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IndiGo flight diverted to Hyderabad after power bank fire

Passengers, crew safe; alternate aircraft arranged to fly them to Chennai



IANs News Hyderabad, Oct 11

An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Chennai was diverted to Hyderabad on Sunday after smoke was detected from a passenger's electronic device, reportedly a malfunctioning power bank.

The cabin crew used fire extinguishers to bring the situation under control before the pilots diverted the aircraft in accordance with safety protocols. IndiGo said an alternate aircraft had been arranged to take passengers to Chennai. The airline apologised for the inconvenience and said refreshments and regular updates were being provided. The exact circumstances of the incident are yet to be established.

Four held over viral video of assault on protester in Delhi

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 11

Delhi Police have apprehended four men after a video showing a protester being assaulted during the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest went viral on social media, triggering widespread attention. The incident reportedly took place on DDU Marg under the jurisdiction of Kamla Market police station. The video was widely reposted by several social media accounts, including those associated with the Indian Youth Congress, the All India Students' Association (AISA) and the CJP. Posters identifying the individuals allegedly involved in the assault were also circulated online. Police said no formal complaint had been received from the victim or any other individual or organisation when action was initiated. Officials subsequently

Police act after footage circulates widely; over 20 FIRs registered over alleged offences during anti-SIR protests



received information that the men might leave the Delhi-NCR region during the night and evade law enforcement. Police launched efforts to trace them and ensure their availability for questioning and further legal proceedings. Officials said further action could be taken as the inquiry progresses, while additional details about the incident were awaited. Meanwhile, Delhi Police have registered more than 20 FIRs in connection with alleged attempts to forcibly stage

protests in the national capital. The cases relate to protests near Jantar Mantar, where demonstrators demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. According to police, the FIRs cover alleged offences including taking the law into one's own hands, obstructing official duties and assaulting police personnel. Further investigation into the cases is underway.

BJP is 'Ravan', Congress is 'Ram', says Revanth Reddy

IANs News Hyderabad/Panjim, Oct 11



Terming BJP as 'Ravan' and Congress as 'Ram', Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday appealed to people to help Ram defeat Ravan. He said that he was confident of Congress coming to power in Goa in 2027, and that he could sense the same energy in the state as he experienced in Telangana in 2023 ahead of the Assembly elections. Revanth Reddy was speaking in Goa on Sunday as part of the Congress party's Goy Rakhonn Yatra. "The story in Indian politics has a Ram and a Ravan. Ravan is BJP, which is dividing the people, and Ram is Congress. If the people want Ravan to lose, they have to support Ram in this fight," a release from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) here quoted him as saying. He urged the people of Goa not to vote for smaller parties propped up by the BJP. "They are here to divide the people. Any vote for them is a vote for BJP. This time, I urge the people of Goa to vote only for the Hand symbol," he said. He stated that Rahul Gandhi is trying to unite the people while the BJP was trying to divide them. Revanth Reddy was there to represent Rahul Gandhi, who was scheduled to participate in the meeting. "Yesterday, I got a call from Shri Mallikarjun Kharge ji. He said Rahul ji is needed in Delhi, where he is leading the fight for our country. Kharge ji told me to represent Rahul ji here. Rahul ji told him that Congress party workers in Goa are waiting. I am here as a messenger and representative of Rahul ji," he said.

22 Indian crew members rescued from a vessel off Ras Al Khaimah coast

IANs News Dubai, Oct 11

A total of 22 Indian crew members were rescued from crude oil tanker MT Gem No. 2, off the Ras Al Khaimah coast, after an accident, the Consulate General of India in Dubai said on Sunday. "The Consulate has learnt of an incident involving vessel MT GEM No. 2 off Ras Al Khaimah coast, that had 22 Indian crew members on board. All crew members have been rescued and are safe. The Consulate is in touch with UAE authorities and is extending all possible assistance and support to the Indian seafarers," the Consulate General said on X. The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) released two reports on Sunday involving a tanker. It had received a report of an incident involving a



tanker and military forces in the Gulf of Oman. It has also received a report of an incident within the Strait of Hormuz. "The Master of an outbound tanker reports being struck on the port side by an unknown projectile, causing a fire on board. Crew are reported safe. Damage assessment and environmental impact are unknown at time of report," the UKMTO reported. The navy of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary

Guard Corps (IRGC) said that a "violating" super-tanker attempting to exit the Strait of Hormuz via an "unauthorised" route suffered a massive explosion after hitting naval mines. In a statement published on the IRGC's official news outlet, Sepah News, the navy said on Saturday that the vessel, carrying crude oil with its navigation and GPS systems switched off, caught fire after the blast. It said the route had

been designated high-risk, warning that such a fate awaits any violating oil tanker seeking to "disregard" Iran's regulations, reports Xinhua news agency. Earlier on Friday, the IRGC navy said its forces had hit a "giant" liquefied petroleum gas carrier identified as NV Sunshine as it sought to cross the strait through an "illegal" route south of the waterway. The vessel's engine room and propulsion system caught fire, it said.

