



Congress workers marched towards KCR's farmhouse over alleged derogatory remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, while KTR and Harish Rao were detained as political tensions widened beyond the Assembly.

- Congress workers crossed police barricades near KCR's Erravalli farmhouse, leading to scuffles with police.
- K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao were detained while attempting to reach Erravalli.
- Police separately booked several BRS legislators over Monday's confrontation at the Assembly entrance.
- Telangana High Court said police cannot prevent elected MLAs from entering the Assembly.

The court also directed DGP C.V. Anand to identify police personnel allegedly involved in manhandling the women legislators, take appropriate action where misconduct is established and submit a report. The case has been posted for further hearing on September 21.

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BRS MLCs Tata Madhu, Naveen Reddy arrested over alleged remarks against Speaker

Munsif Bureau Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Telangana Police on Tuesday arrested BRS MLCs Tata Madhu and Naveen Kumar Reddy in connection with alleged derogatory remarks against Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. The case has been registered under provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Tata Madhu was arrested from his residence at the New MLA Quarters in Hyderabad on Tuesday morning, while Naveen Kumar Reddy was also taken into custody in connection with the case.

The arrests came a day after the alleged remarks against the Speaker triggered a political controversy, with ruling Congress leaders demanding action against the two BRS legislators.

The case was registered on the basis of a



complaint lodged by Pollepalli Venkatesham, Officer on Special Duty to the Telangana Assembly Speaker.

According to the complaint, Madhu and Naveen Kumar Reddy allegedly made abusive and derogatory remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar on September 7 while Assembly proceedings were underway. The complaint alleged that the two MLCs, along with political associates, gathered in the security area of the Assembly premises



and verbally targeted the Speaker.

The complainant stated that the remarks were allegedly made in an area accessible to journalists, television camera crews, Assembly staff and security personnel. He alleged that the statements were intended to humiliate the Speaker and undermine his standing in public.

The complaint further alleged that the remarks were made with knowledge of the Speaker's Scheduled Caste background.

Following the complaint, Saifabad police registered Crime No. 364/2026 under Section 352 read with Section 3(5) of the BNS. Police also invoked Sections 3(1)(r), 3(2)(va) and 3(2)(vii) of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The complaint cited video recordings, live television coverage and subsequent social media broadcasts as evidence, maintaining that the alleged remarks were made openly in the presence of media personnel and others and therefore fell within the scope of statements made in a "place within public view". Saifabad Inspector K. Nageswara Rao registered the case after receiving the complaint at around 5 pm on September 7 and took up the investigation. The arrests have further escalated the political confrontation between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS over the alleged remarks against the Assembly Speaker.

Komatireddy Launches Bathukamma Short Film Challenge, Invites Youth

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy unveiled the poster for the 'Bathukamma Young Filmmakers Challenge-2026' on Tuesday, calling on aspiring filmmakers to showcase Telangana's cultural heritage globally.

The initiative aims to encourage young talent by highlighting Bathukamma, folk arts, traditions and the state's development and welfare programmes through short films, songs and videos. The Minister urged students, young directors and artists to participate in large numbers.

The launch was attended by MLC Shankar Naik, FDC MD G. Mukunda Reddy, Creative Director Raj Konda and former Setwin Chairman Giridhar Reddy.

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Uttam seeks larger rice exports from Telangana to Philippines



NSS Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Telangana Irrigation and Food & Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday met Francisco P. Tu Laurel Jr., Secretary of Agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines and a member of the Philippine Cabinet, in New Delhi and discussed ways to expand rice exports and bilateral trade between Telangana and the Philippines.

The position held by Laurel is equivalent to that of a Union Cabinet Minister handling agriculture and food-related matters in India.

During the meeting, Uttam Kumar Reddy highlighted Telangana's emergence as one of India's leading paddy-producing States, stressing that the State had the production capacity, modern rice-milling infrastructure and expertise required to supply high-quality rice in substantial quantities.

He proposed that the

Philippines increase its sourcing of rice from Telangana. Secretary Laurel responded positively and indicated that the Philippines would examine the possibility of procuring larger quantities from the State.

The two sides discussed taking the proposal forward through the appropriate government agencies, recognised importers and exporters, and rice millers.

The discussions assume significance as the Philippines has a substantial requirement for imported rice and is seeking to diversify its international sources of supply. Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana could offer competitive prices, consistent quality and timely deliveries, and could emerge as a reliable long-term supplier to the Philippines.

The meeting also covered rice varieties, quality standards, pricing, procurement mechanisms, logistics, certification procedures, and sanitary

and phytosanitary requirements. Both sides agreed that officials and industry representatives should examine these aspects and prepare a practical roadmap for converting the discussions into concrete trade opportunities.

Secretary Laurel also expressed interest in procuring meat products and quality seeds from Telangana. Welcoming the proposal, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the State had strong capabilities in seed production, food processing and allied agricultural sectors. The available product categories and regulatory requirements would be examined in consultation with the relevant authorities and private-sector representatives.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said expanding agricultural exports would create new opportunities for Telangana's farmers, rice millers, seed companies, food-processing industries and other stakeholders in the rural economy.

Banks urged to speed up credit flow in Nirmal



Munsif Bureau Hyderabad, Sep 8:

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed banks to accelerate lending and ensure timely loans to all eligible beneficiaries to achieve the district's ₹7,952.87 crore Annual Credit Plan for 2026-27.

At a DCC and DLRC meeting on Tuesday, Mishra said banks had disbursed ₹2,331.18 crore, achieving 29.31 per cent

of the annual target. He expressed concern over the low number of education loans and directed bankers to support eligible students and open accounts for all unbanked residents by the end of September.

He also reviewed government credit schemes, SHG loans, dairy financing and financial inclusion initiatives, urging officials to improve coordination with banks and strengthen loan recovery mechanisms.

Congress Protests Tata Madhu's Remarks Against Telangana Speaker



M.A Waseem Nirmal, Sep 8:

Congress leaders and workers staged a protest at the RDO office in Nirmal on Tuesday, condemning the alleged derogatory remarks made by BRS MLC Tata Madhu against Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

The protest was organised under the directions of TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud and Nirmal DCC president Vedma Bojju Patel, and led by Nirmal constitu-

ency in-charge Kuchadi Srihari Rao under the guidance of former minister Allola Indrakaran Reddy.

Protesters raised slogans against BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao and working president K.T. Rama Rao, alleging disrespect towards constitutional institutions. Congress leaders demanded appropriate action over the alleged remarks.

Congress leaders demanded action against those responsible and called for respect for constitutional institutions.

MLA Padmavathi condemns remarks against Speaker, treatment of women police

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Kodad MLA N. Padmavathi Reddy on Tuesday made an emotional intervention in the Telangana Legislative Assembly, strongly condemning the alleged derogatory remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar and the treatment of women police personnel during Monday's protest by BRS members at the Legislature.

Speaking in the Assembly, Padmavathi Reddy said political protest was a fundamental democratic right, but stressed that it could not be used as a licence to insult women in uniform, demean personnel performing their duty or undermine the dignity of constitutional institutions.

Her remarks turned emotional when she

asked members to imagine the ordeal faced by young women constables who were deployed during the protest.

"Just imagine what those young women constables must have gone through when several men removed their shirts right in front of them. I feel deeply sorry that these women personnel had to face such a situation while merely doing their duty," she said.

Padmavathi Reddy said she was speaking not merely as an MLA but also as a woman citizen, and expressed anguish over the alleged behaviour towards the women police personnel.

Referring to the BRS protest, the Congress MLA said there could be no objection to members wearing black as a form of protest. However, she said T-shirts carrying slogans effectively amount-

ed to placards, which were not permitted inside the Assembly Hall.

Reading briefly from the complaint, Padmavathi Reddy said women MLAs had approached the Commission with a "profound sense of outrage and distress" after seeing media reports and video footage concerning the treatment of uniformed women police officers.

Referring to the remarks allegedly directed against the Speaker and the Chair, Padmavathi Reddy said political differences should never be allowed to erode respect for the institution of the Legislature. "We are all one when it comes to protecting the dignity of the Chair.

Whether inside the House or outside, it is our responsibility to protect the prestige of this institution," she said.

Seethakka Accuses BRS Leaders of Misconduct

NSS Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Minister Seethakka expressed outrage in the Legislative Council over the incidents on the Assembly premises. She alleged that BRS leaders pushed female police personnel deployed on duty and demanded that footage of the incident be made public.

She also accused BRS leaders of verbally abusing the Speaker while denying the allegations. Referring to the previous BRS regime, Seethakka alleged that opposition leaders had then not been allowed near the podium.

Muslim Leaders Walk Out of Nirmal Peace Committee Meet Over Mosque DJ Remark



M.A Waseem Nirmal, Sep 8:

Collector Bhavesh Mishra appealed for peaceful Ganesh festivities and communal harmony. SP Janaki Sharmila assured adequate security arrangements.

Meanwhile, Muslim representatives from Nirmal, Khanapur and Bhainsa

walked out of the Peace Committee meeting, objecting to a reported remark on DJs near mosques during Friday prayers and seeking clarification.

Meanwhile, Muslim representatives sought clarification over the reported remark and urged the authorities to ensure mutual respect and communal harmony during the festival.

Cybercrime Crackdown: 47 Fraudsters Held Across Seven States



NSS Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police intensified their nationwide crackdown on cyber fraud in August, arresting 47 persons from seven states in connection with 36 cases and facilitating the refund of Rs.99.79 lakh to victims.

The arrests were made in cases involving investment fraud, trading scams, social media offences, OTP fraud, impersonation, job fraud, credit card fraud, APK fraud and advertisement fraud.

Of the 47 arrested, 16 were involved in investment fraud and 12 in trading fraud, while seven were linked to social media-related offences. Three each were arrested in OTP and impersonation cases, two each in job and credit card fraud cases, and one each in APK and advertisement fraud.

Telangana recorded the highest number of arrests at 15, followed by Andhra

Pradesh with 14 and Delhi with eight. Maharashtra and Karnataka accounted for four arrests each, while Haryana and Uttar Pradesh accounted for one each.

