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Police have also registered a case over alleged circulation of misleading social media messages and videos calling people to gather at the site.



Around 100 Sheep Killed After Being Hit by Deccan Express Near Aushapur

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Sep. 29:

Around 100 sheep were killed after being run over by the Deccan Express near Aushapur in Telangana’s Medchal–Malkajgiri district in the early hours of

Tuesday. According to preliminary information, the flock was grazing near the railway tracks when the sound of the approaching train reportedly frightened the animals. The sheep suddenly

moved onto the tracks and were struck by the speeding Deccan Express. The shepherds accompanying the flock were reportedly sleeping some distance away when the incident occurred. They were left

shocked and distressed after learning about the deaths of the sheep. Railway officials and police reached the spot after receiving information about the incident and began collecting details. Authorities

are investigating the exact number of sheep killed and the circumstances that led the flock onto the railway tracks. Further details are expected once the investigation is completed.



The Commissioner first received a guard of honour from the police personnel and planted a sapling on the station premises. He later inspected kit articles, records and other arrangements at the station. During the inspection, the Commissioner reviewed the registration of cases, progress of investigations, pending cases, grievance redressal, maintenance of station records and the duties of police personnel. He directed officers to dispose of pending cases promptly while maintaining quality in investigations.

Police Commissioner Inspects Women Police Station in Nizamabad

Nizamabad Bureau
Nizamabad, Sept 29 :

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, conducted a detailed inspection of the Women Police Station in Nizamabad city on Tuesday. The Commissioner first received a guard of honour from the police personnel and planted a sapling on the station premises. He later inspected kit articles, records and other arrangements at the station. During the inspection, the Commissioner reviewed the registration of cases, progress

of investigations, pending cases, grievance redressal, maintenance of station records and the duties of police personnel. He directed officers to dispose of pending cases promptly while maintaining quality in investigations. He instructed the staff to respond immediately to complaints involving women and minor girls and to take effective action as per law while providing victims with protection and confidence. He stressed the need to create a safe and supportive environment where women can approach the police without fear.

Ensure 12 Hours of Uninterrupted Power Supply to Agriculture: MLA Palvai Harish

Munsif News Bureau
Kagaznagar, Sep. 29:

Sirpur MLA Dr. Palvai Harish Babu stressed the need for a reliable and uninterrupted power supply to the agricultural sector to ensure timely irrigation and protect standing crops. He urged the government to take immediate and effective measures to provide 12 hours of uninterrupted power supply to farmers, considering the prevailing agricultural conditions. On Tuesday, Dr. Palvai Harish Babu, accompanied by BJP leaders and workers, inspected the 33/11 KV Substation at Kautala Mandal headquarters. He examined the substation logbooks and obtained details regarding the power supply situation from the Assistant Divisional Engineer (ADE) and In-charge Assistant Engineer (AE). The MLA said that chilli had been cultivated on near-



ly 5,000 acres in Kautala Mandal. He noted that farmers were presently receiving power mainly during the afternoon for only 5 to 7 hours, which could adversely affect irrigation and crop growth. He urged the electricity department officials to improve the supply and ensure adequate power for chilli and other crops. Dr. Harish Babu said that complaints had been received from several areas regarding interruptions in power supply, particularly during the

evening hours when demand increases. He stressed the need to strengthen the power distribution system and ensure a reliable supply to both agricultural and domestic consumers. He pointed out that insufficient rainfall and prevailing weather conditions had increased the pressure on the agricultural sector. Under such circumstances, timely and uninterrupted power supply was particularly important for safeguarding crops and protecting farmers from potential losses.

Waqf Protection and Minority Rights Joint Action Committee Formed in Warangal

Munsif News Bureau
Warangal, Sept 29 :

At an important meeting held in the erstwhile Warangal district under the chairmanship of Telangana State Minority Rights Protection Committee State President Mohammed Abdul Wahab, the Waqf Protection and Minority Rights Joint Action Committee was unanimously formed. M. A. Khaliq Tanveer was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the newly formed committee. The meeting formally approved a comprehensive 90-day action plan aimed at protecting waqf properties, removing illegal encroachments,



and pursuing legal action to safeguard waqf assets. Under the leadership of Mohammed Abdul Wahab, the committee announced several key initiatives, including the digitization of waqf records, GPS mapping of waqf proper-

ties, and the establishment of a legal cell at the district level. The committee also expressed its firm commitment to utilizing waqf properties for community welfare by establishing schools, hostels, and welfare centers wherever feasible.

DSP Nallapu Lingayya conducts annual inspection of Narayanpet Town Police Station

Munsif News Bureau
Narayanpet, Sep. 29:

DSP Nallapu Lingayya conducted the annual inspection of the Narayanpet Town Police Station. On the occasion, he inspected the parade of the police station staff and interacted with the personnel, enquiring about the problems they were facing in the discharge of their duties. The DSP said that personnel should bring their problems to his notice and assured them that the issues would be brought to the attention of the SP and steps would be taken to resolve them. Subsequently, the DSP con-



ducted a detailed review of various matters at the police station, including investigation of cases, maintenance of records, staff duties, crime details, pending cases, progress of investigations, registration of cases in

CCTNS, the beat system and receipt of public complaints. On the occasion, DSP Nallapu Lingayya instructed officers to adhere to quality standards while investigating cases and conduct comprehen-

sive investigations by collecting scientific evidence. He directed officials to review pending cases on a priority basis and resolve them at the earliest. He said that strong investigations should be carried out by maintaining better coordination with the concerned authorities in court cases so that effective steps could be taken to ensure that accused persons are punished in accordance with the law. The DSP instructed police personnel to behave courteously with complainants approaching the police station and take immediate steps for effective resolution of their problems.

BRAOU MCA entrance test registration last date is Oct 10

Hyderabad, Sept.29 (NSS): Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University has extended the last date for submission of applications for the Master of Computer Applications (MCA) Entrance test upto October 10. The candidates applying for the MCA Entrance Test must have studied Mathematics as a subject at either the Intermediate or Degree level with minimum 50 percent marks in their Degree.



The South Central Railway (SCR) has intensified water quality testing at Nizamabad Railway Station and railway colonies to ensure the supply of clean and safe drinking water to passengers and residents. Between August 21 and September 28, 2026, a total of 531 water samples were tested, and all were found to meet the required standards for drinking water. None of the samples was declared unfit for consumption.

State Government Allocates Land for Shaadi Khana in Warangal West

Munsif News Bureau
Warangal, Sept.29 :

Warangal: Fulfilling the long-standing demand of the Muslim minority community in the Warangal West constituency, the state government has allocated 0.25 guntas of land for the construction of a Shaadi Khana (marriage hall). The land allocation documents were handed over by local MLA Shri Naini Rajender Reddy to Telangana State Haj Committee

Chairman and Sajjada Nashin of Dargah Qazi Pet, Maulana Syed Ghulam Afzal Biabani, popularly known as Khuro Pasha, in the presence of other community elders and prominent local representatives. During the occasion, the MLA inspected the allocated site and stated that the previously identified land was not technically suitable or secure for the proposed project. Therefore, after consultations in the public inter-

est and with the agreement of all concerned, a new and more suitable site had been selected. The MLA further stated that the present public government was committed to the genuine welfare and development of the minority community, beyond political considerations. He assured that the construction of the Shaadi Khana would be expedited in coordination with the concerned authorities and completed at the earliest.

BREAK DARSHAN CANCELLED ON OCT 1, 5

Munsif News Bureau
Tirumala, Sept.29 :

In view of the expected increase in the pilgrim rush during the Peratasi month and the ensuing holidays, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has decided to cancel VIP Break Darshan (except for protocol VIPs) on Thursday, October 1, and Monday, October 5. At present, around 80,000 devotees are having dar-

shan of Lord Venkateswara every day. In addition, nearly 30,000 devotees arriving on the same day are being accommodated for darshan on the following day. This has resulted in longer waiting times for common devotees. To facilitate quicker darshan for a larger number of common devotees, TTD has taken the decision to cancel VIP Break Darshan on the above dates.

Graduate MLC Voter List Notification Issued in Wanaparthi

NSS
Wanaparthi, Sept.29 :

District Collector Adarsh Surabhi on Tuesday issued the notification for preparation of the voter list for the upcoming Graduate MLC elections covering Wanaparthi, Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy and Hyderabad districts. Addressing a media conference at the Collectorate Conference Hall, the Collector explained the details of the notification and said that a fresh voter list would be prepared for the Graduate MLC elections. He clarified that even those who are already registered as voters must compulsorily submit an

application in Form 18, either online or offline, if they wish to vote in the upcoming Graduate MLC elections. According to the notification, only graduates who completed their degree at least three years before November 1, 2026, will be eligible to apply. The last date for submitting applications is November 6. Officials will conduct verification visits to the residences of applicants, during which applicants will be required to produce proof of address and their graduation certificate. The draft voter list containing the names of eligible voters will be published on November 25.

Collective Action Needed to Protect Youth; Awareness on Anti-Drug Helpline 1908 Stressed

NSS
Jogulamba, Sept.29 :

Jogulamba Gadwal: The Telangana EAGLE Force has reiterated its resolve to take stringent action against drug abuse and trafficking, stressing that protecting the future of the youth is a collective responsibility. A special review meeting on drug control and prevention measures under the Telangana EAGLE Force was held on Tuesday at the District Superintendent of Police’s office in the Jogulamba Gadwal district headquarters. The meeting focused primarily on preventing students and youth from falling prey to drugs, curbing drug consumption and

trafficking, and ensuring the active participation of all sections of the police department in the broader goal of a drug-free India. Addressing the meeting, Telangana EAGLE Force SP P. V. Padmaja, IPS, said the drug menace should not be treated merely as a policing issue, but as a wider social responsibility aimed at safeguarding future generations. She called upon educational institutions, parents, the police, voluntary organisations and the general public to work together to prevent young people from becoming victims of drug abuse. She urged members of the public to make use of the Anti-Drug Helpline 1908 to report

information relating to drug use, sale, trafficking or suspicious activities. Timely sharing of such information with the police can help prevent crimes and, in particular, protect young people from the harmful influence of drugs, she said. Police officers were briefed on various aspects of handling drug cases, including registration of cases, investigation, collection of evidence, identification of accused persons and subsequent legal proceedings. Discussions were also held on overcoming challenges faced during investigations and strengthening cases through proper evidence and documentation.