Saudi-led coalition vows firm response to Houthi attack on Riyadh airport

IANs News Riyadh, Oct 11

The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen vowed on Sunday to respond firmly to a Houthi attack targeting a passenger terminal at King Khalid International Airport in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, on Saturday, which resulted in deaths and injuries. Coalition spokesperson Turki Al-Malki said in a statement on his official account on X that the attack carried out by the Houthi group on Saturday constitutes a war crime under international humanitarian law and its customary rules. Al-Malki described the attack as a heinous act that violates humanitarian principles, values and morals. Detailed news Inside page...

Executive Magistrate orders release of three CJP leaders

An Executive Magistrate on Sunday ordered the release of Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) leaders Abhijeet Dipke, Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka, who were placed under preventive arrest by Delhi Police, the party's legal affairs head Ratna Singh said. The three were detained at Indira Gandhi International Airport on Saturday after arriving in the national capital to participate in a planned protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special

Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Singh said the leaders were produced before the Executive Magistrate at Delhi Cantt Police Station. She also clarified that the CJP had not filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking the release of detained party members, dismissing a petition circulating on social media as not being filed by the party. Meanwhile, CJP leader Ajinkya Shinde said protesters would march towards Jantar Mantar again on Sunday and continue their agitation until the CEC resigned.

Manipur clashes toll rises to nine; CM appeals for peace

IANs News Imphal, Oct 11

The death toll in fresh clashes involving Naga and Kuki communities in Manipur's hill districts of Kamjong, Ukhrul and Kangpokpi has risen to nine, including a woman, officials said on Sunday. No fresh incidents were reported on Sunday, though tensions remained high. The violence on Friday and Saturday claimed six Naga lives, two Kukis and a Gorkha farmer. The latest clashes erupted after a 42-year-old Kuki woman, Domkhonei Touthang, was shot dead in Chassad village in Kamjong district. The incident triggered exchanges of fire between armed groups, while 10 houses were reportedly set ablaze. In a separate attack in Kangpokpi district, two Naga village

guards, M. Daimai and R. Gangmei, and another person, Ringkangmai, were killed. Suspected militants also killed two people in Ningchou village in Kamjong district. In Ukhrul, Sandeep Rai, a member of the Nepali community, was shot dead near Chepu Yaolen while travelling in his vehicle. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh condemned the killings and urged community leaders and civil society organisations to exercise restraint and cooperate in restoring peace. He directed authorities to take immediate measures to maintain law and order and ensure public safety. Security forces, including Central Armed Police Forces and Manipur Police, have intensified patrolling and search operations in the affected districts.

NCB seizes 53 kg drugs worth Rs 43 crore in Guwahati, arrests two

IANs News Guwahati, Oct 11

The NCB arrested two drug traffickers and seized 53.937 kg of Methamphetamine/WY Tablets, suspected to be originating from Myanmar and valued at approximately Rs 43 crore in the illicit market, in Guwahati, an official said on Sunday. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Guwahati, achieved a significant breakthrough on October 6 in its sustained campaign against organised narcotics trafficking with the help of an intelligence input, said an official statement. Officers of the NCB intercepted two trucks and subjected them to intensive and systematic searches. Detailed news Inside page...

Protests erupt in Pakistan's KP as emergency rule imposed

IANs News Islamabad, Oct 11

Protests erupted across Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Sunday after President Asif Ali Zardari approved the imposition of emergency rule, suspending the provincial government led by jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), media reports said. Large crowds marched through Bara market, opposing the move and warning they would not allow Governor's Rule or emergency rule in the province, Afghanistan's Tolo News reported. Chief Minister Suhail Afridi had warned that any attempt to impose Governor's



Rule, declare an emergency or disregard the people's electoral mandate would trigger a strong public reaction. He said protesters would march towards Peshawar if such ac-

tion was taken. Former US special representative for Afghanistan reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad warned that the suspension of the elected provincial government could deepen Pakistan's political crisis and fuel instability and violence. The approval followed a federal cabinet decision and advice from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Khaama Press reported. The move comes amid escalating tensions between the government and PTI, which has been demanding Khan's release and threatening further protests and a march towards Islamabad. Khan has been in prison since 2023.



Congress Government Disburses 2.75 Crore to 275 Beneficiaries Under Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak

Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad, Oct, 11:

Telangana Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir and Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana distributed financial assistance cheques worth ₹2,75,31,900 to 275 beneficiaries under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes at a programme held at Rajiv Gandhi Auditorium in Nizamabad on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, Shabbir Ali said that despite financial challenges, the Congress government remained committed to fulfilling its promises and prioritising the welfare of poor families. He said the two schemes were aimed at ensuring that the marriages of daughters did not become a financial burden on economically weaker families.



Of the total assistance distributed, ₹1,49,17,284 was provided to 149 beneficiaries under the Shaadi Mubarak scheme, while 126 beneficiaries received ₹1,26,14,616 under Kalyana Lakshmi.

Shabbir Ali said the government had initiated several welfare measures since coming to power, including free bus travel for women, subsidised

LPG cylinders at ₹500 and free electricity for eligible households up to 200 units. He also highlighted initiatives such as Indiramma housing, farm loan waivers, Rythu Bharosa, employment opportunities for youth and the distribution of fine-quality rice.

