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**Odisha Rescue Stepped Up; 12 REMAIN MISSING**
Bad weather blocks Navy helicopter landing; specialised search equipment heads to Ganjam landslide site by road

Key Highlights

- Around 170 personnel involved in search.
- Railway teams expected to reinforce rescuers.
- Elderly woman traced after initially being reported missing.

Rhubaneswar, October 31: Munsif Desk

Odisha strengthened efforts to locate missing residents of Gidipabali on Saturday, but heavy rain disrupted the delivery of equipment needed to search the landslide-hit settlement near the Ganjam-Kandhamal border.

An Indian Navy helicopter carrying a seismic life-detection unit, vibration-detection equipment and a victim-location camera could not descend at the designated location because of adverse weather.

The devices were being transported by road and were expected to reach the site for use early Sunday, officials said.

Their arrival and deployment had not been confirmed in the evening update.

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NDRF, ODRAF, fire services and police personnel were involved in the operation. Authorities said experts were being consulted as difficult access and continuing rainfall hampered the search.

The available accounts do not establish when warnings reached the settlement or what evacuation assistance was offered to residents unable or unwilling to leave. Those questions remain unresolved.

For now, the immediate operational test is getting specialist equipment into position and sustaining the search despite weather and access constraints.

ED Detains Azam Khan After Release From Rampur Jail

NEW DELHI, October 31: The Enforcement Directorate arrested Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan on Saturday after his release from Rampur jail, officials said, confirming an arrest following initial reports of detention.

His release followed the Allahabad High Court's suspension of his sentence and grant of bail in the PAN-card case involving his son Abdullah. The ED action concerns a separate money-laundering investigation linked to Mohammad Ali Jauhar University.

The agency alleges diversion of government funds into the university. Khan alleged religious targeting over his establishment of the institution. These remain competing claims, not judicial findings.

Officials said he would appear before a special PMLA court in Ghaziabad on Sunday, where the ED would seek custody for interrogation. The signatories were Türkiye's Yaşar Güler, Qatar's Sheikh Saud bin Abdulrahman bin Hasan Al Thani, Pakistan's Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Indonesia's Deputy Defence Minister Yusuf Jauhari.

Parts of Hyderabad Face 36-Hour Water Disruption
Gandipet conduit repairs scheduled from 6 am November 3 to 6 pm November 4

Hyderabad, October 31: Munsif Desk

HMWSSB announced on Saturday that repairs to major Gandipet conduit leaks near Sabza Colony, Tolichowki and Manikonda would interrupt drinking-water supplies.

Affected localities include Nampally, Mallepally, Red Hills, Sitarambagh, Asif Nagar, Ahmed Nagar, Chintal Basti and Vijayanagar Colony. Domalguda and areas within Kavadiguda, Gandhinagar and Banjara Hills wards are also covered.

The board urged consumers to use water sparingly. Households, hospitals, schools and businesses in affected areas should prepare for the interruption.

The reported announcement did not specify emergency tanker arrangements for vulnerable institutions or clarify whether the scheduled end includes restoration at consumers' taps rather than completion of repair work alone.

Centre Raises Diesel Export Levy, Removes Petrol Duty

New Delhi, October 31: The Centre raised diesel export duties from ₹8.50 to ₹11.50 a litre and aviation turbine fuel duty from ₹10.50 to ₹11, while reducing petrol export duty from ₹2.50 to zero

The revised rates took effect on October 31 for the next fortnight. The Finance Ministry clarified that domestic petrol and diesel duty rates remain unchanged; the notification does not itself change pump prices.

The revisions alter refiners' export incentives under a policy intended to protect domestic supplies. Their impact on fuel availability, government revenue and refinery margins will depend on subsequent prices and sales volumes.

OFFICIALS DISCARD 544 KG OF FOOD MATERIAL
Hyderabad Suspends Licences of 14 Eateries After Raids
TG SAFE orders immediate closure of establishments in Golconda & Charminar zones over hygiene & storage violations

Hyderabad, Oct 31: Food businesses including Hotel Nayaab at Nayapool and Shah Ghouse Cafe at Shahalibanda were directed to stop operations immediately on Saturday following inspections by the Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs.

Officials inspected 22 establishments and reported pest infestations, expired products, spoiled vegetables and improper storage of raw and cooked food.

Another 13 kg of used cooking oil, suspected of repeated use, was discarded.

The suspended establishments also include Lucky Restaurant at Santosh Nagar, Mehfil Restaurant at Dilsukhnagar and Dine Hill Restaurant at Masab Tank.

Separately, notices seeking explanations were issued to businesses including Taj Falaknuma Palace and Pista House at Shahalibanda. These notices are distinct from the suspension and closure directions.

Samples were collected on suspicion of adulteration; the available reports contained no laboratory findings confirming it.

The reports reviewed did not specify establishment-wise reopening conditions or arrangements for independently checking corrective measures. No responses from the affected businesses were included in those reports.

Telangana Announces ₹120 Crore for Drinking-Water Contingency
Four districts covered by Singur alternatives; ₹1 Cr each approved for immediate needs elsewhere

Hyderabad, Oct 31: Minister Seethakka on Saturday announced ₹120 crore for alternative drinking-water arrangements linked to Singur, covering Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy and Nizamabad, to protect households against supply disruptions.

Reviewing preparedness with Mission Bhagiratha and Public Health engineers, she said other districts would receive ₹1 crore each for immediate requirements. Officials were directed to identify villages facing interrupted supplies or depleted groundwater.

Engineers were instructed to use local sources, rent borewells where necessary and arrange tanker deliveries. Hand pumps and wells must remain accessible, while reservoir levels should be monitored. Ongoing groundwater-recharge works were to be completed within two days.

The announcement establishes funding approval, but the reports reviewed do not confirm when money will become available to implementing agencies. Village priorities, delivery targets, tanker rates and dedicated grievance contacts were not specified, leaving implementation details unclear.

Bay Depression Forms; IMD Issues Fresh Andhra Warning
Amaravati, October 31: Munsif Desk

A depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal remained short of cyclonic-storm strength on Saturday evening, but IMD forecast further intensification and movement towards Andhra Pradesh.

Its 9:54 pm bulletin, using 5:30 pm observations, placed the system about 980 km southeast of Visakhapatnam. IMD forecast cyclonic-storm strength on November 1, followed by a severe cyclonic storm on November 2.

The projected crossing was between Nellore and Narsapur on November 3 morning, with winds of 100–110 kmph, gusting to 120 kmph. These remain forecasts, not observed coastal conditions.

For recovering communities, preparedness hinges on usable shelters, cleared drainage and replenished emergency supplies; the bulletin does not establish their readiness. Fishing operations face very rough to high seas in the southeast Bay. Coastal wind projections should not be treated as a blanket warning for Telangana.

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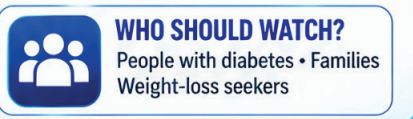
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Agent Arrested for Cheating Job Seekers on Pretext of Sending Them Abroad

Armur, Oct 31: Munsif Desk

Armur police have arrested Sheikh Taha, alias Sheikh Saif, who allegedly cheated several unemployed people by promising them jobs abroad and collected crores of rupees from them. He was operating an unauthorised consultancy under the name of Shine Abroad Consultancy in Mahalaxmi Colony, Armur.

Armur Circle Inspector Chandrashekhar Reddy said the accused collected passports and money from job

seekers, promising to arrange employment and work visas in foreign countries. However, the consultancy did not have the required licence or authorisation to operate.

The accused allegedly cheated several people from Balkonda, Kammarpally, Mortad, Nandipet, Velpur, Jakranpally, Nizamabad and Mupkal mandals, besides Karimnagar, Jagtial and Nirmal districts.

He reportedly collected amounts ranging from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh per person. Promising to send them



to Israel, Russia and other countries on work visas, he allegedly collected huge sums of money. However, he issued visit visas to some applicants while failing to arrange visas for others. He also retained the passports of several victims, leaving them in distress. Following complaints from the victims, police registered a case and arrested the absconding accused. A car and a mobile phone were seized from his possession, and he was subsequently produced before the court.

Remain Accessible to Public and Ensure Efficient Service Delivery: Collector



Rajanna Sircilla, Oct 31: Munsif Desk

Rajanna Sircilla District Collector Garima Agrawal directed officials and staff of the Tahsildar office to remain readily accessible to the public at all times and ensure the delivery of better services.

On Saturday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the Yellareddypet Tahsildar office in Rajanna Sircilla district.

She first examined the attendance registers of officials and staff, reviewed the registration process and gathered

details about the public services being provided.

On the occasion, Collector Garima Agrawal instructed officials to remain available and provide prompt services to applicants visiting the office for caste, income, residence and other certificates, as well as registration-related services.

She also directed officials to complete the land resurvey work in a systematic and comprehensive manner. Officers from the Survey and Land Records Department and other concerned departments were instructed to work in close coordination.

Nizamabad Police Celebrate Sardar Patel Jayanti

Nizamabad, Oct 31: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) was celebrated grandly at the Police Parade Ground under the aegis of the Nizamabad Police Department.

The programme was organised in accordance with the directions of the Union Home Ministry under the leadership of Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS. A pledge-taking ceremony was also conducted with the participation of police personnel. Addressing the gathering, Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya said that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar

Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India. He said Patel was a great leader who played a crucial role in India's freedom struggle and made an invaluable contribution towards maintaining the unity and integrity of the country. He also played a key role in the integration of princely states into the Indian Union, earning him the title of the Iron Man of India.

