



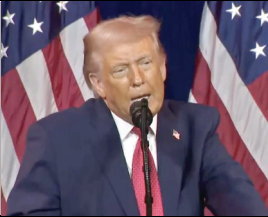
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Around 3,000 detained as CJP-led protest triggers massive security clampdown in Delhi

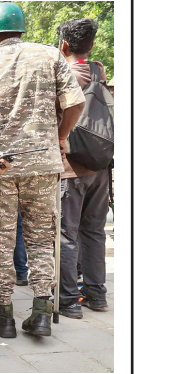
Opposition leaders, CJP conveners and Dhruv Rathee held over planned stir demanding CEC's resignation on alleged SIR irregularities

IANs News Bureau New Delhi, Oct 10

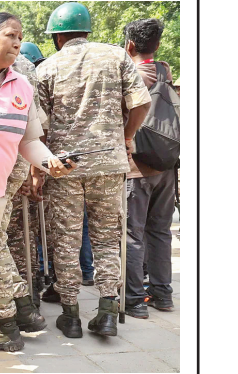
Around 3,000 protesters were detained across the national capital on Saturday as Delhi Police stepped up security to prevent a Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led agitation at Jantar Mantar demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The detentions came amid an extensive security operation across Delhi and the National Capital Region, with police checking vehicles at interstate borders, deploying personnel at sensitive locations and using drones to monitor movement. The Delhi Metro shut entry and exit at 45 stations, while Indian Railways cancelled or rescheduled several trains scheduled to arrive in New Delhi.

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke and co-conveners Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka were detained at Indira Gandhi International Airport after arriving in Delhi to lead the protest. Police personnel entered the aircraft carrying Dipke after it landed and took the three leaders into custody. Dipke later posted a video of the incident on social media, saying he had come to Delhi to be arrested. Social media influencer Dhruv Rathee was also detained from his Gurugram residence ahead of the proposed demonstration. According to a post on the CJP's X handle, around 50 police personnel in plain clothes reached his residence at about 8 a.m. and took him into preventive custody. Rathee had participated in a protest against the SIR in Bengaluru earlier in the week. Several Opposition leaders were also detained while attempting to join the agitation.

They included Trinamool Congress chief and former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, AAP national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, former Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, CPI-M General Secretary M.A. Baby and CPI-M MP John Brittas. Banerjee and five TMC MPs, including Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen, were detained from South Avenue after she staged a sit-in at a bus stop when police stopped her from proceeding. In a video recorded inside a police bus, Banerjee accused the government of mistreating the protesters and said the INDIA bloc would continue its fight to strengthen the people's voice. Kejriwal, whose residence had been surrounded by police since morning, was detained when he tried to leave to join the protest. He alleged that people were being pre-



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- Mamata Banerjee, Arvind Kejriwal, Pinarayi Vijayan and other Opposition leaders taken into custody.
- Metro stations shut, trains cancelled or rescheduled and security tightened across Delhi-NCR.



vented from moving freely and accused the authorities of attempting to suppress the issue of alleged "vote chori". Vijayan, Baby and Brittas were among those taken to the detention centre at Chhatrasal Stadium. After the detention of its top leadership, Dipke handed over responsibility for the protest to CJP organisation

in-charge Ajinkya Shinde through a pre-recorded video. He urged supporters to follow Shinde's leadership and continue the movement in his absence. Police said security arrangements had been made across Delhi, including at interstate and inter-district borders, to prevent unauthorised persons from reaching New

Delhi and maintain law and order. Personnel equipped with body cameras were deployed, while surveillance was intensified around New Delhi Railway Station and other key locations. Security was also strengthened at the residences of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha

Rahul Gandhi. Delhi Police had denied permission for the CJP protest, citing the organisers' alleged failure to comply with legal directions and undertakings given during an earlier demonstration. The proposed agitation was called to demand Kumar's resignation over alleged irregularities in the SIR of electoral rolls.

Revanth warns of El Niño crisis, orders action plan

CM directs officials to prepare for possible shortages of water, irrigation and power until June 2027

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 10

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed officials to prepare an action plan to tackle possible El Niño-related shortages of drinking water, irrigation and power until June 2027. At a review meeting, he stressed advance planning, warning that electricity availability could worsen despite the government's readiness to purchase power. He asked officials to conserve electricity, prioritise essential needs and consider temporarily deferring power-intensive activities wherever feasible. The CM called for a coordinated strategy, similar to measures adopted during COVID-19, and a statewide awareness campaign through the media, films and cultural troupes.



He also directed officials to conserve water and prevent wastage.

Solar storm may hit Earth on October 11

News Washington, Oct 10

Scientists warn of possible satellite, radio and navigation disruptions; no major impact expected in India Scientists are tracking two clouds of charged particles released by the Sun on October 7 and 8 that could trigger a moderate G2-level geomagnetic storm on October 11. The storm's intensity and potential effects remain uncertain. The event could temporarily disrupt satellite operations, radio communications and satellite-based navigation, while some power grids at higher latitudes may experience

voltage fluctuations. It could also produce auroras in polar regions. The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration classifies geomagnetic storms on a five-level scale, from G1 (minor) to G5 (extreme). A G2 storm is considered moderate, with its impact depending on the incoming particles and their interaction with Earth's magnetic field. Current forecasts indicate no significant impact on daily life in India, with no signs of widespread power outages or a global internet shutdown. Scientists will continue monitoring the solar activity.



ED seeks speedy trial in Jagan cases

IANs News Hyderabad, Oct 10

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has approached the Telangana High Court seeking a speedy, day-to-day trial in money laundering cases against former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and others. In its petition filed on September 23, the ED sought the personal appearance of all accused, stating that nine charge sheets filed between 2016 and 2021 remain pending before the Special CBI Court in Hyderabad due to undecided discharge petitions. The cases involve allegations that investments were made in companies linked to Jagan and his family in return for favours from the then Andhra Pradesh government. The ED urged the court to expedite proceedings, pending for nearly a decade.

No land acquisition requisition for Hyderabad high-speed rail: Centre



IANs News New Delhi, Oct 10

The Centre has clarified that no land acquisition requisition has been sent to State governments for the proposed Hyderabad-Chennai, Hyderabad-Bengaluru and Hyderabad-Pune high-speed rail corridors, as alignment studies are still underway. Union Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy said Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw conveyed the position during a meeting to discuss the proposed corridors. Reddy said any land acquisition being undertaken in the name of high-speed rail at this stage was illegal. He said the alignments would be finalised first, after which details would be shared with the respective State governments and farmers. The clarification comes amid resistance from farmers to land acquisition efforts for rail and other projects on Hyderabad's outskirts. South Central Railway also confirmed that Vaishnaw had held discussions with Reddy on the proposed alignments connecting Hyderabad with the three cities.

Vigilance to register FIR against Pinarayi Vijayan, family

IANs News Idukki, Oct 10

Kerala Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala on Saturday said the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau would register an FIR on October 12 against Opposition leader Pinarayi Vijayan, his daughter T. Veena, son-in-law P.A. Mohammed Riyas and others in the



CMRL-Exalogic monthly payment case. The move follows a Kerala High Court order directing a corruption probe and quashing the Crime Branch SIT's preliminary inquiry. The

court also ordered the transfer of documents and digital evidence collected by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and SIT to the Vigilance. The ED has alleged that CMRL paid ₹3.28 crore to Veena's company, Exalogic, between 2017 and 2019 without receiving services in return. The Vigilance will investigate the allegations, which are yet to be proved. Chennithala said the government would not appeal against the High Court order.

Three killed in Manipur clashes; tribal body calls shutdown

IANs News Imphal, Oct 10

Three people, including a woman, were killed in fresh clashes in Manipur's Kamjong and Ukhrul districts, while violence spread to Kangpokpi, prompting the Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) to call a

24-hour shutdown from 6 p.m. on Saturday. A 23-year-old man, Michael Ngamminlen Haokip, and a 42-year-old woman, Domkhonei Touthang, were killed in Chassad village, Kamjong, following an exchange of fire between armed Kuki and Naga groups. Ten houses

were reportedly burnt. In a separate incident, 40-year-old Sandeep Rai was shot dead near Chepu Yaolen in Ukhrul when suspected militants allegedly opened fire on his vehicle. Heavy firing and arson were also reported along the IT Road in Kangpokpi. The district



administration imposed restrictions on gatherings, firearms and movement within a 400-metre radi-

us of Chassad Police Gate Junction. Police denied reports that Kamjong police station had been burnt.



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Governance, development, welfare and districts shaping the State

Employees' Union-led alliance takes early lead in TGSRTC recognised union elections

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad,Oct.10:

The Employees' Union (EU) led alliance appears to have gained an advantage in the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) recognised union elections, with preliminary reports indicating support in the Greater Hyderabad region, even as the contest remains competitive in

several districts. The elections, held on Friday, after a gap of nearly a decade, recorded an impressive 98 per cent turnout, with 34,182 of the corporation's 34,905 employees casting their votes. As many as 12 unions contested the polls across 115 polling centres covering 97 depots. The EU-led alliance, comprising the Employees' Union,

Telangana Mazdoor Union (TMU) and National Mazdoor Union (NMFU), is reported to have secured an estimated 4,500-vote lead in the state-level contest. In Greater Hyderabad, the alliance reportedly led in 23 of the 26 depots, while the Telangana Workers' Union (TWU)-led alliance registered gains in parts of the districts, including the

Khammam region. The workers' unions campaigned on long-pending employee grievances, welfare measures and the demand for the merger of RTC employees with the state government. Postal ballots for employees on duty outside the state are scheduled to be cast on October 14 and 15, and the official results are expected on October 17.

TIRUPATI DEVOTEE DONATES Rs.10.01 LAKH TO TTD PRANADANA TRUST

Tirumala, Oct.10 (NSS): A devotee, Vishnu Prasad of Tirupati, donated Rs.10,01,116 to the TTD Sri Venkateswara Pranadana Trust on Saturday. The donor handed over a demand draft to TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the latter's camp office in Tirumala. The donation will support the trust's activities to provide better medical services to devotees during the annual Srivari Salakata Brahmothsavams.

TGSRTC Poll Verdict Reflects Workers' Faith in Rights-Fighting Unions: CPI MLC Satyam

Hyderabad, Oct.10 (NSS): CPI MLC Nellikanti Satyam on Saturday thanked Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) employees for electing the Employees' Union (EU-NMU-TMU) alliance, saying the outcome reflected workers' continued faith in unions championing their interests. Satyam alleged that the Congress had attempted to defeat the alliance by backing rival unions but said RTC workers had responded through their votes. The CPI leader said the alliance had a long record of fighting for workers' rights, job security, fair wages and improved working conditions. The election result reaffirmed employees' support for unions committed to resolving their problems, he added. Congratulating the alliance, Satyam said the victory brought greater responsibility and urged its leaders to remain united and work towards addressing employees' grievances and safeguarding their rights. (NSS)

All-Party Protest in Korutla Demands Resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar

Munsif News Bureau
Korutla,Oct.10:

An all-party protest demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar was held at Ambedkar Chowrasta in Korutla. Leaders and activists from the Congress, Communist parties and the MPJ participated in the demonstration.