He said the government was committed to ensuring that welfare benefits reached all eligible ben-

eficiaries and providing support to poor and middle-class families.

NUDA Chairman Kesha Venu, DCC president Bobbili Ramakrishna, corporators Shakeel Ahmed Fazil and Shaik Zafar, along with other public representatives, Congress leaders, government officials, beneficiaries and local representatives, attended the programme.

Telangana BJP Unit Extends Congratulations to PM Modi

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 11:

Telangana State BJP unit today extended heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on completing 25 years in public service as Head of Government in Gujarat state and the centre.

BJP State President N Ramchander Rao held a meeting with available state party's MPs, MLAs and MLCs and passed a resolution extending congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his remarkable service in public life.

The meeting also discussed on prevailing political situation in the state and also on fake narrative of opposition parties on SIR process.

The meeting highlighted PM Modi's guiding mantra of Nagrik Devo Bhava and noted that Telangana has been a ma-



major beneficiary of his government's development and welfare initiatives, with over Rs.13 lakh crore provided towards various developmental projects and schemes in the state. The meeting also lauded the extensive service-oriented activities undertaken across

Telangana as part of the #SevaSankalpAbhiyan, reflecting the spirit of Seva and commitment to Rashtra Seva. Union minister G Kishan Reddy, MPs Dr Laxman, DK Aruna, Eitala Rajender, Maheshwar Reddy and AVN Reddy, Madhukar, Abhay Patel among

those who attended the meeting which was chaired by state president Ramchander Rao. The leaders also stressed the need to strengthen the party organisation, highlight the Centre's welfare schemes and counter opposition claims on the SIR process.

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, SIO to Hold Public Meeting in Nizamabad on October 17

Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad, Oct, 11:

In view of the prevailing national situation, changing social and political developments, and the intellectual and practical challenges facing the Muslim Ummah, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind and the Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO), Nizamabad, are jointly organising a public meeting to promote religious awareness, intellectual awakening and a sense of collective responsibility among Muslims.

The meeting, themed "Bahar Ho Ke Khizaan, La Ilaha Illallah" (Whether Spring or Autumn, La Ilaha Illallah), will be held on Saturday, October 17, at 8.30 pm, after Isha prayers, near Masjid Hashmi on Qilla Road, Nizamabad.

Announcing the programme at a press conference held at the Jamaat Centre, adjacent to Masjid Raza Baig in Ahmadi Bazaar, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Yaqub Pura Local President Abdul Sattar Khan said the meeting aimed to encourage Muslims, particularly the youth, to reflect on their faith, purpose in life and responsibilities towards



society.

He said the topics of the meeting were interconnected and would convey the message that a Muslim's real strength lies in faith, steadfastness and continuous efforts to fulfil the purpose of life, irrespective of changing circumstances. The programme would promote hope over despair, collective responsibility over individualistic thinking, and purposeful action over passivity. Several senior representatives of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind and SIO will address the gathering. Abdul Aziz, a member of the Shura of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Telangana Circle, will speak on "Let the Name of Muhammad (peace be upon him) Illuminate the World." Mohammed Azharuddin, Ameer-e-Halqa of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Telangana Circle, will address the topic "Collective Organisation and Our Mission."

Mohammed Faraz

Ahmed, State President of SIO Telangana, will speak on "Come Towards the Light," while Abdul Hafeez, National President of SIO India, will address the gathering on "Create Your Own Place." Maulana Waliullah Saudi Falahi, Naib Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, will deliver the presidential address on the central theme, "Whether Spring or Autumn, La Ilaha Illallah."

The organisers have appealed to the general public, particularly young people, to attend the meeting and benefit from the speakers' addresses.

Those present at the press conference included Jamaat-e-Islami Hind local presidents Khalid Ahmed, Mohammed Ghouse Pasha and Mohammed Abdul Rahim, along with SIO Telangana State Secretaries Mohammed Faisal Khan and Mohammed Abdul Azeem Khan, besides other leaders and activists.

PJTAU to Hold Third-Round Counselling for Vacant Agriculture Seats from October 14



Agencies
Hyderabad, Oct, 11:

Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (PJTAU) will conduct the third phase of counselling to fill vacant seats in undergraduate agriculture-related courses for the 2026-27 academic year from October 14 to 16. University Registrar Dr G.E.C.H. Vidyasagar announced that the counselling process would cover both regular and special quota seats.

Counselling for vacant regular quota seats in B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and B.Tech. Food Technology will be held on October 14 and 15, while the process for filling the remaining special quota seats in these courses is scheduled for

October 16.

The counselling sessions will take place at the university auditorium in Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.

Candidates seeking admission are advised to check the university's official website, www.pjtau.edu.in, for information on seat availability, fee details, certificates required for counselling and other admission guidelines.

The university has urged students and parents to review the official instructions carefully and ensure that all necessary documents are ready before attending the counselling sessions. Candidates must attend counselling on the scheduled dates with all required certificates to complete the admission process smoothly.