Additional DCP (Administration) N. Shubham Prakash, AO Asia Begum, Nizamabad IT and CCRB ACPs Prakash, R. Narender and Guru Naidu, office superintendents, Reserve Inspectors, Circle Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, police station personnel, Armed Reserve (AR) staff, Special Party personnel and Home Guards participated in the programme.

Indiramma Scheme to Fulfil Poor Families' Housing Dreams: Collector

Suryapet, Oct 31: Munsif Desk

Ensuring that every deserving poor family fulfils its dream of owning a house is the primary objective of the Praja Palana government, and the Indiramma Housing Scheme is being implemented towards this goal, said District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar.

He stated that 319 houses had already been sanctioned within Suryapet Municipality limits, while the government had approved an additional 657 houses in the second phase.

Addressing a programme organised in Suryapet on Saturday for the distribution of Indiramma Housing sanction certificates, the Collector



advised beneficiaries to commence construction within a week and complete the houses within 100 days.

He clarified that houses should be constructed within the prescribed area of 400 to 600 square feet and that beneficiaries must strictly adhere to government guidelines and regulations.

The Collector said the government was providing financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh for the construction of each house. Funds would be released in phases based on construction progress at the basement, lintel and roof levels. Beneficiaries were instructed to submit photographs of construction work

to the concerned officials at every stage.

He expressed the hope that beneficiaries would complete construction by January 26 and perform the Griha Pravesham ceremony. He assured that the district administration, municipal and housing departments would extend full cooperation to facilitate the process.

He also warned that irregularities or malpractice in the sanctioning of houses and construction activities would not be tolerated.

Municipal Chairperson Mori Shetty Nodhitha Lakshya said providing every poor family with its own house was a fundamental objective of the Praja Palana government.

DSC Rally for re-enrolment as Sepoy (GD) for retired EME personnel will be held on Nov 2

Hyderabad, Oct 31: NSS

Defence Security Corps (DSC) rally for re-enrolment into DSC as Sepoy (GD) for retired EME personnel (Other Ranks) only will be held at 1 EME Centre, Secunderabad on November 2.

All eligible Ex-Servicemen are required to report at Recruitment Cell, Headquarters 1 EME Centre, Secunderabad

at 0730 hours on November 2 to participate in the rally. Ex-servicemen from the Corps of EME can apply within two years from date of retirement. Age as on 01 Oct 2026 should not be more than 46 years for Sepoy General Duty. Medical Category of Ex-Servicemen should be SHAPE-1. Armourer, Driver MT, Operator & Driver Recovery, Ex-servicemen only are the Trades eligible to apply.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas at Collectorate

Nizamabad, Oct 31: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

On the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, pledge was taken on Saturday at Integrated District Offices Complex (Collectorate). Nizamabad Member of Parliament Dharmapuri Arvind, Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana, Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh, Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi, City Mayor K. Umarani, National Turmeric Board Chairman Palle Gangareddy, Additional Collectors Rajagoud, Bhujangarao and others garlanded the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and paid tributes.

MY Bharat Organises Youth Parliament on Viksit Bharat

Hyderabad, Oct.31 (NSS): Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Hyderabad, organised a Neighbourhood Youth Parliament on "Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat" and Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad on "Know Your Vote" at Pragati Mahavidyalaya here on Saturday. The programme, held to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel commemorated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), highlighted youth participation in nation-building, democratic awareness and the need to combat substance abuse.

College Principal Dr Madhavi Latha stressed the importance of youth involvement in nation-building. District Youth Officer (I/c) Ganta Rajesh explained MY Bharat's initiatives and the objectives of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue.

Peddapalli Administration Steps Up Water Conservation Measures to Tackle El Niño

Peddapalli, Oct 31: Musif Desk

In view of climate change, declining rainfall, falling groundwater levels and the possibility of drought-like conditions due to the anticipated impact of El Niño in the coming months, the Peddapalli district administration has initiated precautionary measures well in advance.

The district administration has prepared a comprehensive action plan to address these challenges. The primary objective is to encourage farmers to cultivate crops according to water availability, provide employment opportunities to rural residents and create permanent water conservation infrastructure.

Under the guidance of State Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Adluri Laxman Kumar, Government Whip

Farmers encouraged to cultivate alternative crops instead of paddy during the Yasangi (Rabi) season

Water conservation initiatives under Telangana Jala Siri and development of rural water resources through the VB-G RAM G scheme

Special measures to protect Kharif crops and advance planning to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply

Coordinated efforts by various departments under the guidance of public representatives

by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Irrigation, Drinking Water and Electricity departments.

A key feature of the initiative is to begin water conservation works in rural areas before the full impact of El Niño is felt, thereby preparing for possible water shortages in the future.

Special attention is being given to every aspect, ranging from protecting farmers' crops and ensuring drinking water availability to generating rural employment and improving groundwater resources.

8 Per Cent Deficit in Rainfall Recorded From June 1 to October 27, the district received 863 mm of rainfall against the normal rainfall of 940.9 mm, registering an overall deficit of 8 per cent.

Conserve Water in View of El Niño Conditions: MP Arvind

Nizamabad, Oct 31: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind has called for strict water conservation measures in view of the severe rainfall deficit expected due to El Niño conditions. He urged officials to create extensive awareness among the public and farmers about the need to use available water resources judiciously.

The MP also directed officials to expedite the construction of the Madhavanagar and Arsapally Railway Over Bridges (ROBs), which are expected to provide considerable relief to the public, and ensure their completion within the next four to five months. The District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee



(DISHA) meeting was held on Saturday under the chairmanship of MP Dharmapuri Arvind at the meeting hall of the Integrated District Offices Complex.

Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana, Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh, District Collector Ila Tripathi, City Mayor K. Umarani, National Turmeric Board Chairman Palle Gangareddy

and other officials and public representatives attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed the progress of various welfare and development programmes being implemented through different departments with funds provided by the Central Government. Officials also briefed the MP on the action taken on resolutions adopted during the previous meeting.

Cyberabad Police Celebrate National Unity Day

Hyderabad, Oct.31 (NSS): Cyberabad Police observed National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) on Saturday, marking the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

DCP (Admin) Annapurna administered the National Unity Pledge to police officers and personnel, urging them to uphold national unity, integrity and communal harmony.

Highlighting Patel's contribution to the freedom struggle, she recalled his pivotal role in integrating 562 princely states into the Indian Union. She said his leadership and commitment to national integration continued to inspire generations.

TNGOs Demand PRC-Based Fitment, CPS Review Committee

Medak, Oct 31: Munsif Desk

TNGOs District President Narendra has demanded that the government announce the fitment percentage based on the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) report, constitute a study committee to examine the abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), and immediately release pending bills of employees and retired employees.

He said sustained efforts were necessary to resolve the long-pending issues of em-

ployees and secure the formation of the Charminar Zone.

Addressing the district executive committee meeting held at the TNGOs building at the district headquarters, Narendra expressed concern that although the PRC was announced in 2023, the process had not been completed even by the end of 2026. He termed the government's failure to obtain the PRC report unfortunate.

He said the government had promised to release Rs. 1,000 crore to Rs. 2,000 crore every month towards clearing pending bills of employees

and retired employees, but the promised payments were not being made in practice.

He also strongly objected to the delay in constituting a study committee to examine the abolition of CPS.

Narendra said a roadmap had been prepared to intensify the movement for the formation of the Charminar Zone by bringing together all sections of society in the district.

He revealed that preparations were underway to organise a large public meeting with students during the first week of November.



On the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti, "National Unity Day", as per the orders of Central Home Ministry, "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" programme was today grandly celebrated at Police Parade Ground under the aegis of Nizamabad Police Department under the leadership of Hon'ble Nizamabad Police Commissioner S. P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS. After that, pledge taking programme was conducted with Police personnel.



BRAOU OBSERVES RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS

Hyderabad: Oct 31: NSS

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) observed “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” (National Unity Day) at its campus on Saturday to commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. As per the Central Government and University Grants Commission (UGC) instructions, the University employees observed to reaffirm the commitment to preserving and strengthening the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

The University employees collectively took the “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” Pledge. Subsequently, a “Run for Unity” rally programme was organised on the university campus.

The University also observed “Probity for Prosperity” as part of Vigilance Awareness Week, being conducted from October 26 to November 1. On this occasion, the university employees collectively took the “Fight Against Corruption – Integrity Pledge”, reaffirming their commitment to transparency, honesty and ethical practices in public service. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. L. Vijay Krishna Reddy, Registrar; Prof.G.Pushpa Chakrapani, Academic Director; Prof. K. Rani Rajitha Madhuri, Prof. Prameela Kethawath, Prof. Mary Sunanda, Prof. Venkata Ramana, Dr. Y. Venkateswarlu, K. Prem Kumar, Miya Jani, Manjula, Bharat Reddy, and Dr. Yakesh Daida All Directors.

CISF, IIT HYDERABAD JOIN HANDS ON DRONE SECURITY

Hyderabad: Oct 31: NSS

In a decisive move to strengthen its long-term operational preparedness against asymmetric aerial threats, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Saturday signed an MoU with TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad, to strengthen its capabilities in drone and anti-drone technologies.

The agreement was signed by CISF IG and NISA Director Harpreet Kaur Sohi and TiHAN Project Director Prof. Rajlakshmi P. at the IIT Hyderabad campus. The signing ceremony was also attended by Anil Damor, DIG NISA, Anil Kumar, commandant (Adm), NISA, Savitoj Singh Gill, AIG NCR Zone, and the distinguished faculty of TiHAN.