1.58 Crore Road Development Works Launched in Kagaznagar

Munsif News Bureau
Kagaznagar, Sept.29 :

Road development works costing approximately ₹1.58 crore were launched in Ward No. 1 of Kagaznagar Municipality, aimed at improving basic infrastructure and providing better road connectivity to local residents. Dande Vithal, MLC from the erstwhile Adilabad district, and Sirpur MLA Dr. Palvai Harish Babu performed the Bhoomi Pooja and formally inaugurated the construction works. Residents of Ward No. 1 had been facing considerable difficulties for several years

due to the lack of a proper road facility. Local councillors Afzal Begum and Taj Baba brought the issue to the attention of MLC Dande Vithal, MLA Dr. Palvai Harish Babu and Kagaznagar Municipal Chairperson Shaheen Sultana, requesting that necessary steps be taken to address the problem. Responding to the residents’ concerns, the authorities sanctioned ₹1.58 crore for the construction of the road, following which the development works were commenced. The newly developed road is expected to improve transportation and connectivity for residents of the ward and

provide a permanent solution to their long-standing road-related difficulties. Speaking on the occasion, the public representatives said that providing essential infrastructure and resolving the problems faced by residents remain among their key priorities. They directed the concerned officials to ensure that the works are completed within the stipulated timeframe and without compromising on quality. Municipal councillors, municipal officials, local leaders, party workers and a large number of residents attended the programme.

CSI Telangana Chapter Observes World Heart Day, Calls for Early Detection of Heart Diseases

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept 29:

The Cardiological Society of India (CSI), Telangana Chapter, organised a special awareness programme to mark

World Heart Day on Tuesday, highlighting the importance of early detection, prevention and healthy lifestyle practices to combat cardiovascular diseases.

Dr. Priyanka Ala, IAS, District Collector and District Magistrate of Hyderabad, attended the programme as the chief guest. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dr. V. Mukhesh Rao, President of Telangana CSI, said this year’s World Heart Day theme, “Don’t Miss a Beat,” emphasises recognising hidden symptoms of heart-re-

lated ailments and identifying risk factors at an early stage. He noted that symptoms of cardiovascular diseases often go unnoticed until significant damage has occurred, par-

ticularly among young people, women and individuals with high blood pressure. Dr. Priyanka Ala, who practised medicine before joining the Civil Services, said her medi-

cal background had given her a deeper understanding of public health challenges. She assured that she would work towards making heart health a priority in government initiatives. She

emphasised that early detection and preventive measures were essential to saving lives and urged people to undergo regular health check-ups and avoid ignoring warning signs.



Telangana to deploy army engineers for SLBC tunnel, Kaleshwaram barrage works

NSS Hyderabad,Sept.29:

The Telangana government is set to strengthen the execution of the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel works and the rehabilitation of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages by inducting additional officers from the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers.

The Military Secretary's Branch of the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence has offered three officers for selection by the state government — Lt Col Satyadev Singh, Lt Col Ranjit A. Menon and Lt Col

H.V. Bhalla. The government is likely to take all three officers on deputation and deploy them on some of the state's most technically challenging irrigation projects.

Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy recently met Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth at his official residence in New Delhi and requested the deputation of experienced Army engineers to Telangana.

He briefed the Army chief on the technical complexity and strategic importance of the SLBC tunnel project and the repair and rehabilitation of the three Kaleshwaram barrages.

Following the meeting, the proposal progressed rapidly, with Army Headquarters communicating the names of the three officers to the state government for consideration.

Uttam Kumar Reddy and General Dhiraj Seth share an institutional connection as alumni of the National Defence Academy (NDA) at Khadakwasla in Pune. Uttam Kumar Reddy underwent training in the Air Force stream before being commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force, while General Seth trained in the Army stream and was subsequently commissioned into the Armoured Corps. General

Seth assumed office as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff on June 30, 2026.

"As a former military officer, I have the highest regard for the professional standards, knowledge, integrity, discipline and problem-solving abilities of Armed Forces personnel.

Military officers are trained to perform in difficult terrain, disaster situations and highly challenging operational environments.

They combine technical competence with leadership, accountability and a mission-oriented approach," Uttam Kumar Reddy said. (NSS)

CM to Visit Sircilla on September 30 Will address grand Congress meeting, says Ponnamp Prabhakar

NSS Rajanna Sircilla,Sept.29:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will visit Rajanna Sircilla district on September 30 and address a grand Congress public meeting, State BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar said on Monday.

Speaking to the media in Sircilla, along with State Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar, government whips Adi Srinivas, Vijaya Ramana Rao and Vimula Veerasham, MLAs Quapam Pally Satyanarayana and Medipally Satya, and DCC presidents Sangeetham Srinivas and K.K. Mahender Reddy, Ponnamp Prabhakar appealed to Congress leaders, workers and people from the erstwhile Karimnagar district to attend the meeting in large numbers.

The Minister said the Congress government had been working to fulfil its promises since assuming office and was giving priority to



the welfare of farmers, workers and people in the education and healthcare sectors.

He highlighted several welfare measures, including free bus travel for women, up to 200 units of free electricity, LPG cylinders at Rs. 500, new ration cards and distribution of fine rice. He also said women's self-help groups were being provided interest-free

loans ranging from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh.

Prabhakar claimed that nearly 70,000 government jobs had been filled for unemployed youth and said the government was implementing welfare and development programmes despite financial constraints without imposing additional taxes or increasing the burden of electricity bills

on people.

Targeting the BRS, the Minister alleged that opposition parties were adopting an irresponsible approach instead of contributing to the development of Telangana.

He also alleged that the opposition was attempting to derive political mileage from difficult situations faced by the State.



Nirmal District Collector made a surprise visit to Khanapur and inspected the government hospital, reviewing the facilities and treatment being provided to patients. During his interaction with the doctors and hospital staff, the Collector directed them to ensure that patients receive proper and timely treatment. He made it clear that any negligence in providing medical care would not be tolerated.

Govt Should Stand By Kodangal Demolition Victims: Harish Rao

NSS Hyderabad, Sept.29:

Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin met a delegation of minority representatives from Arutla village (Manchal mandal, Rangareddy district) on Monday at his Secretariat office.

During the meeting, the delegation submitted a representation highlighting local community concerns. Key requests included a ₹5 lakh grant to acquire land for a Muslim burial ground, the construction of a Shadi Khana (community hall), and general infrastructure upgrades in the village.

Responding to the representation, Azharuddin assured the delegates that the government



would address their demands in accordance with prescribed norms, official guidelines, and available budget allocations.

Azharuddin also emphasised the importance of education and skill development, urging community leaders to push young people toward academic

pursuits as a path to long-term prosperity.

The meeting follows the Minister's recent field visit to Arutla village, where he directly assessed local infrastructure needs and instructed departmental officials to initiate remedial action. (NSS)

Govt Undermining Yadadri Temple's Sanctity, Alleges Former BRS MLA

NSS Hyderabad,Sept.29:

Former BRS MLA Gongidi Sunitha on Tuesday alleged that the Congress government was undermining the prestige and sanctity of the Yadadri temple by seeking donations for works that had already been sanctioned during the previous BRS regime. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Sunitha said former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao had undertaken the comprehensive development of Yadagirigutta with an investment of Rs.1,300 crore. She expressed concern over a pamphlet issued by the temple's Executive Officer (EO), Bhavani Shankar, appealing to devotees and the public for donations towards the development of the hill shrine. Sunitha questioned the rationale behind Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy laying the foundation stone for a Veda Pathashala when.

Hardware park notification must be revoked, All-Party meet demands

NSS Hyderabad,Sept.29:

An all-party meeting on Tuesday demanded a permanent resolution to the 23-year-old land dispute in Nadargul, Adibatla and M.M. Kunta areas arising from the Hardware Park and Work Center projects.

The meeting, organised by the Hardware Park Anti-Struggle Committee (JAC) and Telangana Jana Samithi (TJS) at the Basheerbagh Press Club, urged the state government to address the plight of landowners whose properties were brought under the acquisition notification but were never actually acquired, farmers who were not paid

compensation and thousands of residential plot owners.

Participants said the recent inclusion of several such properties in the Section 22-A prohibited list had further complicated matters for landowners who had been seeking exclusion of their properties from the Hardware Park zone.

TJS president and MLC Professor Kodandaram called for unity among affected farmers, landowners and plot owners to resolve the issue. He said the land acquisition process initiated in 2004 had remained unresolved for more than two decades, while large portions of the acquired land had not been put to use. Thousands of people who pur-

chased plots for residential or future needs were still unable to utilise their properties, he noted.

Further, Kodandaram said the Supreme Court had upheld the High Court's decision setting aside the land acquisition process on the ground that it had not been properly carried out. He said the matter had been discussed with Agriculture Commission Chairman M Kodanda Reddy and brought to the attention of Minister D Sridhar Babu, who had directed the officials to prepare comprehensive details and survey reports.

He said the issue had now reached a stage requiring a government-level decision.

He urged affected landowners to compile details of lands, layouts and plot owners and submit them to Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy to facilitate preparation of a comprehensive report. "Unity is the weapon of the weak", Kodandaram said, stressing that the long-pending issue could not be resolved through individual efforts. He said the JAC would decide on the future course of action if necessary.

Agriculture Commission Chairman M Kodanda Reddy said Section 22-A provisions were intended to prevent illegal sale and registration of government, Bhoodan and endowment lands.

Singareni, TGGENCO draw up plan for uninterrupted coal supply

NSS Hyderabad,Sept.29:

Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Telangana GENCO have drawn up an action plan to ensure uninterrupted coal supply to TGGENCO's ther-

mal power plants in view of the State's growing electricity demand and the prevailing El Niño conditions.

A special coordination meeting held through video conference on Tuesday evening set a daily coal supply

target of 75,500 tonnes to TGGENCO's thermal power plants. The meeting was chaired by Singareni CMD Dr Buddhaprakash Jyoti and Telangana GENCO CMD Dr Harish. Singareni Area General Managers, Chief

Engineers of TGGENCO power plants and senior officials of both organisations participated in the meeting.