Gajwel Tahsildar suspended over remarks against farmer



NSS
Hyderabad, Oct, 11:

Gajwel Tahsildar Chittampalli Swamy in Siddipet district has been suspended for allegedly making insensitive remarks to a farmer.

A video purportedly showing the Tahsildar asking the farmer, "Are you still alive? Haven't

you consumed pesticide?" went viral on social media, triggering demands for action against the official.

Following the incident, farmers lodged a complaint seeking action against the Tahsildar. Based on a preliminary report submitted by the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), senior of-

ficials issued suspension orders.

The suspended official has also been directed not to leave the headquarters without prior permission.

The incident has drawn criticism from farmers and sparked demands for accountability, with officials initiating action based on the preliminary inquiry report.

CM's Video Conference on El Niño, Agriculture at Rythu Vedikas on Monday

Munsif News Bureau
Hanamkonda, Oct, 11:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will interact with farmers through a video conference on El Niño and various agriculture-related issues at noon on Monday. The programme will be broadcast at all Rythu Vedikas (farmers' centres) across Hanamkonda district, District Collector Chahat Bajpai announced on Sunday.

In a statement, the Collector said mandal-level officials, district-level officers from various departments and special officers must attend the video conference. In view of their participation, the timings of the



Prajavani public grievance redressal programme have been revised for Monday. Prajavani will be held from 10.30 am to 12 noon instead of its usual schedule.

The Collector appealed to the public to take note of the revised timings and submit their grievances within the specified period.

BRS Workers Celebrate Rajanna Sircilla District's 10th Formation Day

Munsif News Bureau
Hanamkonda, Oct, 11:

BRS workers celebrated the 10th formation day of Rajanna Sircilla district in a grand manner on Sunday. As part of the celebrations, party leaders garlanded portraits of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and performed milk abhishekam.

The programme was organised by the BRS city unit under the direction of party constituency in-charge Chalimeda Lakshmi Narasimha Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, BRS leader Manohar Reddy said Rajanna Sircilla had witnessed



significant development across various sectors since it was formed as a separate district on October 11, 2016. He said the previous BRS government had given priority to education, healthcare, irrigation, roads and the provision of basic amenities. He also recalled the

sacrifices of activists who had fought for the formation of a separate district and expressed hope that Rajanna Sircilla would continue to progress on all fronts.

Several BRS leaders, public representatives and party workers participated in the celebrations.

BRS MLC Slams Congress Over Jobs and Civic Issues

Press Media
Hyderabad, Oct, 11:

BRS MLC Dasoju Shraavan Kumar criticised the Congress government for allegedly failing to fulfil its promises of two lakh jobs and a job calendar. He accused it of taking credit for appointments made during the previous BRS regime and weakening the fee reimbursement scheme.

He also raised concerns over Hyderabad's pot-hole-ridden roads, mosquito menace and poor sanitation, urging Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to address the city's civic issues.

Shraavan Kumar warned that continued neglect of civic issues could trigger public protests, particularly over the poor condition of roads in Hyderabad.

TWU Candidate Nehru Elected Narayankhed Bus Depot Secretary



Munsif News Bureau
Hanamkonda, Oct, 11:

Elections for the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) workers' union at the Narayankhed Bus Depot were held peacefully under the supervision of Election Officer and Sangareddy Polytechnic Principal Jayaprakash Reddy, Labour Officer Narsimulu, Vigilance Officer Satyanarayana and Depot Manager Subramanyam. Of the 200 eligible voters at the depot, 198 exercised their franchise. Nehru, the candidate of the TWU union, secured 134 votes, while Manikyam of the TMU union received 48 votes. Candidates from

other unions together secured 16 votes. Nehru was elected Narayankhed Bus Depot Secretary with a majority of 86 votes.

Following the announcement of the results, TWU workers celebrated outside the depot by bursting crackers, distributing sweets and raising slogans in support of their union. Later, newly elected depot secretary Nehru, TWU union president Srinivas Reddy and working president Srinivas, along with other workers, called on Narayankhed Municipal Chairman Nagesh Kumar Shetkar at his residence. The municipal chairman congratulated them on their success and conveyed his best wishes.



KTR Urges Revanth Reddy to Expedite JNTU Sircilla Campus Construction

Agencies
Hyderabad, Oct. 11:

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to intervene in resolving the problems faced by students of the JNTU Engineering College in Rajanna Sircilla district. He called for expediting the construction of the college's permanent campus and ensuring that students' academic activities are not disrupted.

KTR pointed out that the permanent campus project, approved in 2021 with an administrative sanction of ₹402 crore, was still pending. Although 20 acres of land had been allotted at Mandepalli village, construction work had not



commenced. As a result, the college continues to operate temporarily on the premises of a degree college at Agraharam.

He expressed concern over proposals to shift the engineering college from its present location to another private building, stat-

ing that such a move could cause inconvenience to students, faculty members and staff. He also stressed the need to ensure that the existing classrooms, laboratories and other infrastructure do not remain unused.