Addressing the gathering, Congress Korutla Town President T. Gangadhar alleged that since the BJP came to power, it had been attempt-



ing to saffronise the country and undermine democracy. Communist leaders Chinna Vishwanatham and Sathari Ramulu expressed concern over alleged voter-list manipulation, claiming that the deletion of 13.6 crore voters' names to bring a particular political party to power would be a matter of shame for a democratic country.

Lifeline Express Hospital Train Arrives in Kagaznagar After Four-Year Gap

Munsif News Bureau
Kagaznagar, Oct. 10:

The Lifeline Express, the world's first hospital train, operated jointly by the Impact India Foundation and Indian Railways, arrived at Sirpur Kagaznagar Railway Station after a gap of four years. On Friday, District Collector K. Haritha inspected the free medical facilities, various treatment departments and modern operation theatres available on the Lifeline Express. She subsequently issued necessary instructions to railway officials, police personnel and

representatives of voluntary organisations to ensure better medical services for patients. The Collector announced that free medical examinations, outpatient services and surgical procedures for various ailments would be provided aboard the Lifeline Express at Kagaznagar Railway Station from October 16 to November 5, 2026. She appealed to people from Komaram Bheem Asifabad district and neighbouring areas to make full use of this unique medical initiative and avail treatment for themselves and their family members. Wide Range of Free Medical

Services Collector K. Haritha explained that the Lifeline Express would provide free eye examinations and cataract surgeries, treatment for orthopaedic conditions in children, corrective surgeries for leg disabilities, and diagnosis and treatment for ear, nose and throat (ENT) disorders, including surgery wherever necessary. The services would also include corrective surgery for congenital cleft lip and palate conditions, plastic surgery to address burn scars, and free treatment for various dental ailments.

Police Commissioner Interacts with Deaf Students in Nizamabad

Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad,Oct.10:

The Commissioner suggested that police should sensitively understand the difficulties faced by deaf students in various situations in society. He explained to police personnel particularly on aspects like how to communicate with

deaf people in situations where they cannot normally speak and convey their problems, how to know their difficulties, and how to deal with them harmoniously and respectfully when they come to the police station to lodge a complaint. He said that when deaf students or differently-abled persons approach police with

any problem, they should not be neglected, their situation should be understood and necessary cooperation should be extended. He suggested that wherever necessary, taking help of persons who know sign language, a congenial atmosphere should be created so that victims can express their problems freely.



The Bathukamma festival, one of Telangana's most celebrated traditional festivals, was observed with great enthusiasm, joy and grandeur at the renowned St. Clare School in Kagaznagar. Students, teachers and the school principal participated enthusiastically, making the celebrations a memorable occasion. The school premises wore a festive look, with colourful and beautifully arranged floral Bathukammas adding charm and vibrancy to the event. Students and teachers joined the celebrations with excitement, creating an atmosphere filled with cultural spirit and happiness. The programme reflected Telangana's age-old traditions, rich cultural heritage and regional identity.

Welfare Party of India Stages Massive Protest in Tandur on Saturday, 10 Oct

Munsif News Bureau
Tandur, Oct. 10:

The Welfare Party of India organised a large-scale protest near Ambedkar Chowk in Tandur on Saturday, demanding the immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Raising slogans of "Vote Chhor, Gaddi Chhor," the protesters called for transparency in the electoral process and protection of citizens' voting rights.

The protest was presided over by Welfare Party of India State President Syed Kamal Athar. Leaders of various political parties and public organisations that supported the demonstration addressed the gathering and stressed that the Election Commission must discharge its responsibilities with integrity to safeguard democracy and ensure free and fair elections.



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The protesters demanded a halt to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and called for a reconsideration of the procedures relating to Form 6. Expressing concern over the SIR exercise, the leaders said eligible voters could risk losing their voting rights if the process was not conducted properly. They emphasised that protecting every citizen's right to vote was a fundamental responsibility of the Election Commission. They warned that the agitation would be intensified if their demands were not met. Tandur town president of the Welfare Party of India, Hidayatullah, said residents and leaders of various organisations should unite to protect voting rights. He stated that a united movement could help achieve their demands.

Telangana State Minority Rights Struggle Committee president Abdul Wahab, Tandur Assembly constituency in-charge Samiuddin, mandal president Dr. Makhdoom, youth leader Abrar and others extended their support to the protest. Leaders from Various Political Parties Participate The demonstration witnessed participation from several political parties and public organisations. Those present included BRS leader and Ward 8 councillor Javed, BRS minority wing president Saleem, RJS Party leader Somu Shekhar, CPM leader Srinivas, CPI district leader Vijayalakshmi Pandit, minority leaders Mustafa Patel and Ashok, along with a large number of activists and representatives of public organisations.

Nizamabad CP Reviews Crime Control Measures

Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad,Oct.10:

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, held a comprehensive review meeting with police officers of Nizamabad Division to assess pending cases and review measures for crime prevention and maintenance of law and order. The meeting was held at Bhooma Reddy Convention Hall, within the limits of Town-4 Police Station. Nizamabad Division ACP, Circle Inspectors, Station House Officers (SHOs), Sub-Inspectors (SIs) and other concerned officers participated. Addressing the officers, the Commissioner said that, in accordance with the directions of the State Director General of Police, special raids against drugs and ganja must continue. He directed the police to take stringent action against those involved in illegal drug trafficking and other unlawful activities, invoking the Preventive Detention (PD) Act wherever necessary. Strict Action Against Cybercrime and Illegal Activities The Commissioner called for extensive public awareness campaigns on cybercrime and directed officers to respond promptly to victims of online fraud and extend the necessary assistance. He also instructed them to take stringent action against false propaganda and provocative posts on social media.

40% Rainfall Deficit in Narayanpet, Cotton Production Likely to Decline

Munsif News Bureau
Narayanpet, Oct. 10:

Agricultural crops in Narayanpet district are being affected by a 40 per cent deficit in rainfall compared to normal levels. District Collector Priyanka has directed the concerned officials to assess the drought situation at the ground level and prepare a comprehensive report covering crop conditions, groundwater resources, drinking water supply, electricity requirements and works under the employment guarantee scheme. State Chief Secretary Sanjay



Jaju reviewed the rainfall deficit, agricultural conditions, irrigation, drinking water supply and identification of drought-affected mandals through a video conference with district collectors across Telangana. During the meeting, Collector Priyanka briefed the Chief

Secretary on the rainfall situation and agricultural losses in Narayanpet district. The Collector stated that the rainfall deficit had affected cotton and paddy crops. In particular, nearly 52 per cent of the area under cotton cultivation is facing varying degrees of stress. Under

normal conditions, cotton yields range from 10 to 12 quintals per acre. However, due to the prevailing conditions, yields are feared to decline to between three and five quintals per acre. She further stated that measures were being taken in coordination with the concerned departments in three mandals where groundwater levels had been affected. The administration is focusing on the construction of farm ponds, rainwater conservation and measures to improve groundwater reserves. According to the Collector, drinking water supply in the district is currently satisfactory.

Speed Up Construction of Indiramma Houses: Peddapalli Collector Koya Sri Harsha

Munsif News Bureau
Peddapalli,Oct.10:

District Collector Koya Sri Harsha directed officials to accelerate the construction of houses sanctioned under the Indiramma Housing Scheme. On Friday, the Collector conducted a review meeting with housing officials at the Integrated District Collectorate to assess the implementation of the scheme and the progress of house construction. During the meeting, the Collector instructed officials to complete the distribution of sanction letters for



newly approved Indiramma houses at the earliest. He directed them to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive their sanction letters and that necessary steps are taken to commence construction. The Collector emphasised that

special attention should be given to houses approved in the first list where construction has not progressed as expected. Officials were instructed to contact the beneficiaries of houses where work has not yet started, identify

the reasons for the delay and take necessary measures to resolve their issues. He further directed officials to conduct field inspections and complete the pending marking of houses included in the first list without delay. Construction work should begin promptly at houses where marking has been completed, in coordination with the beneficiaries, he said. The Collector instructed officials to collect details regarding the various stages of house construction and continuously monitor the progress of each house.

Rice Millers Urged to Ensure Rice Availability at Reasonable Prices

Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad, Oct. 10:

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, held a review meeting with representatives

of rice mill associations and rice millers to discuss the prevailing agricultural conditions, grain production, procurement and sale, and measures to ensure the availability of rice to the public at reasonable prices.

During the meeting, the Police Commissioner cautioned that changing weather conditions across the district due to the effects of El Niño could adversely affect crop cultivation and agricultural

production. Taking the prevailing agricultural situation into account, he urged rice millers to conduct grain procurement and trade responsibly. He stressed the need for precautionary measures to

prevent grain procured from farmers from being diverted to other areas, sold at inflated prices, or used to create artificial shortages. He advised rice millers to strictly adhere to government regulations,

licensing requirements and prescribed pricing guidelines while procuring and trading grain. The Commissioner urged rice millers and their associations to extend their cooper-

ation to ensure that essential rice supplies remain available to the public and that consumers do not face any additional financial burden due to price fluctuations. Emphasising the need to

protect farmers' interests and address their difficulties, he called upon rice millers and association representatives to work together to ensure the availability of rice at affordable prices.



STATEWATCH | Where Telangana Speaks

People, civic issues, communities and developments from across Telangana

Bhatti urges Congress cadres to step up graduates' voter registration

NSS Khammam, Oct.10:

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has called upon Congress leaders and workers to work in coordination to secure a massive majority for party candidate Ramreddy Sarvotham Reddy in the Khammam-Nalgonda-Warangal Graduates' MLC election.

Addressing a meeting organised by the Khammam District Congress Committee at SR Function Hall in Khammam on Saturday, where he was the chief guest, Bhatti Vikramarka urged party cadres to turn the graduates' voter registration drive into

a mass movement and ensure that every eligible graduate was enrolled as a voter. He stressed the need for a clear action plan to achieve a decisive victory in the election. He suggested holding meetings in all five Assembly constituencies following the district-level meeting, followed by mandal- and village-level meetings to speed up the registration process. The Deputy Chief Minister called for the appointment of a senior leader as in-charge of each Assembly constituency and asked party leaders and workers to coordinate their efforts under their guidance. He clarified that even graduates who had registered as voters in pre-



vious elections would have to register afresh under the current process.