Police seized 28 mobile phones, three cheque books, three SIM cards, a debit card, a laptop, router, hard disk and an Apple iPad during the operations.

The refund drive covered 34 cases involving a reported financial loss of Rs.17.77 crore. Trading fraud victims received the largest refund of Rs.57.96 lakh, followed by APK fraud victims with Rs.12.42 lakh.

The Zonal Cyber Cells separately received 2,952 NCRP petitions, registered 349 FIRs and arrested 20 persons in 16 cases, resulting in refunds of ₹41.05 lakh.

Cyber patrol teams also stepped up surveillance of social media platforms. In August alone, 231 profiles and 20 paid advertisements promoting obscene

content involving minors, fraudulent schemes, betting predictions, fake currency and coin offers, matrimonial scams and fake employment opportunities were identified and taken down.

Cumulatively, police have removed 1,317 social media profiles and 2,573 paid advertisements promoting online gaming, illegal betting and fake investment websites. Nine FIRs have been registered against promoters.

Under the C-Mitra initiative, police made 2,043 calls to cybercrime victims and registered 290 Zero FIRs to ensure prompt assistance and legal action.

Police appealed to citizens to remain vigilant against fake investment groups, malicious APK files, WhatsApp impersonation, matrimonial fraud, sextortion and "digital arrest" scams. Victims can report cyber fraud immediately by calling 1930 or through website www.cybercrime.gov.in.

No registration charges for Indiramma houses: Ponguleti

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Flats in Indiramma housing units being constructed under the CURE (Core Urban Region Economy) region are being allotted to beneficiaries through a lottery system.

As part of the first phase, the Telangana government is allotting 7,350 Indiramma houses to eligible beneficiaries. Lucky draws have already been conducted in the Quthbullapur, Cantonment, Rajendranagar and Nampally Assembly constituencies.

Participating in the lucky draw held in the Nampally constituency on Friday, Housing and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the government was committed to providing houses to all eligible poor beneficiaries in a fair and transparent



manner.

He said the government would construct houses even on land worth hundreds of crores of rupees, describing the initiative as a symbol of the self-respect and dignity of the poor.

The Minister said houses in the first phase were allotted to all eligible beneficiaries without discrimination based on caste, religion or political affiliation. He added that the list of beneficiaries for the second phase would be released within 10 days.

Ponguleti Srinivasa

Reddy said land had been acquired in 16 Assembly constituencies and the tender process had been completed. Construction of housing towers would begin within two to three days, he said.

He clarified that no registration charges would be collected from beneficiaries and said they would be entitled to sell their houses after 10 years.

The Minister also announced that beneficiaries would be allowed to mortgage their houses after completing the registration process.

Congress MLA Shankar's Remarks Against KCR Spark Political Row

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Controversial remarks by Congress MLA Veerlapalli Shankar against former Telangana Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) have triggered a political storm in the State.

Going beyond the limits of political criticism, Shankar reportedly said that they would not merely beat 1,000 drums but would even beat the "death drum" if necessary.

The MLA also allegedly said that they wanted KCR to die and were wishing for his death. He further described KCR as a "curse" on Telangana and launched a scathing attack on the former Chief Minister using objectionable and derogatory language.

The remarks have drawn strong criticism from BRS leaders and

supporters, who questioned how a responsible public representative could make such objectionable and undignified comments against a senior political leader and former Chief Minister.

Opposition leaders and democratic activists also expressed concern over the alleged remarks, saying that public representatives should focus on people's issues rather than making statements that could be construed as threatening an individual's life. They accused Shankar of displaying a vindictive attitude.

The controversy has further intensified with the BRS demanding immediate legal action against Shankar over his alleged remarks, which the party said could disturb peace and law and order in the State. The party also demanded that the MLA tender an unconditional public apology.

Akbaruddin Owaisi Condemns Remarks Against Telangana Speaker, Urges KCR to Apologise



Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Political debate intensified in Telangana following the alleged use of objectionable remarks against Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

AIMIM floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi strongly condemned the remarks, stressing that the Speaker's post is a highly important and dignified constitutional office that must be respected

by every member of the Assembly and Legislative Council.

Addressing the Assembly, Owaisi said the Speaker's office should be respected both inside and outside the House. He termed the use of unparliamentary language against the Assembly unacceptable and urged public representatives to exercise restraint in their words and conduct.

Owaisi said power does not remain with anyone permanently and that those

in authority should strive to win people's hearts so that they continue to receive respect even after leaving office.

He also said that if his own words or conduct had ever hurt anyone, he would be willing to stand in the House and apologise, stressing that there is no shame in seeking forgiveness.

Referring to the BRS MLC's reported decision to withdraw his remarks, Owaisi said there was a significant difference between merely taking back words and offering a full apology. Owaisi also urged BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao to apologise not only to the Speaker but also to every mother in Telangana over the controversial remarks made by his party's MLC.

He said the controversy could be brought to an end if an apology was offered.

TG POLICE RECRUITMENT 2026: APPLY BY SEPT 16

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

The Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board (TSLPRB) has extended the deadline for submission of online applications for the Police Recruitment-2026 process till 5 pm on September 16 (Wednesday).

The recruitment drive covers 7,437 vacancies across the Police, Special Protection Force, Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency & Civil Defence and Prisons & Correctional Services departments.

The four notifications issued on July 29 include 275 SCT SI civil and equivalent posts, 23 SCT ASI posts in the Finger Print bureau, 7,112 SCT police constable civil and equivalent posts, and 27 SCT police constable mechanic / driver posts.

According to TSLPRB, 3,38,336 candidates have registered so far. Of them, 2,88,530 have paid the application fee, while 2,76,085 candidates have completed submission of their online applications, accounting for 3,80,762 different candidates. Aadhaar verification has been completed for more

than 95 percent of the candidates.

The 2026 recruitment process has introduced several firsts, including 33.3 percent reservation for women in all notified posts in the Special Protection Force and Fire Services departments. The recruitment is also implementing Group-I, Group-II and Group-III reservations among SC candidates for the first time in police recruitment, along with offline Aadhaar verification.

TSLPRB Chairman V.V. Srinivasa Rao recently interacted with aspirants through live programmes on T-SAT on September 3 and All India Radio on September 7, addressing their queries and concerns.

The Board advised candidates who have registered or paid the fee but are yet to complete their applications to submit them at the earliest. Candidates were cautioned against waiting until the last day, as heavy traffic could lead to queuing congestion, delayed online responses or failed submissions.

Applications are being accepted online through the official TSLPRB website: www.tgprb.in.

BRS Leaders Condemn Arrests of MLCs

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

BRS working president K T Rama Rao and Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Tuesday condemned the arrests of party MLCs Thatha Madhu and B Naveen Kumar Reddy, alleging that the Congress government was misusing the police and criminal cases to silence the Opposition.

KTR accused the government of failing to fulfil its six guarantees and 420 promises, saying its 1,000-day tenure had instead seen arrests and detentions. He also questioned the action taken over the alleged assault of BRS women legislators P Sabitha Indra Reddy and V Sunitha Laxma Reddy at the Assembly gate. Harish Rao alleged that police, acting on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's instructions, prevented BRS legislators from entering the Assembly before arresting the two MLCs. He termed the cases against them politically motivated and condemned the arrests.

BRS leaders K T Rama Rao and T Harish Rao condemned the arrests of MLCs Thatha Madhu and B Naveen Kumar Reddy, alleging misuse of police and criminal cases to target the Opposition.

Hafiz Peer Khaleeq Ahmed Saber Meets AP Urdu Academy Chairman Farooq Shibli



Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Former president of Jamiat Ulama Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Hafiz Peer Khaleeq Ahmed Saber, General Secretary of Jamiat Ulama Telangana and successor of the late Hazrat Maulana Hafiz Peer Shabbir Ahmed, received Andhra Pradesh Urdu Academy Chairman Alhaj Mohammed Farooq Shibli during a courtesy meeting in Hyderabad.

During the meeting, the two leaders held detailed discussions on various issues concerning the welfare and development of minority communities, particularly Muslims. They discussed several initiatives and welfare schemes being implemented by the Telangana government for the benefit of minorities, as well as measures aimed at promoting minority development.

The discussions also fo-

cused on ongoing efforts for the educational, social and economic advancement of the Muslim community and other matters related to minority welfare.

Hafiz Peer Khaleeq Ahmed Saber stressed the need for further effective measures to promote public welfare and the overall development of minority communities. Mohammed Farooq Shibli expressed his commitment to working for the welfare of Muslims and other minority communities in Andhra Pradesh, emphasising the importance of promoting positive initiatives at every level for their educational, social and economic advancement.

The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere. Both leaders expressed their desire to continue mutual co-operation and constructive consultations on welfare, educational and social issues in the future.

Nampally Police Arrest Man for Obstructing Traffic Officer

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Nampally Police arrested a 28-year-old man for allegedly obstructing, abusing and intimidating a traffic police personnel on duty at Taj Island Junction.

According to police, the accused, identified as Mohd. Rizwan, was riding a two-wheeler without a helmet when Home Guard K. Ravinder photographed the traffic vio-

lation. The rider allegedly returned from the wrong side of the road and abused the officer, while his wife also allegedly joined in and obstructed him.

Police registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Motor Vehicles Act. Rizwan was apprehended on Tuesday and the vehicle was seized. He is being produced before the court for judicial remand.

Yatra brought people from diverse communities together and strengthened the spirit of brotherhood, harmony and national unity.



Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

A special programme was organised at Gandhi Bhavan to mark five years of the Bharat Jodo Yatra. The programme was organised by Congress Chandrayanga Uttam Assembly Constituency Incharge Boya Nareish and was attended by senior Congress leaders and party workers.

Addressing the gathering, Congress Karwan Assembly Constituency Incharge Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri said the Bharat Jodo Yatra, led by Rahul Gandhi, was aimed at bringing people together, strengthening national unity and countering the politics of hatred and division.