MEIL Emphasises Technology-Driven Urban Infrastructure Development

Hyderabad, Oct 31: NSS

Adoption of modern construction methods, digital monitoring and artificial intelligence-based planning can significantly improve the execution and quality of urban infrastructure projects, said K. Govardhan Reddy, President, Projects Division, Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL). Speaking at the



Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday described the Vedas as the foundation of Indian civilisation and culture, highlighting their relevance to spirituality, environmental conservation, ethical values and social harmony. Addressing the 26th Telangana Veda Vidwan Mahasabhalu at Yadagirigutta, the Governor lauded the Guru-Shishya tradition and the dedication of Acharyas in preserving Vedic knowledge, pronunciation and recitation across generations.

FIRST ‘VOTE THEFT’ WAS AGAINST PATEL, ALLEGES UNION MINISTER

Hyderabad: Oct 31: NSS

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday accused the Congress leadership of committing the first ‘vote theft’ after Independence by favouring Jawaharlal Nehru over Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the selection of India’s first Prime Minister.

Addressing a gathering after paying tributes to Patel on his birth anniversary here at the BJP State Office, alongside party president N. Ramchander Rao, Kishan Reddy alleged that internal democ-



racy was sacrificed to place Nehru in power despite Patel enjoying greater support.

He credited Patel with integrating over 550 princely states and taking

decisive action during the Hyderabad Police Action (Operation Polo), which ended the Nizam’s rule. He also blamed Nehru’s policies for the prolonged Kashmir dispute and its

consequences.

Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi for abrogating Article 370 and honouring Patel through Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and the Statue of Unity, he urged the youth to draw inspiration from Patel’s patriotism and national integration.

Ramchander Rao said Patel’s contribution to India’s unity and the liberation of Telangana would remain immortal, urging youngsters to follow his ideals of discipline and selfless service.

17-year-old DMLT student found dead in Khammam hostel; BRS demands inquiry

Khammam: Oct 31: NSS

Suspicious death of a 17-year-old student at a Backward Classes Hostel in Khammam city triggered protests by family members and BRS leaders.

The deceased student Achala Ajaya Kumar of Ganeshpadu village in Raghunadhapalem mandal, was studying the second-year Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology (DMLT) course at ASR Government Junior College at Shantinagar area of the city. According to sources, after spending time cheerfully and playing sports with his fellow students, Ajay Kumar went to the bathroom around 4 pm on Friday.

When he did not return, his fellow students broke open the bathroom door



around 6 pm.

They found him unconscious in the bathroom and rushed him to Government General Hospital where the doctors examined him and declared him brought dead. Ajay’s father, Lakshmi Narayana, died some time back and his mother, Upendra, who works as an agricultural labourer, supports his education.

Alleging that Ajay’s death was suspicious, family members and BRS workers staged a protest at

the hospital demanding a comprehensive investigation to uncover the facts behind the incident.

Speaking to the media BRS leader, Pagadala Nagaraju wanted the State government to respond immediately and ensure justice for Ajay’s family. It was unfortunate that the three Ministers in Khammam district have not responded to the series of student deaths occurring in the district, he complained.

YS SHARMILA SHIFTS DAUGHTER’S WEDDING VENUE AMID PROPERTY ROW

Amravati: Oct 31: NSS

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president YS Sharmila Reddy has announced that her daughter YS Anjali Reddy’s wedding will be held at a different venue instead of the family’s Yelahanka house, amid the ongoing controversy surrounding the property.

In a statement on X, Sharmila said the decision

was taken to ensure that the wedding of Anjali and Somala Raghuram Reddy takes place peacefully in the presence of family members, relatives and friends, without further controversy.

She maintained that the Yelahanka property had been allotted to her and her children as part of the family property distribution after his brother YS Jagan Mohan Reddy became AP Chief Minister. She said the

family had initially planned to hold the wedding there in accordance with her daughter’s wish, as the house held sentimental value.

Expressing disappointment over being unable to fulfil her daughter’s wish, Sharmila said conducting the marriage without disputes was now the priority. She thanked those who had expressed concern and extended her best wishes to the couple for a happy married life.

Narayankhed: Class 10 Student Attempts Suicide After Teacher’s Reprimand

Sangareddy , Oct 31: Musif Desk

A 10th class student attempted suicide after being reprimanded

by a teacher for carrying a mobile phone to school at a BC Residential School located near Narayankhed.The Hindi teach-

er at the school reportedly noticed the boy carrying a mobile phone. She reprimanded him and threatened to inform his parents.

Worried that his parents would be informed, the student consumed phenol, which was kept in the hostel for cleaning bathrooms.



hand was reportedly almost severed in the assault. Another girl student, who attempted to intervene and save her, was also seriously injured during the attack.

Both victims are currently battling for their lives at a private hospital.

The incident triggered panic and chaos across the school premises, with students and teachers running for safety as the attack unfolded. After the assailant fled the scene, teachers alerted the police and immediately called for an ambulance.

The two injured girls were subsequently shifted to a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

The incident created an atmosphere of fear and panic among students and staff members, while the injured girls were rushed for medical assistance.

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Omar Abdullah Announces New Chapter with Nidhi

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Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday announced a new chapter in his personal life, sharing photographs with journalist Nidhi Razdan on X. “A new journey began yesterday,” Abdullah wrote. Razdan replied: “It’s done bro @OmarAbdullah.” The announcement follows the Supreme Court’s dissolution of Abdullah’s marriage to Payal by mutual consent on July 31, 2026. They married on September 1, 1994, lived separately since 2009 and have two sons, Zahir and Zamir. The court dissolved the marriage using its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution after mediation. Razdan, 49, is a TV journalist.

Couple, Infant Son Killed in MP Crash

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A couple and their five-month-old son were killed when a pickup truck hit the motorcycle in Shajapur district Saturday, police said. The deceased were Ajit Panwar, his wife Pooja and son Shivanshu, residents of Aшта in Sehore district. They were travelling from Bolai village to Ayyapur for temple prayers. Police said a stray dog came in front of the motorcycle. Ajit tried to avoid it but lost control and collided with an oncoming pickup. All three died in hospital. The pickup driver fled. Police seized both vehicles and registered a case for rash and negligent driving. CCTV footage is being examined to trace the driver.

Windfall tax reset: Petrol exports exempt, duties increased on diesel and ATF

IANS New Delhi, Oct. 31

The government on Saturday withdrew the special additional excise duty on petrol exports while increasing export levies on diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF). According to notifications issued by the Finance Ministry, petrol exports will no longer attract any export duty, compared with the earlier levy of Rs 2.50 per litre. At the same time, the duty on diesel exports has been increased to Rs 11.50 per litre from Rs

TAMIL NADU RAISES DA FROM 60 PC TO 63 PC, EFFECTIVE JULY 1

IANS Chennai, Oct. 31

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay has ordered a three-percentage-point increase in dearness allowance for government employees and teachers, with pensioners and family pensioners also benefiting from the revision announced ahead of Deepavali. The increase, which raises the allowance from 60 per cent to 63 per cent, will take retrospective effect from July 1, 2026. Approximately 16 lakh employees, teachers, pensioners and family pensioners will benefit, according to a notification issued by the state government. The measure will impose an additional annual expenditure of Rs 1,858 crore on the state exchequer. The government said it would allocate the additional funds required to implement the revision as part of its commitment to the welfare of serving and retired personnel. The decision follows the Union government’s increase in dearness allowance for central government employees from 60 per cent to 63



per cent, effective July 1. Tamil Nadu has adopted the same revised rate and commencement date for its employees and teachers. In its notification, the government highlighted the contribution of government officials and teachers to the formulation and implementation of welfare schemes. It said their work played an important role in ensuring that programmes designed for public welfare were implemented effectively. The administration was introducing and carrying out various initiatives for the benefit of the people, the notification said. Government employees and teachers were

key participants in this process, contributing both to the planning of programmes and their delivery. Recognising these responsibilities and giving priority to employee welfare, the Chief Minister considered the revision following the Centre’s announcement and ordered the corresponding increase for the state workforce, the government said. The notification also emphasised the inclusion of pensioners and family pensioners among the beneficiaries. The financial commitment, it said, reflected the government’s concern for all four groups covered by the announcement. With Deepavali ap-

proaching, the government said the increase would help beneficiaries celebrate the festival with greater happiness. The announcement places the welfare of employees, teachers and pension-dependent households at the centre of the festive-season measure. Although the revised allowance takes effect retrospectively from July, the notification provided in the announcement does not specify when arrears will be paid. It confirms the effective date, the revised rate, the estimated number of beneficiaries and the recurring annual expenditure the state will bear under the decision.

CONGRESS CONSISTENTLY ATTEMPTED TO FORGET SARDAR PATEL: AMIT SHAH

IANS New Delhi, Oct. 31

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel did not receive the respect he deserved during the Congress period and the party consistently attempted to sideline and forget him. Addressing the ‘Ekta Run’ event organised in New Delhi on the occasion of the 151st birth anniversary of the country’s first Deputy Prime Minister, HM Shah said, “For many years, India did not accord Sardar Patel the respect he deserved. The Congress party consistently attempted to sideline and forget Sardar Sahab, but a radiant personality like his can never be erased from the nation’s memory.” “When Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he honoured Sardar Patel’s legacy by building the Statue of Unity, the world’s tallest statue. Through this monumental tribute, Prime Minister Modi introduced Sardar Patel’s towering contribution and remarkable personality to the entire nation,” he added. HM Shah also highlighted Sardar Patel’s contribution to India’s national



integration and said that the country achieved an undivided identity under his leadership in just 1,218 days. “Even if several leaders worked together, work that could not be accomplished in an entire lifetime was achieved by Sardar Patel in just 1,218 days, creating an undivided India. Today, the India shaped by Sardar Patel’s vision stands with pride before the world,” he said. The Home Minister also spoke about the government’s efforts to eliminate Naxalism and combat drug abuse, appealing to people to contribute towards making India completely drug-free by December 31, 2029. “By March 31 of this year, the country has moved forward towards becoming free from Naxalism and drug-free. Today, on Sardar Patel’s 151st birth anniversary, I appeal to

people across the country to achieve our target of making the nation completely drug-free by December 31, 2029,” he said. He said that since Narendra Modi became Prime Minister, Sardar Patel’s birth anniversary has been observed as National Unity Day. HM Shah also linked the vision of a ‘Viksit Bharat’ with the goal of building a drug-free nation, saying that a ‘Nasha Mukta Bharat (drug-free India)’ is the first step towards achieving the vision of a ‘Viksit Bharat’. Highlighting some of the major decisions taken by the government, HM Shah said: “During Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s tenure, several landmark achievements were accomplished, including the abrogation of Article 370 that fully integrated Jammu and Kashmir with India, and major strides toward eliminating Naxalism.”

