12-0 margin.

Roshibina won bronze at Jakarta 2018 before improving to silver at Hangzhou, and her latest achievement makes her the first Indian wushu athlete to secure medals at three successive Asian Games.

She will now face Indonesia's Thania Kusumaningtyas in Wednesday's semi-final, scheduled from 2:30 PM IST onwards at the Aichi Prefectural Martial Arts Hall. A victory would send Roshibina into another Asian Games gold-medal bout.

Chinese girl, 6, sets a Rubik's Cube world record, solving it in just 4.27 seconds

A six-year-old Chinese girl has set a new women's world record for solving a 3x3 Rubik's Cube in just over four seconds, state media reported.

Young speedcuber Lian Yunzhi broke the women's 3x3 average world record twice this month at two World Cube Association certified competitions in Wuhan and Guangzhou, according to state broadcaster CCTV on Monday.

She posted averages of 4.52 and 4.27 seconds, after solving the Rubik's Cube five times.

Lian, who is from Chengdu, is "the first female speedcuber to average under 4.5 seconds", CCTV added.

A CCTV video posted showed the small girl wearing a red gingham bow on her head as she deftly turned and twisted a Rubik's Cube.

After solving the puzzle, she places the cube on the table, claps her hands and pumps a fist into the air.

Nicknamed "Zhizhi", Lian was first introduced to the Rubik's Cube after being enrolled into a class as a child -- one of various extracurriculars alongside dance and music lessons, her mother, Lin Yangxi, told local media outlets.

Lin "gradually realised" that cubing was an "excellent activity for fostering a child's comprehensive abilities" and



shifted her focus towards it, she told Chengdu's Red Star News.

Her daughter has now mastered over 1,300 Rubik's Cube solving algorithms, practising daily for two to three hours, Lin said.

Photos from Red Star News showed Lian's trophies displayed on a shelf in her home.

"Solving a Rubik's Cube improves focus, memory, logical thinking, spatial awareness, and helps develop a healthy mindset toward winning and losing," Lin said.

"It's not just about blindly memorising formulas, but using logical reasoning to find optimal solutions," she added.

Rats seen roaming around dining area at McDonald's in Gujarat, outlet fined Rs 3,000



Customers at a McDonald's outlet in Gujarat's Rajkot may have expected burgers and fries, but a viral video showed something else making its way around the dining area - rats.

The footage, which was recorded at the Greenland Chowk outlet, showed the rodents scurrying near tables and prompted a civic inspection over hygiene concerns.

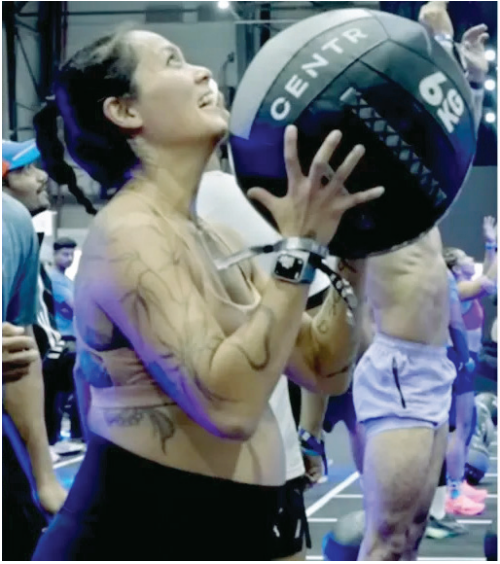
The clips showed rats roaming around the table and tackling each other, as well as jumping on chairs inside the restaurant. After the viral video surfaced, a team from the Rajkot Municipal Corporation's (RMC) food department inspected the outlet.

RMC health officer Dr Jayesh Vakani said the restaurant was fined Rs 3,000 after hygiene-related negligence was found in the dining area during the inspection.

However, the inspection did not find any cleanliness issues in the kitchen, according to the food department. The restaurant manager told officials that the rats may have entered the premises from a nearby construction site. The food department team also collected two samples of raw materials from the restaurant for further testing.