The officials reviewed the coal requirements of individual power plants, current supplies, coal quality, availability

of railway rakes, loading and unloading operations and transportation-related issues.

As part of the action plan, it was decided to supply 56,000 tonnes of coal a day through 14 railway rakes and another 19,500 tonnes by road.

KTR's Passport Not Seized in Formula E Case, Says BRS Legal Cell



NSS Adilabad, Sept 29:

BRS Legal Cell lawyer Jakula Lakshman on Monday dismissed reports that BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao's passport had been seized in connection with the Formula E race case.

Speaking to the media, Lakshman said the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) had only filed a memo seeking custody of the passport and that no court order had been issued so far. He also said that KTR's counsel had not received any notice from the court.

Lakshman warned that

media reports and social media posts claiming that Rama Rao's passport had already been seized or secured before any judicial order could amount to contempt of court.

He said that once a notice was issued, the defence would file its response and present its arguments before the court.

According to Lakshman, the court could subsequently direct Rama Rao to submit his passport or reject the ACB's request altogether. He said the grounds cited by the ACB for seeking custody of the passport would be examined and challenged before the court.

She Teams Detain 2,935 for Harassing Women During Ganesh Festival

NSS Hyderabad,Sept.29:

Hyderabad City Police's She Teams detained 2,935 people for allegedly harassing women and girls during the Ganesh festival between September 14 and

26. She Teams were deployed extensively at major Ganesh festival venues and along immersion routes to ensure the safety of women and girls and prevent eve-teasing and harassment.

Following directions from

the Hyderabad City Police Commissioner and Additional Commissioner of Police, She Teams maintained a close watch at prominent locations, including the Khairatabad Ganesh and Balapur Ganesh pandals.

South Central Railway Intensifies Water Quality Checks in Nizamabad Railway Station

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Sept 29:

South Central Railway (SCR) continuously monitors water quality to provide safe and hygienic drinking water to passengers and the railway system under its jurisdiction. As part of this, it has further strengthened inspections, maintenance measures and water quality monitoring at Nizamabad Railway Station and associated Railway Colonies under Hyderabad Division.

In these inspections, ground-water sources, municipal water supply, water storage facilities, chlorination processes and water distribution systems are being examined. For more effective monitoring of water quality, along with checking residual chlorine levels daily, bacteriological tests are be-

ing conducted regularly to detect the presence of contaminants like E. coli in water.

On testing the water samples collected at Nizamabad Railway Station and Railway Colonies from 21st August to 28th September, 2026, it was confirmed that the water quality is satisfactory as per all parameters. - 531 water samples related to drinking water at the Railway Station and Railway Colonies were tested for residual chlorine levels, and all samples were found to be satisfactory. Not a single sample was found unfit for consumption. - 134 drinking water samples were subjected to bacteriological tests, and not a single sample was found unsafe. Also, not a single sample was found E. coli (E. coli) positive. - Officers of the Engineering and Medical Departments jointly inspected

drinking water sources, Ground Level Reservoirs (GLRs) and High Level Reservoirs (HLRs).

South Central Railway General Manager Sri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava instructed officials to continue constant monitoring of water quality and take measures to ensure that drinking water is not subjected to any contamination. He clarified that the drinking water supplied at railway stations should be in accordance with the standards prescribed in the Indian Railways Medical Manual.

He also directed officials and supervisors to continue the same level of vigilance across the zone by conducting frequent tests and monitoring. He suggested to ensure that clean, safe and pure drinking water is continuously available to all passengers and railway colony residents.

Cong failed to play role of opposition: MP Eatala Rajender



NSS Nizamabad, Sept 29:

BJP MP Eatala Rajender alleged that the Congress had failed to discharge its role as the principal Opposition party by not adequately raising issues concerning the people.

Addressing the media in Delhi along with BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind and BJP leader A Maheshwar Reddy, Rajender accused the Congress leaders of making baseless allegations out of political intolerance. He also criticised Rahul Gandhi over his statements on

India and its democratic institutions. On electoral rolls and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, Rajender said such revisions were not a new practice and claimed that similar exercises had been conducted multiple times since Independence, with the last one taking place in 2021. He said several committees had also examined electoral reforms.

Rajender questioned the Congress' criticism of electronic voting machines, pointing out that former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had introduced EVMs and that VVPATs were

introduced in 2017 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Referring to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, he said the BJP had campaigned with the slogan "Ab Ki Baar 400 Paar" but won 240 seats. He questioned why the party would not have secured the target if EVMs could be manipulated.

On demands for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation, Rajender questioned whether removing deceased voters or voters who had shifted residences from electoral rolls was improper.



At a Glance

J&K Hikes Domestic Power Tariffs

IANSSrinagar, Sep. 29

The Jammu and Kashmir government told the Legislative Assembly that electricity tariffs had been increased by up to 25 paise per unit for metered consumers and by Rs 2 per kW for fixed-charge consumers.

In a reply to MLA Mehraj Malik, the government said consumers using up to 200 units a month would now pay Rs 2.45 per unit, against Rs 2.30 earlier. For 201-400 units, the tariff rose from Rs 4 to Rs 4.20, while the rate above 400 units increased from Rs 4.35 to Rs 4.60. The fixed charge rose from Rs 8 to Rs 10 per kW.

The tariff for BPL consumers using up to 30 units remains Rs 1.40 per unit.

66 per cent of consumers were now covered by smart metering.

DJ Row Turns Fatal in Nawada

IANSPatna, Sep. 29

One person was killed and two others injured after three brothers were allegedly stabbed during a dispute over DJ music at a Chhathi ceremony in Nawada district on Monday night, police said.

The incident occurred in Devanpura village under Kadirganj police station limits. Sandeep Kumar, son of Bhola Manjhi, died during treatment in Patna on Tuesday, while his brothers, Suraj Kumar and Pradeep Manjhi, are undergoing treatment at Nawada Sadar Hospital.

The ceremony was organised following the birth of a baby girl. During the celebrations, a young man allegedly danced to DJ music for a long time. When family members asked him to eat first, an argument broke out.

The dispute escalated when one youth allegedly attacked Sandeep with a sharp-edged weapon. His brothers were also allegedly attacked when they intervened.

Police arrested five people allegedly involved in the attack and launched an investigation. today

CENTRE SANCTIONS OVER RS 1,200 CRORE FOR AGRICULTURE IN 10 STATES

IANSSNew Delhi, Sep. 29

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday handed over financial sanction letters worth more than Rs 1,200 crore to agriculture ministers of 10 states under the Prime Minister Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY).

The allocations included Rs 290 crore for West Bengal, Rs 198 crore for Haryana, Rs 181 crore for Chhattisgarh, Rs 154 crore for Arunachal Pradesh, Rs 114 crore for Bihar, Rs 104 crore for Karnataka, Rs 75 crore for Mizoram, Rs 64 crore for Himachal Pradesh, Rs 58 crore for Jharkhand and Rs 43 crore for Punjab.

Chairing a meeting with Agriculture Ministers and senior officials from the states, Chouhan said the Centre was not limiting itself to policy formulation but was also ensuring timely availability of resources so that schemes could be implemented without delay.

He said agriculture growth had increased from 3 per cent in 2015 to 4.5 per cent, while the average annual increase in



foodgrain production had more than doubled from around 40 lakh tonnes to 84 lakh tonnes. Rabi foodgrain production, he added, rose by 205 lakh tonnes between 2023-24 and 2025-26.

Chouhan announced monthly virtual review meetings with states to assess progress. At the state level, a State Agriculture Team will bring together Agriculture Ministers, secretaries, agricultural universities, ICAR institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, ATMA and Farmer Producer Organisations. Monthly reviews will also be held at the district level.

He called for a nationwide ‘Khet Bachao Abhiyan’ from October 22 to November 30 to pro-

mote balanced fertiliser use based on Soil Health Cards and protect soil fertility and beneficial insects. He also urged states to promote pulses in rice-fallow areas of Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha and West Bengal after the paddy harvest.

For the rabi season, Chouhan said crop and improved-seed recommendations should be based on soil moisture and water availability. He said seed and fertiliser supplies were adequate and directed states to take legal action against fake fertilisers, spurious seeds and sub-standard pesticides.

Chouhan said the government was pursuing measures to ensure remunerative prices through better post-harvest management, scientific ware-

housing and marketing. He said 100 per cent assured procurement of tur, urad and masoor at MSP would be undertaken, with payments to be arranged within 48 hours. He also said India would use opportunities from international FTAs to connect farm products with global markets.

The minister emphasised cooperative federalism and closer coordination among the Centre, states, scientists and farmers. He said regular reviews would help monitor implementation and address bottlenecks. He stressed the importance of scientific planning, quality inputs and market access for strengthening farm productivity and farmer incomes and supporting rural livelihoods nationwide.

MAHARASHTRA TO CREATE GLOBAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH: FADNAVIS

IANSSrinagar, Sep. 29

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said the government was working to provide international employment opportunities to the state’s youth, stressing the need to integrate education with skill development, training and employment.

Speaking at the online inauguration of the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Maharojgar Melava across the Konkan and Nashik divisions, Fadnavis said merely obtaining a degree was not enough in an era of rapidly changing technologies such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors and quantum computing.

He said there was significant demand for human resources in more than 28 countries and that continuous upskilling was essential to meet global requirements.

The event, organised by the Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation at SNDT Women’s University,



saw Fadnavis present appointment letters to Sahida Parmanik and Kanti Shambhu Chavan, who were hired by Crewa Capital Services Pvt. Ltd. Fadnavis said the job fair, organised under the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan, would create employment and self-employment opportunities for youth in the Konkan and Nashik divisions.

He said education, training and employment formed the critical triad for achieving the vision of a Developed India by 2047.

Skill Development Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha said three mini-job fairs were being organised in every taluka for youth from all educational back-

grounds. He said 61,000 candidates had benefited from seven days of free pre-employment training.

More than 1,00,000 candidates registered for the fair, while employers posted requirements for over 25,000 vacancies across 12 districts. More than 1,500 employers participated.

Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil said candidates were also being prepared through soft-skills, communication, personality development and management training.

Minister Jaykumar Rawal said foreign-language and skill training would be provided to youth seeking employment abroad.

Chandrababu Naidu calls for revolutionary changes in governance system

IANSVijayawada, Sep. 29

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday called for revolutionary changes in governance systems and institutions to meet people’s aspirations and harness emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.

Addressing the Mission Karmayogi workshop organised by the Capacity Building Commission in Vijayawada, Naidu said the next 20 years would be crucial for India’s development. He urged government employees to continuously upgrade their skills through capacity-building programmes.

Naidu stressed the need to integrate technology, leadership and policies while strengthening skills and innovation to improve governance and win public confidence. He said India had immense opportunities, advanced technologies and talented youth, but governance systems needed to be strengthened.



The Chief Minister said the iGOT-Mission Karmayogi initiative promotes continuous skill development among government employees. He said employees should undergo regular training to improve public services.

Naidu congratulated the Andhra Pradesh government machinery for completing two crore courses through the iGOT Karmayogi portal. Andhra Pradesh secured the top position nationally in capacity building under the Mission Karmayogi initiative.

He said technology, administrative procedures and coordination among departments must be integrated to improve public services. Continuous information-sharing, he

added, would enable faster decision-making and help identify problems before they turn into crises.

Naidu highlighted the role of government employees in responding to natural disasters, organising festivals and implementing public programmes.

The Chief Minister presented the capacity-building award to Finance Department Principal Secretary Piyush Kumar and AP State Development Planning Society Executive Director Alaparathi Venkateswara Rao. Karnataka secured second place and Odisha third.

Capacity Building Commission Chairperson Radha Chauhan said officials needed to enhance

CALCUTTA HC ASKS BENGAL CM TO REPLY TO MAMATA'S PETITION ON BHABANIPUR

IANSSNew Delhi Sep. 29

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday directed West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari to submit a written reply to an election petition filed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, alleging counting irregularities in the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency during the 2026 polls.

Justice Gaurang Kanth directed Adhikari to file his written reply by October 1. Adhikari, who contested as a BJP candidate, defeated Banerjee,

Trinamool Congress candidate, by 15,105 votes.

Banerjee, through her counsel and TMC Lok Sabha member Kalyan Banerjee, filed the petition challenging the result. The petition alleges irregularities at Sakhawat Memorial Girls’ High School, where counting was held on May 4.

Banerjee has alleged that her counting agent was beaten and removed from the centre towards the end of counting. She also claimed that she was prevented from entering the counting centre.

The petition further



alleges that the returning officer for Bhabanipur was a close confidant of Adhikari, who was then Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

During an earlier hearing in August, Adhikari’s counsel Joydeep Kar sought time to file a response, following which the court granted three weeks. The

court had directed the preservation of election-related records, including EVMs and CCTV footage.

On Tuesday, Kalyan Banerjee was absent from court and his son, Sirshanyo Banerjee, appeared for Mamata Banerjee. The case continues before the High Court.

FOUR ARRESTED OVER MISCONDUCT WITH ISRAELI TOURIST IN AJMER

IANSSJaipur, Sep. 29

Rajasthan Police have arrested four men after a video showing abusive language and objectionable comments directed at an Israeli woman tourist at Kishangarh Dumping Yard in Ajmer district went viral on social media, officials said on Tuesday.

Taking cognisance of the video, Gandhinagar Police registered a case on the basis of a report filed by Assistant Sub-Inspector Rajkumar and launched an investigation. Police said team iden-



tified the four suspects through technical analysis and information from a source. The arrested men were identified as Mohammad Furkhan, 25, Mohammad Anees, 21, Farhan, 24, and Akhtar Ali, 22, all residents of Kishangarh.

The operation was conducted under the supervision

recently gone viral. They are being questioned about their alleged involvement and the circumstances in which the video was recorded and circulated.

The Israeli tourist said she loves India and had stayed in the country for six months. Despite the incident, she said she still wanted to visit India and thanked Rajasthan Police for taking action.

Ajmer Police said strict legal action would be taken against those found responsible for misconduct affecting the safety and dignity of tourists or disrupting law and order.



At a Glance

**Brazil
Vote Race
Tightens**

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Washington, Sep. 29



Brazil’s presidential race remains close, with polls showing President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva ahead of Senator Flávio Bolsonaro in the first round but a statistical tie in a possible run-off.

The BTG/Nexus poll put Lula at 42 per cent and Bolsonaro at 37 per cent in the first round. In a projected run-off, Lula had 46 per cent and Bolsonaro 44 per cent, within the poll’s two-point margin of error.

A separate Quaest survey showed Lula at 39 per cent and Bolsonaro at 34 per cent in the first round, while both stood at 42 per cent in a projected run-off.

BTG/Nexus questioned 2,000 voters, while Quaest interviewed 2,004. Both had a two-point margin of error.



**FBI Names
Goldy Brar
Most Wanted**

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The FBI has placed Satinderjeet Singh, alias Goldy Brar, on its Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list and offered up to \$1 million for information leading to his arrest.

The FBI alleges Singh is a North American leader of the Lawrence Bishnoi organised crime group and faces federal charges in Los Angeles for racketeering, extortion and controlled-substance offences. He has not been convicted.

The FBI said Singh is considered armed and dangerous and warned the public not to approach him. He is the 543rd person added to the list.

TRUMP ANNOUNCES ESSAR-BACKED MESABI METALLICS’ \$18 BILLION US STEEL INVESTMENT

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Washington, Sep. 29

US President Donald J. Trump announced at the White House an \$18 billion investment by Essar-backed Mesabi Metallics to build a fully integrated American steel company, linking its iron ore mine on Minnesota’s Mesabi Iron Range with a new steel complex in Iowa.

The announcement was made in the presence of Essar Group Vice Chairman and Founder Ravi Ruia and Mesabi Metallics Chairman Rewant Ruia. US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, Energy Secretary Chris Wright and US Export-Import Bank Chairman John Jovanovic, along with Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and members of Iowa’s congressional delegation, also attended.

The investment includes a proposed \$15 billion integrated steel complex in Iowa and nearly \$3 billion already invested in the Minnesota iron ore mine and pelletising facility. Mesabi Metallics said the project would create a 100



per cent American steel supply chain, with iron ore mined, steel melted and finished products produced in the United States.

The company said its Minnesota mine in Nashauk is the first new iron ore mine built in the US in 50 years. More than 1,500 construction workers and over 200 full-time employees are currently at the site, with employment expected to reach 350 once the mine is fully operational.

The mine will produce Patriot Pellet, a direct-reduction-grade iron ore pellet designed for electric arc furnace steelmaking. The pellets will feed the Iowa complex, creat-

ing a domestic mine-to-mill supply chain.

Mesabi Metallics said the \$15 billion Iowa project will create more than 8,000 construction jobs and at least 1,750 permanent jobs once operational. The company estimates that its investment will generate \$95 billion in total economic output during construction and the first 10 years of operations.

The Iowa complex will use hot direct-reduced iron (DRI) and electric arc furnace (EAF) technologies. The company said DRI will convert Minnesota iron ore into metallic iron before it enters the EAF, while the use of hot DRI and scrap steel will reduce

energy consumption and emissions compared with traditional coal-fired blast furnaces.

Ravi Ruia said the investment marks a new chapter in Essar’s global journey and carries forward the vision of his late brother, Shashi Ruia, while contributing to long-term industrial growth and job creation. Rewant Ruia said the project would strengthen US steelmaking capacity and create thousands of jobs.

Mesabi Metallics said the project combines domestic iron ore resources with modern EAF steelmaking to produce high-quality steel through a fully integrated US supply chain.

NASA LAYS OUT PHASED PLAN TO RETURN STARLINER TO SERVICE

IAN S
Washington, Sep. 29

NASA and Boeing have announced a phased plan to return the Starliner spacecraft to service, beginning with an uncrewed mission to the International Space Station that could launch in December or January 2027.

NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman said Starliner-1 will test improvements made after

technical problems during the spacecraft’s first crewed flight in 2024, when astronauts Sunita “Sun” Williams and Butch Wilmore returned to Earth aboard another spacecraft.

A crewed Starliner-2 mission is planned for 2028, subject to successful testing and certification. NASA also plans options for fifth and sixth Starliner flights and will work with Boeing and

United Launch Alliance to certify the Vulcan rocket for crewed missions.

NASA’s investigation into the 2024 flight produced 61 recommendations. Investigators found that service-module reaction-control thrusters operated outside their engineering qualification, contributing to loss of control. Ground tests linked the problems to the thermal environment and

spacecraft design.

Boeing has made thermal modifications to the service module, while NASA and the company have agreed to change the thruster-valve design. Planned upgrades include new crew-module thrusters and batteries and limited parachute modifications.

NASA said Starliner-1 will gather data and test the changes before astronauts fly again.

A Journey Beyond Earth



Floating above a blue Earth, the Boeing Starliner captures a striking moment where human exploration meets the vastness of space. Photo from: X

SLOVAKIA SCHOOL ATTACK: TEACHER KILLED, TWO INJURED IN CADCA

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Bratislava, Sep. 29



A 61-year-old teacher was killed and two others injured after a student allegedly attacked people with a knife at an elementary school in Staskov in Slovakia’s Cadca district

on Tuesday, local media reported.

An eighth-grade student allegedly attacked a younger pupil with a knife after the first lesson. A teacher and a student were also injured in the incident. The injured teacher is out of danger, while the student is in critical condition and fighting for her life, Slovakia-based Koktejl reported.

Interior Minister Matus Sutaj Estok said the suspect had been detained and the case was being handled by the Office for Combating Organised

Crime of the Presidium of the Police Force.

Slovak police said the suspect was a 13-year-old elementary school pupil. “The situation is under control and there is no further danger,” police said in a statement on Facebook, adding that officers from several units were at the scene and carrying out necessary investigative procedures.

Police urged the public and media to rely only on verified information and refrain from sharing unconfirmed reports, saying

further details could not be disclosed as they might affect the investigation.