Recalling his participation in the historic yatra, Al Hajri said he had walked alongside

Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders and workers from the Karnataka border to the Maharashtra border. During the journey, he interacted with people from different communities and witnessed their concerns, aspirations and enthusiasm.

He said the participation of people from different religions, communities, linguistic groups and regions reflected their desire for peace, brotherhood, unity and harmony.

Al Hajri said attempts to divide society in the name of religion, caste and identity could weaken the country's social fabric. He said Rahul Gandhi had consistently raised his voice against hatred and division and promoted the message of love, brotherhood and national unity.

Referring to Rahul Gandhi's message of "opening a shop of love in the marketplace of hatred," Al Hajri said the message remained highly relevant in the present circumstances.

He described the Bharat Jodo Yatra as more than a political programme, saying it was a movement aimed at strengthening India's unity, integrity and composite culture. He said the yatra helped bring people from different sections of society closer and encouraged mutual trust and brotherhood.

Al Hajri urged Congress workers to take the message of the Bharat Jodo Yatra to every household and work towards building a united, peaceful and inclusive India, where people from all communities can progress together.

ACB Catches Dy. Engineer Red-Handed Taking 10,000 Bribe

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

A Deputy Executive Engineer of the Quality Control Cell, Musheerabad Division, was caught red-handed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while allegedly accepting a Rs.10,000 bribe from a complainant on Tuesday.

According to the ACB, the accused officer, S Sai Ram, Deputy Executive Engineer, Quality Control

Cell, Musheerabad Division, demanded and accepted the bribe for extending an official favour to the complainant.

The officer allegedly sought the money for facilitating the Quality control certificate already issued for the complainant's first contract work and for issuing a Quality control certificate for the second contract work. ACB officials of City Range-1 trapped the officer

and recovered the Rs.10,000 bribe amount from his possession at his instance. The ACB said the accused officer had acted improperly and dishonestly in the discharge of his official duties to obtain an undue advantage.

The accused officer is being produced before the I Additional Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nampally, for judicial remand.

BJP Seeks Governor's Intervention Over 15,000 Crore Fee Reimbursement Dues

NSS
Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Telangana BJP State President N Ramchander Rao has urged Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla to intervene in the long-pending fee reimbursement issue and ensure immediate release of nearly Rs.15,000 crore in arrears.

A BJP delegation led by Rao met the Governor at Lok Bhavan here on Tuesday and submitted a memorandum, claiming that the delay was affect-

ing nearly 40 lakh students across Telangana.

Rao said the students graduating from private degree, engineering and pharmacy colleges were facing uncertainty as the institutions were unable to issue certificates because of pending reimbursement dues. He claimed that several colleges were struggling to pay teaching staff their full salaries due to the financial crisis.

Criticising the Congress government, Rao alleged that the education sys-

tem was being neglected despite Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy holding the Education portfolio. He said the government should dedicate at least one full day of the ongoing Assembly session to discuss the fee reimbursement issue.

The BJP leader also alleged that Congress and BRS were diverting attention from the issue and demanded withdrawal of cases registered against BJP and BJYM activists who participated in recent protests.



At a Glance

SC relief for Rajpal Yadav

IANSThe Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear actor-comedian Rajpal Yadav and his wife’s plea challenging their conviction in seven cheque dishonour cases and granted them exemption from surrendering, subject to depositing Rs 5 crore by Wednesday.



A Bench headed by CJI Surya Kant issued notice, returnable on September 15. The Delhi High Court had on July 10 upheld Yadav’s conviction while reducing his sentence to three months’ simple imprisonment in each case and the fine to Rs 1.05 crore per case, with sentences running concurrently. The petitioners contend that a subsequent 2013 consent agreement invalidated the security cheques involved in the cases.

PM Modi Takes ‘Naraz Fufa Ji’ Swipe At Opposition in Gujarat, Says India’s Youth Stand With ‘Sach Ki Hunkar’

IANSThe Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday took a swipe at his political opponents, using the phrase “naraz fufa ji” (annoyed uncle) while explaining how the Dedicated Freight Corridor would expand India’s logistics capacity without hurting road transport.

Speaking in Vadodara, Modi said a double-stack container freight train operating between JNPT in Mumbai and Vadodara could carry cargo equivalent to more than 250 trucks. Responding to an imagined objection over the impact on truck operators, he said critics would ask what would happen to those who had invested in trucks. Modi said freight rail would complement rather than replace road transport, allowing large volumes of goods to move faster while trucks continued to serve other transportation needs. His remarks came as he dedicated the final key sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor, completing



“AI skills would not be limited to the IT sector and could be applied in agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing and robotics,” – PM Modi

the Dedicated Freight Corridor network. The three sections, covering 326 route km, were developed at a cost of more than Rs 20,700 crore. The network is aimed at separating freight and passenger traffic, increasing cargo capacity and reducing transit times. The Prime Minister also contrasted what he described as “jooth ki goonj” (echo of lies) with “sach ki hunkar” (call

of truth), saying India’s youth were moving forward with confidence in the truth. Highlighting renewable energy and emerging technologies, Modi said India was expanding solar, wind, hydro and nuclear power to meet the future energy needs of industries such as semiconductor manufacturing, data centres and artificial intelligence. He said India had de-

veloped more than 200 GW of solar module manufacturing capacity and that 55 lakh families had installed rooftop solar systems under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, including 11 lakh families in Gujarat. Modi said the renewable energy expansion was creating jobs in manufacturing, installation and servicing, while efforts were also under way to secure uranium, critical minerals and rare-earth supplies through international agreements. Turning to skills, he said young people needed capabilities beyond formal degrees and announced plans for free online coaching for competitive examinations. He also said a major campaign would prepare youth for AI, stressing that AI skills could be applied in agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing and robotics. The Vadodara programme covered projects worth more than Rs 35,000 crore across railways, highways, housing, water supply, urban development and renewable energy.

THACKERAY SEEKS FREEZE ON ‘BOW AND ARROW’ SYMBOL, ATTACKS SHINDE FACTION

IANSThe Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday backed senior advocate Kapil Sibal’s plea in the Supreme Court seeking the freezing of the undivided Shiv Sena’s ‘Bow and Arrow’ election symbol if a final decision on the party’s identity is delayed further.

Addressing a press conference, Thackeray alleged that those who had “stolen” the party, its name and symbol should not be allowed to use them to retain power and govern. He said the legal dispute had continued for four years, during which two major elections, municipal polls and Zilla Parishad elections had taken place. Thackeray claimed that his faction had the rightful claim to the party name and symbol and questioned the Election Commission of India’s



impartiality. He also alleged that the ECI was scrutinising his party constitution while ignoring alleged irregularities involving other political parties. Responding to Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde’s criticism that freezing the symbol would amount to “freezing Balasaheb Thackeray’s ideology”, Thackeray hit back, calling Shinde and his associates “frozen-minded” and accusing them of lacking the moral right to speak about the symbol. The former Chief Minister also backed restrictions on high-decibel

DJ systems during festivals such as Ganeshotsav and Dahi Handi. He said festivals should retain their sanctity and suggested promoting traditional Indian musical instruments instead of excessive noise. He urged the administration to hold discussions with Ganeshotsav mandals and other stakeholders to frame reasonable time and sound limits. Thackeray also criticised controversial dance performances at Dahi Handi events, asking proponents of “Neo-Hindutva” whether such performances reflected their values. On the removal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s photographs by MNS activists at a Pune college, Thackeray supported the move, saying the Prime Minister’s photograph should not be placed alongside iconic national figures and other revered personalities.

CPI-M to Skip TVK Alliance Meet, but Continue Backing Tamil Nadu Government

IANSThe CPI-M will skip the Tamilaga Vетtri Kazhagam (TVK) meeting on Wednesday to discuss a proposed alliance but will continue supporting the Tamil Nadu government, party state Secretary P. Shanmugam

said. He said TVK ministers had invited CPI-M leaders on September 4 for talks on a TVK-led alliance, a common minimum programme and preparations for local body and Lok Sabha polls. The CPI-M decided not to attend after consultations. Shanmugam said the

party would continue raising farmers’, workers’ and public issues. He dismissed references to the Sarkaria Commission as a diversion and questioned the government’s inaction on alleged corruption. He also criticised remarks on MISA detainees and urged ministers to study the Ismail Commission

report.

INDIA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RELIEF AND RESCUE EFFORTS IN NEPAL: MEA

IANSThe Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Tuesday.

Addressing a press briefing, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India had so far sent 95 tonnes of relief material on seven aircraft and deployed forensic and tunnel rescue teams to assist operations on the ground. Jaiswal said the forensic team was working in two laboratories in Kathmandu and examining 1,200 DNA samples. He added that 275 Indian nationals remained missing, while 169 had



been rescued. The missing figure also includes 49 Indians who went missing on the Chinese side, he said. “As a close friend and neighbour, India has responded promptly and will continue to support Nepal’s relief, rescue and reconstruction efforts,” Jaiswal said, adding that further assistance would be provided according to Nepal’s

requirements. India has also established 24x7 control rooms in New Delhi, Beijing and Kathmandu to assist Indian nationals affected by the disaster and monitor their safety and welfare. The massive flash flood, which struck Nepal’s Rasuwa region on August 26 after originating in the Tibetan region of China, swept through the transboundary Bhote Koshi River. It caused widespread destruction and claimed more than 1,000 lives, including foreign nationals. Further action will be considered after the responses are examined.

JAIPUR SET FOR CRUCIAL CIVIC POLL TEST AFTER SIR

IANSThe Jaipur will face its first major electoral test after the Election Commission’s Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls when polling is held on September 11 across 150 municipal wards.