Bhatti Vikramarka urged party

leaders to identify eligible graduates in families supporting the Congress and ensure their enrolment.



A large number of women passengers were seen at a bus station in Yellareddy in Kamareddy district., preparing to travel to their native places ahead of the Dussehra holidays.

KTR Provides Financial Aid to Telangana Activist's Family

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct.10:

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has extended financial assistance to the family of Janardhan, a Dalit activist who actively participated in the Telangana statehood movement.

Rama Rao arranged fixed deposits of ₹3 lakh each for Janardhan's three daughters and provided an additional ₹1 lakh to the family as immediate financial assistance.

Janardhan had actively participated in the Telangana movement, including the Manukota incident. He passed away due to illness, leaving behind his wife and three daughters in difficult financial circumstances. He had reportedly been living in poverty and working as a daily-wage labourer to support his family.

After learning about the family's plight, Rama Rao took steps to provide financial assistance and secure the future of Janardhan's daughters through fixed deposits.

Following his directions, senior BRS leaders Satyavathi Rathod, Redya Naik, M. Kavitha and other party leaders from Mahabubabad district visited Janardhan's residence.

Bathukamma Highlights Telangana's Cultural Heritage: Collector Haritha

Munsif News Bureau Asifabad, Oct.10

District Collector K. Haritha has described Bathukamma as a unique symbol of Telangana's rich cultural heritage, traditional values and close bond with nature. On Friday, the Collector participated in the Bathukamma celebrations organised at the Sports School premises in the district headquarters and joined women in celebrating the traditional festival.

Speaking on the occasion, K. Haritha said Bathukamma represented a distinctive cultural tradition of Telangana, in which a variety of colourful seasonal flowers are arranged in beautiful layers to create Bathukamma and worshipped as a manifestation of the Goddess. She noted that



nature worship, the use of seasonal flowers and the enthusiastic participation of women were the defining features of the festival. Bathukamma, she said, reflected the lifestyle, cultural identity and deep-rooted connection with nature of

the people of Telangana. The Collector further explained that decorating Bathukamma with traditional flowers such as Tangedu and Gunugu symbolised respect for nature and highlighted the importance of environmental conservation.

MSMEs KEY TO VIKSIT BHARAT BY 2047: KISHAN REDDY

NSS Hyderabad, Oct.10:

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday described micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as strong pillars of India's industrial sector, saying they would play a crucial role in job creation and the country's transformation into a developed nation (Viksit Bharat) by 2047.

Addressing the Laghu Udyog Bharati South India conclave

at Taj Deccan in Hyderabad, Reddy said India's development could not depend solely on large industries and stressed the need to strengthen MSMEs operating across villages, towns and industrial zones.

He called for strengthening domestic manufacturing, boosting exports, creating quality employment and making India a global hub for competitiveness and innovation.

Highlighting the sector's contribution to the economy, Reddy



said MSMEs accounted for 32 per cent of the country's GDP, 36 per cent of manufacturing output and 49 per cent of exports.

According to figures cited by him, around 9.80 crore MSMEs had registered on the Udyam platform by 2026, providing employment to more than 40 crore people.

Telangana eyes global rice markets: Stephen Raveendra

NSS Hyderabad, Oct.10:

Telangana is expanding its agricultural role from feeding the nation to feeding the global market, stated Stephen Raveendra, Commissioner of Telangana Civil Supplies and Ex-Officio Principal Secretary. Addressing international agricultural leaders at the International World Rice Conference (IWRC) 2026 in Manila, Philippines, Stephen Raveendra highlighted Telangana's rapid rise as an agricultural powerhouse and invited global trade partners to explore direct commercial



ties with the state.

Highlighting the state's

yield performance, he noted that Telangana produced 18.5

million tonnes of rice last season.

This accounts for nearly 12 percent of India's total rice production while using just 10 percent of the nation's rice-growing land, he said.

"The Civil Supplies department is strategically shifting its focus from surplus management to unlocking global value from our agricultural abundance," Stephen Raveendra said.

He emphasised that the state is aggressively promoting high-quality fine and superfine rice varieties tailored to international consumer demands and premium global markets.

BIOLOGICAL FARMING CAN SAVE Rs.40,000 CR ANNUALLY, SAYS BIPA

NSS Hyderabad, Oct.10:

The BioAgri Input Producers Association (BIPA) has proposed a phased 25% reduction in chemical fertiliser and pesticide use through the integration of biological inputs, estimating potential annual savings of Rs.40,000 crore for the national exchequer.

The proposal was a key focus of BIOAGRI 2026, the association's sixth annual summit held at Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad, under the theme

"Biological Intelligence & Smart Agriculture".

BIPA plans to release a white paper outlining a roadmap for integrating biological inputs into conventional agriculture and initiate consultations with the government, industry and research institutions for a national policy on biological input integration.

The association said the transition could lower farming costs, improve soil health, reduce fertiliser subsidy expenditure and import dependence, and strengthen agricultural exports. It also

called for a national programme to improve soil organic carbon.

The summit featured 30 speakers and 36 exhibitors, with discussions on biotechnology, artificial intelligence, precision farming and sustainable agriculture. Former Plant Protection Advisor to the Government of India Dr. J. P. Singh inaugurated the event.

BIPA also presented its 2026 awards recognising women leaders in agribusiness, scientific research, doctoral research, product innovation and market outreach. The Bio-ag Women Leadership

Excellence Awards went to Dr. Sandeepa Kanitkar of Kanbiosys, Sudha Reddy of K N Biosciences and Lakshmi Narayanan of T-Stanes & Company. BIPA said stronger collaboration among policymakers, scientists and industry would be essential to mainstream biological solutions in Indian agriculture. BIPA office-bearers Dr. K. R. K. Reddy, President Emeritus; Dr. A. John Peter, President; Dr. Venkatesh Devanur, Secretary General; Praharaju Laxminarayana, Vice President; and C. H. V. Srinivas.

Collector Ila Tripathi Urges Farmers to Grow ID Crops in Rabi Season

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct.10:

District Collector Ila Tripathi has directed officials to create extensive awareness among farmers to cultivate ID (Irri-Dry) crops during the Rabi season in view of the limited availability of water in reservoirs due to deficient rainfall attributed to the El Niño effect.

On Friday evening, State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, along with senior officials from various departments, held a video conference from Hyderabad with district collectors across Telangana to review several key

issues. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that as a large number of labourers were coming forward to undertake works under the VB-G RAM G programme in the state, priority should be given to projects that provide long-term benefits.

As part of the Telangana Jalashiri programme, he directed officials to take up the construction of farm ponds and soak pits on a large scale to promote water conservation. He also instructed the departments concerned to take advance measures to ensure uninterrupted power supply and prevent wastage of drinking water.



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Ulema, Sufi leaders felicitate The Munsif Editor-in-Chief on English edition launch

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A delegation representing the All India Sufi Ulema Council, All India Sunni Ulema Mashaikh Board, Khulafa Abu al-Mashaikh, Osmanabad, Bazm

Farzandan-e-Jamia Nizamia, Mohibban-e-Nizamia and the Muslim United Federation visited the Munsif office on Saturday evening and held a detailed meeting with Mohammed Abdul Jalil.

The delegation expressed happiness over the launch of the English edition and conveyed its best wishes for the newspaper's continued success.

Its members also gave an extensive interview to Munsif TV 24x7, sharing their views on Munsif Daily's journalistic contributions, its role in com-

munity and social affairs, and its new journey in English journalism. Members of the delegation praised Mohammed Abdul Jalil's editorial leadership, professional vision and sustained efforts to guide Munsif Daily towards continued growth.

They observed that throughout its long journalistic history, the newspaper had played a significant role in representing the religious, political, social and community-related activities of the Muslim community, while also highlighting public issues and concerns.

BATHUKAMMA FESTIVITIES BEGIN ACROSS TELANGANA

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct.10:

Bathukamma celebrations, showcasing the rich culture and traditions of Telangana, have commenced across the state, with women and children participating in the vibrant floral festival dressed in traditional attire.

Women arranged colourful

Bathukamma floral stacks using a variety of natural flowers and performed traditional dances while singing folk songs celebrating life and nature.

The nine-day festival is marked by devotion, cultural traditions and community participation.

As part of the celebrations, women prepare Bathukamma

arrangements with seasonal flowers and worship Gauramma, an idol made of turmeric and decorated with vermilion.

The festival begins with "Engili Poola Bathukamma", followed by Atukula, Muddapappu, Nanebiyyam, Atla, Aligina, Vepakaya and Vennamuddala Bathukamma. The festivities culminate in

Saddula Bathukamma, celebrated on a grand scale across Telangana.

Large numbers of women and children gathered at various venues, including Ravindra Bharati and Shilparamam in Hyderabad, as well as locations in Warangal, Hanamkonda, Sangareddy, Medak and Karimnagar.

KTR Demands Action Against Gajwel MRO Over Alleged Remarks Against Farmer

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct.10:

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has demanded action against the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) of Gajwel following the circulation of a video on social media in which the official allegedly asked a distressed farmer whether he had consumed pesticide.

The incident has triggered criticism of the Congress government over the alleged treatment of farmers by government officials.

According to the video, a farmer approached the Gajwel MRO seeking assistance to protect his agricultural land. The official allegedly asked him sarcastically, "Have you not consumed pesticide yet? Are you still alive?"

When the farmer questioned whether the officer was laughing at his distress, the MRO allegedly responded in the affirmative.

Reacting to the incident, K.T. Rama Rao strongly criticised the officer's alleged conduct and urged the state government to take immediate action. "Is this how we treat farmers who work day and night to grow agricultural pro-

duce?" Rama Rao questioned in a post on X.

He further stated that a person would have to be mentally disturbed to treat another human being in the manner allegedly displayed by the officer. Describing the incident as shameful and completely unacceptable, KTR demanded that the Chief Secretary initiate action against the Gajwel MRO.



At a Glance

Raut predicts Centre's fall by March-April

IANSPune, Oct. 10

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut predicted that the Narendra Modi government would fall by March-April next year, alleging the Centre fears protesters opposing Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Calling the protests a “people’s rebellion”, he accused the government of blocking demonstrators from reaching Delhi for the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest. CJP chief Abhijit Dipke was detained at Delhi airport.

Raut claimed 15,000 vehicles were stranded outside Delhi and trains halted to stop protesters. He compared restrictions to British-era suppression, questioned branding youth “traitors” and “anti-nationals”, predicted a national government after Modi’s fall and urged Delhi Police not to obey illegal orders.