Prime Minister Robert Fico said he was following the incident with “great concern” and that relevant ministers were travelling to the scene.

“Schools must be safe places for our children; otherwise, we will have no future,” Fico said. He expressed condolences to the victim’s family and wished the injured a speedy recovery, adding that the government was ready to provide all necessary assistance.

Russia failing to weaken our resolve and stop support for Ukraine: NATO Chief

IAN S
Brussels, Sep. 29



NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte on Tuesday said Russia was failing to weaken the alliance’s resolve or halt its support for Ukraine, while accusing Moscow of a campaign of “hostile

Gulf War: UAE stresses diplomacy to resolve disputes

IAN S
United Nation, Sep. 29

The United Arab Emirates (UAE), one of the countries at the epicentre of the Gulf War affecting the global economy and security, said on Monday that it seeks de-escalation and diplomacy to settle disputes peacefully.

“Our principled approach is rooted in de-escalation, bridge-building, the promotion of diplomacy and dialogue, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the rejection of the unlawful use or threat of force, as well as coercion,” UAE’s Minister of State Khalifa Shaheen Al Marar told the General Assembly.

He highlighted the issue of three islands occupied by Iran: Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb, and Abu Musa, which command a geostrategic position on access to the Strait of Hormuz.

“As Iran continues its occupation of the three Emirati islands, which we reject, the UAE has consistently called for a peaceful settlement of this conflict, whether through direct negotia-



tions or by recourse to the International Court of Justice,” Al Marar said.

Iran took over the islands in 1971, and its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps has bases there. The US has attacked Abu Musa and Greater Tunb as the Gulf conflict escalated.

Without delving into specifics of the conflict, Al Marar stressed the importance of freedom of navigation and transit passage.

“We stress the need to secure and protect the safe flow of supply chains, trade and energy in accordance with international law, including the law of the sea and the principle of state sovereignty,” he said.

He added that de-

spite crises, the UAE has pressed ahead with progress.

“This nation was forged not in the absence of challenges, but in defiance of them,” he said.

Although the UAE is one of the closest Arab countries to Israel, Al Marar condemned “in the strongest terms” Israel’s actions in Palestinian territories.

He said there is an urgent need to halt Israel’s escalation in the West Bank, settlement activities, settler violence, terrorism, and violations in East Jerusalem and at holy sites.

Media reports said Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

INS RANVIJAY MAKES PORT CALL AT OMAN’S SALALAH



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Muscat, Sep. 29

Indian Navy’s frontline destroyer INS Ranvijay made a port call at Salalah in Oman as part of its ongoing deployment, highlighting the enduring friendship and maritime ties between India and Oman.

During the visit, professional engagements were held between INS Ranvijay and the Royal Navy of Oman vessel RNOV Sadh. An India-Oman PASSEX exercise was also conducted off Salalah.

“INS Ranvijay, a frontline destroyer of the Indian Navy, called at Salalah as part of her ongoing deployment. The CO of INS Ranvijay called on the Southern Naval Area RNO Commander,” the Indian Navy said on X.

The Navy said the engagements underscored the enduring India-Oman friendship and maritime ties.

The port call comes weeks after a high-level delegation from India’s National Defence College (NDC) concluded a Strategic Neighbourhood Study Tour of Oman.

Led by Air Vice Marshal Manish Vasantkumar Patel, Senior Directing Staff (Air) at NDC India, the delegation held meetings with officials and institutions in Muscat, including members of the Oman Council.

The delegation also met Vice Admiral Abdullah bin Khamis Al Raisi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan’s Armed Forces, and exchanged views on mutual security interests

and bilateral defence co-operation.

It also interacted with Rear Admiral Ali Abdullah Al Shidi, Commandant of the NDC, Oman, to discuss bilateral issues, including training and academic collaboration. Other engagements included exchanges with the Diplomatic Academy of Oman and the Public Economic Zones and Free Zones.

The Indian Embassy in Oman said the visit strengthened the two countries’ shared commitment to peace, prosperity and regional stability. The delegation also visited the Shabab Oman II ship and was briefed on its civilisational, cultural and diplomatic roles and international participation.

actions” against NATO allies.

Addressing a joint press conference with Lithuanian Prime Minister Mindaugas Sinkevicius, Rutte said Russia was failing both on the battlefield in Ukraine and in its efforts to undermine NATO unity. “Our message to Moscow is clear: we will do even more for Ukraine, and not less,” he said.

Rutte acknowledged that Russia’s “malign grey zone activities”

could have an impact but said NATO had response options, some public and others not. He urged allies to remain calm, share information and attribute incidents to Russia when sufficiently certain. He said allies should provide NATO and Supreme Allied Commander Europe with information to build a complete picture of such incidents.

His remarks followed Estonia’s accusation that an arson attack on Milrem Robotics in Tallinn on August 14-15 was sabo-

tage ordered by Russian special services. Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna said the incident was part of a broader Russian campaign aimed at intimidating European countries and weakening support for Ukraine.

Estonia said the perpetrators had been apprehended and that it would summon Russia’s charge d’affaires. Tsahkna said Estonia would instead increase its support for Ukraine and pressure on Russia to end its military action.

‘Global peacemaker’ Pakistan tweaks India strategy, bets on radicalisation and proxy war

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has warned that artificial intelligence could drive events causing one billion deaths, as a sharp debate emerged in Washington over whether governments should regulate advanced AI or avoid rules that could slow the United States in its race with China.

Gates told NBC’s “Meet the Press” that AI was unlike earlier technological advances and could become vastly more intelligent than humans over the next several years.

“This is truly an evolutionary event,” Gates said. “We have created an intelligent species that, in many respects, is already smarter than we are, and over the next several years at kind of exponentially improving level will be insanely smarter than we are.” Asked whether AI could end humanity, Gates said: “AI is certainly powerful enough to drive events that, you know, cause a billion deaths.”

“There’s never been a weapon as powerful as the combination of people with ill intent using the latest AI tools,” he added.

Gates said governments lacked sufficient expertise to understand dangerous thresholds involving biological attacks, cyberattacks and other potential uses of the technology. He rejected reliance on voluntary safeguards by companies.

“No one thinks self-regulation is enough,” Gates said.

He called for legislation requiring safeguards and monitoring systems. Such requirements would impose some costs on the industry but would not dramatically slow its development, he said.

“It’s completely irresponsible not to require every AI to have these safeguards and monitoring capabilities,” Gates said.

His warning came as Representative Ro Khanna, a California Democrat whose district includes part of Silicon Valley, called for a verifiable US-China agreement prohibiting AI systems capable of independently improving themselves.

Khanna said legislation backed by Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Greg Casar would ban recursive self-improving AI until safeguards were established.

“That is basically AI that isn’t being trained anymore by human beings. It’s AI that can train itself. And that is a real risk of losing human control,” Khanna told NBC.

Khanna said the United States and China should create a working group of technologists and negotiate common restrictions.

“Banning self-recursive self-improving AI should not be controversial,” he said. “And I do believe the United States can lead on a treaty that is both enforceable and verifiable where we ban recursive self-improving



AI, and we have some monitoring of these frontier labs.”

US Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz said Washington and Beijing had agreed to establish a superintelligence dialogue following President Donald Trump’s summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Waltz told CNN the talks would bring experts together to discuss guardrails covering areas such as biological weapons research and nuclear systems.

“With the United States and China so much further ahead than the rest of the world when it comes to these frontier models, I think the world should see that as a positive thing,” Waltz said.

Attorney General Todd Blanche, however, cautioned against regulations that could weaken US competitiveness. He

told ABC that existing criminal and civil laws already allowed authorities to act against individuals and companies when crimes were committed using AI.

“The answer isn’t always more laws, more laws, more laws,” Blanche said.

He said companies could curb or adjust their systems when problems emerged. “The answer is not to just try to — all of a sudden try to regulate this in a way that will make us second or third place in the world as far as being the leaders in this space,” he said.

India is rapidly expanding the use of AI in public services, healthcare, agriculture, education and digital commerce. New Delhi has also stressed that AI governance should promote safety, accountability and equitable access without blocking innovation in developing economies.

Saudi Arabia is India’s trusted and valued strategic partner: FM Sitharaman



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has conveyed that Saudi Arabia is India’s trusted and valued strategic partner, highlighting the wide-ranging partnership between the two countries across defence, security, trade, investment, energy, technology, healthcare, education, culture and people-to-people exchanges.

She met Mohammed Aljadaan, Minister of Finance, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the sidelines of the ‘AIIB 2026 Annual Meeting’ here, who congratulated the Union Finance Minister on India’s robust economic performance and improving investment climate, and shared his perspective on the Saudi economy.

Both the Ministers welcomed the successful conclusion of negotiations on the India-Saudi Arabia Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), which will provide a stronger and more predictable framework for bilateral investments and further strengthen investor confidence, according to Finance Ministry.

Aljadaan said that Saudi Arabia looks forward to its early implementation. Recalling the Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision expressed during his state visit to Saudi Arabia, both the Ministers discussed further strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries.

Aljadaan expressed keen interest in welcoming investments from India. In her meeting with Ambassador Pietro Lazzeri, AIIB Governor from Switzerland, she highlighted the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund as a trusted partner for foreign investors seeking to access opportunities in India, with high standards of governance and transparency; and Swiss investors could explore NIIF infrastructure funds to gain exposure to India’s infrastructure sector.

Ambassador Lazzeri said that Switzerland sees significant opportunities in India for portfolio diversification and investment. He mentioned the upcoming State Visit to India and the 2nd EFTA Prosperity Summit in New Delhi. He said Swiss Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) growth in India is outpacing global FDI and sought support for finalisation of the Bilateral Investment Protection Agreement.

Lazzeri also expressed interest in cooperation in the financial sector and sustainable finance, said Finance Ministry.

FM Sitharaman encouraged Swiss investors and financial services entities to explore investment opportunities in India’s homegrown financial services centre in GIFT IFSC, which offers financial services and products, tax benefits and a business-friendly environment.

She also met Nepal Finance Minister Swarnim Wagle. Both the Ministers were pleased to meet again and noted the opportunity to follow up on the discussions held during their meeting in New Delhi.