A total of 24,33,121 voters are eligible to vote, with the revised rolls adding around 2.5 lakh voters and potentially altering the electoral arithmetic. The administration is targeting a turnout of 90 to 95 per cent. At 90 per cent, nearly 21.9 lakh votes could be polled, while 95 per cent turnout would mean about 23.1 lakh votes — a difference of nearly 1.22 lakh votes. Officials said even a 1-2 percentage-point change in turnout in individual wards could influence closely fought contests. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will assist voters with identification and eligibility-related issues. Young voters are expected to play a key role, with Gen-Z voters accounting for nearly 23 per cent of

the electorate. Parties and candidates are focusing on women, young voters and first-time electors as they step up booth-level mobilisation. As many as 723 candidates are contesting from 150 wards. While some wards have two-way contests, others have multiple candidates. Ward 62 has the highest number, with 13 contenders in the fray. District Election Officer Sandesh Nayak said preparations had been completed and voter-awareness campaigns were being conducted as per Election Commission directives. Nayak urged voters to participate in the “festival of democracy”, reach polling stations on time and vote without fear. He also appealed to people to encourage family members and neighbours to exercise their franchise. With a larger electorate and a substantial young voter base, the September 11 polls could hinge not only on campaign strength but also on voter mobilisation and turnout.

TRINAMOOL REMAINS ABSENT FROM ALL-PARTY MEETING ON NANDIGRAM BYPOLLS

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jor political parties attended, except the Trinamool Congress. The absence has triggered questions in political circles about the party’s ability to contest the seat. A city-based political observer noted that the BJP had won all 16 Assembly seats in East Midnapore in the elections held earlier this year, leaving the Trinamool without legislative representation from the district. The observer also pointed to reported divisions within the Trinamool after the elections, saying its failure to send a representative to the meeting had raised doubts over whether it would be able to field a candidate in Nandigram. In the Assembly elections, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari won both

Nandigram and Bhabanipur in South Kolkata. At Bhabanipur, he defeated his predecessor and former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee by more than 15,000 votes. Adhikari subsequently retained Bhabanipur, resulting in the vacancy in Nandigram and necessitating the bypoll. Nandigram has been a stronghold of the BJP since 2021, largely due to Adhikari’s political dominance in the constituency. Against this backdrop, political observers expect the BJP to remain strongly placed in the October 6 contest. The Trinamool Congress’ absence from Tuesday’s meeting, however, has added a new element to the political contest ahead of the bypoll.

NAME MISMATCH FIXED, SIR NOTICE TO PADMA SHRI AWARDEE HAJABBA WITHDRAWN

IANSThe Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) on Tuesday clarified that the notice issued to Padma Shri awardee Harekala Hajabba during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was prompted by a mismatch in his name in election records. The issue has since been resolved, officials said.

The CEO shared a clarification from the Mangaluru District Election Officer (DEO), stating that officials detected the discrepancy and visited Hajabba to collect



documents needed to correct the record. The clarification came after reports that Hajabba had been served a notice asking him to appear with documents following a mismatch between his name in

the current electoral roll and records from the previous SIR exercise. The notice directed him to appear before the election officer at Harekala Gram Panchayat on September 11 to retain his name in the fi-

nal electoral roll. However, officials reportedly returned to his residence within hours and withdrew the notice, assuring him that the discrepancy would be corrected. The incident drew attention as Hajabba is widely known for his contribution to education. He built a school in his native Harekala using earnings from selling oranges in Mangaluru and was later honoured with the Padma Shri. Hajabba said his name had been recorded as “Hajabba” in documents before 2000, while “Harekala Hajabba” later became his common-

ly recognised name. He said the latter name appears on his Aadhaar, ration card, passport, Padma Shri, Karnataka Rajyotsava Award and doctorate certificate. Hajabba said he received the notice around noon and was asked to produce documents. Later, the Village Accountant contacted him, described the issue as a “minor mistake” and subsequently collected the notice from his residence. Hajabba expressed confidence that the discrepancy would be corrected in the electoral records.



At a Glance

12 dead in Jiangxi mudslide

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Nanchang, Sep. 08

Twelve people have died and one remains missing after a mudslide struck Mingkeng Village in Suichuan County, east China’s Jiangxi Province, rescuers said Tuesday.

The slide hit early Saturday after days of torrential rain. Landslides in Zuo’an and Tanghu townships killed one person and left two missing.

Rescue operations and road repairs are underway. Nearly 200 Mingkeng residents and over 5,300 people in nearby areas have been relocated.

Typhoon Saude1-triggered rain has affected about 161,500 people across Jiangxi. The Ministry of Natural Resources raised the province’s geological disaster response to Level III.

The National Development and Reform Commission allocated 20 million yuan (\$2.95 million) for emergency relief.

Rajnath Singh Arrives in Sri Lanka, Set to Hold Talks on Defence and Maritime Cooperation

IANSS
New Delhi, Sep. 08

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Sri Lanka on Tuesday for a three-day official visit aimed at strengthening bilateral defence and maritime cooperation.

Singh was received at Bandaranaike International Airport by Sri Lankan Deputy Minister of Defence Maj Gen Aruna Jayasekara (Retd.) and Indian High Commissioner Santosh Jha. The Ministry of Defence said he received a warm and traditional welcome, reflecting the close ties between the two countries.

During his September 8-10 visit, Singh will hold talks with the Sri Lankan leadership on ways to further strengthen bilateral relations in mutually beneficial areas, particularly defence and maritime security. He is leading a high-level delegation comprising senior officials from the Ministries of Defence and External Affairs.

Singh said he looked forward to “productive



engagement” with the Sri Lankan leadership and described Sri Lanka as an important partner for India under its Neighbourhood First and MAHASAGAR initiatives.

“Besides our long-standing partnership as well as deep historical and civilisational ties, Sri Lanka is one of our most important partners under the Neighbourhood First and MAHASAGAR initiatives,” Singh said in a post on X before departing for Colombo.

The Defence Ministry said Singh would also interact with members of

the Indian diaspora during his visit.

India and Sri Lanka share deep civilisational links and a multifaceted partnership covering regional security, defence, trade and economic cooperation, as well as strong people-to-people ties.

Singh’s visit comes against the backdrop of continued efforts by the two neighbours to deepen cooperation in the Indian Ocean region. Defence and maritime security remain important components of their bilateral engagement, particularly given their geographical proximity and shared in-

terest in regional stability.

The visit is expected to provide an opportunity for the two sides to review existing cooperation and discuss areas where the partnership can be expanded further.

The Indian delegation’s engagement with Sri Lankan leaders will also underline New Delhi’s emphasis on strengthening relations with neighbouring countries through dialogue, cooperation and mutually beneficial initiatives.

Singh is scheduled to remain in Sri Lanka until September 10 before concluding his three-day visit.

Nepal: Ruling RSP Leaders Vow Not To Deviate From Gen-Z Movement's Ideals

IANSS
Kathmandu, Sep. 08

Senior leaders of Nepal’s ruling Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) have pledged to fight corruption and misgovernance as the country marks the first anniversary of the Gen-Z movement that ousted the government led by then Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli.

The protests resulted in an interim government headed by former Chief Justice Sushila Karki. Following parliamentary elections on March 5 this year, RSP leader Balendra Shah became Prime Minister.

The RSP emerged as the dominant force with an almost two-thirds majority, while traditional parties suffered a major electoral setback.

RSP President Rabi Lamichhane described last year’s protests as a spontaneous awakening of Nepal’s young generation against corruption, partisan power-sharing, insti-

tutional inefficiency, restrictions on fundamental rights and lack of opportunities.

Lamichhane said the movement was not initiated by any political party and warned leaders against exploiting it for narrow political interests. He paid tribute to those killed during the protests and said the violence of September 8 and 9 last year must never be repeated.

According to government estimates, 77 people were killed during the two days of violence, while public and private property worth more than NPR 84 billion was damaged.

Lamichhane also honoured police personnel who died in the violence and expressed solidarity with those injured or traumatised. He called for proper care for affected families, medical treatment for the injured and long-term rehabilitation.

He urged young people, civil society and

citizens to continue scrutinising political parties and their performance. At the same time, he called for public anger to be channelled towards nation-building rather than despair.

Home Minister Sudhan Gurung also pledged to fight corruption and act against those involved in corrupt practices. Addressing a gathering held in memory of those killed, Gurung urged leaders of traditional parties to reform themselves.

He criticised attempts to reinterpret the Gen-Z movement and said its history could not be rewritten. Gurung said Nepal could not be rebuilt with the “same old mindset” and accused the Oli government of opening fire on young people demanding good governance.

He said the current government was working to address the demands raised by the Gen-Z movement.

Pezeshkian vows Iran will continue resistance against ‘aggressors’

IANSS
Tehran, Sep. 08

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Tuesday that Iran would continue its resistance with strength until the “aggressors” were brought to complete regret, while reiterating Tehran’s opposition to war.

In a post on X, Pezeshkian said Iran had always opposed war and believed regional security and the interests of its people could best be protected by avoiding war-mongering. He said Iran would continue defending itself against aggression and safeguarding the rights of its people.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein met Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Fahmy in Cairo to discuss regional security tensions and disruptions to navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, according to Iraq’s Foreign Ministry.

The two sides discussed potential economic consequences for Arab coun-



tries, particularly Iraq, arising from disruptions in the strategically important waterway, which is vital to global trade and energy supplies.

Hussein stressed the need to open communication channels to ease tensions between Tehran and Washington and said the Arab League could play a constructive role. Fahmy backed dialogue and quiet diplomacy to address regional crises and expressed readiness to support de-escalation efforts.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Arab League Council’s regular ministerial session.

The latest tensions follow attacks by Israel and the United States on

Tehran and other Iranian cities on February 28, after which Iran launched missile and drone attacks targeting Israel and US bases and assets in the region.

Tehran subsequently tightened restrictions on shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, while US forces imposed a naval blockade targeting vessels travelling to and from Iranian ports.

The United States and Iran signed a memorandum of understanding on June 18 aimed at ending the regional conflict and were expected to hold negotiations within 60 days. The talks were due to conclude by August 17, but their future remains uncertain amid renewed tensions.

Emergency flood warning as torrential rain hits central Japan

IANSS
Tokyo, Sep. 08

Torrential rain lashed central Japan on Tuesday, triggering flooding and a Level 5 emergency flood warning for the Shonai River in Gifu and Aichi prefectures, the highest alert on the Japan Meteorological Agency’s scale.