KTR urged the government to release the neces-

sary funds and speed up construction at the allotted site in Mandepalli. Until the permanent campus is completed, he requested that the college be allowed to continue functioning from its present premises. He also appealed to the Chief Minister to instruct the concerned officials not to issue notices asking the college to vacate the existing premises until suitable alternative arrangements are made. Highlighting the institution's importance in providing quality technical education to students from Rajanna Sircilla and neighbouring areas, KTR said the issue required immediate attention in the interest of students' academic future. He urged the Chief Minister to take prompt steps to resolve the matter and ensure uninterrupted education.

Sharannavaratri celebrations begin at many famous temples in Telangana

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct. 11:

The Sharannavaratri celebrations commenced with great grandeur in the early hours of Sunday at the renowned Sri Gnana Saraswati Temple in Basara of Nirmal district. On the first day of the festivities, the Goddess appeared to devotees in the Shailputri avatar. Since the early morning hours of Sunday, the temple priests performed special Abhishekam (ritual bathing), Alankaranam (adornment) and special Pujas for the Goddess. Marking the beginning of the Devi Sharannavaratri celebrations, a large number of devotees from across the state flocked to Basara to

seek the Goddess's blessings and fulfill their vows.

The Temple authorities made special arrangements to ensure that the visiting devotees faced no inconvenience during the festivities.

The Devi Sharannavaratri celebrations have also begun at the Sri Bhadrakali Temple, the presiding deity of the people of Warangal. As part of the festivities, the priests performed the Abhishekam for the Goddess on Sunday morning by using Panchamrutam and aromatic substances.

The Devotees visited the temple in large numbers for Darshan. Due to the heavy influx of the devotees since Sunday morning, the offi-

cials announced that the Goddess would be adorned as Bala Tripura Sundari on Sunday evening.

The Devi Sharannavaratri celebrations also commenced grandly at the famous Sri Vidya Saraswati Kshetram in Vargal of Siddipet district. On the first day of the festivities, the Goddess appeared to the devotees adorned as Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Devi. Under the supervision of the temple's founding chairman, Yayavaram Chandrasekhara Siddhanti, Vedic scholars performed special rituals, Abhishekam and Kumkumarchana for the Goddess in accordance with scriptural traditions. As it was the inaugural

day of the Navaratri celebrations, the devotees from various regions flocked to the temple in large numbers.

The temple premises resonated with the chants of Vedic mantras and the jubilant cheers of the devotees. After waiting in queues, the devotees offered their prayers to the Goddess and received Teertha-Prasadam (consecrated offerings). The temple committee made meticulous arrangements to ensure the devotees faced no inconvenience.

Devotees thronged the three temples to seek the Goddess's blessings, while special rituals marked the beginning of Sharannavaratri.

Pawan Kalyan Says Jana Sena Made Biggest Sacrifices in Alliance, Seeks More Seats in Local Polls

Agencies
Rampachodavaram, Oct. 11:

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan has said that Jana Sena leaders and party workers made significant sacrifices for the three-party alliance and deserve adequate representation in the upcoming local body elections. He urged alliance leaders to recognise the contributions of party workers who stood by the coalition during difficult times and ensure that they receive due respect and political opportunities.

Addressing a gathering at Kakavada in the Rampachodavaram constituency of Polavaram district on Sunday, after launching the 'Adivitalli Bata 2.0' programme, Pawan Kalyan called on leaders and workers of all three alliance partners to work together to ensure the coalition's victory in the forthcoming local body elections.

Recalling the arrest of TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu in 2023, Pawan

Kalyan said Jana Sena workers and Veera Mahilas had taken to the streets to express solidarity when Naidu was lodged in Rajahmundry Central Jail. He said party workers had supported the alliance without expecting positions or personal benefits, placing the interests of the state above individual ambitions.

The Deputy Chief Minister stressed that the sacrifices made by these workers should not be forgotten. He called on alliance leaders to uphold the spirit of the coalition by providing appropriate representation to Jana Sena workers and women members in the local elections. Every worker who contributed to the alliance's success, he said, should receive recognition and respect.

Explaining the objectives of 'Adivitalli Bata 2.0', Pawan Kalyan said the programme aims to improve road connectivity in tribal villages and bring remote habitations onto the path of development. Better roads

would help improve access to education, healthcare, employment, transportation and markets, he noted.

He said the programme was being implemented by coordinating the PM-JANMAN, PMGSY-IV and employment guarantee schemes, with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

Under 'Adivitalli Bata 2.0', works worth ₹2,052 crore have been taken up for 2,569 projects. The initiative envisages the construction of 1,976 kilometres of roads connecting 1,341 tribal habitations, along with 45 bridges.

Pawan Kalyan recalled that during his earlier visits to tribal areas, he had witnessed the difficulties faced by residents due to the lack of proper roads. Acknowledging the challenges involved in building roads across hilly terrain, he said the government was committed to improving connectivity and access to essential services in remote tribal communities.

Governor extends Navratri greetings

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct. 11:

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has extended his warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Telangana on the occasion of Shardiya Navratri.

In a message on Sunday, the Governor expressed hope that the divine blessings of Goddess Durga, the embodiment of Shakti, would bring strength, courage, peace, prosperity and happiness to the people.