Meanwhile, the video has triggered several discussions over hygiene and cleanliness standards at an outlet of an international fast-food chain.

7-month pregnant, Indian woman completes HYROX race



At seven months of pregnancy, an Indian woman has completed not just one but several HYROX competitions, recently winning hearts on social media.

Videos of Jenne, regional race director for China at HYROX World, performing challenges like sandbag lunges, wall balls, burpee broad jumps, sledge push, farmer's carry, and running are being shared widely.

Sharing her HYROX Japan experience on Instagram, Jenne said she did a mixed doubles after more than a year off racing. Despite doubting herself and losing her training intensity during pregnancy, she was determined to live every moment of the challenge.

"While giving myself grace for being a different version of me today, and just take it in station by station. It was helpful that people around me were so encouraging, that there were strangers cheering on us, wishing us well just because. And that I have the most supportive partner who would move mountains for me, and pick up my slack just so I could finish this race feeling like myself once again. I hope they know how much this meant to me," she wrote.

"There are some life events that just leave you euphoric, this was one of them. I don't know if anyone can tell, I was ecstatic doing this race, working

this race, being in Chiba, just the whole darn thing," she added.

'You're a superwoman'

The video quickly gained momentum on social media, amassing over two million views and a wave of reactions.

"I literally cried watching this video, I'm in my 7th month of pregnancy and I know how hard it is to get out of bed every morning and go to the gym. You're a superwoman and I think you should know that mama," a user wrote.

"This is what true Nari Shakti looks like. Keep inspiring!" another user commented.

"Huggeeee example for India. Where even bending down during pregnancy is a taboo! Kudos," a third user reacted.

Man Caught Urinating Inside Ghaziabad Society Lift; CCTV Footage Sparks Outrage

A video showing a young man urinating inside a residential lift in Ghaziabad has sparked outrage after CCTV footage from a housing society surfaced online. The incident reportedly took place at Shipra Krishna Vista Society in Indirapuram's Ahimsa Khand-1 area, with residents raising concerns over hygiene and behaviour in shared spaces.

The footage from the F-2 tower elevator shows the man apparently urinating towards the lift's control panel. At one point, a person is seen approaching the elevator when its doors open. After noticing what is happening inside, the person appears to step back rather than enter the lift. The young man then continues travelling and eventually leaves the elevator.

The incident reportedly came to light after residents noticed a foul smell inside the lift and complained to the apartment owners' association (AOA) and the maintenance team. The CCTV footage installed inside the elevator was subsequently examined, revealing the incident.

The footage later circulated on social media, drawing strong re-



actions from residents and other users.

Residents Raise Questions Over Hygiene In Shared Spaces

The incident has renewed concerns about cleanliness and responsible use of lifts in high-rise residential societies, where elevators are used by residents, children, elderly people, domestic workers and visitors throughout the day.

A lift is a confined, frequently used space, making hygiene particularly important. Urinating inside an elevator can leave behind an unpleasant smell and contaminate surfaces, including the floor and areas around the control panel, requiring cleaning and disinfection.

The episode has also led to tongue-in-cheek suggestions online that lifts should somehow be equipped with urinals or that regulations governing lifts should be amended to provide residents with 'extra comfort'.

What Safety Features Should A Residential Lift Have?

Modern residential elevators are designed primarily for safe movement between floors and are generally equipped with features such as emergency alarms, communication systems, door sensors and overload protection. Many apartment lifts also have CCTV cameras, while some buildings provide emergency lighting and backup power.

The exact facilities vary de-

pending on the lift model, installation and applicable building and safety requirements. CCTV can be particularly useful in residential societies because it can help security teams investigate incidents occurring inside elevators.

Residents are generally advised not to obstruct lift doors, overload the elevator, tamper with control panels or interfere with emergency equipment. In case of a malfunction or emergency, passengers should use the alarm or communication facility provided rather than attempting to force the doors open.

CCTV Helps Society Identify Person Behind Incident

In the Ghaziabad case, the CCTV footage became central to identifying what happened after residents complained about the smell. The recording showed the man's actions as the lift travelled between floors and also captured another resident stepping away when the doors opened.