Centre extends customs duty exemption on cotton imports till December 31

IANS New Delhi, Oct. 31

In a bid to augment the availability of cotton for the domestic textile sector, the government on Saturday extended the existing customs duty exemption on cotton imports till December 31, 2026. Through the amendment, the existing exemption, which was available until October 31, 2026, has now been extended by two months. The aim is to address specialised cotton requirements and support value addition across the textile and apparel value chain, the Ministry of Textiles said in a statement. “The measure is expected to provide greater flexibility to textile and apparel manufacturers in meeting their raw material requirements, help ease input cost pressures,

support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and strengthen the competitiveness of Indian textiles in domestic and international markets,” the statement said. According to the government, this move is expected to facilitate uninterrupted availability of raw materials, improve operational flexibility for the textile industry, and promote greater value addition across the cotton-based textile and apparel sector. Meanwhile, India’s textile sector recorded strong export growth in August 2026, with total exports up 16.1 per cent year-on-year to Rs 29,776 crore. The cumulative textile exports during April–August 2026 reached Rs 1.43 lakh crore, registering growth of 10.3 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year.



The exports of cotton yarn, fabrics, made-ups and handloom products grew by 24.1 per cent in August, while man-made yarn, fabrics and made-ups increased by 19.9 per cent. The ministry said it remains committed to promoting a competitive, resilient and globally integrated textile sector, advancing value addition and employment generation, and fostering the long-term growth of the

entire textile value chain. Notably, the conclusion of negotiations for the India-EU Free Trade Agreement in January 2026 provided a significant boost to India’s textile sector. The agreement provided preferential market access on 96.8 per cent of tariff lines covering 99.5 per cent of India’s exports, with 90.7 per cent of exports by trade value expected to become duty-free upon coming into force.

Four killed after massive fire breaks out at factory in Delhi’s Mangolpuri

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Four people were killed, and two were seriously injured after a massive fire broke out at a shoe factory in Delhi’s Mangolpuri Industrial Area, officials said on Saturday. The factory is in Phase 1 of the Mangolpuri Industrial Area. According to officials, the fire broke out at around

9:30 p.m. on Friday. Upon receiving information, Delhi Police personnel, fire tender teams, along with rescue and relief officials, reached the spot. Fire tender teams worked for hours to bring the fire under control. Subsequently, six people were rescued from inside the factory. Officials said that they were found unconscious. Speaking to reporters, Phase-I DCP (Outer District) Vikram Singh said, “Police received information regarding a fire outbreak at a shoe factory. Our beat staff and team immediately reached the spot as first responders. As soon as the fire tenders

arrived, the rescue operation was initiated.” “The operation has been ongoing for a considerable duration and is still active. A total of six people were taken to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, out of whom four were declared brought dead, while two are currently undergoing treatment,” he said. DCP Singh said that the legal proceedings have been initiated, adding that the accused will be apprehended soon. “The reason behind the fire is still unclear, and we are investigating what might have led to the fire. So far, we only know that the fire broke out in the basement. The reason will only be clear after an

investigation,” he added. Central Accident and Trauma Service (CATS) personnel Rakesh Bhardwaj said that they received the call at 9:50 p.m. regarding a fire incident in this area. “All five of our ambulances stationed together responded immediately, arriving at the location within five to seven minutes. Our staff and team members transported around six patients to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital and admitted them,” he told the reporters. The injured are still undergoing treatment. Officials said that an investigation is underway and further details are awaited.



At a Glance

**Brazil Orders
Probe into
Election
Meddling**

IAN S
Brasilia, Oct. 31

Brazil’s Supreme Federal Court has ordered a police investigation into suspected foreign interference in the country’s electoral process.

Justice Flavio Dino cited indications that digital platform algorithms may have favoured conservative candidate Flavio Bolsonaro and disadvantaged President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who won Sunday’s runoff, according to Xinhua.

The probe will examine alleged foreign funding, political advertising and election-related bets on platforms such as Polymarket. Meta and X have also come under scrutiny over claims of algorithmic manipulation.

The investigation follows complaints from the Workers’ Party and the Mission Party. Authorities are examining possible links involving a US conservative group and Brazilian businessmen. The allegations have not been established.

**Tibet Dam Project
Raises Safety Concerns**

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 31

China’s Yarlung Tsangpo hydropower project in Tibet faces safety concerns, The National Interest reported.

A magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Baqing County on October 22, killing at least 16 people and destroying hundreds of homes. The US Geological Survey linked it to fault movement amid tectonic stress.

Since 1900, the Tibetan Plateau region has recorded 29 earthquakes of magnitude 7.0 or above. A glacier and rock collapse near the Nepal-Tibet border on August 26 triggered a flood.

Launched in July 2025, the new project includes five hydropower stations and will cost 1.2 trillion yuan (\$170 billion). The river enters India as the Brahmaputra and flows into Bangladesh.

**IRAN’S SUPREME LEADER ORDERS
'IMMEDIATE, EFFECTIVE' RESPONSE
TO ANY ENEMY THREAT**

IAN S
Tehran, Oct. 31

Iran’s Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has ordered that any level and kind of threat from the “enemies” must be met with an “immediate and effective” response without geographical limitations, according to a statement published on the leader’s website on Saturday.

He made the remarks at a meeting with the Iranian armed forces’ senior commanders, including Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Ali Abdollahi, Army’s Chief Commander Amir Hatami, Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps Ahmad Vahidi, the statement said.

He stressed that if the “enemies” resume military or terrorist attacks against Iran, the Iranian armed forces and people will determine the time and conditions for



the war’s end, Xinhua news agency reported. Khamenei also highlighted the necessity to “strengthen the country’s military intelligence architecture, deepen home-grown defence in terms of doctrine and tactics, and advance modern defence and security capabilities using cutting-edge technologies.”

The Supreme Leader emphasised that the country’s bank of tar-

gets must be updated in such a way that “various tangible and intangible assets of the US-Israeli enemy are brought within the Iranian armed forces’ reach.”

At the meeting, the senior military commanders presented reports on the armed forces’ state of readiness, and briefed the Supreme Leader on the manifold rise in the country’s production of various types of ammu-

nition, as well as reconnaissance, support and combat weaponry.

The Iranian Supreme Leader’s remarks came amid heightened US threats of military action against Iran.

The United States has told several Gulf countries to prepare for a brief but intense military campaign against Iran after the US midterm elections. The Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday, citing people briefed on the conversations.

According to the report, the United States and Israel are preparing for another round of intense military operations against Iran.

On February 28, Israel and the United States launched joint attacks on Tehran and other Iranian cities. Iran responded with waves of missile and drone attacks targeting Israel and US bases and assets in the region, and tightened its grip on the Strait of Hormuz.

**US, JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA
SIGN PACIFIC ARCTIC PACT**

IAN S
Atlanta, Oct. 31

The United States, Japan and South Korea have signed a memorandum to explore maritime and economic cooperation in the Pacific Arctic, as their foreign ministers discussed North Korea, regional security and supply-chain threats.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun signed the document on the sidelines of the G20 foreign ministers’ meeting in Atlanta. Washington said the wider partnership supports security and prosperity in a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The US State Department said the Trilateral Arctic Pacific Partnership (TAPP) memorandum was signed “to explore maritime cooperation and economic partnership in the Pacific Arctic”. It did not specify projects, investment amounts or implementation deadlines.

The ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the complete denuclearisation of North Korea and full implementation of UN Security Council resolutions, accord-



ing to the US readout. They commended the Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team for exposing North Korean violations and attempts to evade the resolutions.

The ministers stressed peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait. Rubio raised US concerns over China’s efforts to assert control in the South China Sea and what Washington described as coercive behaviour in the East China Sea and Yellow Sea. He also discussed Russia-China cooperation that the US said undermined Indo-Pacific stability.

On economic security, the ministers opposed economic coercion and the use of supply chains as instruments of pressure. They reviewed a separate trilateral mem-

orandum on deploying small modular nuclear reactors, intended to advance global energy security by drawing on the three countries’ industrial strengths.

They discussed cooperation identified at a trilateral consultation in Seoul on October 15, reaffirmed commitments made in their September 21 joint statement and agreed to continue meetings at all levels.

Separately, officials from the three countries held a telephone meeting on Friday, after North Korea launched a ballistic missile a day earlier, Japan’s Foreign Ministry said. They said the launch violated relevant Security Council resolutions, urged Pyongyang to stop such actions and reaffirmed

close coordination.

The three foreign ministers signed the nuclear-reactor memorandum in Ankara on July 7. Japan’s Foreign Ministry said it provides a framework for private-sector participation in reactor projects in third countries and stronger Indo-Pacific energy security. It aims to identify potential host countries, encourage industry consortia and mobilise investment, while maintaining nuclear safety, security and non-proliferation standards.