He noted that the nine-day festival, dedicated to

the worship of the nine forms of Goddess Durga, holds immense religious and spiritual significance. He expressed hope that the festival would strengthen the spirit of devotion, peace, harmony and fraternity among people.

The Governor wished that the blessings of Goddess Durga would ensure the well-being and prosperity of every household and that Telangana would continue to progress in an atmosphere of peace, harmony and collective well-being.

Telangana Minister Adluri Lakshman Escapes Unhurt as Lift Plunges in Jagtial

Agencies
Hyderabad, Oct. 11:

Telangana Minister Adluri Lakshman narrowly escaped an accident after a lift he was travelling in reportedly plunged from a short height at a banquet hall in Jagtial district headquarters. The minister had visited the venue to inaugurate the facility. As the lift fell

only a short distance, he escaped safely, bringing relief to those present.

Reports also suggest that the minister had faced a lift-related incident in the past. The incident has raised concerns over lift safety, while claims regarding restrictions on the circulation of videos remain unverified. Further details about the incident are awaited.

112 youth land jobs as Singareni skill drive yields results

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct. 11:

The Telangana government's skill development initiative for youth in mining-affected areas continues to yield positive results, with 112 candidates securing job offers during a recent placement drive at the Singareni GVTC Skill Development Centre in Ramagundam-1 Area.

Of the 127 women can-

didates interviewed by electronics manufacturer Foxconn, 87 were selected for assembly roles producing Apple EarPods and electronic components at the company's Hyderabad manufacturing facility.

The first batch of 55 women departed Godavarikhani for Hyderabad on Sunday to begin their employment.

Additionally, 25 out of 27 male candidates were selected as solar techni-

cians following technical interviews.

Launched two years ago by Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, the GVTC centre provides skill training and vocational placement to local youth.

To date, the facility has enabled employment for more than 500 candidates, fostering economic independence for women and youth across the coal belt.



Sufi, Bollywood and Ghazal Night held at R9 Convention, Shamshabad, Hyderabad, on Saturday evening, featuring live performances by playback singer Amjad Khan and singer Miraj. Also present were R9 and Kashish Convention proprietor S.A. Rafiq, Iftikhar Sharif, and Pista House's Mohammed Abdul Majeed. (Pic: Style Photo)

Gadwal Police Announce Strict Security Measures for Dasara and Durga Navaratri

Munsif News Bureau
Gadwal, Oct. 11:

Gadwal District Superintendent of Police T. Srinivasa Rao, IPS, has announced comprehensive security arrangements for Durga Navaratri and Vijaya Dashami (Dasara), appealing to pandal organisers to register online through the police portal and cooperate with the authorities.

In a press statement, the SP said elaborate arrangements were being made to ensure peaceful festival celebrations. Police security would be provided at Durga pandals, temples, puja venues, Ravana effigy-burning locations and other places expected to witness large gatherings. Special vigilance would be maintained in sensitive areas to prevent untoward incidents and maintain law and order.

The SP advised pandal



organisers to register their details through <https://policeportal.tspolice.gov.in/> and ensure that their arrangements do not obstruct public transport or emergency vehicles. CCTV cameras must be installed at every pandal, and organisers should take responsibility for security at their respective venues. Fire extinguishers, drums filled with water and sand should be kept ready to handle fire emergencies.

He further stressed the need for proper queues for devotees and the deploy-

ment of volunteers to manage crowds. The use of DJs at pandals and during religious processions has been prohibited. Organisers and devotees were urged to dial 112 or immediately inform the local police if they noticed any suspicious bags, objects or individuals.

The SP also directed organisers to inform the police in advance about cultural programmes and other events so that appropriate security arrangements could be made. Emphasising the safety of women and children, he warned that strict action would be taken against anyone causing them trouble during religious processions. The SP appealed to all organisers and devotees to follow the guidelines and cooperate with the police to ensure that Durga Navaratri and Dasara celebrations pass off peacefully without any untoward incidents.

Nalgonda PET Ashraf Ahmed Wins Weightlifting Gold



Munsif News Bureau
Hanamkonda, Oct. 11:

Mohammed Ashraf Ahmed, a native of Nalgonda district and Physical Education Teacher (PET) at ZPHS Islam Pura School in Miryalaguda mandal, secured first place in the 95-kg category at the All India Civil Services Weightlifting Championship held at LB Stadium in Hyderabad. With this achievement, he has qualified for the national-level competitions. This is the second time he has earned the distinction.

Several public representatives and community leaders congratulated Ashraf

Ahmed on his achievement and attended a felicitation programme organised in his honour.

Those who extended their greetings included Nalgonda Mayor representative Re Srinivas Reddy, former JDPTC Gamula Mohan Reddy, Edula Madhusudhan Reddy, All India Christian Council General Secretary Pasla Shourayya, YMCA State President T.S. Williams, corporators Karthik and Nagaraju, district powerlifting president Junaid Hashmi, Muheetullah, Samuel Elloy, Tauseef Ahmed, Rafi, Jalaluddin, Gopal and others.