Nagoya recorded 104.5 mm of rain in one hour, the highest hourly rainfall since records began. About 1,600 people had taken shelter by 7 p.m., while subway and local train services were suspended.

The JMA warned of continued heavy rain, urging people to remain alert for floods, overflowing rivers and landslides.

A woman in her 60s died after being found unresponsive in a submerged car in Fukushima.

Level 5 landslide warnings were also issued for parts of the Izu Islands, while Level 4 alerts covered areas of Chiba and Saitama.

SAUDI-LED COALITION STRIKES YEMEN’S MARIB AS HOUTHIS ATTACKS ESCALATE

IANSS
Sanaa, Sep. 08

Four airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition hit Yemen’s northeastern Marib province on Tuesday, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported, hours after the Houthis claimed large-scale missile and drone attacks on Saudi Arabia.

The strikes targeted Al-Jubah district in southern Marib, the report said, without providing details of casualties or damage. Saudi Arabia has not immediately commented on the reported strikes.

Earlier, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the group had launched dozens of ballistic missiles and drones at Saudi Aramco facilities in Abha, Najran and Jazan, as well as King Khalid Air Base near Khamis Mushait. He said the Houthis would continue operations “deep inside Saudi ter-



ritory”.

Saudi authorities said the attacks targeted civilian and economic facilities in Abha, Khamis Mushait, Jazan and Najran, injuring 73 people, including women and children. The Saudi Energy Ministry said fires broke out and operations at some energy facilities were temporarily halted.

The Saudi-led coalition, which supports Yemen’s internationally

neutralise the danger.

Meanwhile, fighting has intensified across Yemen. Government forces said they had retaken the Al-Yatmah area in the northern province of Al-Jawf, while clashes continued on other fronts, including western Yemen, where the Houthis are pushing towards government-held areas near the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait.

Yemen has been embroiled in conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized Sanaa and large parts of northern Yemen. A Saudi-led coalition intervened the following year in support of the internationally recognised government.

The latest attacks and reported airstrikes mark a fresh escalation in the long-running conflict, with tensions extending beyond Yemen’s borders into Saudi territory.

ANWAR CALLS FOR STRONGER ASEAN MECHANISM TO TACKLE HAZE

IANSS
Kuala Lumpur, Sep. 08

ASEAN needs to review and strengthen its mechanism for tackling transboundary haze, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said on Tuesday as poor air quality persisted in parts of the region.

Anwar said the recurring haze problem must be taken seriously as it directly affects public health, particularly children and babies. He urged ASEAN ministers to ex-

amine existing mechanisms and ensure they lead to more effective action against sources of transboundary pollution.

“There is room for improvement,” Anwar said, referring to the situation in Serian, a district in Sarawak where an emergency had been declared after air quality reached hazardous levels.

The emergency declaration ended on Monday, but Serian’s air quality again reached hazardous levels, with its Air Pollutant Index (API)

touching 302 early Tuesday.

Malaysia classifies an API reading of 0-50 as good, 51-100 as moderate, 101-200 as unhealthy, 201-300 as very unhealthy and 301 or above as hazardous.

Anwar also said allegations that Malaysian companies were involved in open burning in Indonesia must be thoroughly investigated before responsibility is established. Malaysia, he said, would respect enforcement action by

Indonesian authorities and would not intervene to protect companies found to have contributed to the haze.

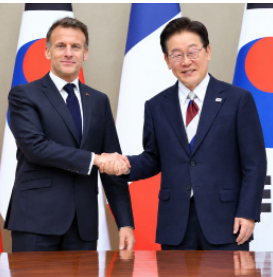
ASEAN was established in Bangkok in 1967 by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Brunei joined in 1984, followed by Vietnam in 1995, Laos and Myanmar in 1999 and Timor-Leste in 2025, taking the grouping’s membership to 11 countries.

LEE, MACRON SET FOR PARIS SUMMIT ON SECURITY, ECONOMIC TIES

IANSS
Paris, Sep. 08

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and French President Emmanuel Macron were set to hold summit talks in Paris on Tuesday to discuss strengthening cooperation in security, the economy and other areas under their global strategic partnership.

Lee began a two-day state visit to Paris as the countries mark the 140th anniversary of diplomatic ties. He arrived



late Monday after visiting Nice, where he and Macron co-hosted a meeting on the future of the film industry.

Before reaching the Elysee Palace, Lee laid flowers at the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe. Macron later welcomed him with a handshake and hug, Yonhap News Agency reported.

The leaders were scheduled to hold a one-on-one luncheon before formal summit talks, where they were expected to develop the global strategic partnership established during Macron’s visit to South Korea in April.

A Seoul official said the discussions could include cooperation in the nuclear power sector and

efforts to ensure freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz.

The two leaders will hold a joint press event before attending a business roundtable involving about 20 companies from South Korea and France. Lee will later attend a dinner hosted by Macron and his wife, Brigitte Macron, at the presidential palace.

Lee is scheduled to return to South Korea on Wednesday, concluding his four-day visit to France.

When the Telangana Assembly Becomes a Battleground

Government And Opposition Alike Risk Weakening The Legislature When Police Action, Slogans, Arrests And Confrontation Replace Questions, Scrutiny And Debate

By: Dr. Shujath Ali Sufi

The Telangana Assembly is not supposed to be a wrestling arena. It is supposed to be the place where the government is questioned, the opposition is heard and the people’s problems are debated. Yet, once again, the House has been reduced to a stage for confrontation, slogans, walkouts and political one-upmanship.

The opening of the Monsoon Session has exposed a disturbing truth: Telangana’s politicians are increasingly treating the Assembly as an obstacle to politics rather than the institution through which politics must be conducted.

On Monday, BRS legislators wearing black T-shirts protesting the Congress government’s record were stopped from entering the Assembly premises. The confrontation reportedly turned physical, with allegations of police manhandling several legislators, including former minister Sabitha Indra Reddy. The Telangana High Court subsequently directed the DGP not to prevent BRS legislators from entering the Assembly and said enforcement of Assembly rules falls within the Speaker’s domain, not that of the police.

That judicial intervention should embarrass everyone. Why should elected MLAs have to fight their way into the legislature?

At the same time, the opposition cannot claim the moral high ground merely because it was stopped at the gate. Once inside—or while trying to get inside—legislators have a responsibility to behave like legislators, not street protesters.

The BJP, meanwhile, disrupt-

ed Question Hour demanding a judicial probe into the controversial 22-A land issue, despite the government offering a discussion. Placards replaced questions; slogans replaced debate; the Well became more important than the microphone.

And then came the deeply unfortunate controversy involving BRS MLC T. Madhusudan’s alleged remarks about Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. The Speaker was reportedly visibly emotional, while the ruling party demanded action against the MLC. Madhusudan has disputed the interpretation of his remarks and offered to withdraw anything considered offensive.

This is not parliamentary democracy at its finest. It is political adolescence.

Everybody is guilty of something

The Congress government must answer a basic question: Why was the police allowed to become the gatekeeper of the legislature?

If the black T-shirts violated an Assembly rule, let the Speaker decide. If an MLA broke a rule, let the House take action. If slogans were objectionable, follow parliamentary procedure.

But sending uniformed personnel into a confrontation with elected representatives is a dangerous precedent.

The opposition, however, must answer another equally uncomfortable question: Does protest require paralysis?

Black shirts may make good television. Shouting slogans may produce viral videos. Marching to the Well may generate social-media applause.

But voters did not elect MLAs

to produce viral clips. They elected them to ask questions about jobs, irrigation, farmers, education, healthcare, welfare payments, land, corruption, infrastructure and the state’s finances.

The people need answers, not theatrics.

The tragedy is that every-one is losing

The Congress wants to portray the BRS as irresponsible. The BRS wants to portray Congress as authoritarian. The BJP wants to establish itself as the aggressive alternative.

And every party appears to believe that disrupting the House proves political strength. It proves the opposite.

A government that fears questions is weak. An opposition that cannot ask questions without creating chaos is also weak.

A strong government welcomes scrutiny because it has answers. A strong opposition does not need to scream because it has facts.

A strong Speaker does not need police to maintain parliamentary discipline.

And a mature legislature does not need adjournments to discover that legislators are capable of behaving like legislators.

“The Speaker’s chair cannot become another political battlefield

The dignity of the Speaker must be protected, irrespective of which party occupies the treasury benches.”



Why Children Fall Sick More Often When Seasons Change

Weather itself does not usually cause infection: changing routines, crowded indoor spaces, poor ventilation and contaminated food or water are often the real risks.

Children frequently develop coughs, colds, fever or stomach infections during seasonal transitions, but a sudden change in temperature is usually not the direct cause. Most common colds are viral infections, while seasonal conditions can influence how easily viruses circulate and how people interact.

During cooler or rainy periods, children may spend more time indoors with classmates, siblings and friends. Respiratory viruses spread more easily in crowded indoor spaces with poor airflow, making ventilation an important preventive measure.

Children are especially prone to repeated colds because many different viruses can produce cold-like symptoms. Seasonal influenza is also a substantial health burden: the World Health Organization estimates about one billion influenza cases globally

each year, including 3–5 million severe illnesses.

In India, the rainy season can also increase the risk of diarrhoeal illness when food or drinking water becomes contaminated. The National Health Mission’s current STOP Diarrhoea programme specifically targets the higher incidence seen during summer, monsoon and flood periods, stressing safe water, sanitation, handwashing, ORS and

zinc for childhood diarrhoea.

Getting wet in the rain, however, does not by itself cause a viral infection. Parents should focus instead on handwashing, safe food and water, good ventilation, adequate sleep, fluids and balanced meals.

Frequent colds do not automatically indicate weak immunity, and antibiotics should not be given routinely because

they do not work against viruses. Unproven “immunity boosters” should not replace basic preventive care.

Most mild coughs and colds can be managed with rest, fluids and monitoring. Medical attention is advisable for breathing difficulty, dehydration, persistent fever, unusual drowsiness, symptoms lasting without improvement, or illness that improves and then becomes worse.