Poppy husk worth Rs 1.04 crore seized in Gujarat

IANSAhmedabad, Oct. 10

Ahmedabad Rural Police seized 696.94 kg of poppy husk hidden beneath steel coils in a truck travelling from Nagpur to Sanand and arrested driver Bhairaram Tarad, 33, police said. The drug was packed in 36 sacks and valued at Rs 1.045 crore; all seized property was worth Rs 1.47 crore.

The coils were meant for Tata Motors in Sanand. Police said the consignment was loaded near Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.

Suspected receiver Jetaram Kadwasha is being questioned, while Santosh is wanted. A case was registered under the NDPS Act.

Further investigation is underway by police soon.

PM MODI TO LAUNCH RS. 13,000 CR PROJECTS IN CHENNAI, INAUGURATE NEW METRO STRETCH

IANSPune, Oct. 10

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch development projects worth over ₹13,000 crore during a visit to Chennai on Sunday, with a new Metro corridor, highway improvements and port infrastructure forming key components of the programme.

The projects cover Metro rail, highways, railways, ports, petroleum and education, the Prime Minister’s Office said on Saturday.

PM Modi will inaugurate completed facilities, dedicate projects to the nation and lay foundation stones for new works.

Among the major launches is the ₹4,900-crore Poonamallee–Vadapalani stretch of Chennai Metro’s Phase II.

Featuring a 3.7-km double-decker structure and signalling systems designed for driverless operations, the corridor is expected to improve connectivity between the western suburbs and the city centre.

PM Modi is scheduled to ride the Metro from Porur Bypass to Poonamallee Bypass and back at 11.30 a.m.

He will visit Jalakandeswarar Temple



at 12.15 p.m., followed by a walkthrough of the Brain Centre at IIT Madras.

Highway projects worth around ₹3,700 crore include the 36-km, four-lane Vadugapatti–Therkuvenganallur section of NH-744 and the 30-km Madurai Ring Road on NH-744A.

He will also lay the foundation stone for the four-lane Thiruvavur Bypass on NH-83. Railway works worth over ₹750 crore include the Karaikal–Peralam line and three rail flyovers in and around Coimbatore.

Redeveloped stations at Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakkudi and Namakkal will also be in-

augurated.

Port projects include upgraded storage, warehouses, cruise passenger facilities and a Seafarers Club at Chennai Port.

Eight projects at V.O. Chidambaram Port will support cargo capacity, cleaner maritime energy and logistics.

At Kamarajar Port, PM Modi will inaugurate Coal Berth-3 and launch dredging works. He will lay the foundation stone for CPCL’s ₹1,620-crore lubricant base stocks project at Manali refinery, with an annual capacity of 270,000 tonnes.

At IIT-Madras, PM Modi will dedicate the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre and launch a mission to map more

than 100 human brains into three-dimensional cellular atlases.

He will also release C-STROKE, an atlas containing over 1,000 annotated microscopic sections from a stroke-affected brain.

The atlas is intended to help researchers identify potential therapeutic targets, while the mapping mission will cover brains from foetuses to older adults.

The main development programme and address are scheduled for 1.30 p.m. PM Modi will later attend the golden jubilee celebrations of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School at 3 p.m.

ABHISHEK BANERJEE FACES POLICE COMPLAINT OVER REJINAGAR BYPOLL POST

IANSKolkata, Oct. 10

A Returning Officer (RO), acting on behalf of the Election Commission of India (ECI), has lodged a police complaint against Trinamool Congress general secretary and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee over allegedly misleading information shared on social media regarding the Rejinagar Assembly by-poll results.

On Friday, while the counting was underway, Abhishek Banerjee, also the nephew of former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, claimed in a social media post that in a particular booth for the Rejinagar Assembly bypoll, the winning BJP candidate, Sakharav Sarkar, received more votes than the total number of registered



voters at that particular booth.

In the post, the Diamond Harbour MP claimed that at Booth No. 109 in Rejinagar, the BJP candidate secured 909 votes even though the total number of registered voters was 772.

The district electoral officer (DEO) & district magistrate (DM) promptly issued a counter statement, rejecting

the claims by Abhishek, and said that, as per the electoral roll for that polling station, the total number of registered electors was 1,109, of which 972 votes were polled across all candidates contesting in the Rejinagar bypoll.

On Saturday, the concerned RO, on behalf of the ECI, registered a police complaint against Abhishek Banerjee at the

Rejinagar Police Station.

Both Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee are currently in New Delhi to participate in the movement by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar.

Now, it remains to be seen whether the Diamond Harbour MP would be summoned to the Rejinagar Police Station for questioning in this matter.

The bypolls for Rejinagar and Nandigram Assembly constituencies in East Midnapore district of West Bengal were conducted on October 6, and the results were declared on October 9. The BJP candidates got elected from both constituencies with massive margins. The party increased its tally in the 294-seat West Bengal Assembly to 209.

Priyanka Gandhi Slams Delhi Crackdown, Says Government Fears Public Accountability

IANSPune, Oct. 10

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday criticised the detention of young people protesting against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging that security restrictions in Delhi showed the government was “terrified” that its “illegitimacy” was being exposed.

In a post on X, Vadra accused the government of undermining democracy and described those allegedly colluding to subvert it as committing “treason” against the nation.

“First they rough up 254 MPs and detain them completely illegally, infringing on their basic constitutional rights; they do the same to other protestors from Opposition parties,” she wrote.

Vadra alleged that authorities had imposed severe restrictions in the national capital, including barricades, sealed routes, halted train and Metro services, internet



disruptions and checkpoints. She accused security personnel of assaulting and detaining young people exercising their constitutional right to protest.

She alleged collusion between the government and the Election Commission over elections, saying the government feared accountability. She described India as a dictatorship run by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh also criticised the security arrangements, saying Delhi had been turned into a fortress and armed security personnel deployed widely.

In a post on X, Ramesh said young people were protesting over what he called a systematic attempt to undermine the right to vote under Article 326 of the Constitution.

He alleged that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar had followed orders from Modi and Shah when appointed. Ramesh referred to the suspension of 146 Opposition MPs in December 2023 and claimed a law granting lifetime legal protection was forcibly passed through Parliament.

Ramesh said the CEC’s resignation had become a “moral imperative”, calling it a first step towards restoring democratic institutions.

He also demanded that the SIR process be halted, claiming nearly 14 crore Indians had already been deprived of voting rights through the exercise. He said cancelling it was necessary to restore public trust in the electoral system itself.

VIJAY TO MEET NAIDU ON OCT 13 OVER KRISHNA WATER SHORTFALL

IANSPune, Oct. 10

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay is expected to visit Vijayawada on October 13 for talks with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Krishna water supplies, proposed dams on rivers flowing into Tamil Nadu, and river interlinking.

The proposed meeting comes amid a shortfall in water received by Tamil Nadu under the Telugu Ganga project.

Under the agreement, Andhra Pradesh is required to deliver 12 thousand million cubic feet (tmc) of Krishna River water annually at the interstate border. However, Tamil Nadu had received only 2.251 tmc by October 9 this year.

The gap between the stipulated annual supply and the quantity received so far is expected to be a key issue during the discussions.

Vijay’s visit will provide an opportunity for the two governments to review water releases and discuss Tamil Nadu’s requirements for the remaining period of the year.

Tamil Nadu has received less than one-fifth of the stipulated annual quantity.



The figures place the outstanding balance at 9.749 tmc, although the annual allocation and the amount received by October 9 cover different periods.

Besides Krishna water supplies, Vijay is expected to raise Andhra Pradesh’s moves to construct dams across rivers that flow into Tamil Nadu. The discussions are likely to cover the implications of these projects for water reaching the downstream State.

Tamil Nadu’s concerns over these proposed structures will be another agenda item, alongside consultations on river interlinking.

The talks are expected to bring together issues relating to existing water-sharing arrangements and proposals involving rivers connecting the two states.

According to reports, Vijay will also meet Andhra Pradesh Deputy

Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and other ministers during the visit.

The meetings are expected to focus on the water-related issues identified for discussion between the two governments. The visit would place these matters before the political leadership of both States, with Tamil Nadu seeking discussions on the shortfall in Krishna water and the proposed dam construction.

With only a portion of the annual allocation received so far, the October 13 talks are expected to centre on how the two States can address Tamil Nadu’s water concerns through direct consultations.

Details of any decisions or commitments will depend on the outcome of the meetings, which have been reported as part of Vijay’s planned visit to Vijayawada.

MISSING BHOPAL ADVOCATE FOUND DEAD ON RAILWAY TRACKS AFTER FIVE DAYS

IANSBhopal, Oct. 10

The body of a 29-year-old advocate missing for five days was found on railway tracks near Bhopal railway station on Saturday morning, police said.

Vishal Ramnani lived in the Irani Market area and practised at the Bhopal District Court. The GRP are investigating his death.

Ramnani left home on the night of October 5 and did not return, his family said. His sister, Garima Ramnani, also a lawyer,



lodged a complaint at Hanumanganj police station.

Police registered a case against an unidentified person under Section 140(3) of the Bharatiya

Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and began a search.

The complaint stated that Ramnani returned home between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on October 5. When Garima returned around 10.30 p.m., he had gone out for a walk, family members told police.

He was reportedly seen walking in the colony with his friend, Raju Sardar, around 11 p.m. When relatives tried to contact him around midnight, his phone was switched off.

During the search, the family found his phone inside the storage com-

partment of an Activa scooter parked near their house, but could not locate him. They then informed police.

His body was found on the railway tracks on Saturday morning. The GRP registered a case of unnatural death and began proceedings to establish the circumstances.

Police are investigating the events leading to his death. The cause and circumstances are yet to be established. A court employee told IANS that Ramnani was last seen at the court on October 5, too.

Gujarat Clears `1,331-Crore Irrigation Project for 46 Tribal Villages

IANSGandhinagar, Oct. 10

Gujarat has approved a ₹1,331.30-crore lift irrigation project to supply water to 46 tribal villages in Kaprada and Dharampur talukas of Valsad district, bringing 17,000 hectares under irrigation.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has granted administrative approval to the Daman-Ganga Lift Irrigation Project, which will lift water from Madhuban Reservoir across hilly terrain. The project is



in its final stage before commencement, a government statement said.

Farmers in these elevated areas face shortages despite the reservoir, as the villages lie above the existing gravity-fed canal network. Many rely on groundwater, limiting multiple cropping.

After feasibility stud-

ies, the government selected Alternative-3. The network includes a main pipeline of about 53 km and over 188 km of branch and feeder lines.

Three pumping stations near Fatehpura, Burvad and Kistoniya will lift water across elevations of 65 to 382 metres. Their combined capacity will be 56,400 kW, or 75,600 horsepower.