The discussions covered Nepal’s assessment and priorities for reconstruction and recovery following the floods, with emphasis on continued engagement between the teams to work out the specifics of any support that India can provide at this critical time.

The Ministers also discussed the progress of projects taken up during the New Delhi meeting and emphasised the need for continued engagement. The early operationalisation and utilisation of the UPI-NPI linkage was also discussed as an initiative beneficial to both countries, said the statement.

FBI puts Goldy Brar on 10 most wanted list

The FBI has placed Satinderjeet Singh, also known as Goldy Brar, on its Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list and offered a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to his arrest.

The FBI said Singh is wanted over his alleged role in the Lawrence Bishnoi organised crime group, which it linked to killings, extortion and drug trafficking across the United States and Canada. He is based in the US and is alleged to lead the group’s operations in North America.

Singh has been charged in federal court in Los



Angeles with racketeering conspiracy, conspiracy involving extortion and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. The charges are allegations. He has not been convicted in this case.

The FBI described Singh as armed, extremely violent and danger-

ous. It said he is known to reside in California and parts of Canada, and warned the public against approaching him.

His addition to the list puts a prominent fugitive in an investigation into crimes that US authorities say have had a particular impact on the Indian diaspora. The FBI said the group used shootings, kidnappings, assaults and threats to spread fear, while also trafficking drugs and weapons.

The Canadian government designated the Bishnoi group a terrorist entity in September 2025, according to the FBI.

In one of three indictments unsealed earlier this year, prosecutors alleged that Singh helped direct the Bishnoi group’s activities worldwide. According to the FBI’s account of the indictment, Singh spoke for Lawrence Bishnoi, who is imprisoned in India, and helped direct other members and associates.

Investigators alleged that Bishnoi and Singh ordered the June 18, 2023, assassination of an Indian political and religious figure living in Canada. The victim identified in court documents as “H.S.N.”, was shot as he left a Sikh temple in Surrey, British

Columbia.

Investigators also allege that members of the group stole about 520 kilograms of cocaine from rival drug trafficking gangs in the greater Los Angeles area between March 2024 and July 2025.

The latest announcement follows Operation Hardball, a federal investigation whose results were announced on July 7. Three indictments charged 37 defendants connected to three India-based transnational organised crime groups. Twenty-four defendants had been arrested or were already in custody at the time.

Terror outfits deploy dead-drop tactics to evade detection and funnel contraband into India

Terrorist organisations operating against India switched to covert dead-drop techniques to transfer funds, weapons, and operational instructions, intelligence officials have revealed.

Groups including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), and the proscribed Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) adopted non-contact logistics to conceal the identity of handlers based in Pakistan.

Terrorism has evolved considerably, and this has led to the agencies facing fresh challenges with each passing year. Groups such as the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda have moved towards all radicalisation models while also relying heavily on lone actors to carry out attacks.

Terror groups that have been formed to hit India continue to use conventional methods when it comes to setting up modules and planning attacks. While groups such as the Lashkar and Jaish run conventional networks that also include radicalisation modules, they have started using dead-drop methods extensively.

An Intelligence Bureau official says that the primary objective of

using the dead-drop technique is to evade the trail.

“The Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed and Babbar Khalsa International have increasingly used dead-drop methods in recent times. These methods are being used to channelise funds and weapons and to facilitate covert operations in India,” the IB official said.

Terror groups are increasingly moving away from physical handovers, which are considered risky and make it easier for security agencies to trace the chain of transactions and establish its links to Pakistan, the official said.

Apart from being dropped by drones, arms and ammunition are also being left in isolated locations and rural areas for subsequent collection.

“The arms and ammunition pass through multiple hands before being collected and eventually dropped at a designated location. Those involved in moving the consignments do not know who supplied them initially or who will ultimately collect them,” the officials said.

Even if one of those involved is caught, investigators would find it



difficult to establish who initially supplied the consignment and who was supposed to collect it eventually, the officials added.

Another official said operations were also being planned using the dead-drop method. According to the official, all operatives involved in a plot share the login credentials of a single anonymous email account, allowing them to communicate without directly contacting one another.

Only one of the users writes a

message and saves it in the draft folder. The other operative then logs in, reads the draft, deletes it, and then posts a fresh message in the draft folder. This eliminates hitting the send button altogether, and the message never moves through the Internet, thus making it difficult for the security agencies to track it down.

The official said that in recent times, even the SFJ that is headed by proscribed terrorist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun has been using the

dead-drop technique.

This technique is used to send a message to the operatives on what they have to undertake.

Pannun, through this technique, instructs operatives in Punjab to indulge in vandalism. The agencies had recently arrested Preetpal Singh and his associates after they had spray-painted anti-BRICS and pro-Khalistan slogans in Delhi and Punjab.

The investigation found that the message and the money paid were delivered using the dead-drop method. Singh was paid Rs 1.5 lakh, and the money was kept at a dropped location on the Amritsar-Faridkot highway. Indian security agencies are also concerned about the rise in narco-terrorism involving dead-drop methods. The traditional practice of directly handing over narcotics is increasingly being replaced by covert methods, with drones being used extensively to drop drug consignments into India.

The drop-off point is communicated to the person assigned to collect the consignment, who is then instructed to leave the narcotics at a pre-determined location, such as

a field, an isolated stretch along a highway or a remote rural spot. The person delivering the consignment does not know who will eventually collect it.

Officials said this system creates multiple layers of separation, making it harder for investigators to trace the supply chain.

The dead-drop method is emerging as a major challenge for Indian security agencies. Since handlers and local operatives rarely, if ever, come face-to-face, investigators face greater difficulty in establishing a clear trail linking those involved.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has been probing such cases, has been bypassing email inbox checks.

Instead, sophisticated forensic tools are used to pull raw disk data, unsent and deleted text drafts, and temporary cloud links. The NIA has also been working closely with the state agencies to stop locals from retrieving drops.

Terror groups would continue to use this method and also more extensively in the future as well. While the Indian agencies have managed to crack several such cases, it still poses



Asian Games: Vithya anchors India to 4x400m gold as women's relay team end track gold wait

Nagoya, Sept. 29:

Vithya Ramraj produced another memorable finish to her Asian Games campaign as she anchored India to gold in the women's 4x400m relay, powering the quartet to victory in 3:29.69 on Tuesday.

India's quartet of Kiran Pahal, M.R. Poovamma, Prachi and Vithya held their nerve in a tightly contested final to finish ahead of Bahrain, who clocked 3:30.21, while China claimed bronze in 3:31.02.

The gold marked a fitting conclusion to a remarkable Games for Vithya, who added her third medal of the competition after winning silver and bronze in her other events. Just a day earlier, she had rewritten the national record in the women's 400m hurdles, breaking a mark that had stood for decades.

India started the relay in lane six, with Kiran entrusted with the opening leg. The sprinter handed over in third position, leaving Poovamma with the task of closing the gap.

The experienced Poovamma responded with a strong second leg, moving

India into contention at the front before handing over to Prachi, who had already secured an individual bronze in the 400m.

Prachi kept India firmly in the medal hunt and ensured Vithya received the baton in a competitive position for the anchor leg.

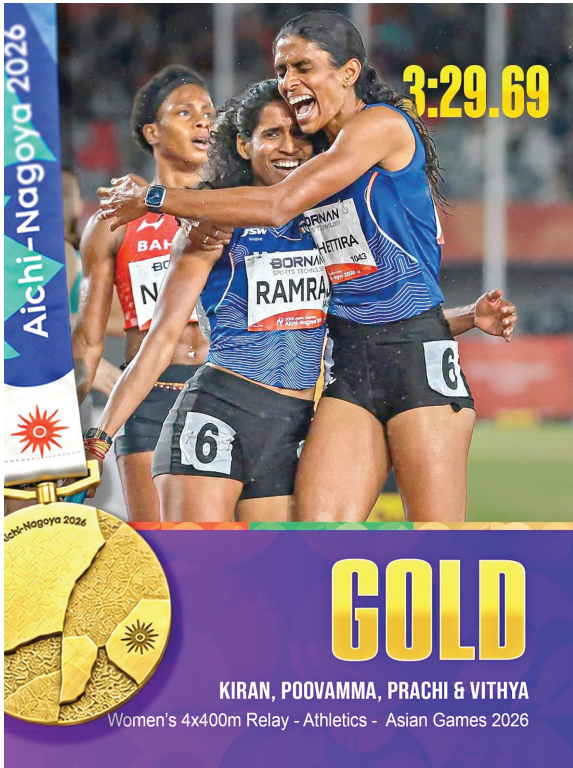
The final lap then belonged to Vithya.

She quickly settled into her rhythm and began eating into the gap at the front, making her move around the 200m mark. Bahrain's Salwa Eid Nasr, one of the strongest finishers in the field, launched a determined pursuit and steadily reduced the deficit.

Vithya, however, had done enough work early in the final leg to withstand the challenge. She maintained her composure through the closing stretch and crossed the line first, sparking celebrations in the Indian camp.

The victory also helped India improve on its silver-medal finish in the women's 4x400m relay at the previous edition of the Asian Games.

For Vithya, the relay gold capped an extraordinary three-medal haul. Her performance in the final added



another chapter to a Games in which she had already established herself as one of India's standout track athletes.

The quartet's victory also delivered a significant moment for Indian athletics, with Kiran, Poovamma, Prachi and Vithya combining to convert a tightly fought final into India's gold medal.

Bahrain finished second

in 3:30.21, just 0.52 seconds behind India, while China completed the podium with 3:31.02. Japan finished fourth in 3:31.44, followed by Vietnam, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka and Chinese Taipei.

For a relay team carrying the weight of India's strong tradition in the women's 4x400m event, the result provided a golden finish to the track programme at the Asian Games.

Sree Charani Sets New T20I Bowling Record

New Delhi, Sept. 29:

Indian left-arm spinner Sree Charani has created history in women's international T20 cricket by recording an all-time high bowling rating of 817 points, surpassing Australia's Megan Schutt, whose previous record was 807 points in November 2018.

Charani, who recently became the world's No. 1 T20I bowler, has impressed over the past year, taking 12 wickets in the Women's Asia Cup and eight at the Asian Games.