Prathima Medical College Organises Breast Cancer Awareness Rally in Karimnagar

Munsif News Bureau
Karimnagar, Oct. 11:

Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences organised a large awareness rally on Sunday to highlight the importance of breast cancer prevention, early detection and women's health. The programme was conducted under the supervision of doctors from the hospital's Department of General Surgery.

The rally began at the IMA building in Karimnagar and passed through Prathima Multiplex and Bhagat Nagar Circle before concluding at Ambedkar Stadium.

Karimnagar Additional Collector Dr Ashwin Thane Wakade, who attended the programme as the chief guest, said the rally aimed to raise awareness among women about breast cancer, help them recognise its symptoms at an early stage



and encourage timely medical examinations.

Head of the Department of General Surgery Dr Arun Kathare and Dr Geetha Reddy highlighted the importance of early detection, stating that identifying breast cancer at an early stage allows timely treatment and improves the chances of better outcomes.

They advised women to undergo medical tests as recommended by doctors and consult healthcare professionals if they notice any suspicious symptoms. They also stressed the need to dispel misconceptions about cancer and promote awareness about

the disease. The rally reflected Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences' commitment to promoting women's health and encouraging early diagnosis through public awareness initiatives.

Prathima Hospital Dean Dr John Israel, Registrar (Administration) Prasad Rao, Medical Superintendent Dr C.N. Prasad, Dr T.K.K. Naidu (OSD), Dr Arun Kathare, Dr Geetha Reddy, Marketing In-charge Mohammed Hussain Ali, other doctors, hospital staff and Prathima nursing students participated in the rally.



At a Glance

IIIT Ranchi Student's Death Sparks Protests

IIANS Ranchi, Oct. 11



First-year BTech student Aditya's death at IIIT Ranchi sparked protests over alleged lapses and delayed medical help. Aditya, from Naugachia, Bihar, was found hanging in his hostel room on Saturday night and declared dead at hospital. Students demanded better facilities and Director Rajiv Srivastava's resignation, and blocked the Khelgaon-Tatisilwai road. Ranchi SSP Rakesh Ranjan said a probe was underway. An FSL team collected evidence, and the student's roommate gave a statement. The NHRC has taken cognisance and ordered a probe into possible negligence and delays in medical care. Police continue probing now.

CJP Leader Slams Delhi Protest Curbs

IIANS New Delhi, Oct. 11

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) alleged that security personnel from Maoist-affected and border areas had been deployed in Delhi to restrict protests against alleged irregularities in electoral roll revision. It reiterated its demand for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. CJP co-convenor Saurav Das claimed 30,000-40,000 personnel had been called in and alleged that metro closures, train suspensions and shop shutdowns inconvenienced citizens. He also alleged that police seized protesters' phones and questioned the restrictions. CJP legal affairs head Ratna Singh welcomed the Supreme Court's directions to ensure normal transport services, internet connectivity and free movement in Delhi, but questioned whether they would be implemented.

NCB SEIZES DRUGS WORTH RS 43 CRORE IN GUWAHATI, ARRESTS TWO

Munsif Bureau Guwahati, Oct. 11

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has seized 53.937 kg of methamphetamine/WY tablets, suspected to have originated in Myanmar and valued at around Rs 43 crore in the illicit market, and arrested two alleged drug traffickers in Guwahati, an official said on Sunday. The seizure was made on October 6 following an intelligence input. NCB officers intercepted two trucks and found specially fabricated concealed cavities inside the fuel tanks,

'Don't be afraid': Rahul Gandhi invites people to join Opposition parties' march to SC tomorrow

IIANS New Delhi, Oct. 11

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Sunday released a video on social media inviting people to join the opposition parties' march on Monday to the Supreme Court to give a memorandum against the SIR of electoral rolls and EVMs to the Chief Justice of India, Surya Kant. "We will submit a memorandum to the Chief Justice on behalf of the nation, demanding an end to vote chori, halting of SIR and the resignation of Gyanesh Kumar," said Gandhi in the video. "Don't be afraid. We will march together, with love, brotherhood and patriotism. Tomorrow, all of India will march to the Supreme Court," he said, adding that they will demand the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. "Yesterday, the nation's youth came out in Delhi to peacefully protest. They came with love in their hearts, not hatred or anger. They were beaten, both by cops and BJP goons. "This is not the India we want. Tomorrow, we will march to the Supreme Court as Indians, united be-

yond party, gender, caste, community and state," he said. "Youth, all opposition parties, civil society groups, all those who believe in democracy and stand by the Constitution of India, will walk with us," the Congress leader said. Gandhi said, "We will submit a memorandum to the Chief Justice (India) on behalf of the nation, demanding an end to vote chori, halting of SIR and the resignation of Gyanesh Kumar." He said, "Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Ajit Doval and Mohan Bhagwat cannot silence India's voice. These cowards cannot intimidate us. They will have to step aside," he said. Earlier, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said that opposition leaders would meet the Chief Justice of India (CJI) to apprise him of their concerns, alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were creating an atmosphere of chaos in the country. Kharge said he had written a letter seeking an appointment with the CJI, adding that the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, had also written to him. The party has sought time between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. for the meeting. "Tomorrow, we are also going to meet the Chief Justice of India. I have written a letter, and Rahul has also written a letter. We have sought a time between 4 and 5 p.m. Now, let us see. We will also apprise him. We cannot demand anything from him. We will only request him with folded hands. These are the things that should be kept in mind," he said. Alleging that the government was creating an atmosphere of fear ahead of the announced youth agitation, the Congress chief questioned the deployment of a large number of security personnel.