The system will supply 500 cusecs and operate on a 15-day rotational schedule across two zones for 100 days annually. Zone 1 will cover 28 villages in

Kaprada, while Zone 2 will serve 17 villages across Kaprada and Dharampur.

Water will be released into 26 village ponds and 81 check dams to support groundwater recharge and improve availability during crop-growth stages. A separate discharge of 1.5 cusecs into the Kangvi River near Barumal village is planned.

The government expects the project to improve irrigation access, reduce groundwater dependence and support multiple cropping in Valsad’s tribal farming areas.



At a Glance



Pakistan, Turkey silent on Flydubai incident

IAN S
Tel Aviv, Oct. 10

Pakistan and Turkey face scrutiny for not condemning an alleged cockpit attack aboard Flydubai Flight FZ1073, despite security commitments to Saudi Arabia, The Times of Israel reported.

Italian adviser Sergio Restelli wrote that the aircraft, carrying over 170 people from Dubai to Tel Aviv, plunged 14,000 feet in under 30 seconds after the co-pilot allegedly attacked captain. It landed safely in Tabuk after passengers intervened.

Restelli said condemning an attack need not imply support for Israel or opposition to Palestine. He said the Mecca pact among Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Turkey would be tested by members’ commitment to shared principles.

Trump attacks Nobel Peace Prize decision

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 10

US President Donald Trump criticised the Nobel committee for overlooking his claim of ending eight conflicts, calling the decision an embarrassment.

At a Republican rally in Syracuse, New York, he said the US merits the award and accused the Norwegian committee of political bias. He cited disputes involving Kosovo and Serbia, Congo and Rwanda, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Egypt and Ethiopia, and Israel and Hamas.

Trump said efforts to resolve the Russia-Ukraine conflict and tensions with Iran continued. He criticised the United Nations, claiming it had not helped in conflicts he said he settled.

TRUMP PROMISES \$5,000 PAYMENTS, TAX CHANGES AHEAD OF MIDTERMS

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 10

US President Donald Trump has outlined an economic and legislative agenda ahead of next month’s congressional elections, promising cash payments to adult citizens, tougher immigration enforcement, expanded tariffs and changes to healthcare and taxation if Republicans retain control of Congress.

Addressing a campaign rally in Syracuse, New York, Trump urged voters to treat the November 3 elections as a referendum on his administration. He said a Republican victory in both the House of Representatives and Senate would lead to a \$5,000 payment to every adult American citizen.

“If Republicans win the House of Representatives and the Senate, I am going to give all adult citizens in the United States of America \$5,000 each,” he told supporters, describing the proposal as a “Trump dividend”.

Trump estimated the programme would cost about \$1 trillion and be financed through tariff revenues and economic growth. He said recipients would have to spend the money in the United States. Non-citizens, including green-



card holders and temporary visa workers, would not qualify under his proposal.

The President said his administration had secured more than \$21 trillion in investment commitments, attributing them largely to tariffs and incentives encouraging domestic manufacturing. He argued foreign manufacturers could avoid import duties by setting up production facilities in the U.S.

On immigration, Trump promised legislation to prevent future administrations from reversing his border policies. Republicans, he said, would pursue the proposed No Invasion of Our Country Act and seek to prohibit sanctuary jurisdictions that restrict cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

He renewed his call for

voter identification and proof-of-citizenship requirements in federal elections. “We will pass the Save America Act to defend our sacred American elections that will include, of course, voter ID and proof of citizenship,” he said. Trump accused Democratic-led states of failing to enforce immigration laws and allowing immigrants with criminal records to remain in communities.

On healthcare, he proposed redirecting federal payments from insurance companies to individuals so they could buy coverage directly. He also pledged to make tax provisions involving tips, overtime income and Social Security benefits permanent. Trump said more than 20 million senior citizens would re-

ceive payments of at least \$100 from funds identified within federal programmes.

On foreign policy, Trump asserted that the United States had secured control of the Strait of Hormuz and said increased oil shipments through the waterway would help reduce energy prices. He defended an agreement with Russian President Vladimir Putin to facilitate additional Russian diesel supplies, drawing criticism from lawmakers concerned that easing pressure on Moscow could weaken the response to Russia’s war in Ukraine.

The rally also featured attacks on New York Governor Kathy Hochul, whom Trump accused of mismanaging taxes, energy policy and public safety.

Houthi report fresh Saudi airstrikes in NW Yemen amid fierce fighting around Taiz

IAN S
Sanaa, Oct. 10

Saudi warplanes launched fresh airstrikes on Houthi-held areas in northwestern Yemen on Saturday as fighting intensified between the Houthis and government forces around the southwestern city of Taiz, according to Houthi-run media and a government military source.

The Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported that six airstrikes hit the Abs district in the northwestern province of Hajjah, injuring three people and heavily bombing villages in the Bani Hatab area. The channel alleged that “cluster munitions” were used in some strikes.

In the neighbouring Red Sea province of Hodeidah, Saudi warplanes struck a station belonging to the Yemen Petroleum Company in the Bajil district, al-Masirah said. No immediate casualties were reported, and Saudi Arabia had not commented on the strike, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The latest airstrikes came as fighting was intensifying around Taiz, where recent Houthi



advances have put increasing pressure on government forces defending the city and disrupted key roads connecting it with government-held areas in southern Yemen.

A government military source told Xinhua on Saturday that fierce clashes were underway in Al-Shaqab in the Sabir al-Mawadim district, south of Taiz, as Houthi forces continued their push toward Jabal Sabir, a strategic mountain overlooking the city.

“The battle for Jabal Sabir is critical because its heights dominate the Taiz city and the surrounding areas,” the source said on condition of anonymity. “Government forces are trying to prevent the

Houthis from gaining positions that would give them a major advantage over the city.”

The battle is part of a broader escalation in southwestern Yemen, where government forces, supported by the Saudi-led Arab coalition, have been trying to reverse recent Houthi gains, including around the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait.

Yemen has been embroiled in a civil conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized the capital Sanaa and much of northern Yemen. The Saudi-led coalition intervened in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government, which is now based in the southern port city of Aden.

JD VANCE WARNS OF TARIFFS OVER US JOB LOSSES

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 10

US Vice President JD Vance has warned that companies shifting American jobs overseas or replacing US workers with legal immigrants could face steep tariffs, outlining the Trump administration’s approach to protecting domestic employment and encouraging manufacturing investment.

Addressing a Republican midterm election rally in Lima, Ohio, Vance said the administration would reward companies that manufacture goods in the United States and employ American citizens, while penalising businesses that move production and jobs abroad.

“If you’re making things in America and you’re employing American citizens to do it, great. We’re gonna give you a big fat tax cut and we’re gonna reward you for building and expanding production,” Vance said.

“But if you’re sending American jobs overseas, if you’re trying to ship your factory to a foreign corporation or you’re trying to replace American workers with a legal im-

migrant later, you know what you’re gonna get? A big fat tariff,” he told supporters.

The remarks are significant because Vance explicitly referred to legal immigrants while describing the administration’s efforts to protect American workers.

The Vice President did not identify any new tariff measure specifically targeting employers of legal immigrants or explain how such a penalty would be implemented.

His comments nevertheless highlighted the administration’s emphasis on giving preference to American citizens in employment and encouraging companies to expand production within the United States.

Vance framed the administration’s policies as an effort to reverse decades of industrial decline and prevent American manufacturing jobs from moving overseas.

Drawing on his upbringing in Middletown, Ohio, he recalled watching factories close and families struggle after workers lost their jobs.

“I know what it does to families when mom or dad loses their job,” he said.



The Vice President argued that government policy should encourage companies to invest in domestic production rather than move jobs to foreign countries.

“We are gonna fight for our people,” he said.

Vance also claimed that the administration’s economic policies had attracted trillions of dollars in investment and generated new manufacturing employment.

He cited planned investments by automobile, aerospace and pharmaceutical companies in Ohio as examples of businesses expanding American manufacturing operations.

Among them, he referred to a \$400 million investment by Stellantis

in automobile manufacturing, an \$850 million aerospace project and a \$2.2 billion pharmaceutical manufacturing investment.

The Vice President also criticised Democrats over immigration and employment policies, accusing the previous Biden administration of allowing illegal immigration to undermine wages and job opportunities for American workers.

His remarks formed part of a broader campaign speech supporting Republican candidates, including Indian-American entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, who is running for Ohio governor, and Senator Jon Husted.

PHILIPPINES CONDEMNS CHINESE VESSEL, 22 BOATS NEAR KOTA ISLAND

IAN S
Manila, Oct. 10

The Philippines condemned the entry of a Chinese maritime militia vessel and 22 small boats into Kota Island’s territorial sea in the West Philippine Sea on October 9, alleging unauthorised fishing and waste dumping.

The National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) said vessel 9622 and its 22 sampans entered the waters. One

boat reportedly approached within 250 metres of the island’s shoreline.

The task force alleged unauthorised fishing and waste dumping.

It said Philippine Coast Guard personnel, supported by the Marine Corps and Navy, moved to address the incident. The Chinese vessel allegedly encircled their boats. Its master claimed the area as Chinese territory and ordered the Philippine team to leave, the NTF-WPS said.

The task force said Kota Island is part of the Municipality of Kalayaan in Palawan province and falls under Philippine sovereignty. It maintained that China’s claim had no basis under international law.

The NTF-WPS said the reported fishing violated the Philippine Maritime Zones Act and Fisheries Code, as amended.

It praised the Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy for their coordinated response, which reportedly led to the de-

parture of all Chinese vessels.

The task force said the vessel deployed 24 sampans near Kota Island on September 28, calling the latest incident a repeated incursion.

The NTF-WPS pledged continued support for Philippine agencies protecting the country’s territory and maritime rights, saying it would respond firmly and lawfully to further challenges to Philippine sovereignty in the West Philippine Sea.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan’s Vision: Blending Modern Education with Religious and Moral Values

On his birth anniversary, a tribute to the pioneering educationist whose vision continues to inspire generations

By Arshiya Rafiq Shaikh, Akola

Education has always been a powerful force behind the rise and progress of nations. History bears witness to the fact that societies that embraced knowledge, research and intellectual advancement emerged as leaders, while those that drifted away from learning gradually lost their strength and influence. Yet, education is not merely the accumulation of information or the acquisition of degrees. It is a process that shapes intellect, builds character, awakens consciousness and enables individuals to contribute meaningfully to society. The fundamental question before us today is whether education should be confined to material progress and professional success, or whether it must also nurture moral responsibility, spiritual awareness and cultural values.