SIR Notices Need Clarity, Not Confusion

Telangana’s voter-revision process will command public confidence only if every elector receives clear notice, uniform document requirements and a fair opportunity to correct genuine errors.

By: Munsif Desk

The Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Telangana has entered a stage where administrative precision matters as much as the original verification exercise. The most striking concern emerging from voter hearings is not simply the number of notices being issued, but the confusion surrounding what an elector is expected to do after receiving one.

A recent Munsif News 24x7 discussion with senior advocate M.A. Mujeeb brought this problem into sharp focus. Callers repeatedly raised questions about mismatched names, differences in dates of birth, incorrect relationships in older electoral rolls, missing hearing locations, voters wrongly appearing under shifted or deceased categories, and uncertainty over which documents officials would accept.

These are not trivial clerical problems. Electoral registration determines whether a citizen can exercise one of the most basic rights in a democracy. A process intended to improve the accuracy of voter lists must therefore be designed so that genuine electors can comply without unnecessary anxiety, repeated visits or dependence on informal advice.

One Notice, One Clear Requirement

The first requirement is simple: every notice should clearly state why it has been issued.

A voter facing a mismatch in age should not be left guessing whether the problem concerns a birth record, parental linkage or an old electoral entry. Someone flagged because of an address change requires a different response from a voter whose name differs slightly between the 2002 roll and current records.

The transcript shows voters frequently asking whether they need one document, three documents, parental records or additional certificates. Some callers said local officials appeared to demand the same set of documents from everyone despite differences in age and circumstances.



If this is occurring, it defeats the purpose of category-specific verification.

Election authorities should ensure that the document requirement attached to each notice is standardised and communicated in plain language. The elector should be able to understand three things immediately: what discrepancy has been found, what evidence is required, and where and when the response must be submitted.

Old Errors Cannot Become New Burdens

Another recurring concern is the use of older electoral data.

Several callers described spelling differences, missing surnames, incorrect ages and even wrong relationship descriptions in earlier rolls. One caller said a father had been shown as a husband in an old entry; another described small but consequential differences in names between past and present records.

An elector cannot reasonably be blamed for an error introduced decades ago by manual data entry or official record preparation.

Where present-day documents clearly establish identity, officials should distinguish between an old clerical discrepancy and evidence suggesting an actual problem with eligibility. A revision exercise should correct historical errors rather than force citizens to repeatedly defend themselves against them.

Urban Voters Need Special Attention

The problem is particularly important in

Hyderabad and its surrounding urban areas, where tenants, students, employees and families frequently change addresses.

A voter may have been absent when a Booth Level Officer visited. A tenant may have shifted within the same city. Someone working abroad may still remain ordinarily connected to an electoral address in India but be unable to appear immediately before an official.

The programme highlighted fears that genuine residents could be categorised as shifted merely because they were not found at a previous address during field verification.

Such cases require careful verification, not automatic exclusion.

The Hearing Must Be a Safeguard

A hearing should function as an opportunity to correct the record, not as another source of uncertainty.

Voters should carry genuine documents relevant to the discrepancy, retain copies of everything submitted and insist on an acknowledgement or reference number. Authorities, for their part, should ensure that hearings follow a uniform process across constituencies.

The transcript also contained repeated warnings against submitting forged or manipulated documents. That principle deserves emphasis. A genuine voter gains nothing by attempting to “fix” a discrepancy through false evidence. The safest course is always to produce authentic records and explain inconsistencies honestly.

Communication Is Now the Real Test

The discussion revealed something deeper: even voters who had not received notices were anxious because they did not know whether one might still arrive. Others were checking online repeatedly, contacting BLOs and visiting offices simply to understand their status.

That level of uncertainty is itself an administrative warning.

Election authorities should provide easily searchable status information, functioning helplines, clear physical notices and consistent instructions from BLOs, AEROs and EROs. Voters should not receive different answers depending on which official they approach.

The integrity of an electoral roll depends not only on removing duplicate or ineligible entries. It also depends on ensuring that every eligible citizen has a fair and understandable path to remain on that roll.

SIR can strengthen electoral credibility only if verification is rigorous without becoming intimidating. The State’s election machinery now has an opportunity to demonstrate that accuracy and accessibility need not be competing goals.

For voters, the message is equally straightforward: check your electoral status, read any notice carefully, respond within the prescribed period, submit only genuine documents and keep proof of every submission.

For the administration, the obligation is even simpler: no eligible voter should lose a place on the rolls merely because the process was too confusing to navigate.

AI Boom Must Reach the Classroom

The announcement of a massive TCS HyperVault artificial-intelligence data-centre campus in Hyderabad is another sign that Telangana is positioning itself at the centre of India’s next technology cycle.

The proposed campus, spread over 264 acres and capable of scaling up to one gigawatt, could attract investment of as much as ₹70,000 crore. The Telangana government estimates that the project may create around 7,000 direct and indirect jobs, while also generating opportunities in engineering, networking, construction, power systems, cooling

and data-centre operations.

But large investment announcements should prompt a second question: who will be prepared for these jobs?

For thousands of young people in Hyderabad’s lower- and middle-income neighbourhoods, including many from the Muslim community, the challenge is increasingly not merely access to a college degree. It is access to the skills that employers are beginning to demand.

AI, cloud computing, cybersecurity, data engineering and advanced digital infrastructure are rapidly changing the employment market. Even

TCS is currently advertising AI-related roles in areas including generative AI, machine learning and MLOps, with Hyderabad among the recruitment locations.

This creates an important responsibility for government, colleges and community institutions.

Minority educational institutions, degree colleges and professional colleges should not wait for technology companies to arrive at their gates. Short-term certification programmes, AI laboratories, coding clubs, English and communication training, internships and industry partnerships should become part of their

employment strategy.

The same applies to students. Traditional degrees remain valuable, but they can no longer be treated as sufficient by themselves. Young people must increasingly build demonstrable skills alongside formal qualifications.

There is also a danger that Telangana could develop world-class AI infrastructure while sections of its own population remain spectators to the transformation. Preventing that divide requires affordable training and career guidance to reach students beyond elite engineering campuses and Hyderabad’s established IT corridors.



SESHE GOWDA BRACE POWERS RAILWAYS TO 5-1 WIN OVER CISF

Hyderabad, Sep 8:

Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), powered by a brace from Sheshe Gowda BM, registered a comfortable 5-1 win over Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in their Pool D match of the 6th Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship 2026 here on Tuesday.

In the other matches of the day, Sports Authority of India (SAI) defeated Punjab & Sind Bank 3-1, All India Police Sports Control Board beat Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) 3-1, while Central Secretariat and Punjab National Bank played out a 1-1 draw.

Railways made a flying start against CISF, scoring twice within the opening five minutes. Rohit converted a penalty corner in the third minute before Arshdeep Singh doubled the lead with a field goal two minutes later.

CISF pulled one back through Manoj Yadav, who scored from a pen-



alty corner in the 11th minute. Gowda restored Railways' two-goal advantage in the 13th minute, making it 3-1 at the end of a high-scoring first quarter.

Gowda struck again in the 26th minute, converting another penalty corner to give RSPB a 4-1 lead at half-time. Pardeep Singh completed the scoring in the 33rd minute as Railways secured the biggest win of the day's four matches.

In Pool B, SAI recov-

ered from their defeat to Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on Monday to beat Punjab & Sind Bank 3-1. Nitesh Sharma opened the scoring in the 29th minute, followed by Deepak Singh Fartyal in the 32nd. Sukhwinder Singh reduced the deficit for PSB in the 34th minute, but Shivam Patel restored SAI's two-goal cushion in the 43rd minute.

In Pool C, All India Police Sports Control

Board defeated CBDT 3-1. Dharamvir Singh and Shamsher Singh scored in the first half before Vijay Kumar Gond added a third in the 56th minute. Machaiah Pa pulled one back for CBDT a minute later.

Central Secretariat came from behind to hold Punjab National Bank 1-1 in Pool A. Gursimran Singh gave PNB the lead in the 34th minute, while Aniket Gurav equalised for Central Secretariat in the 46th minute.

Shami, Mukesh put East in command

Chennai, Sep 8:

Mohammed Shami and Mukesh Kumar claimed two wickets each as East Zone strengthened their position in the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday. After posting 708, East reduced South to 242/6 at stumps on Day 3, taking a 466-run lead. Devdutt Padikkal made 62, while captain Tilak Varma remained unbeaten on 56. South's batters struggled against disciplined East bowling and reverse swing.

Shami dismissed Shaik Rasheed and Smaran Ravichandran, while Mukesh removed Padikkal after his half-century. Ricky Bhui was caught behind after a successful DRS review, while Narayan Jagadeesan and Shreyas Gopal fell after poor shot selection. Shami bowled short spells after appearing to have a neck issue. With one day left, Tilak remains South's key hope of avoiding a heavy defeat, but the team faces a tough task.

PAKISTAN'S GULL FEROZA FINED FOR DISSENT DURING WOMEN'S ASIA CUP MATCH

Dubai, Sep 8:

Pakistan batter Gull Feroza has been fined 10 per cent of her match fee and handed one demerit point for breaching the ICC Code of Conduct during her side's Women's Asia Cup Group A match against Hong Kong in Dubai on Monday.

Feroza was found guilty of breaching Article 2.8, which relates to showing dissent at an umpire's decision during an international match.

The incident occurred in the fifth over of Pakistan's innings after Feroza was given out leg-before-wicket. She gestured towards her bat to indicate that she had edged the delivery, thereby expressing disagreement with the decision.

The sanction is Feroza's second disciplinary offence in a 24-month period, taking her tally to two demerit points. She had received her first demerit point following an incident during Pakistan's Women's T20 World Cup league match against Australia on June 23.

Feroza admitted the offence and accepted the sanc-



tion proposed by Supriya Rani Das of the Emirates ICC International Panel of Match Referees, avoiding a formal hearing.

The charge was brought by on-field umpires Rabab Ahsan and Rokeya Sultana, third umpire Shivani Mishra and fourth umpire Shathira Jakir.