She made her T20I debut against England on June 28, 2025, and played a key role in India's maiden Women's ODI World Cup triumph, claiming 14 wickets. Her latest feat marks another milestone in her rapid rise on the international stage.

Modi, Murmu Congratulate India's Golden Girls on Historic 4x400m Triumph

New Delhi, Sept. 29:

India celebrated a historic gold medal in the women's 4x400m relay at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games on Tuesday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu congratulating the quartet of Kiran Pahal, M.R. Poovamma, Prachi Choudhary and Vithya Ramraj for their landmark triumph.

The Indian team clocked 3:29.69 to finish ahead of Bahrain (3:30.21) and China (3:31.02), securing India's first-ever Asian Games gold in the women's 4x400m relay.

India started in lane six, with Kiran running the opening leg before handing over to experienced Poovamma. Prachi, who had earlier won bronze in the individual 400m, kept

India firmly in contention before Vithya took charge of the anchor leg. Vithya produced a strong finish, making her move around the 200m mark and holding off Bahrain's Salwa Eid Nasr to seal the gold.

Modi praised the athletes for their "speed and determination", describing the victory as a proud moment for Indian athletics and an example of what teamwork can achieve.

Murmu said the historic triumph would inspire young girls across the country and congratulated the four athletes for bringing India its first gold in the event.

The relay triumph added to a strong day for Indian athletics. India won bronze in the mixed 4x100m relay through Gurindervir Singh, Sneha Shanuvalli

Sathyanarayana, Animesh Kujur and Harita Bhadra. Their 41.06-second effort also bettered the national record of 41.35 seconds set at the World Relays 2026 in Gaborone.

India's men's 4x400m relay team of Dharmveer Choudhary, Manu Thekkinalil Saji, Jay Kumar and Vishal Thennarasu also secured bronze in a season-best 3:01.61. Japan won gold and Qatar silver.

President Murmu also congratulated Pooja for winning bronze in the women's high jump, praising her skill and determination.

For Vithya, the women's relay gold marked her third medal of the Games. She had earlier won silver and bronze and also set a national record in the women's 400m hurdles.

Mohit Sharma set to join CSK as bowling coach for IPL 2027



New Delhi, Sept. 29:

Former India pacer Mohit Sharma is set to join Chennai Super Kings as the team's new bowling coach for IPL 2027, returning to the franchise where he spent four seasons as a player.

The 38-year-old is expected to take over the bowling coach role from Eric Simmons, who served in the position under former head coach Stephen Fleming.

"CSK head coach Zaheer Khan has decided on having Mohit Sharma on board for the bowling coach role for IPL 2027. A word on the rest of CSK's support staff appointments is expected to arrive in the coming weeks," a source aware of the development told IANS on Tuesday.

Mohit, who had also played for India in eight T20 matches, took part in the IPL as recently as during the 2025 season before retiring from the game altogether in December last

year.

He is closely linked with CSK, having played 48 IPL matches for the team over four seasons. Moreover, he played in 10 matches for the team during two seasons of the now defunct Champions League T20.

Mohit was part of the CSK team during a successful phase for the franchise and is now expected to return in a coaching role as the team starts a new phase under Zaheer.

CSK secured their fifth IPL title in 2023, but has not made it to the playoffs in each of the three most recent seasons. This continued decline ultimately caused the franchise to part ways with their long-serving head coach Fleming recently.

Zaheer was then made the new head coach, Mohit now being the first major addition to his support staff before IPL 2027.

The franchise is due to make more changes to its support staff in the coming weeks.

Rizwan Writes to NCCIA, Seeks Return of Phone and Details of Inquiry

New Delhi, Sept. 29:

Pakistan cricketer Mohammad Rizwan has written to the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA), seeking the return of his mobile phone and details of the inquiry being conducted against him, according to a report.

Rizwan's phone was taken on August 31, a day after Pakistan's 194-run defeat to England at Lord's. He was reportedly told that the device would be returned within three hours, but it has not been handed back.

According to Cricinfo, Rizwan has asked the NCCIA to comply with a recent Lahore High Court order and specify the incident being investigated. He has also sought details of when he would be required to appear before the agency for questioning. The Lahore High Court had dismissed Rizwan's plea challenging the NCCIA's authority to investigate the matter, while directing the agency not to subject him to "harassment or unnecessary inconvenience".

Rizwan and Imam-ul-Haq had earlier appeared before the NCCIA in Lahore over alleged leaks of information from the Pakistan team's dressing room. Imam completed

his response to the agency's questionnaire, while Rizwan challenged the matter in court.

The inquiry reportedly relates to alleged leaks of sensitive team information following Pakistan's poor performance in England. The Pakistan Cricket Board had also initiated an internal disciplinary inquiry after the team lost the first two Tests.

According to Pakistan-based The News International, investigators are also examining the financial dealings of Rizwan and Imam, including their bank account transactions during the period surrounding the England series.

Rizwan was among seven players sent home after Pakistan's defeats in the first two Tests of the three-match series. The PCB subsequently brought in seven replacements as it continued its review of the team's performance and related matters.

The NCCIA has not publicly disclosed the full scope of its inquiry. Rizwan's latest letter seeks clarity on the specific allegations being examined and the procedure he is expected to follow, while maintaining that surrendering his phone was itself an act of cooperation with the investigation.

Greaves Ruled Out of 2nd ODI Against India With Calf Injury

Guwahati, Sept. 29:



West Indies all-rounder

Justin Greaves has been ruled out of the second ODI against India after sustaining a calf injury while scoring his century in the series opener in Thiruvananthapuram, Cricket West Indies (CWI) confirmed on Tuesday.

Greaves scored 101 off 108 balls as West Indies

posted 296, but India chased down the target with four wickets to spare. Greaves and John Campbell had put the visitors in a strong position, reaching 135/0 in 19 overs. Campbell made 62 off 60 balls.

India's chase was powered by Virat Kohli's un-

beaten 139 off 88 balls and captain Shubman Gill's 110 off 108. Kuldeep Yadav led the bowling effort with 4-40 as India took the lead in the series.

The second ODI will be played in Guwahati, where India have won both previous ODIs.

Asian Games: India ends athletics campaign with bronze in men's 4x400m relay



Nagoya, Sept. 29:

India capped their athletics campaign at the Asian Games 2026 with a bronze medal in the men's 4x400m relay, clocking a 3:01.61 at the Mizuho Park Athletic Stadium here on Tuesday.

The Indian quartet of Dharamveer Choudhary, Manu Theekkinil, Jay Kumar and Vishal Thennarasu produced a determined effort to finish third, completing a memorable evening for Indian relay athletics after the women's 4x400m team had clinched gold earlier in the day.

Japan won the gold in 3:00.75, while Qatar took silver in 3:00.93. India finished 0.86 seconds behind the champions.

Dharamveer gave India a steady start before handing over to Manu with the team firmly in medal contention. Manu was crowded during the second leg and had to move around the field,

leaving India in fourth when Jay Kumar took over.

Jay responded strongly, moving India into the medal positions and briefly pushing the team into second place behind Japan. However, the Indian side slipped back to fourth during the final exchange. Vishal then produced a strong closing leg, making up ground to bring India back into third.

India entered the final with a season-best 3:00.32, which was the fastest among the finalists. Japan came in with a 3:00.19 season-best and eventually converted that form into gold.

Earlier, India's women produced a golden finish in the 4x400m relay, with Kiran Pahal, M.R. Poovamma, Prachi and Vithya Ramraj combining to win the title in 3:29.69. Bahrain finished second in 3:30.21, while China claimed bronze in 3:31.02.

Vithya delivered a strong

anchor leg to seal gold for India, adding another medal to an impressive Asian Games campaign. The relay gold took her medal tally to three after she had earlier won silver and bronze in her individual events.

The Indian women had held their nerve in a closely fought final before Vithya brought them home, providing a fitting conclusion to her campaign.

India had also secured bronze in the mixed 4x100m relay earlier on Tuesday, with Gurindervir Singh, Sneha Sathyanarayana, Animesh Kujur and Harita Bhadra clocking 41.06 seconds.

The quartet not only finished third but also lowered the National Record of 41.35 seconds set by Ragul Kumar, Nithya Gandhe, Animesh and Sneha at the World Relays 2026 in Gaborone. China won the mixed relay gold in 40.78 seconds, and Thailand took silver in 40.87 seconds.

Asian Games: Two weightlifting world records fall as China takes two gold medals

Nagoya, Sept. 29:

Two world records fell in weightlifting at the 2026 Asian Games on Tuesday as China claimed two gold medals, with Uzbekistan and Iran taking the other two titles.

Uzbekistan's Akbar Djuraev set a world record on his way to winning the men's 110kg title, lifting 197kg in the snatch before adding 226kg in the clean and jerk for a winning total

of 423kg.

Turkmenistan's Shahzadbek Matyakubov took silver with 410kg, while China's Liu Huanhua claimed bronze with 405kg. "This was our goal, to contribute our efforts to get a higher place in the medal table for our nation," Djuraev said. "I am very proud I could contribute to this."

Both Matyakubov and Liu entered the competition having dealt with injuries.

Matyakubov was competing for the first time in two years after suffering a back injury, reports Xinhua. "I have been injured for two years. A long time without competing. Two discs in my back [went] before the [2024] Asian Championships. I was in pain for a long time," Matyakubov said.

Liu, the 2024 Olympic champion in the men's 102kg division, competed despite a leg injury and

failed his final clean-and-jerk attempt.

"I thought before the contest I would only manage one attempt each in the snatch and clean and jerk. My leg injury would not allow me to finish the competition," Liu said. "But then my coach told me to prepare for a second clean-and-jerk attempt, and that I might get a medal. 'I gave it everything today, 200 percent of my effort.'"

Ganesh festival: Hyderabad police check 1,917 suspects, apprehend 2,935 for eve-teasing

CCS Special Crime Teams and SHE Teams step up surveillance at major venues and immersion routes

NSS News
Hyderabad, Sept 29

Hyderabad City Police deployed extensive preventive and security measures during the Ganesh festival, with CCS Special Crime Teams checking 1,917 suspicious persons and SHE Teams apprehending 2,935 persons for alleged eve-teasing and other objectionable activities.