In the contemporary world, this question has assumed greater significance. Rapid advances in science, technology, artificial intelligence and digital communication have transformed human life and opened unprecedented opportunities. At the same time, societies are grappling with materialism, intolerance, ethical challenges and a growing disconnect between knowledge and responsibility. The need of the hour is an educational vision that pre-

pares young people for the demands of the modern world while strengthening their moral foundations and respect for their religious and cultural heritage.

Among the great reformers of the Indian subcontinent, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan occupies a distinguished place. Born in Delhi on October 17, 1817, he recognised the importance of education at a time when Indian Muslims were facing political uncertainty, economic hardship and educational backwardness, particularly in the aftermath of the Revolt of 1857. He understood that a community could not secure its future merely by recalling the achievements of its past. Progress required an understanding of changing circumstances, a willingness to embrace new ideas and a sustained commitment to education and intellectual development.

Sir Syed urged Muslims to overcome stagnation, acquire modern knowledge and develop confidence in their abilities. His contribution lay not only in advocating educational reform but also in translating his ideas into practical initiatives. The establishment of the Scientific Society in 1864, the publication of Tahzib-ul-Akhlaq and his efforts to build modern educational institutions reflected his determination to promote intellectual awakening and social reform.

One of the most enduring lessons of Sir Syed’s life is that the true purpose of education extends far beyond earning qualifications. Education must cultivate the ability to think independently, examine evidence, ask meaningful questions, conduct research and make informed decisions. Knowledge without ethical guidance can become an instrument of power without necessarily serving the interests of humanity. A highly qualified individual who lacks honesty, compassion, fairness and a sense of responsibility may possess professional expertise without demonstrating the qualities required for re-

sponsible leadership.

Islam places great emphasis on knowledge and learning. The first revelation of the Holy Quran begins with the word Iqra, meaning “Read”. The Quran also asks: “Are those who know equal to those who do not know?” (Surah Az-Zumar, 39:9). These teachings highlight the importance of knowledge and intellectual awareness. When learning is accompanied by integrity, justice, compassion and accountability, it can become a powerful force for individual development and collective welfare.

Sir Syed’s educational philosophy emphasised the importance of bringing modern learning into the lives of Muslims. He believed that familiarity with contemporary scientific developments, English and modern academic disciplines was essential for meaningful participation in a rapidly changing world. Rather than rejecting modern knowledge simply because it originated elsewhere, he encouraged his community to engage with it, understand its potential and use it for progress.

In 1864, he established the Scientific Society at Ghazipur to promote the translation of modern works and disseminate scientific knowledge. This initiative reflected his understanding that access to knowledge should not be restricted by language or cultural boundaries. He recognised the importance of making contemporary intellectual developments accessible to a community that needed new educational opportunities.

His efforts culminated in the establishment of the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental School at Aligarh in 1875, which subsequently developed into a college and eventually became Aligarh Muslim University in 1920. The institution emerged as a major milestone in the history of modern education among Indian Muslims. The Aligarh Movement was not merely an attempt

to establish an educational institution; it was a broader endeavour to encourage educational awareness, intellectual reform and engagement with modern disciplines.

An important aspect of this vision is the relationship between modern education and religious values. These should not automatically be treated as opposing forces. Modern education equips individuals with knowledge, technical expertise and professional skills, while ethical and religious principles can help guide the responsible use of those abilities. A doctor may possess advanced medical knowledge, but compassion and honesty make that knowledge more meaningful to patients. A lawyer may understand the law, but fairness and integrity give purpose to professional practice. Similarly, scientific discoveries and technological innovations can contribute to human welfare when guided by a sense of responsibility.

Religious and moral values can encourage truthfulness, trustworthiness, justice, tolerance, respect for human dignity and service to society. When these principles are integrated with modern learning, education can help produce not only competent professionals but also responsible citizens. The objective should not be to restrict intellectual inquiry, but to create an environment in which knowledge, ethical reflection and respect for human dignity develop together.

Sir Syed’s emphasis on reason, observation and inquiry also remains relevant. He sought to encourage Muslims to move beyond intellectual stagnation and engage with the changing world through learning and rational thought. At the same time, some of his religious interpretations and views attracted criticism from scholars of his era. A balanced assessment of his legacy must acknowledge both his educational achievements and the debates

surrounding his ideas. Recognising the contribution of a historical figure does not require agreement with every aspect of his thought. Intellectual honesty demands that ideas be examined through evidence, reasoned argument and historical context.

In the present age, Sir Syed’s educational mission offers valuable lessons for addressing emerging challenges. Artificial intelligence, robotics, biotechnology and digital communication are transforming education, employment and social interaction. Young people need scientific knowledge, technological competence, critical thinking, creativity and the ability to evaluate information responsibly. Alongside these skills, they also need ethical awareness, social sensitivity and an understanding of their cultural heritage.

Educational institutions must therefore create an environment that encourages scientific learning, research, innovation and independent thinking while giving due importance to character formation. Students should be equipped with modern skills in science, mathematics, technology and languages. They should also be encouraged to develop honesty, discipline, respect for others, tolerance and a commitment to public welfare. Familiarity with religious teachings, history and cultural traditions can further strengthen their sense of identity and responsibility, provided that it goes hand in hand with openness to knowledge and constructive dialogue. A balanced educational system should welcome questions rather than discourage them, promote discussion rather than hostility, and treat differences of opinion as opportunities for learning. Such an approach can help young people engage confidently with the wider world without losing sight of their ethical principles.

Sir Syed’s life also conveys an important message to the younger generation: difficult circumstances should

inspire determination rather than become an excuse for inaction. Young people must cultivate the habit of reading, pursue research, acquire new skills, respect their teachers and uphold academic integrity. Religious identity and professional achievement need not be incompatible. An individual can remain committed to personal beliefs while becoming a scientist, doctor, engineer, lawyer, journalist, teacher or technology specialist.

Ultimately, the value of education cannot be measured solely by the degrees earned, salaries received or positions attained. Its deeper purpose lies in developing individuals who can use their knowledge wisely, strengthen social harmony and contribute to the common good. Nations need strong educational institutions, dedicated teachers, research opportunities, community support and a sustained commitment to learning if they are to secure a prosperous future.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan’s legacy continues to remind us that progress demands more than pride in past achievements. It requires the courage to respond to present realities, the wisdom to prepare for future challenges and the determination to make education accessible and meaningful. His vision of educational advancement remains relevant to a world in which scientific progress must be accompanied by ethical responsibility.

The enduring message of Sir Syed’s life is clear: education should illuminate the mind, refine character, expand human potential and serve society. By combining modern learning with moral responsibility, intellectual openness and respect for religious and cultural values, we can work towards a generation that is both professionally capable and socially conscious. This is the educational vision that deserves renewed attention on his birth anniversary and beyond.



Zimbabwe may use India’s UPI stack to transform African payments system



Zimbabwe is in talks with NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) -- the arm of National Payments Corporation of India -- to licence the technology behind the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as a shared domestic rail for real-time payments, a new report has said.

Such a domestic rail would enable banks, mobile-money operators and fintechs to clear transfers in real time on one public layer, the report from India Narrative said.

Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe governor John Mushayavanhu said the move could cut costs, speed transfers and create an account-to-account al-

ternative to cards for small domestic transactions.

Cross-border use and remittance links could follow, said Mushayavanhu and negotiations with NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) could be concluded by October 31. NIPL is the overseas arm of India’s National Payments Corporation that has exported UPI-style infrastructure to other countries. Zimbabwe already processes large volumes of digital transactions but lacks a low-cost common rail. Zimbabwe’s national system handled 238 million electronic transactions in Q4 2025, with mobile money account-

ing for about 87 per cent of the volume and active mobile-financial-services users near 11 million.

“Diaspora inflows reached \$2.45 billion in 2025, up from \$2.15 billion in 2024, about \$6.7 million a day. Britain and South Africa each supplied a little over a quarter of the early-2025 flow. Those dollars are household income and foreign exchange, second only to mining,” the report noted.

“The World Bank estimated sub-Saharan Africa’s average cost of sending \$200 near 8 per cent in 2025, against a global average of about 6.5 per cent and a Sustainable Development Goal target

of 3 per cent,” it added.

The cost through Southern African Development Community (SADC) routes is even higher, the report said, adding that the money leaked by intermediaries is food and working capital lost for African natives.

UPI handled roughly 49 per cent of global real-time payment volumes in 2025 and 84 per cent of India’s own digital payments in the last fiscal year, as per government data. Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda and Mozambique have already signalled interest in collaboration with NPCI, it said, adding that the first movers will set the standards for the rest to inherit.

Protein-Rich Breakfast May Help Beat Fatigue and Keep You Energised All Day

Lifestyle: Feeling energetic on some days but struggling with tiredness and low motivation on others can be frustrating. While many people blame the weather or a hectic routine, nutrition experts point out that the food we eat in the morning can also influence our energy levels, appetite and metabolism. Nutritionist Anjali Mukerjee explains that popular breakfast choices such as pancakes, cereals with milk, idli, dosa, upma, poha and fruit juice may cause blood sugar levels to rise quickly, depending on their ingredients and portion sizes. This may be followed by a drop in blood sugar, leaving some people feeling hungry or tired again soon after eating.

According to Mukerjee, including more protein in breakfast can help people feel full for longer and manage food cravings. Protein-rich foods also support muscle maintenance and contribute to the body’s nutritional needs. She recommends simple options such as egg bhurji, tofu bhurji, paneer bhurji and besan chilla. These foods provide protein while adding variety to the daily breakfast menu. For vegetari-



ans, paneer and tofu are useful alternatives, while eggs can be included by those who consume them.

Mukerjee also advises including leafy greens such as spinach, kale and fenugreek leaves, along with colourful fruits such as berries and citrus fruits, in the daily diet. These foods supply essential vitamins, minerals and other beneficial nutrients. A varied diet, adequate hydration and healthy lifestyle habits may help reduce sluggishness associated with poor dietary patterns.

For a protein-rich vegetarian breakfast, around 100 grams of paneer lightly grilled with salt and black pepper can be a convenient option.

Paneer bhurji and paneer paratha are other alternatives. Pairing these foods with vegetables can make breakfast more balanced. Those who consume eggs can opt for boiled eggs or egg bhurji with whole-grain toast and vegetables. Tomato, carrot, beetroot or ash gourd juice may also be included, although whole fruits generally provide more fibre than fruit juice.

A nutritious breakfast does not have to be complicated or expensive. Combining protein with fibre-rich foods and choosing portions suited to individual needs may help improve fullness and reduce frequent hunger. Rather than relying only on carbohydrate-heavy

foods, adding eggs, paneer, tofu, pulses or other protein sources can help make the morning meal more balanced.