Level 1 breaches of the ICC Code of Conduct carry sanctions ranging from an official reprimand to a fine of up to 50

per cent of a player's match fee, along with one or two demerit points.

Under the ICC disciplinary system, four or more demerit points accumulated within 24 months are converted into suspension points. Two suspension points result in a ban from one Test, two ODIs or two T20Is, whichever comes first. Demerit points remain on a player's record for 24 months from the date they are imposed.

'We Are Going To Win Gold': BCCI Chief Manhas Ahead of Asian Games

New Delhi, Sep 8:

The BCCI will send full-strength Indian men's and women's cricket teams to the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with president Mithun Manhas targeting gold in both events.

"We are going there with the aim of winning the gold medal for India. It will be a great event, and hopefully, I will be there as well to cheer for our team," Manhas told IANS.

India are defending champions in both events after winning gold at the 2022 Hangzhou Games. The women's team will enter at the quarter-final stage on September 18, followed by the semi-finals on September 20 and medal matches on September 22. The men's quarter-finals are scheduled for September 28, semi-finals on October 1 and medal matches on October 3.

VVS Laxman, head of the Centre of Excellence, will

coach the men's team, assisted by Sunil Joshi, Hrishikesh Kanitkar and Subhadeep Ghosh. Amol Muzumdar will coach the women's side. Regular men's coach Gautam Gambhir is taking a break before the West Indies white-ball series.

Laxman recently coached India in the T20I series against Zimbabwe. At Hangzhou, Rituraj Gaikwad led the men's team to gold, while Harmanpreet Kaur guided the women's side to the title.

The men's squad includes Shreyas Iyer, Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan, Tilak Varma, Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh, while the women's squad features Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma and Renuka Thakur. Varun Chakaravorthy, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi.

BANGLADESH ANNOUNCE WEST INDIES TEST SERIES SCHEDULE

Dhaka, Sep 8:

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Tuesday announced the schedule for the upcoming two-Test series against the West Indies, with both teams looking to strengthen their positions in the ongoing ICC World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

The first Test will be played at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur from October 28 to November 1, while the second Test is scheduled in Sylhet from November 5 to 9.

Bangladesh are currently fourth in the nine-team WTC standings after three wins, two defeats and a draw from six matches. Their recent campaign received a boost with a 1-1 series draw against Australia. They had earlier lost 1-0 to Sri Lanka before com-



pleting a 2-0 home series sweep against Pakistan.

The West Indies are eighth in the standings, above Pakistan, with two wins, eight defeats and two draws from 12 Tests. They lost their first five matches of the cycle, including a 3-0 home series against Australia and a 2-0 away defeat to India.

The Caribbean side re-

corded their first victory of the cycle against Sri Lanka, winning the two-Test home series 1-0, before drawing their most recent series 1-1 against Pakistan.

The West Indies will have an opportunity to prepare for the series with a three-day warm-up match in Bangladesh from October 22.

With both sides seeking valuable WTC points, the two Tests are expected to carry considerable importance as the championship cycle progresses.

Series schedule:
October 28-November 1: First Test, Mirpur

November 5-9: Second Test, Sylhet

Neha Kakkar Reveals Why She Took A Break From Social Media

Mumbai, Sep 8:

Singer Neha Kakkar has revealed that a fallout with her brother and music composer Tony Kakkar, rather than any issue with her husband Rohanpreet Singh, prompted her decision to step away from music and social media earlier this year.

Speaking to the media, Neha said people had assumed that her decision was linked to her husband because she was married. "Whenever a married girl talks about a relationship, people take it straight to the husband. Whereas I had a fight with Tony bhai, and for me, music means my Tony bhai," she said.

Neha said she and Tony have always been closely connected when it comes to music and that the disagreement left her emo-



tionally upset.

"Because I had a big fight with Tony bhai I thought, 'I am leaving everything, I don't want to do anything. This world is bad,'" she said.

The singer added that artists tend to be highly emotional and that her decision was driven by those emotions. However, she said she could never permanently give up music.

"When you have a fight with your brother,

that's what happens. But of course, we are all artists, and we artists are very emotional. So those feelings came out in those emotions, but I am never leaving music," she said. Neha also said she did not want to disappoint her fans, who had continued to support her.

"How can I do such an injustice to my fans who love me so much? I had to be back," she added.

Neha had announced a break from social media on January 19, 2026, saying she was stepping away from "responsibilities, relationships, work and everything". She also requested paparazzi and fans not to film her and asked for privacy.

"I hope you respect my privacy and let me live freely in this world. No cameras plz!" she had written in the post, which she later deleted.

Haiwaan gets U/A16+ Certificate ahead of September 11 release

Mumbai, Sep 8:

Akshay Kumar and Saif Ali Khan-starrer 'Haiwaan' has received a U/A 16+ certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), three days ahead of its worldwide theatrical release on September 11.

Directed by Priyadarshan, the thriller also stars Boman Irani, Sharib Hashmi, Saiyami Kher and Shriya Pilgaonkar in pivotal roles.

The film marks the reunion of Akshay and Saif on screen after 18 years. The actors have previously worked together in films including 'Main Khiladi Tu Anari' (1994), 'Yeh Dillagi' (1994), 'Aarzoo' (1999) and 'Tashan' (2008).

Akshay had earlier shared a behind-the-scenes video from the sets when the film went on floors in August. He described Priyadarshan



as his "absolute favourite captain of the ship" and said it was great to work with Saif again after nearly 17 years.

In an exclusive interaction with IANS, Priyadarshan revealed that Akshay was not initially part of 'Haiwaan'. While shooting 'Bhoot Bangla', the filmmaker casually told Akshay about a character he was looking to cast.

"While I was shooting Bhoot Bangla, I casually told Akshay that I was

looking for a character like this and many people were not agreeing. He immediately said, 'I will do it,' Priyadarshan recalled.

The director said he was excited by the prospect of presenting "another Akshay Kumar" in the film.

'Haiwaan' is backed by Venkat K. Narayana and Shailaja Desai Fenn under KVN Productions and Thespian Films. The film has been certified at a runtime of 164 minutes and seven seconds.

When Madhuri Watched 'Tezaab' in a Burqa

Mumbai, Sep 8:

Bollywood star Madhuri Dixit once watched her 1988 blockbuster Tezaab in a theatre while wearing a burqa to experience the audience's reaction to her hit song 'Ek Do Teen'. Recalling the incident on The Kapil Sharma Show, she said she visited Chandan Cinema in disguise. As the song played, viewers threw coins from the back rows, some land-



ing on her and her companions, prompting them to flee. Despite the disguise, people recognised her in the lobby and shouted, "Madhuri has come." Directed by N. Chandra, Tezaab also starred Anil Kapoor.

Ranveer-Deepika Share Adorable Family Photos with Dua Ahead of Second Child's Arrival



Mumbai, Sep 8:

Bollywood actors Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone shared a series of adorable family photographs featuring their daughter Dua as they await the arrival of their second child.

The couple shared a joint post on Instagram on Tuesday, featuring black-and-white photographs from a maternity photoshoot. In the pictures, Dua, who turned two on Tuesday, is seen enjoying playful moments with her parents, while Deepika flaunts her baby bump. "Baby Dua and our hearts are getting bigger! Thank you for your blessings!" Ranveer wrote in the caption.

Dua looked adorable in a collared top paired with trousers, with her hair tied into two ponytails adorned with ribbons. Deepika wore a netted floral top, while Ranveer opted for a simple shirt

and trousers.

The post drew affectionate reactions from friends and colleagues from the film industry. Ranveer's 'Dhurandhar' co-star Sara Arjun called them "the most adorable family", while another member of the film's team commented, "Mashallah beautiful". Filmmaker Atlee, who is directing Deepika in 'Raaka', also reacted with several red heart emojis.

Ranveer and Deepika announced in April that they were expecting their second child. The couple shared the news on social media through a post featuring Dua holding a pregnancy test showing a positive result.

The couple got married in an intimate ceremony at Lake Como, Italy, in November 2018. They welcomed their first child, daughter Dua, on September 8, 2024.



Viral stories, social trends, public interest and issues capturing attention.

Hong Kong woman raises Rs 47 lakh to help Indian house help build a home of her own

Abeer Tabakhi launched the GoFundMe campaign for Maryam, who has also built a following of more than 20,000 people on Instagram through her warm personality and food videos.

In the fundraiser, Abeer described Maryam as one of the most selfless people she had ever met, but said her life away from social media had been far more difficult.

Maryam was adopted when she was five and was made to do household chores for years while allegedly being deprived of proper care.

Abeer wrote that Maryam’s family repeatedly took advantage of her financially, either taking the money she earned or saying they were borrowing it and would return it.

She also claimed

Maryam faced punishment rather than guidance when she made mistakes and endured years of mental and physical abuse, including hurtful comments about her appearance and skin colour.

After eventually leaving the situation, Maryam was left without a home of her own. Abeer said Maryam was currently staying with her family in Hong Kong, but still had medical bills to deal with and few people to turn to.

What Maryam wanted, Abeer said, was relatively simple: a home where she could feel safe, rest and build a life on her own terms.

The fundraiser also said Maryam had little to no savings because she continued paying her husband’s monthly medical bills while he battled a terminal illness.



A Hong Kong-based woman started a fundraiser for her Indian house help, hoping to help her build a home of her own after years of alleged financial and physical abuse by the family that adopted her.

Despite everything, Abeer described her as someone who continued to show up every day with positivity and kindness.

The campaign has so far raised A£3,688, around Rs 47 lakh, from donors supporting her journey towards financial independence and a home of her own.

However, the fundraiser later brought another challenge. In an update, Tabakhi said Maryam’s family members had discovered the campaign and were allegedly posting hateful comments on their videos, calling her a “fraud” and a “beggar” and urging people not to donate.

Despite the backlash, Abeer said Maryam had

decided to stand her ground and continue fighting for a better future.

“Unfortunately, her family members have found out about her fundraiser and are constantly posting hate comments on our videos,” Abeer Tabakhi wrote in the update, while thanking supporters for their kindness and generosity.