Ministers met again in New York on September 21 during the UN General Assembly. Japan said discussions covered supply-chain resilience, nuclear energy, cybersecurity and joint military exercises.

**No Ukraine Peace Without
Kyiv, Polish FM Warns**

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 31

Any settlement to end the Russia-Ukraine war must involve Kyiv, Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski said, rejecting an agreement imposed by outside powers.

Speaking on the sidelines of the G20 meeting, Sikorski said a “solution by outside factors” was “simply not doable”. Asked whether a proposed meeting involving the United States, China and Russia to discuss ending the war had been raised, he replied: “No, it wasn’t.”

Sikorski said Ukraine’s resistance and Europe’s support gave both a role in any settlement. The full-scale war was in its fifth year, he said, while Russia’s effort to conquer the Donbas region had entered its 13th year.

“Europe also has cards,” he said, citing frozen Russian assets, financial assistance and purchases of American weapons, equipment and ammunition for Ukraine.

Asked whether Western pressure could push Ukraine into an unfavourable peace, Sikorski said Russia’s offensive had cost it heavily in troops and that Ukraine had recovered territory. “And we need to stay the course,” he said.



He said the United States had stopped providing financial support to Ukraine, leaving Europeans to finance the war effort. Russia was counting on further mobilisation and winter conditions. Sustaining Ukraine through the winter was the best response, he said.

On energy, Sikorski said Russia’s return to the European market should depend on a fair end to the war. Europe had once been Russia’s most lucrative energy market, but most countries had sharply reduced purchases. Russia was now selling energy elsewhere at steep discounts, he said. Poland did not want to depend on a country that had invaded its neighbours.

Asked whether Washington had pressured Europe over sanctions, Sikorski replied: “No, it didn’t pressure us.” He welcomed plans announced by Lockheed

Martin to establish a centre in Poland to service Patriot missiles.

The minister accused Russia of waging a hybrid campaign across Europe, saying people had died, including in Poland. He alleged that Russian armed drones had flown over NATO territory and that a Russian cruise missile had exploded about 100 km inside Poland. He also accused Moscow of sending armed drones to be used against a civilian airport in Germany and 21 decoys into Polish airspace.

Sikorski called the incidents “highly provocative and dangerous acts”. He said hybrid warfare included physical attacks below the threshold of an invasion, not just activity on the internet. He rejected responding with assassinations or arson, saying: “We are not going to do what they do.” He again stressed the need to sustain Ukraine through winter.

**CANADA MOVES TO BECOME
EU'S FIRST 'ASSOCIATE MEMBER'**

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 31

Canada and the European Union have agreed to work towards making Canada the bloc’s first “Associate Member”, in a partnership short of full membership, launching an “Alliance for the Future” at a Montreal summit.

Prime Minister Mark Carney said on X Friday that both sides sought “the deepest possible partnership — short of full membership”. European Council President Antonio Costa described it as “an ever-closer association — everything short of a full EU membership”.

The summit was held October 29 and 30, hosted by Carney and attended by Costa and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. Canada’s Prime Minister’s Office said the



two sides would determine the scope of associate membership.

Measures include a Digital Trade Agreement, a Competition Agreement and Canadian participation in the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking, giving researchers access to the JUPITER supercomputer.

Canada also signed a framework allowing the European Investment Bank to invest in critical minerals projects. The sides will study increasing Canadian LNG exports to Europe and

developing a transatlantic data cable.

On defence, Ottawa announced a second contract under the EU’s Security Action for Europe (SAFE) initiative. Worth more than \$44 million, it will see Montreal-based Galvion supply military helmets to Latvia.

The EU is Canada’s second-largest trading partner for goods and services, with bilateral trade totalling about \$178 billion in 2025, according to the Prime Minister’s Office.

Japan Urges G20 to Boost Oil Stockpiles

IAN S
Atlanta, Oct. 31

Japan has urged G20 countries to strengthen oil stockpiles, ensure transparent energy trade and deepen producer-consumer cooperation to improve energy security.

Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi outlined the proposals at the G20 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Atlanta, according to an official Japanese readout.

He identified three priorities: transparent energy trade, stronger oil reserves through international coordination,



and closer cooperation between producers and consumers.

Motegi said the G20, accounting for more than 80 per cent of global GDP and energy consumption, shared responsibility for addressing supply instability amid the energy

crisis and developments in the Middle East.

Japan is preparing a co-operation plan with Gulf countries to strengthen energy resilience. Details of participating countries and timing were not disclosed.

Motegi said Japan aimed to link Middle

Eastern producers with Asian consumers through cooperation on supplies, storage and infrastructure. He cited efforts to expand Asian stockpiles and Japanese support for LNG facilities in the Middle East.

He also highlighted Japan’s POWER Asia initiative, covering immediate energy supplies, regional stockpiling and diversification of energy sources.

Motegi urged G20 members to coordinate to ensure stable supplies. Japan launched POWER Asia in April.

**TWO CHINESE AGENTS JAILED
IN US MILITARY CASE**

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 31

Two Chinese nationals who carried out covert intelligence work targeting US military personnel have each been sentenced to 30 months in prison, the Justice Department said.

Liren “Ryan” Lai, 40, and Yuance Chen, 39, also received three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to acting as agents of the Chinese government without notifying the US attorney

general.

The department said the men worked under China’s Ministry of State Security, arranging secret payments, gathering information on military installations and personnel, and helping recruit intelligence sources in the US military.

They began working for Chinese intelligence no later than May 2021, court documents said. Lai recruited Chen and initially acted as an intermediary. Chen later received assignments directly from

Chinese intelligence officers.

In January 2022, the pair coordinated a payment of about \$10,000. A backpack containing the cash was left in a locker at a recreational facility in Livermore, California, in what the department called a “dead drop”.

Chen gathered information on US military installations, including photographs of Navy Base Kitsap in Washington and images and videos of recruits

and sailors inside a Navy recruiting station in Southern California.

He also collected details of military personnel considered potential intelligence targets.

In March 2023, Lai gave Chen a mobile phone for covert communications. Chen travelled to China in 2024 and 2025, meeting intelligence officers and receiving assignments concerning US service members.

Lai pleaded guilty on December 12, 2025, and Chen on February 20.

What Should Schools Teach When AI Supplies Answers?

Reasoning, verification and clear explanations must carry greater weight as polished homework becomes easier to generate.

By: **Honey Gowda**
Senior Journalist

A child submits an impressive essay, complete with confident arguments and flawless sentences. The parent is pleased; the teacher awards marks. Yet one question remains unanswered: can the child explain what the essay means? As artificial intelligence makes polished responses available within seconds, schools must become better at recognising understanding.

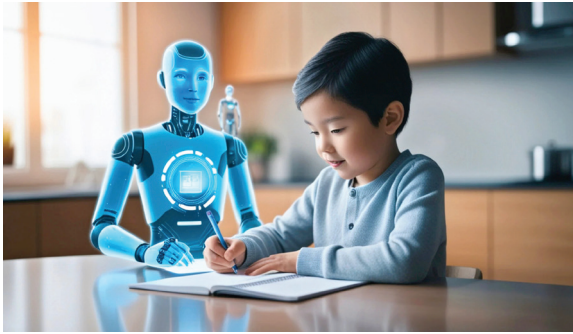
This does not make subject knowledge unnecessary. Students need vocabulary, mathematical fluency, historical context and scientific concepts to recognise mistakes. A learner who knows little about a subject cannot reliably judge an authoritative answer. Reasoning grows from knowledge, practice and opportunities to question.

The OECD’s Digital Education Outlook 2026 makes a distinction: generative AI can improve the quality of completed work without necessarily improving learning. Its review finds that benefits depend on teaching methods and tool design. Producing a better answer and developing the ability to answer independently are different achievements.

Homework should therefore reveal more of the learning process. Alongside a final response, teachers could ask for an initial attempt, supporting evidence and a short explanation of revisions. A mathematics assignment might require students to explain why a method works. An essay could include a paragraph discussing evidence that challenges its conclusion.

Brief oral explanations can complement written work. Asking a student to explain one calculation, defend a source or apply an idea to a new example provides another indication of understanding. These exchanges should be supportive, with accommodations for disability, anxiety and language differences. Confidence in speaking must not become a substitute for knowledge.

Examinations also need balance. Supervised tasks without AI remain valuable for assessing foundational skills. Other assessments can permit specified tools while awarding marks for checking claims, identifying errors and explaining decisions. OECD guidance supports using AI outputs to develop critical thinking



while preserving independent work and making students’ reasoning visible.

Locally researched assignments offer another practical route. Students could record water use at school, interview a neighbourhood worker with permission, or compare prices in nearby shops. Their observations, notes and classroom discussion should form part of assessment. Such work connects learning to experience, although teachers must still check how evidence was collected.

Clear rules are essential. Each assignment should state whether AI assistance is prohibited, permitted for feedback or allowed for specified tasks. Students should disclose meaningful assistance. UNESCO’s guidance emphasises human agency, privacy, inclusion and age-appropriate use. Schools should provide alternatives for children without reliable devices or internet access.

Teachers need time, training and shared examples to make these changes workable. UNESCO’s teacher framework covers ethics, AI knowledge, teaching methods and professional learning. Training should help teachers evaluate tools and redesign assessments, with manageable expectations for large classes. Buying software alone cannot establish an effective approach to learning.

Parents can help by asking children to describe what they learned, show one source and explain one mistake they corrected. Schools should reward those habits consistently. When answers are easily generated, education must ensure that children can question them, test them and take responsibility for the conclusions they reach. That responsibility should remain central to every classroom.