However, fatigue is not always caused by breakfast choices alone. Inadequate sleep, dehydration, nutritional deficiencies and underlying health conditions can also contribute to persistent tiredness.

If fatigue continues despite improvements in diet and lifestyle, seeking medical advice is important. Ultimately, a balanced breakfast that meets the body’s nutritional needs can be a practical step towards better appetite control and sustained energy throughout the day.



Shai Hope's Record Century Powers West Indies to Historic Chase Against India

Ranchi, Oct. 10:

West Indies pulled off a historic run chase against India, registering a six-wicket victory in the second T20 International of the five-match series in Ranchi. An unbeaten century by captain Shai Hope and a blistering knock from Sherfane Rutherford powered the Caribbean side to 252/4 in just 18.3 overs, completing the second-highest successful run chase in men's T20I history.

Chasing a formidable target of 250, West Indies displayed remarkable batting firepower, with Hope scoring an unbeaten 102 and Rutherford contributing 84. Their crucial partnership put the visitors firmly in control and helped them reach the target with nine balls to spare.

Hope's century, scored off 45 balls, was the second-fastest T20I hundred by a West Indies batter. Johnson Charles holds the record with a 39-ball century against South Africa in Centurion in 2023. Hope's innings also placed him among the leading performers in

Ranchi T20I produces 501 runs as West Indies chase down 250-run target for a six-wicket victory



high-scoring T20 internationals.

Earlier, India posted an imposing 249/5 after being put to bat first. Sanju Samson led the scoring with 82, while Ishan Kishan contributed 43, Shreyas Iyer made 40 and Tilak Varma remained unbeaten on 44. Despite India's formidable total, their bowlers struggled to contain the West Indies batters on a surface that favoured aggressive stroke-play.

Mayank Yadav was India's most successful bowler, claiming three

wickets, but the rest of the attack could not prevent the visitors from completing the chase.

The match produced an aggregate of 501 runs, making it the second-highest total in a men's T20 International at the time, behind the 517-run contest between South Africa and West Indies in Centurion in 2023. The Ranchi encounter highlighted the growing dominance of batters in T20 cricket, where favourable batting conditions and dew can make defending even a

massive total difficult.

The successful chase of 250 was surpassed only by South Africa's 259-run chase against West Indies in Centurion in 2023. Australia's 244-run chase against New Zealand in Auckland in 2018 was also among the highest successful run chases in the format.

Hope and Rutherford's explosive batting underlined West Indies' ability to compete in high-scoring contests, while India will look to address their bowling concerns as the series progresses.

Karthik Backs Impact Player Rule for IPL 2027

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

Royal Challengers Bengaluru batting coach and mentor Dinesh Karthik has backed the continuation of the Impact Player rule for IPL 2027, saying scrapping it midway through the current cycle would be unfair as teams have built their squads around it.

Speaking to Cricbuzz, Karthik said the rule initially made matches more exciting and high-scoring, but its appeal has gradually declined. He also expressed concern that it was reducing India's chances of producing quality all-rounders.

Medvedev Beats Struff to Reach Shanghai Masters Round 3

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

Daniil Medvedev rallied from a set down to beat Jan-Lennard Struff 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and reach the third round of the Shanghai Masters.

He fired 21 aces and

China Open: Andreeva Reaches Final, Secures World No. 3 Ranking

Beijing, Oct. 10:

Russian tennis star Mirra Andreeva defeated Czech player Nikola Bartunkova 6-2, 6-2 in the China Open semifinals on Saturday to reach her first final in Beijing.

The 19-year-old completed the victory in one hour and 14 minutes, securing her fourth WTA 1000 final appearance. With this win, Andreeva is set to rise from World No. 5 to No. 3 in Monday's rankings update.

She also secured qualification for the season-ending WTA Finals. The victory marked her 50th match win of the 2026 season, tying Jessica Pegula for the most wins on the WTA Tour this year.

Litton Das returns as captain, mystery spinner Aliss handed maiden ODI call-up in Bangladesh squad

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

Litton Das returned to the Bangladesh ODI side as captain as the Bangladesh Cricket Board on Saturday named the squad for the UAE tri-series, which also features Afghanistan and Zimbabwe, with mystery spinner Aliss Al Islam earning a maiden call-up too.

Aliss has played one T20I in the Asian Games and has been impressive in the domestic circuit, where he has 35 wickets in 19 List A games and 60 wickets in 59 T20 matches.

Right-arm fast bowler Hasan Mahmud is also back in the squad as Nahid Rana stays out due to his side strain. Rana has been absent from the international side since July 2026, having missed the 1-1 historic Test series draw against Australia, the Asian Games and the ongoing one-off Test against Afghanistan.

Das is back in the side and now as captain. He missed the ODI series against Zimbabwe in July due to a

Flat Pitches Putting Bowlers' Careers at Risk, Says Gautam Gambhir

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

India head coach Gautam Gambhir has expressed concern over the growing difficulties faced by bowlers on flat pitches, warning that such conditions could put their careers at risk. His remarks came after India failed to defend a target of 250 runs against the West Indies in the second T20I in Ranchi.

The match produced a staggering 501 runs, with both teams hitting 33 sixes in 38.3 overs. Gambhir said bowlers were struggling on pitches that offered little assistance, adding that their condition could become increasingly difficult on such surfaces.

"Whether they are our



bowlers or the opposition's, they are all our players," Gambhir said, highlighting the challenges bowlers face on lifeless pitches.

He also praised fast bowler Mayank Yadav for bowling at high pace, saying it was encouraging to see him maintain his speed. Gambhir stressed that fast bowlers should continue to bowl fast, adding that delivering at around 150 kmph could make a difference.

Gambhir admitted that failing to defend 250 runs was disappointing but credited the West Indies batters for their outstanding performance. The visitors recovered from an early setback, losing two wickets for just five runs, before Shai Hope's century helped them complete the chase. The India coach also praised West Indies bowler Roston Chase for delivering an effective spell at a crucial stage of the match.

Aakash Chopra hails Mayank Yadav's comeback after fiery spell against WI

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

Former India opener Aakash Chopra praised fast bowler Mayank Yadav for taking three wickets in the second T20I against the West Indies in Ranchi, marking an impressive return after a lengthy injury lay-off.

Chopra said Mayank's ability to bowl at nearly 150 kmph was a major confidence boost. He highlighted the pacer's dismissals of Kamil Pooran and Shimron Hetmyer, praising the delivery to Hetmyer as an example of how raw pace can trouble batters.

He added that Mayank's performance was important not only for his three wickets but also for proving that he could regain his pace after months of rehabilitation and overcome concerns about another injury. Aakash Chopra praised Mayank Yadav's comeback, saying his three-wicket haul and express pace were a major confidence boost after injury.

Rahane bats against impact player rule, calls it of 'no use'

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

Former India cricketer and IPL captain Ajinkya Rahane hit out at the contentious impact player rule in the Indian Premier League, advocating for the rule to be taken out.

Rahane joined the chorus of several cricketers criticising the rule for reducing the growth of all-rounders in Indian cricket, calling it of no use.

"I think it should be taken out," Rahane, who has led Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals in the league, told Cricbuzz.

"I remember last year, before the IPL captains' meeting, most of the captains said they don't want the impact player rule. And I think the guidelines or the rules, they have it till 2027. So we don't know if this year they will take it out or after this year (when) the big auction is coming up, in that they will take it out. But ideally, I feel there is no point or use in having an impact rule," he added.

The rule has also been hampering the growth of all-rounders in Indian cricket.



et as franchises tend to replace batters with bowlers and vice-versa to get the best possible result with the bat or the ball.

Hardik Pandya's absence from the Indian team has often found the Indian team searching for cover-ups, and although Shivam Dube and Nitish Reddy have turned up, they are still far from Hardik's capabilities. Moreover, there seem to be not many all-rounders in the pipeline, especially the fast-bowling all-rounders, which has been a rarity now in Indian cricket.

"All-rounders are going out of the game, especially in the IPL. And I am a firm

believer that you've got to develop your all-rounders. From the Indian team's point of view, all-rounders are really important. So the impact player rule should be taken out.

"See, why I feel we should take it out is because last year, I don't want to take any team's name, but a few teams were probably at 90/7, 100/7, and they ended up getting 200 because of that one impact (rule), one extra batter with that. So, I feel (we should) give some advantage to bowlers, and also all-rounders should be involved in the games thoroughly. They should take it out," he added.

AB de Villiers Smashes 37-Ball Century, Fans Urge Him to Return to IPL

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

Former South African batting great AB de Villiers has turned back the clock with a sensational century in the World Championship of Legends (WCL), proving that his explosive batting skills remain intact despite stepping away from international cricket years ago.

Representing South Africa Champions, de Villiers dismantled the

Australia Champions bowling attack with a breathtaking knock of 111 off just 40 balls, including six fours and 11 sixes.

His century came off only 37 deliveries, as he showcased the innovative stroke play that earned him the nickname 'Mr. 360'.

Chasing a target of 210 runs, South Africa reached the target in just 15.4 overs, thanks largely to de Villiers' destructive

innings. The veteran batter has scored 181 runs in two WCL matches at an impressive strike rate of 229.11.

De Villiers has said he is participating in the tournament because his children wanted to watch him play. His outstanding performances have now prompted fans to urge him to register for the IPL auction ahead of the 2027 season.

The former star made a lasting impact during his

IPL career with Royal Challengers Bengaluru, playing alongside Virat Kohli. Between 2011 and 2021, he represented RCB in 156 matches, scoring 4,491 runs, including two centuries and 37 half-centuries.

His latest fireworks have reignited fans' hopes of seeing the South African legend return to the IPL, although no comeback has been confirmed.



'Rohit, Virat will be big assets to Indian team': Robin Singh backs veterans for ODI 2027 WC

New Delhi, Oct. 10:

Former Indian cricketer Robin Singh has backed Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to play a crucial role for India in the 2027 ODI World Cup, scheduled to be held in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Both experienced batters have been in impressive form in recent one-day internationals. Rohit has scored two centuries and a 92 in his last five innings, while Kohli has registered a century and two half-centuries, scoring 74 and 65 in his recent outings.

Speaking to IANS, Robin Singh said the duo's current form, fitness and experience would make them valuable assets for the Indian team. He added that both players had been maintaining their fitness and performing exceptionally well.



With the World Cup less than a year away, India have been testing different players in recent ODI series to identify the best combination. Robin Singh expressed confidence that head coach Gautam Gambhir and his support staff had a clear strategy and would select players according to the team's requirements for the tournament.

He also commented on the prospects of experienced fast bowlers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami. Singh said both were excellent

bowlers who had done enough to earn another opportunity in the Indian team. However, he noted that their selection for the World Cup would depend on the team management's plans and whether they fitted into its strategy.