The CCS Detective Department deployed 25 Special Crime Teams at major gathering points, including Khairatabad

and Balapur Ganesh venues, Tank Bund, Necklace Rotary and NTR Marg, during the celebrations from September 14 to 25.

The teams conducted surveillance, frisking and verification of suspected habitual, known and property offenders. Their antecedents were checked using the Facial Recognition System and departmental criminal database. Of those verified, 31 were subjected to detailed enquiry and 10 were found to have previous criminal histo-

ries. The 31 persons were handed over to local police stations for necessary legal action.

Police said no incidents of cellphone theft, chain theft or chain snatching were reported in the festival areas.

Meanwhile, SHE Teams were deployed at major Ganesh venues, crowded locations and immersion routes from September 14 to 26 to ensure the safety of women and girls. They apprehended 2,935 persons allegedly involved in eve-teasing and other



objectionable activities.

Of those apprehended, 858 were counselled, warned and released after verification, while 69 were convicted. Among those convicted, 24 were fined Rs.1,050 each, 40 were ordered to perform social service along with a Rs.1,050 fine, and five

were sentenced to imprisonment and fine.

Police said the sustained presence of the specialised teams helped deter property offences and harassment during the festival and appealed to citizens to remain vigilant and report suspicious activities.

Revanth meets top leaders ahead of CWC meeting in Delhi



NSS News
Hyderabad, Sept 29

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held strategic discussions

with top Congress leaders on Tuesday ahead of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting.

Taking to social media, Revanth Reddy shared that he had productive talks with party leader Rahul Gandhi, AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal, and Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

While emphasising that the development of Telangana remains his primary focus, the Chief Minister noted that the CWC meeting would address several key issues of national importance.

Woman killed after tractor runs over her in Badangpet

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Sept 29

A woman was killed in a road accident at Badangpet under Meerpet police limits on Tuesday.

The deceased, Enugu Prasanna Lakshmi of Nadergul, was riding a scooter on the road from Badangpet Municipal Office towards Rajiv Gruhakalpa when she reportedly braked suddenly after noticing autos approaching from the opposite direction.

She lost control and fell onto the road, following which a tractor travelling behind her reportedly ran over her. Its wheel hit her head, killing her on the spot.

Further details are awaited.

AIMIM MLC alleges bid to disrupt peace over meat shop closures

AIMIM MLC Riyazul Hassan Affandi has alleged that the forced closure of mutton and beef shops near Friends Colony on the Shaikpet-Manikonda Road was an attempt to disturb the city's peaceful atmosphere.

Affandi said that, on the directions of AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi, a party delegation submitted a complaint to the Golconda ACP over the incident.

He said police had assured the delegation that strict action would be taken against those responsible.

Indiramma Indlu Tower launched in Nampally; Azharuddin urges harmony



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Hyderabad, Sept 29

Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin on Tuesday urged beneficiaries of the Indiramma Housing Scheme in Nampally to maintain communal harmony, remain united and cooperate with authorities for the timely completion of housing projects.

Speaking at the launch of construction works for Indiramma Houses in Nampally, Azharuddin said the project reflected the government's efforts to fulfil the dream of owning a house for eligible families. He said the scheme was being implemented under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy with the coordination of the Housing Department, elected representatives, district administration and officials.

The Minister expressed confidence that the construction would be completed within the stipulated timeframe and appreciated the efforts of officials and public representatives in taking the project forward.

He said beneficiaries were fortunate to receive houses in Nampally, a central part of Hyderabad with access to educational institutions, healthcare, transport and other essential services. He also noted that the Indiramma Towers were being constructed on valuable land in a prime city location, giving beneficiaries better access to facilities and opportunities.

Azharuddin said the government was committed to ensuring that welfare schemes reached all eligible beneficiaries and urged beneficiaries to extend their cooperation for smooth implementation.

CPI welcomes SC intervention in Sohrabuddin case

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CPI leader K. Narayana has welcomed the Supreme Court's intervention in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case and urged the court to examine the matter comprehensively within the scope permitted by law.

Narayana referred to the deaths of Sohrabuddin Sheikh, his wife Kausar Bi and his associate Tulsiram Prajapati in alleged encounter killings. He also referred to the death of Justice B.H. Loya, who was hearing the case, saying the circumstances surrounding his death remain a matter of public controversy.

He noted that Amit Shah, then Gujarat Home Minister and now Union Home Minister, had been an accused in the case and was subsequently discharged.

Narayana urged the Supreme Court to examine the circumstances surrounding Justice Loya's death, the proceedings relating to Shah's discharge and the cases involving other accused, subject to the legal scope of the proceedings.

He also called for special security and protection for judges hearing sensitive cases to ensure they can discharge their constitutional duties independently and without fear or pressure.

Two Juveniles held for stealing eight two-wheelers in Hyd

NSS News
Hyderabad, Sept 29

Mailardevpally police have apprehended two children in conflict with law (CCLs), aged 13 and 14-15, in connection with a series of automobile thefts and recovered eight two-wheelers.

According to police, the duo allegedly stole an Activa scooter belonging to Rahul Reddy of TNGOs Colony on September 20. The vehicle was parked outside his house and was found missing the next morning. A speaker from a nearby Ganesh pandal was also allegedly stolen.

Police registered cases under Section 305(b) of the BNS and launched a probe. Special teams examined CCTV footage and used technical evidence to identify and apprehend the juveniles.

Police said eight two-wheelers were seized during the operation. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Rajendranagar zone DCP S. Srinivas and ACP A. Sudhakar, with SHO Ch. Srinivas, DI Md. Maqsood Ali, DSI B. Venugopal and the Mailardevpally crime staff participating in the investigation.

KTR slams Cong govt over costly foreign coal imports

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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday criticised the Congress government's decision to import coal from abroad for power generation, alleging that it was ignoring the cheaper coal available from Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

Taking to 'X' (formerly

Twitter), KTR questioned the rationale behind purchasing imported coal at around Rs.9,000 per tonne when Singareni coal was available at about Rs.3,800 per tonne for power plants operated by Telangana Genco. He alleged that the decision would impose a financial burden running into thousands of crores of rupees on the state exchequer.

KTR questioned whose interests were being served behind this "Tughlaq-esque" decision,

and alleged that the move was driven by vested interests rather than public interest.

He pointed out that Telangana has substantial coal reserves and said Singareni had been supplying coal not only to the state but also to neighbouring states, including Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.

KTR also contrasted the present policy with the previous BRS government, claiming that the KCR administration had ensured uninterrupted power supply by effectively utilising domestic coal from



Singareni for TS Genco power generation. He alleged that the Congress government was instead undermining the state's own natural resources by opting for expensive imported coal.

'Becoming the Divine You' book launched in Hyd

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Author Balvinder Nath Chaganla's book 'Becoming the Divine You - Awaken the Power Within to Find True Happiness' was launched at Hotel Narenn, Madhapur, on Tuesday.

Narendra Nath Chaganla, Chairman, Narenn Group, and actor and motivational speaker K.V. Pradeep attended the launch as chief guest and guest of honour respectively.

The book explores

awareness, emotions, relationships, spirituality and the pursuit of happiness, drawing from the author's experiences in travel, yoga and meditation. Describing it as a "compass, not a map", Chaganla encourages readers to explore their own journey of self-discovery.

The event also featured a Perini Sivatanavam performance by Perini Pavan Kumar, disciple of Padma Shri Dr Nataraja Ramakrishna, showcasing Telangana's cultural heritage.



Telangana ACB seizes Rs 7 lakh from NIMS barber's house in DA case

NSS News
Hyderabad, Sept 29

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday continued searches in the disproportionate assets case registered against the accused Sri Nori Lakshmi Bhasker, Additional Superintendent / Additional Professor at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad.

The ACB had earlier registered the case on September 21, 2026, under Section 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

In continuation of the investigation and based on search warrants issued by the Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Hyderabad, the ACB officials conducted searches on Tuesday at five different locations in and around Hyderabad, including the residences of persons suspected of acting as benamis and having financial or other transactions with the accused officer.

During the searches, ACB officials seized several documents and other material allegedly linked to suspected benami assets.

According to the ACB, Rs.4,94,394 in cash was seized from the residence of Dhanraj, an employee of NIMS. Documents relating to three agricultural land parcels in Maheshwaram, valued at approximately Rs.57 lakh, were also found.

Beyond Flavoured Protein: Why Savoury Is the Next Frontier for Protein

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India's protein landscape has always been diverse, drawing from traditional sources such as pulses and legumes, dairy, meat, eggs, fish and seafood, and whole grains and millets, while newer formats such as plant-based proteins, protein powders, bars and supplements are expanding the choices available to consumers. What was once strongly associated with gym-goers and specialised nutrition is increasingly finding a place in the Indian kitchen, with protein being recast as a more fundamental part of everyday food and wellness. As protein becomes a bigger part of consumer conversations, the focus is now shifting from simply identifying protein sources to how it can be incorporated into familiar eating and snacking occasions.

This is reflected in the Godrej Food Trends Report (GFTR) 2026 trend, 'Protein Will Go Namkeen', which points to the growing role of savoury formats in the evolution of protein consumption. As protein moves towards becoming a baseline expectation rather than a niche proposition, the next opportunity lies in building it into familiar formats without disrupting the taste, convenience and comfort consumers already seek from food. This is where savoury, snackable formats can make protein feel more accessible and enjoyable, creating new occasions for consumption while expanding the possibilities of protein beyond conventional shakes and supplements.

This shift also reflects the idea of 'proteinification by design,' where protein evolves from being simply a nutritional requirement to becoming



part of a deliberately designed food experience. As Anushree Dewen, Head of Marketing and Innovation, Godrej Foods Ltd, explains, "People don't want to compromise anymore; they want food that tastes indulgent but also nourishes them. That's where we see the opportunity by bringing protein, high-quality ingredients and great taste together in everyday snacking. Godrej Yummiez Chicken Nuggets, with 16 grams of protein per serving and IQF nutrition lock-in, reflect how the market is moving in this direction."

The next frontier for protein may not be another specialised format, but the savoury foods that already have a place in Indian kitchens and snack culture.