The Water a City Uses Twice

Safe wastewater reuse can strengthen urban water security, provided quality, affordability and dependable drinking-water access remain central.

- ▶ Match treatment standards to each intended use.
- ▶ Publish testing results and delivered-water charges.
- ▶ Keep drinking-water and reuse networks safely separate.
- ▶ Measure freshwater savings and improvements in household supply.

–By: **Munsif Editorial Desk**

Safe wastewater reuse can conserve freshwater while supporting Hyderabad’s growth and communities.

A city spends heavily collecting, treating and transporting drinking water. Using that supply for every construction site, industrial process and ornamental garden deserves scrutiny. Hyderabad’s water concerns make the question immediate: how much freshwater could be protected by safely using treated wastewater for activities that do not require drinking-water quality?

The city’s announced Green Water tanker service, scheduled from November 1, offers a practical starting point. HMWSSB has outlined supplies for construction, industry and gardening, with clearly marked tankers carrying warnings against drinking. The important test will be consistent delivery of suitable water, supported by supervision and public information.

The World Bank’s report, Scaling Water Reuse, supports matching water quality to its intended purpose. It identifies reuse as a means of strengthening municipal and industrial water security, particularly where treatment plants are close to users. Shorter transport distances improve the economics and make reliable supply easier to organise.

However, “treated” must never become a blanket assurance. Different uses require different quality controls. Water suitable for one industrial process may need further treatment for another. Landscaping also involves possible contact with workers and the public. Authorities must specify permitted uses and ensure treatment addresses the relevant health and operational risks.

Trust requires evidence that residents and customers can inspect. Treatment plants should publish recent test results, sampling dates, applicable standards and corrective action after failures. Independent checks should supplement routine monitoring. Supply arrangements must explain what happens during power cuts, equipment breakdowns or unsatisfactory results, including when deliveries will be stopped.

Distribution needs equal attention. Dedicated tankers, labelled storage and separate pipelines should prevent accidental mixing with drinking water. Connections require inspection, and workers need training in safe handling. Reuse guidance emphasises safeguards against cross-connections: expanding a second network must never compromise the first.

Affordability will determine whether customers switch. The relevant price includes treatment, pumping, transport and storage. Authorities should publish delivered rates and clarify who pays for new infrastructure. Nearby industries

and large construction projects can provide steady demand, but contracts should allocate costs transparently. Subsidies, where justified, need stated beneficiaries and measurable public benefits.

Reuse must also accompany leak reduction and groundwater protection. Repairing damaged mains, monitoring excessive extraction and protecting recharge areas should remain funded priorities. Additional treated-water supplies should reduce pressure on existing sources. Planners must check whether reuse replaces freshwater consumption or simply supports additional demand while withdrawals continue unchanged.

Fairness is the decisive measure. Poorer neighbourhoods should receive dependable, safe drinking water as commercial users adopt alternatives. Savings will not automatically reach households without distribution improvements and clear service commitments. The board should report supply hours, interruptions and tanker dependence across neighbourhoods, alongside reuse volumes and verified freshwater savings.

Hyderabad can make reuse a routine part of development approvals, industrial planning and public landscaping. Success requires treatment that works, prices users understand and safeguards people trust. A city uses water wisely when each supply serves an appropriate purpose and every household can rely on safe water for essential needs.

THE HEALTH OF BELONGING

Loneliness Deserves a Place in Public Health

Accessible public spaces, supportive neighbourhoods and responsive health services can help people build meaningful connections.

- Loneliness can affect people of every age, even within large families.
- WHO estimates that one in six people worldwide experiences loneliness.
- Accessible parks, libraries and regular neighbourhood activities can strengthen connections.
- Meaningful relationships matter more than the number of social contacts.

An older person may spend days without a conversation. A student in a crowded hostel may feel unable to confide in anyone. A migrant worker may know colleagues but have nobody nearby to call during illness. These experiences deserve attention when communities plan for health, housing, education and everyday public services.

Loneliness and social isolation are related but different. The World Health Organization describes loneliness as distress arising from a gap between the relationships people have and those they want or need. Social isolation concerns insufficient relationships and interaction. Living alone does not automatically mean loneliness; a large household offers no guarantee against it.

WHO’s Commission on Social Connection reported in June 2025 that approximately one in six people worldwide experienced loneliness. Adolescents and young adults recorded particu-

larly high rates. Evidence links social disconnection with poorer mental and physical health, including depression and cardiovascular disease. These global estimates should not be presented as an Indian prevalence survey.

The response must recognise different circumstances. Bereavement, reduced mobility or hearing difficulties can restrict an older person’s contact. Students away from home may struggle to establish friendships. Migrants can face language barriers and exclusion. Caregivers may spend so much time supporting someone else that their own relationships receive little attention.

Accessible parks, libraries and community centres offer places where relationships can develop without requiring expensive purchases. WHO identifies such facilities among promising community responses. Their usefulness depends on practical details: safe paths, seating, toilets, affordable transport and welcoming activities. A nearby

building achieves little if people cannot enter it comfortably or feel unwelcome inside.

Neighbourhood programmes should favour regular contact over occasional ceremonies. Reading groups, walking circles, shared meals and activities across generations can provide opportunities to participate. Colleges could offer peer support and approachable counselling. Caregivers need opportunities for breaks and conversation. Organisers should ask participants what they value and respect those who prefer smaller groups or private contact.

Primary-care services also have a role. WHO’s 2025 World Health Assembly resolution supports integrating social connection into health policy and primary health-care. Staff should be equipped to discuss social support sensitively and connect people with suitable services. Community activities should complement clinical assessment when needed, with consent, privacy and follow-up built into referrals.

PUBLIC SERVICES MUST KEEP A HUMAN DOOR OPEN

A pension application that cannot be submitted, a hospital appointment trapped behind an error message, or a bank account inaccessible after failed authentication can turn digital convenience into hardship. When essential services move online, public responsibility must extend to helping people complete the transaction. Access should be measured by successful service delivery.

The obstacles differ. A person may understand a scheme but struggle with an English form. Someone with a visual disability may encounter buttons a screen reader cannot identify. An older customer may have no access to the mobile number receiving an authentication code. Confusing instructions can defeat experienced users too.

The International Telecommunication Union treats accessibility as a foundation of digital inclusion and recommends incorporating it from the beginning of design. Its work on ageing also emphasises skills and the active participation of older people. These principles require institutions to involve affected users when

testing services, rather than assume their needs.

Every essential service should therefore provide a dependable route to human assistance. Pension offices, banks, hospitals and certificate centres need clearly identified counters with trained staff. Assistance should include checking documents, explaining errors and recording unresolved cases. Citizens should receive an acknowledgement and a realistic completion date, with authorised charges displayed.

Failed authentication needs a defined response. UIDAI’s guidance calls for alternative procedures when genuine users face biometric rejection, network failure or equipment breakdown, alongside safeguards against fraud. Frontline staff must understand those procedures. Repeatedly asking someone to try again cannot substitute for resolving the barrier or referring the case appropriately.

Digital systems themselves must improve. Forms should use plain language, offer relevant regional languages and explain required documents before an application begins. Users should be able to save progress and correct mistakes. Accessible controls, readable text and useful error messages belong in the basic design. Assistance must protect personal information and preserve informed consent.

Complaint channels must also work for people whose online access has failed. Telephone and counter complaints should generate reference numbers, clear response deadlines and access to a responsible officer. Departments should publish completion times, unresolved complaints and recurring technical faults. Counting registrations alone says little about whether people actually received services.

Democracy Between Elections

Roads, demolitions and school closures test whether citizens can influence decisions that shape their daily lives.

– **Munsif Editorial Desk**

Democracy cannot be confined to polling day. Citizens should have meaningful opportunities to influence public decisions throughout a government’s term, particularly when their homes, children’s education and neighbourhood services are affected.

The first test is timing. Are residents consulted while a road alignment or school closure can still be reconsidered, or only after the decision is effectively settled? UN human rights guidance recommends participation early enough

for alternatives to remain open. Consultation must offer a genuine opportunity to influence outcomes.

Information is equally important. India’s Right to Information Act requires public authorities to disclose relevant facts when formulating important policies and give affected people reasons for administrative decisions. Publishing understandable plans, costs and assessments would make these obligations useful in everyday governance.

Functioning local bodies should provide regular forums where residents can question proposals and track commitments. Meetings must accommodate workers, wom-

en, older people and persons with disabilities. Online participation should supplement accessible public meetings.

Authorities should also publish how objections were considered, identifying suggestions accepted or rejected and explaining why, as UN guidance recommends.

Grievance systems need named responsibility, time-bound replies and meaningful review. A complaint marked “closed” should carry an explanation. Elected governments retain decision-making authority; public participation makes its exercise more informed, transparent and answerable.



India ponder over changes as they seek winning finish to T20Is against New Zealand

Hamilton, Oct. 31:

India will consider a few tactical tweaks to their playing eleven when they take on New Zealand in the fifth and final T20I at Seddon Park on Sunday, India lead 3-1 but were beaten by 87 runs in Auckland, a result that could rattle the think tank's long-held line on the starting eleven, as they aim to sign off from the series with a win.

The most likely change could be Vaibhav Sooryavanshi coming in, with Sanju Samson making way. After making 67 in the series opener in Christchurch, Samson has made scores of 14, 18 and 4. Captain Shreyas Iyer, too, has had a lean run since hitting his maiden T20I hundred against the West Indies in Lucknow.

Iyer has so far managed scores of 40, 1, 16, 22, 42, 7, 5 and 22 in his last eight innings in the format. He will want a big score in the series before shifting focus to the ODI series. Naman Dhir and Nitish Kumar Reddy have been valuable lower-order hitters, but are yet to shine with the ball.