India recently recalled Bhuvneshwar Kumar to the T20I squad for the upcoming New Zealand tour, while Shami remains out of the side. Singh believes both bowlers have the ability to strengthen India's bowling attack if they are included in the team's plans.

KTR demands cancellation of Rs 3,296-crore Radial Road-2 tenders

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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has demanded the cancellation of tenders for the ₹3,296-crore Radial Road-2 project in Telangana, alleging irregularities in the bidding process and seeking a comprehensive inquiry.

In an open letter to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday, KTR questioned the disqualification of bidders who had reportedly quoted lower rates and the award of contracts at prices allegedly higher than estimated costs. He demanded that all tender documents be made public and the government explain its contractor selection decisions.

BRS leader alleges irregularities in contractor selection, seeks public disclosure of tender documents and comprehensive inquiry



The 81.15-km greenfield expressway is planned to connect the Outer Ring Road at Budvel with NH-167N near Kodangal and has

been divided into three packages. KTR questioned whether technical eligibility criteria had been applied uniformly, alleging that some companies were disqualified on technical grounds while contracts went to firms allegedly favoured by authorities. He also questioned how 13 bids for a project of this scale were evaluated in about five working days.

He called for transparency and accountability in the tendering process, stressing that the protection of public funds must remain a priority.

CPI vows stronger fight for RTC workers' rights



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The CPI has vowed to intensify its struggle for Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) workers' rights following the victory of the AITUC-Employees Union alliance in the recognised union elections.

Celebrations were held at Makhdoom Bhavan, the CPI state office, on

Saturday, with party leaders bursting firecrackers and raising slogans in support of workers' unity.

CPI state Assistant Secretary E.T. Narasimha said the victory reflected RTC workers' confidence in AITUC and the strength of organised labour. He urged the government to merge RTC with the state administration, ensure job security, resolve pending issues and provide better wages.

Eight arrested in minor trafficking, sexual exploitation case

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Hyderabad, Oct 10

Tolichowki police arrested eight persons on October 9 in a case involving the alleged kidnapping, trafficking and sexual exploitation of a minor girl.

Police registered the case (Crime No. 473/2026) under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, POCSO Act and Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act.

According to police, the girl was allegedly kidnapped on September 2 by an accused identified as Atif and taken to Attapur, where she was handed over to women linked to a brothel near Pillar No. 200. She was allegedly forced into prostitution, with money collected and shared among the accused. Three others allegedly arranged customers.

The victim reportedly escaped on October 5 and informed her family, who lodged a complaint. Police arrested all eight accused and seized six mobile phones and an auto-rickshaw (TS 30 T 8350).

The case was detected by a team led by Tolichowki SHO L. Ramesh Naik, Additional Inspector G. Balraj and SI S. Ravi Kumar, under the guidance of ACP Syed Fiaz and supervision of Golconda Zone DCP J. Raghavendar Reddy. Further investigation is underway.

Toxic masculinity can be unlearnt: Charu Sinha

ACB chief stresses empathy, mutual respect and emotional awareness to build healthier relationships



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Toxic masculinity is a learned behaviour that can be unlearnt through awareness, empathy and mutual respect, said Charu Sinha, Director General of CID, ACB and WSW, at the eighth edition of the #StandWithHer panel discussion held at WeHub, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University.

The discussion on "Anger, Ego and Toxic Masculinity" brought together representatives from administration, media, cinema, theatre and entrepreneurship to examine the impact of dominance and control on relationships and society.

Sinha said men and women were complementary, with neither superior nor inferior to the other. Anusha, PM, CDEW, WSW, stressed the importance

of communicating personal boundaries during disagreements, while actor Jhansi noted that women could also reinforce patriarchal attitudes through everyday practices.

Actor Vamsee Chaganti suggested sports and physical activity as ways to channel anger constructively. Labour Special Commissioner Pamela Satpathy urged people to value relationships over winning arguments, while WE HUB CEO Sita Pallacholla highlighted mansplaining and the tendency to dismiss women's views.

Moderated by TV9 senior news presenter Deepthi Vajpayee, the panel called for emotional awareness, open communication and accountability. The year-long #StandWithHer campaign promotes gender equality through monthly discussions on social attitudes and behaviour.

Two-year-old girl dies after consuming cyanide

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Hyderabad, Oct 10

A two-year-old girl died after allegedly consuming cyanide at a jewellery shop in Chintal on Saturday. The child had accompanied her parents to buy gold when she reportedly ingested the chemical, kept unattended on a table for testing gold purity. She died while undergoing treatment at a hospital. Her relatives staged a protest outside the shop demanding action. Jeedimetla police are expected to investigate the incident.

Newlywed woman dies in Malakpet road accident

Lavanya, a resident of Saroornagar who married Srikanth on August 30, died after falling under an RTC bus near D-Mart X Roads in Malakpet on Saturday. Her two-wheeler reportedly skidded, throwing her beneath the bus. She died of her injuries. Chaderghat police are investigating.

AITUC-backed union wins RTC recognition polls

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 10

CPI leader K. Narayana congratulated TGSRTC workers and the AITUC-affiliated Employees Union on its victory in the trade union recognition elections. He accused the Congress of politicising the polls by urging workers to defeat Communists and called for unity among trade unions to pursue workers' demands.

Dr Nageshwar Reddy receives ICFAI honorary fellowship

Dr D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman and Chief of Gastroenterology at AIG Hospitals, Hyderabad, has received an Honorary Fellowship from The ICFAI University, Sikkim, in recognition of his contributions to gastroenterology, medical education and clinical research. The honour was presented by Sikkim Governor and university Visitor Om Prakash Mathur.

Graduates pose with their certificates at the graduation ceremony for the Postgraduate Batch of 2022 and Undergraduate Batch of 2020 of Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (AIMSR) at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, on Saturday. Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson of Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd.; Dr. K. Manohar, Dean of AIMSR; and Ms. Aparna Reddy, COO of AHERF, were also present.



Padma Shri Dr. B. Soma Raju, renowned cardiologist and founder of CARE Hospitals, presents degrees to graduating students.

9.19 lakh voters missing from Hyderabad draft rolls: Congress

NSS News
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Congress Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency in-charge Mohammed Waliullah Sameer has criticised AIMIM for allegedly failing to launch a sustained public agitation over the exclusion of 9.19 lakh electors from the draft electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Sameer said 9,19,088 electors, or 39.46% of the constituency's pre-SIR electorate of 23.29 lakh, were categorised as Absent, Shifted, Dead and Duplicate (ASDD) and omitted from the draft rolls published on August 17.

Yakutpura recorded the highest exclusions at 1,54,982, followed by Chandrayangutta with 1,48,869 and Malakpet with 1,47,799.

Questioning Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi's response, Sameer said statements and social media posts were insufficient to address the issue. He claimed Congress had approached election authorities, raised concerns over suspicious Form 7 applications and helped voters resolve discrepancies.

He clarified that the figures referred to exclusions from the draft rolls, not final deletions. With the final rolls scheduled for publication on November 9, he urged authorities to ensure that all eligible voters were included.

Hyderabad cybercrime police arrest 35 across nine states

NSS News
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Hyderabad City Cyber Crime Police arrested 35 accused across nine states in connection with 23 cybercrime cases during September 2026 and facilitated refunds totalling ₹88.48 lakh to victims.

The arrests included 10 in Telangana, nine in Andhra Pradesh, six in Maharashtra, three each in Kerala and Uttar Pradesh, and one each in Bihar, Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab. Of those arrested, nine were linked to social media-related offences, seven to investment frauds, six to digital arrest cases and five to trading

frauds. The remaining cases involved identity theft, extortion, job, customer care and advertisement frauds. Police seized 10 mobile phones, seven cheque books and a shell company stamp.

During September, police registered 83 FIRs based on complaints received through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal. Refunds included ₹40.24 lakh in trading fraud cases, ₹9.20 lakh in investment frauds and ₹6.91 lakh in digital arrest cases. Police said the operations targeted cybercriminals operating across state borders and aimed to recover money lost by victims.

Mehdipatnam police recover 40 mobile phones worth Rs 8 lakh

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Mehdipatnam police recovered 40 lost and stolen mobile phones worth approximately ₹8 lakh and handed them over to their rightful owners.

Police traced the missing devices using technical resources, including the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal, following complaints from victims. The recovery was carried out by the Mehdipatnam police under Asif Nagar Division of Golconda Zone. The initiative is aimed at helping citizens recover lost property and curbing the misuse of missing or stolen mobile phones.

Mehdipatnam Station House Officer S. Mallesh said the police would continue efforts to trace missing devices and provide prompt services to citizens. Police reiterated their commitment to protecting public property and taking steps to prevent mobile phone thefts.

Kavitha flags lack of basic amenities at Falaknuma temple

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 10

Promises to coordinate with Endowments and railway authorities for road access and facilities for devotees

Hyderabad, Oct. 10 (NSS): Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha has expressed concern over the lack of basic amenities at the Khali Matha temple in Falaknuma, Old City, which attracts thousands of devotees.

Kavitha visited the temple on Saturday and offered special prayers. She said devotees were facing hardships due to poor road access and the absence of basic facilities, including washrooms for women.

She noted that the temple's location amid railway land, with a burial ground nearby, posed challenges to providing road connectivity.

Kavitha assured devotees that she would coordinate with the Endowments department and railway authorities to improve access and provide essential amenities. She also urged the local MLA to take steps to resolve the issue.



Hyderabad cyber police remove 140 social media profiles

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Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police removed 140 Facebook and Instagram profiles and flagged 30 paid advertisements promoting objectionable content and suspected fraud during September 2026.

The flagged content included videos involving minors, obscene material, fake currency and rare-coin offers, betting predictions, fraudulent investments and suspicious job and matrimonial advertisements. So far, police have removed 1,457 profiles and 2,603

paid promotions and registered nine FIRs against promoters.

The C-Mitra initiative made 1,928 calls to cybercrime victims and facilitated 307 Zero FIRs. In a separate digital arrest fraud case, police arrested a 27-year-old man in Pune for allegedly cheating a Hyderabad resident's deceased mother of ₹6.60 lakh through impersonation and fake documents. A mobile phone was seized.

Police urged citizens to verify online offers and avoid sharing sensitive information or transferring money to unknown persons.

Saras fair records Rs 30 lakh sales in four days

The Saras Rural Products Exhibition-cum-Sale at HMDA Grounds near the IMAX theatre has attracted over 40,000 visitors and recorded sales of ₹30 lakh in four days. The fair showcases handlooms, handicrafts, household products, pickles, snacks and millet-based items made by women's self-help groups from Telangana and other states.