New York woman says India isn’t poor, calls out stereotypes about the country

A tattoo artist from New York currently touring India has called out stereotypes surrounding the country in videos examining how it has been portrayed abroad, arguing that its history and cultural contributions have often been overlooked or misrepresented.

In one of the videos posted on her Instagram account, Jema Ferrer Julka said, “You have been racist, and you do not even realise it,” before addressing some of the commonly held perceptions about India and placing them in a broader historical context.

Discussing the idea that India has always been a poor country, Jema argued that the country was instead “impoverished for centuries”. She pointed to India’s history as a major textile power, noting that its cotton, silk and muslin were once among the finest and most sought-after fabrics in the world.

She attributed the decline of the industry to the changes brought about under British rule. Colonial trade policies disadvantaged Indian producers while benefiting British manufacturers, she said, leaving millions of artisans and weavers without their livelihoods and pushing an industry that had represented Indian craftsmanship for centuries into decline.

Jema said the decline did not mean India had stopped producing high-quality goods, but that colonial rule had shifted who had control over the profits generated from Indian production.

She also highlighted India’s approach to its struggle for independence, pointing to Mahatma Gandhi and the country’s use of non-violence as a means of resisting oppression.

“When the time came to fight back, India chose a different path. Peace,” she said, adding that India demonstrated how immense oppression could be challenged without relying on weapons.

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In a separate video, Jema addressed the stereotypes through which India has often been viewed, both during the colonial period and in modern popular culture: “India has been portrayed through a stereotype of poverty, mocked accents and poor hygiene.”

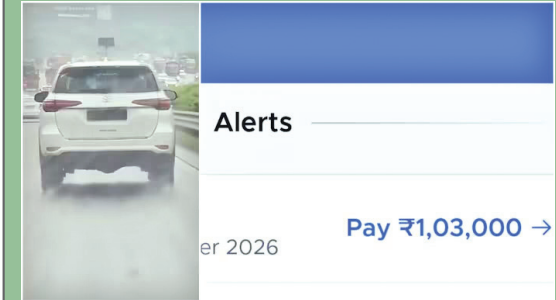
At the same time, she pointed out that several aspects of Indian culture have been widely adopted and commercialised in the West. She cited yoga as one example, saying it had grown into a multi-billion-dollar industry while often becoming detached from its philosophical and spiritual origins.

She also referred to boho aesthetics, mandalas, Ayurveda, meditation and Indian textile and artisanal traditions as cultural elements that have gained popularity internationally without always receiving acknowledgement for their Indian origins.

Jema Ferrer Julka further highlighted the contribution of Indian creativity and labour to the global fashion industry. She argued that the appreciation of Indian culture cannot be separated from the treatment of the people and communities responsible for creating and preserving it.

“We can’t keep celebrating a culture while dehumanising the people who represent it,” she said.

SUV with disappearing number plate is law-breaker in motion, has Rs 1 lakh challan



An SUV being driven on roads in Maharashtra appeared to have one very convenient feature: its number plate could disappear whenever the driver wanted.

But that was not the only thing unusual about the Toyota Fortuner. Its challan history showed 55 traffic violations, with fines adding up to around Rs 1 lakh.

A video of the mysterious SUV was shared on social media, showing the vehicle moving along a road before a black cover suddenly began sliding down and completely concealed the registration plate.

The unusual modification caught people’s attention online, with viewers questioning how a vehicle could be driven openly with a mechanism that allowed its number plate to be hidden at the push of a button.

But the number plate was not the only thing that raised eyebrows. In another post, X user Nachiket Deshpande shared the vehicle’s challan history, which showed 55 challans against it.

As shown in the RTO (Regional Transport Office) information platform CarInfo record shared in the post, 50 of the challans were for speeding. Almost all of these carried a fine of Rs 2,000 each, adding up to around Rs 1 lakh.

The record also showed one driver seat-belt violation carrying a Rs 1,000 fine, one passenger seat-belt violation for Rs 1,000 and one offence for an improperly displayed or painted registration mark, also carrying a Rs 1,000 fine.

Nachiket criticised the lack of enforcement, arguing that a vehicle with such a history should have faced stronger action. He also raised concerns about the possibility of a concealed number plate making the vehicle harder to identify in the event of an offence.

The post triggered strong reactions, with one user arguing that authorities should also investigate the vendor who installed the mechanism on the SUV, saying a fine alone would not be enough.

Kerala’s new govt bus with flight-like feel

A video tour of the Kerala government’s newly launched premium bus has gone viral. The clip showed its flight-like amenities, including plush seating, refreshments and an onboard washroom.



A video showing a newly launched high-end bus service by the Kerala government has become a hit on social media. Shared by vlogger Ajay Johny, the video offers a glimpse of its premium interiors and services.

Operated by Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), the service promises to give a flight-like feel to passengers travelling by road.

The video, shared on Instagram, gives a tour of the bus while highlighting the facilities available to passengers travelling between Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi. The journey covers roughly 200-227 km, depending on the route taken.

“Now the business class facility is not only for

international flights but also for Kerala KSRTC buses,” Ajay says in the video.

The bus features plush leather seats, with individual entertainment screens adding to the premium feel. Passengers also have access to free Wi-Fi, while charging ports are available at the seats, allowing them to keep their devices powered throughout the journey.

The service also includes a hostess to assist passengers during the trip. The video shows her serving refreshments, including hot beverages and a shawarma roll, giving the journey an experience that goes beyond conventional bus travel.

One of the features that particularly stands out is the onboard bathroom.

The video shows the washroom inside the bus, which appears clean and well-maintained, adding another layer of convenience for passengers travelling between the two cities.

The combination of comfortable seating, entertainment, connectivity, refreshments and an onboard washroom has made the service a talking point on social media.

The clip was also shared on X by Ananth Rupanagudi, Chief Project Manager with Indian Railways, who praised the service.

With its focus on comfort and convenience, the bus has given the familiar idea of a long-distance KSRTC journey a distinctly premium upgrade and social media users are clearly taking notice.

Rejected 15 Times, Engineer Finally Lands Role With Rs 1.1 Crore Package At Amazon

How far can you go to get the taste of an authentic vada pav? For one woman, paying nearly Rs 15,000 and travelling from Delhi to Mumbai apparently worth it for the humble snack. In an Instagram video, the content creator shared that her journey to Mumbai began after she began craving “real” vada pav, which turned into an entire trip to the City of Dreams.

Sharing her experience in the clip, the woman, who goes by Witty Space on social media, explained that she was eating vada pav in Delhi when she felt it did not taste good. Convinced that the authentic version could only be found in Mumbai, she packed her bags and decided to fly to the city immediately.

She Spends Rs 15,000 For Rs 20 Vada Pav

While she was inside a cab heading towards Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport, she said that she booked a flight to Mumbai worth Rs 5,000. Once she reached there and was waiting for her flight, she decided to have a cup of tea costing Rs 165. After she hopped onto her



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flight at 4 PM, she paid Rs 300 for cup noodles as she was hungry.

She landed in Mumbai around 7 PM. But her food adventure did not go according to the plan, because of the “slow pace” of the city. She said that it took her around 70 minutes to cover just 11 km of distance, which led her to book a hotel room for Rs 4,000 per night.

Determined to complete her mission, she headed out the following morning in search of street-style vada pav. Rather than ordering the snack online, she specifically wanted to experience it from a street-side stall. She eventually found one where the vada pav cost just Rs 20.

By then, however, she claimed she had spent around Rs 15,000 on the entire trip. At the end of the clip, she said, “As soon as I took my first

bite, I realised that Vada Pav is really available in the city of dreams. After spending so much time and money, I can say that this is the best Vada Pav of my life.”

Internet Calls It “Ameero Ke Struggle”

Her unusual food journey has since sparked reactions online, with some users relating to the idea of travelling long distances for a favourite dish, while others questioned whether spending Rs 15,000 for a Rs 20 snack was really worth it.

An individual said, “Worth it.”

Meanwhile, a user wrote, “Itna crazy main bhi nahi hu vada pav ke liye... Delhi me vada pav ki bahut yaad aati hai.”

Another person joked, “Vada pav pasand nahin aega to bhi tarif to karna padegi na, 15,000 kharcha hua hai bhai”

“Ameero ke struggle,” someone else quipped.

Mumbai Landlord Installs CCTV Inside Girls’ PG Living Room

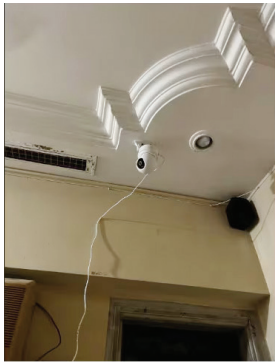
Japan’s Ambassador to India, Ono Keiichi, shared pictures and a video from his visit to Rishikesh, while standing in the Ganga river and taking three ritualistic dips. Dressed in a casual blue shirt, the ambassador was seen holding on to a chain as he immersed himself in the water.

Sharing a picture from the visit, Ambassador Ono wrote, “Finally, a full dip in the Ganges in Rishikesh—three

times!” He said the experience came during the Janmashtami weekend, when he was surrounded by people following centuries-old faith and traditions.

He described the moment as deeply meaningful, saying he felt a “profound spiritual connection” along with “awe, humility, and gratitude”. He also called the experience “truly unforgettable”.

The post offered a glimpse of the ambas-



sador participating in a ritual that is closely associated with the spiritual traditions of the Ganga. Rishikesh, situ-

ated along the river, is one of India’s prominent pilgrimage and spiritual destinations and attracts visitors from across the world.

His post garnered several reactions from Indian X users, many of whom welcomed the ambassador’s experience and appreciated his participation in the tradition.

Several users praised his openness to experiencing Indian culture and spirituality, while others welcomed him to Rishikesh

and expressed happiness at seeing the Ganga through his eyes.

Ono Keiichi has been serving as Japan’s Ambassador to India since October 2024, taking over from Hiroshi Suzuki. Before his current role, he held key positions in Japan’s foreign policy establishment, including serving as Senior Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and as Japan’s G7 Sherpa during the 2023 Hiroshima Summit.