Spin-bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule did hint that wrist-spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy could come into the playing eleven in



Hamilton if conditions demand the same. But that would mean leaving out Dhir, which in turn will cost them batting depth and some part-time off-spin.

For New Zealand, they will be relying on in-form Glenn Phillips to help them get a big score after hitting a majestic century in Auckland. According to CricViz, Phillips has 276 runs in four matches, more than any New Zealand batter in a five-match bilateral T20I series except Mark Chapman's 290 runs against Pakistan in 2023.

The all-format record is with England wicket-keeper-batter Phil Salt, who hit 331 against West Indies in 2023, and Phillips needs 56 more to go past him. Michael Bracewell, who smashed a fifty in Auckland, is in good form

as well.

There's also a sharp contrast between the two left-arm spinners, with skipper Mitchell Santner having a productive series. Axar Patel has bowled at an average speed of 97 kph against Mitchell Santner's 89 kph.

Santner has been fuller 55 percent of the time and bowled shorter 45 percent, while Axar has gone shorter 72 percent of the time and fuller only 28 percent. With Hamilton being another small venue, the battle of left-arm spinners will be another crucial factor in deciding who between India and New Zealand will sign off on a high.

When: November 1, 2026, 12:30 PM

Where: Seddon Park, Hamilton

Where to watch: The match will be shown live

on the Sony Sports Network channels on TV, and live streaming is available on the Sony LIV app and website.

Squads:

India: Shreyas Iyer (captain), Sanju Samson (wk), Ishan Kishan, Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Naman Dhir, Prince Yadav, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Varun Chakravarthy, Arshdeep Singh, Mayank Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Kumar Kushagra.

New Zealand: Mitchell Santner (captain), Devon Conway (wk), Tim Seifert, Finn Allen, Bevon Jacobs, Glenn Phillips, Daryl Mitchell, Michael Bracewell, Josh Clarkson, Nathan Smith, Adam Milne, Jacob Duffy, Matt Fisher and Blair Tickner.

Auqib Nabi added to India squad for first three NZ ODIs

Mumbai, Oct. 31:

Jammu and Kashmir fast bowler Auqib Nabi has been included in India's squad for the first three ODIs against New Zealand, extending his selection to the entire five-match series. He was initially picked only for the final two matches. The decision follows pacer Prasidh Krishna's withdrawal from the tour due to a hamstring injury.

Nabi's recent performances in New Zealand strengthened his case for selection. The 29-year-old impressed in the opening unofficial Test between India A and New Zealand A at Lincoln, claiming six wickets. He had also picked up four wickets for Jammu and Kashmir in the Irani Cup before travelling to New Zealand.

Nabi played a crucial role in Jammu and Kashmir's historic maiden Ranji Trophy title in the 2025-



26 season, finishing as one of the leading fast bowlers with 60 wickets. Although he had a difficult start to his ODI career against the West Indies, the latest call-up offers him another opportunity to establish himself at the international level.

The five-match ODI series will begin on November 4. Shubman Gill will captain India in the first three matches, while Shreyas Iyer will take charge for the final two ODIs. Gill and wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul

will leave the squad after the third match to prepare for the subsequent two-Test series.

India Squad for First Three ODIs: Shubman Gill (C), Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer (VC), KL Rahul (WK), Axar Patel, Naman Dhir, Anshul Kamboj, Gurnoor Brar, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Arshdeep Singh, Ishan Kishan (WK), Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Nitish Kumar Reddy (first ODI only) and Auqib Nabi.

Pujara Doubts Jadeja's ODI Future, Nayar Backs Him as Backup

New Delhi, Oct. 31:



Former India cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara believes Ravindra Jadeja may be nearing the end of his ODI career following his exclusion from the New Zealand series, with Axar Patel emerging as India's first-choice all-rounder.

However, former assistant coach Abhishek Nayar described Jadeja as an "insurance policy", saying he remains a key backup if Axar suffers an injury ahead of next year's ODI World Cup.

India's five-match ODI series against New Zealand begins on November 4.

'What a fighter': Dhawan hails Manisha's historic World Championships gold



New Delhi, Oct. 31:

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday heaped praise on Manisha Bhanwala for clinching a historic World Championship gold medal, calling her achievement remarkable and a source of "immense pride and glory" for the nation.

Manisha became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Senior World Wrestling Championships after she clinched the yellow metal in the 59kg event on Friday in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Noting the wrestler's achievement, Murmu con-

gratulated the Rohtak-born 29-year-old. "My warm congratulations to Manisha Bhanwala. Your remarkable achievement of becoming the first Indian woman to win Gold at the World Wrestling Championships has brought immense pride and glory to the nation," the President of India wrote on X.

Competing in a high-stakes title clash against the USA's Abigail Elizabeth Nette, Manisha displayed immense grit and tactical brilliance to emerge victorious after a daunting comeback (0-6) and went on to win the bout 8-6, shattering

Murmu Hails Manisha's Historic Wrestling Gold



President Droupadi Murmu has congratulated Indian wrestler Manisha Bhanwala for becoming the first Indian woman to win gold at the Senior World Wrestling Championships. Manisha clinched the 59kg title in Astana, Kazakhstan, defeating USA's Abigail Elizabeth Nette 8-6 after making a remarkable comeback from a 0-6 deficit.

The 29-year-old's historic victory helped India finish the championship with four medals, including one gold, two silver and one bronze. President Murmu described the achievement as a moment of

the glass ceiling for Indian women's wrestling.

Before Manisha's brilliant comeback victory, India had never won a gold medal in women's wrestling at the global showpiece. She finally crossed the hurdle that had previously eluded Anshu Malik in 2021, as well as her current teammates Kajal Dhochak and Neelam Sirohi, who both settled for silver medals earlier in this edition.

India won four medals at the Worlds with two silvers and a bronze medal too. Tanu Sharma won a bronze in the women's 72kg category.

Meanwhile, Manisha's

journey to the final has been highly impressive too. She began her campaign with a 6-2 win over Canada's Laurence Beauregard in the pre-quarterfinals before defeating Mongolia's Bolortuya Khurelkhuu in the semifinals to book her place in the gold-medal bout.

India's final medal tally at the 2026 World Championships:

Women's Wrestling (4 Medals)
Gold (1): Manisha Bhanwala (59kg)
Silver (2): Kajal Dhochak, Neelam Sirohi
Bronze (1): Tanu Sharma (72kg)

Ellyse Perry Enters 20th Season, Still Aims to Improve as a Cricketer

Brisbane, Oct. 31:

Australian all-rounder Ellyse Perry has entered her 20th season of professional cricket, continuing her quest to improve every day. The 35-year-old celebrated the milestone with a match-winning 58 for Sydney Sixers in their last-ball victory over Brisbane Heat in the WBBL opener. Perry said the younger generation of players continues to motivate her through their talent and creativity. She made her Australian debut at 16 and was named ICC Women's Cricketer of the Decade for 2011-2020, besides winning the World Player of the Year award three times. Perry continues to prioritise fitness and training and will represent Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the 2027 WPL.

Rohit Sharma Likely to Return as Mumbai Indians Captain for IPL 2027

Mumbai, Oct. 31:

Former Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma is reportedly set to return to the leadership role for the 2027 Indian Premier League (IPL) season. According to media reports, the five-time IPL-winning captain has held discussions with the franchise management and has agreed to lead the team once again.

Rohit had guided Mumbai Indians to five IPL titles, establishing himself as one of the most successful captains in the tournament's history. However, the franchise handed over the captaincy to Hardik Pandya ahead of the 2024 season. Mumbai Indians have struggled to achieve consistent success under Pandya's leadership over the last two seasons, raising questions about the



team's future leadership.

Although the franchise has several captaincy options, including Suryakumar Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah and young batter Tilak Varma, the management is reportedly keen on bringing Rohit back to the helm. Reports also suggest that Rohit had recommended Tilak Varma as a potential future captain, but the management wants the experienced former skipper to lead the side in the upcoming season.

Meanwhile, Hardik Pandya's future with Mumbai Indians remains uncertain, with speculation continuing over whether he will be retained or moved to another franchise. His position is expected to become clearer when the IPL trade window closes on November 30. However, there has been no official confirmation from the Mumbai Indians management regarding the reported captaincy change.

King, Chase star as West Indies beat Bangladesh by eight wickets to take 1-0 lead

Dhaka, Oct. 31:

West Indies registered a convincing eight-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the opening Test to take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series on Saturday. Roston Chase starred with a five-wicket haul, while Brandon King scored an unbeaten 81 to guide the visitors to victory with a day to spare.

Resuming their second innings at 79/6, Bangladesh were bowled out for 142, with Nayeem Hasan

top-scoring with 52. Chase claimed five wickets for 36 runs, while Jomel Warrican took four wickets for 63 runs, finishing with nine wickets in the match and earning the Player of the Match award.

Chasing a target of 170, West Indies reached 170/2 comfortably. Brandon King remained unbeaten on 81, while John Campbell contributed 49 in a 112-run opening partnership. Kavem Hodge also supported King with an unbeaten contribu-



tion as the visitors completed the chase.

Brief Scores: Bangladesh 272 and 142 (Nayeem Hasan 52; Roston Chase 5/36, Jomel Warrican 4/63); West Indies 245 and 170/2 (Brandon King 81*, John Campbell 49). West Indies

won by eight wickets.

Bangladesh struggled in their second innings, losing their last six wickets for just 63 runs. Despite Hasan's half-century, they failed to set a challenging target, allowing West Indies to seal a comfortable victory.