The video has since spread online, prompting questions about action against people who misuse common areas in residential societies.

UP thief spends around 2 hours looting home as family sleeps, escape caught on CCTV



The unusual theft took place late at night, leaving the family wondering how none of them woke up during the crime.

The house belonged to Dushyant Kumar Sharma, who lived there with his wife and three children. The thief entered through the third floor after breaking the mesh of the security gate and reaching through it to unlatch the door.

Once inside, he moved through the house, searching cupboards, safes and lockers across all three floors before leaving with cash and gold and silver jewellery worth lakhs of rupees.

The family only realised something was wrong around 5:30 am, when they woke up to find their belongings scattered around the house. They immediately alerted the police, following which a police team reached the spot and

begin investigating the incident.

The family has raised the possibility that the thief may have used a sleep-inducing spray, as the husband, wife and all three children remained asleep throughout the burglary.

However, the suspicion has not been confirmed and will be examined as part of the police investigation.

CCTV footage captured the thief making his escape. In the clip, he was seen climbing over the boundary wall, jumping to the other side and landing

91-Year-Old Karnataka Woman Dies After Monkey Attack

A 91-year-old woman died in Karnataka's Koppal a day after she was attacked by a monkey inside the compound of her home. The woman, Najamunnisa Begum, was the wife of noted writer M S Savadatti.

The incident took place in B T Patil Nagar, where Najamunnisa was walking through the compound when a monkey suddenly attacked her. She lost her balance and fell to the ground.

The attack was caught on a CCTV camera installed outside the house, and the footage has since gone viral on social media.

In the video, Najamunnisa's daughter can be seen rushing

towards her after the attack. The monkey then turns towards her and attacks her too.

Najamunnisa was taken to a private hospital for treatment. While she initially appeared to be recovering, her condition later deteriorated. She died while undergoing treatment the following day.

The CCTV footage has been viewed more than seven million times on X, prompting several reactions online.

"Survived 91 years just for your life to be ended randomly at night by a monkey in 2026. Life really is bullshit man," one user wrote.

"Animal control is out of control in India. City parks are full of wild monkeys, and they're a menace when they venture out in residential areas. The street is not safe at all with stray dogs in every corner. But the Indians love it and keep feeding them. Rip to that Grandma," another user commented.

"Indians are the people who die in the most unusual ways on the face of the earth. There is no comparison," read another comment.

The incident comes amid recent reports involving monkey attacks on elderly women, including cases that have resulted in deaths.

On September 10, a 55-year-old woman died after falling from the rooftop of her house while trying to escape a group of monkeys in Gabhana, Aligarh. She had reportedly gone upstairs to dry clothes when the animals surrounded her.

'First-ever human vs robot fight': Influencer takes on 6-foot 'Terminator' in MMA cage



An influencer found himself taking a serious beating after stepping into a mixed martial arts (MMA) cage with a six-foot-tall humanoid robot in a bizarre human-versus-machine showdown.

The fight, held in San Francisco, was organised by US-based robotics company Robot Entertainment Kombot (REK), which stages full-contact fights involving human-controlled humanoid robots.

Footage from the event shows influencer and content creator Frankie LaPenna entering the cage to face the machine. Designed to look like a futuristic combat robot, it moved around the

ring and warmed up before the bout began.

LaPenna initially went after the robot with a series of punches. The machine, however, hit back with punches and forceful kicks, with some of its strikes sending the influencer flying across the cage.

REK called the bout the first human-versus-humanoid robot fight and said it would release more footage from the event.

"We just made history with the first Human VS Terminator robot fight. Frankie LaPenna gave it his all," the company wrote

while sharing the video on X.

According to REK's X account, LaPenna "kept going and defeated" the mechanical opponent. The company later clarified that a human controlled the robot remotely.

Clips of the fight soon spread across social media, prompting users to debate whether remotely controlled robots could eventually become part of combat sports.

"I'm curious how an actual fighter would do against this. I feel a pro would do much better," a user commented.

"Not gonna lie, I would watch every episode of this!" another added.