Kagiso Rabada Creates History, Becomes Fastest to 350 Test Wickets by Balls Bowled

New Delhi, Oct. 31:

South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has created history by becoming the fastest bowler to reach 350 Test wickets in terms of balls bowled. He achieved the milestone on the fifth day of the third Test against Australia at Newlands in Cape Town.

Rabada dismissed Australian batter Travis Head to claim his 350th wicket, reaching the landmark in just 13,808 balls. He broke the previous record



held by fellow South African Dale Steyn, who took 14,719 balls. Pakistan's former fast bowler Waqar Younis occupies third place with 14,905 balls.

The 30-year-old achieved the feat in his 75th Test, further strengthening his position among the leading fast bowlers in international cricket.

Pujara Explains Why Kuldeep Yadav Gets Limited Chances in India's ODI Team

New Delhi, Oct. 31:

Former India cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara believes Kuldeep Yadav's limited batting ability is a major reason behind his fewer appearances in India's ODI playing XI. He said teams need greater batting depth, particularly in overseas conditions, with a capable batter at No. 8 to maintain a balanced combination.

Pujara described Kuldeep as a very good bowler but said his batting is not up to the mark. He

pointed out that India often prefer players who can contribute with both bat and ball to strengthen the lower-middle order.

Meanwhile, former India assistant coach Abhishek Nayar stressed the importance of having five specialist bowlers in the playing XI. Citing Australia's 2023 World Cup triumph, he said taking regular wickets is crucial to winning major tournaments and that bowlers often make the difference in ODI cricket.

CS calls for water conservation measures



NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Saturday reviewed the drinking water supply situation in the core urban region at the Secretariat and stressed the need for coordinated water security measures to ensure uninterrupted supply while conserving available fresh-water and groundwater resources.

He directed officials to take all necessary steps to optimise water consumption and ensure the sustainable management of available water resources. He announced that the Green Tankers initiative would be launched in the core urban region from November 1.

The Chief Secretary instructed all government departments to use treated water for construction, landscaping, cleaning and other non-drinking purposes instead of relying on freshwater.

Sanjay Jaju also directed officials to regularly monitor the quality of treated water supplied by Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to ensure that it meets the prescribed standards.

He further instructed the Managing Director of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to submit daily reports detailing the quantity of treated water transported and supplied, measured in million gallons per day (MGD).

During the meeting, HMWSSB Managing Director Ashok Reddy briefed the Chief Secretary on the contingency plan to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply. He informed him that the additional 40 MGD water supply scheme under Mission Bhagiratha would be completed by November 15.

Sanjay Jaju also stated that Mission Bhagiratha would continue supplying bulk water to all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) merged into municipal corporations until August next year.

IMD issues rain alert for several Telangana districts

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a five-day spell of rainfall across Telangana from October 31 to November 4, driven by a low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal.

The weather system is expected to bring light to heavy rains across multiple districts. Authorities have urged residents in low-lying areas to stay vigilant against potential waterlogging.

According to the IMD, light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds is likely over Hyderabad, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri, and Siddipet, as well as parts of erstwhile Warangal, Khammam, and Rangareddy districts.



Sudden squalls are expected during evening hours, prompting advisories against taking shelter near trees or electrical infrastructure.

As the system intensifies, the Meteorological Centre has issued targeted heavy rainfall alerts for erstwhile Adilabad and Mahabubnagar districts for November 2 and 3.

Officials have cautioned the public against crossing overflowing streams and advised farmers to take immediate precautions to protect harvested paddy crops from rain damage.

Meerpet constable arrested for misappropriating seized gold, cash

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

A police constable attached to the Meerpet police station was arrested and remanded to judicial custody for allegedly misappropriating 12 tolas of gold ornaments and cash confiscated in connection with an ongoing investigation, officials said.

The accused constable, identified as Shravan Kumar, had been serving on the force for six years. According to Meerpet Inspector Shobhan, the physical evidence—including 12 tolas of gold—was seized during a recent dowry harassment investigation and secured at the station premises.

Exploiting his access, Shravan reportedly pledged the confiscated gold without authorisation to raise approximately ₹12 lakh for personal expenses. In addition, he allegedly accessed a mobile device seized in the same case, transferring ₹1.70 lakh directly to his relatives' bank accounts.

The fraud came to light when the victims noticed missing funds and alerted senior officials. Following an internal inquiry where Shravan admitted to the misconduct, a formal criminal case was registered against him on October 27.

Police have since recovered the pledged gold and produced the constable before a local court, which remanded him to judicial custody.



The Commissioner's Task Force, Charminar Zone, along with Bandlaguda Police, arrested a 38-year-old auto driver for allegedly peddling ganja and seized 1.94 kg of the contraband worth approximately Rs.1 lakh. The accused, Shaik Asif of New Indira Nagar, Bandlaguda, was apprehended near Bandlaguda X Roads on Saturday following a tip-off. Police also seized a mobile phone from his possession.

During interrogation, Asif reportedly confessed to procuring around 2 kg of ganja from an unidentified person in Nagpur, Maharashtra, at Rs.5,000 per kg on October 28. He allegedly brought it to Hyderabad and planned to sell it at higher prices to customers in Ghouse Nagar and Crystal Town Colony.

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KTR Seeks Clarity on IDBI Bank Sale, Questions Valuation



NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

BRS working president K T Rama Rao (KTR) on Saturday demanded that the Centre provide clear answers on the proposed sale of IDBI Bank, expressing concern over allegations that the public sector lender's value was being underestimated.

Responding to a post by the All India IDBI Officers Association on X, KTR said public sector undertakings and banks were national assets that must be protected.

He questioned why the valuation rules and methods were changed when bids fell below the reserve price and whether the bank's valuable real estate assets, including prime land in Hyderabad, had been properly assessed.

KTR also asked why concerns raised by IDBI employees were not being addressed and questioned the urgency behind the proposed disinvestment. He urged the Centre to answer these questions transparently before handing over the prestigious public sector bank to private players.

BRS leader K T Rama Rao questioned the proposed sale of IDBI Bank, alleging undervaluation and seeking transparency from the Centre over its valuation and disinvestment process.

No crop holiday declared in Telangana: Tummala

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31: Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Saturday dismissed opposition claims that the state government had declared a "crop holiday," urging farmers not to fall for misleading political campaigns.

In an official statement, the Minister said the government has implemented proactive climate-planning strategies over the past six months to protect farmers from potential losses caused by global El Niño weather patterns. Anticipating water scarcity, the Agriculture Department drew up an action plan emphasising alternative, rain-fed, and integrated crops to prevent late-stage crop failure.

Tummala Nageswara Rao noted that El Niño is a global phenomenon affecting rainfall and groundwater levels worldwide. Rather than restricting cultivation, he emphasised, the state is encouraging low-water alternative crops to safeguard farmer investments. Field-level surveys are already underway across drought-affected mandals, and officials have been instructed to assess crop losses and provide real-time guidance to farmers.



Revanth congratulates ISRO on successful NVS-03 satellite launch



NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy congratulated the scientists, engineers and staff of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on the successful launch of the NVS-03 navigation satellite aboard the GSLV-F18 rocket.

In a statement on Saturday, the Chief Minister described the satellite's successful placement in its designated

geostationary orbit as a significant milestone in strengthening India's navigation capabilities.

He said the NVS-03 satellite would enhance services across several key sectors, including transportation, aviation, maritime navigation, surveillance and emergency response.

Terming the achievement a moment of pride for the entire nation, Revanth Reddy wished ISRO continued success in its future missions.

India's Diversity, Unity Its Greatest Strength: Governor Shukla

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday said India's unity and cultural diversity were its greatest strengths, stressing that initiatives such as 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' promote national integration and mutual understanding.

Addressing the Foundation Day celebrations of Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh here at Lok Bhavan, he recalled Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's contribution to integrating princely States into the Indian Union.

Highlighting the natural



and spiritual heritage of the two Union Territories, the Governor appreciated the resilience of their people and the contribution of Jammu and Kashmir's youth to national defence. He also noted the growing educational links between Telangana and Jammu and Kashmir, with several students pursuing higher education in Hyderabad. He

urged people to develop a sense of belonging to both their native States and the places where they work.

Special chief secretary M Dana Kishore, Education secretary Yogita Rana, Brigadier Puneet Kumar Dwivedi, Joint secretary Komanduru Shashi Kiran, and members of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh communities attended.

BJP Reviews Arrangements for Amit Shah's 'Maha Padayatra'

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

BJP leaders on Saturday reviewed arrangements for the 'Maha Padayatra' scheduled for November 2 in Hyderabad, in which Union Home Minister Amit Shah will participate.

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy and BJP Telangana president N Ramchander Rao chaired a preparatory meeting here at the party's state office, discussing arrangements and programme execution.

Later, Kishan Reddy, Ramchander Rao and other senior leaders, along with



police officials, inspected the proposed route from the Babu Jagjivan Ram statue at Basheerbagh to MJ Market.

The leaders called upon party cadres to work collectively to ensure the success of the padayatra, organised to counter the

Congress party's allegations over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

BJP state vice-president Dr Kasam Venkateshwarlu, MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, Bandaru Shanth Kumar and other leaders attended the meeting.

Poor Monsoon Hits Fish Production, Pushes Up Meat Prices in Telangana

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 31:

Deficient monsoon rainfall in Telangana has begun to affect rural livelihoods, with declining fish production and rising prices of essential food items adding to the financial

burden on households. In several districts, inadequate rainfall has left ponds, lakes and other water bodies with very low water levels, adversely affecting fish breeding and production. Traditionally, these water bodies remain

filled during the monsoon, allowing fish seed supplied by the government under subsidy schemes to be released for breeding. This helps ensure a regular supply of fresh fish at affordable prices in local markets.