PM MODI, CM VIJAY FLAG OFF FIRST TRAIN ON CHENNAI METRO PHASE 2 NETWORK; SHARE RIDE

IIANS Chennai, Oct. 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Sunday flagged off the first train of the much-awaited Chennai Metro Rail's Phase 2 network at Porur Bypass Road Metro station, marking a milestone in the city's expanding public transport system. The inauguration took place during PM Modi's first visit to Chennai since the Vijay government assumed office in Tamil Nadu. The Prime Minister also launched infrastructure projects covering national highways, railways and maritime facilities during his visit. Earlier in the day, PM Modi arrived at Chennai airport, where Governor Rajendra Arlekar and CM Vijay received him. Ministers, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami, BJP leader Nainar Nagenthiran



and other leaders were present to welcome the Prime Minister. PM Modi and CM Vijay subsequently visited Porur Bypass Road Metro station, where they inspected the facilities before flagging off the inaugural service. The Prime Minister sought detailed information from officials about the Metro network and arrangements for operating the new trains. The newly constructed Poonamallee-Vadapalani corridor was developed at a cost of Rs 750 crore. Metro trains will stop at 11 stations in the first

of the Prime Minister's programme, which included the launch of projects across several transport sectors in Tamil Nadu. PM Modi laid foundation stones for major national highway projects and inaugurated completed works, together valued at Rs 3,700 crore. These included both new projects entering the construction stage and completed infrastructure being opened for use. He also dedicated railway infrastructure projects worth Rs 750 crore to the nation. At Chennai Port, PM Modi inaugurated four infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening Tamil Nadu's maritime facilities and increasing cargo-handling capacity. The projects formed the port development component of the day's programme. Strict security arrangements were put in place across Chennai for the Prime Minister's visit. The Metro inauguration was a major part

Adani's Kutch Copper Plans to Double Smelting Capacity to 1 Million Tonnes

IIANS Ahmedabad, Oct. 11

Kutch Copper Limited (KCL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited, plans to double its copper smelting capacity from 0.5 million tonnes per annum to 1 million tonnes, while focusing on renewable energy, decarbonisation and responsible resource management. The company operates a greenfield copper smelting and refining complex at Mundra in Gujarat's Kutch region. The proposed expansion is expected to position the facility as the world's largest single-location custom copper smelter, according to the company's growth plans. In its maiden sustainability report, KCL outlined its strategy to integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles into its operations. The key focus areas include renewable energy adoption, water conservation, emissions control, resource efficiency and community development. As part of its decarbonisation roadmap, the com-

pany plans to integrate 115 MW of renewable energy into its operations. The initiative is aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of its manufacturing activities and advancing its long-term sustainability goals. Copper is expected to play a growing role in the global energy transition because of its applications in renewable energy systems, electric vehicles, power transmission networks and other clean technologies. KCL aims to expand production to meet rising demand driven by infrastructure development and industrial growth while maintaining responsible manufacturing practices. Water management is another key priority. According to the report, the company uses nearly 100 per cent desalinated water and follows a Zero Liquid Discharge approach. These measures are intended to reduce dependence on freshwater resources and minimise the environmental impact of industrial operations. KCL said it treats 99.8 per cent of sulphur emissions through advanced environmental technolo-



gies, reflecting its focus on controlling industrial pollution. Beyond its manufacturing activities, the company is investing in community development programmes covering healthcare, education, livelihood enhancement and social welfare in surrounding areas. The initiatives aim to promote inclusive growth and deliver long-term benefits to local communities. The Adani Group has committed \$1.2 billion to the copper project, underlining its ambition to expand domestic production and strengthen India's in-

dustrial ecosystem. The proposed expansion comes as copper demand gains importance in the development of electricity grids, renewable energy installations and electric vehicles. Increasing domestic production could help support India's growing requirements for the metal. India has set a target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. KCL's proposed capacity expansion and sustainability initiatives are intended to align industrial growth with improved environmental performance, resource conservation and community engagement.

Gurdwara premises must not be used for protests: RS MP Vikramjit Sahney

IIANS New Delhi, Oct. 11

Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament, on Sunday strongly condemned the use of Delhi's Gurdwara Bangla Sahib for protests, saying that religious premises must remain dedicated to worship, seva and spiritual reflection rather than political demonstrations. Sahney emphasised that gurdwaras have a long-standing tradition of welcoming everyone with langar and shelter, irrespective of their background or cause. However, he cautioned

that this spirit of compassion and hospitality should not be misused to turn sacred spaces into venues for protests. Clarifying the sequence of events, the Rajya Sabha MP said that Delhi Police personnel had passed through the designated passage leading up to the footwear area at around 11 a.m. and had not entered the main Gurdwara complex on Saturday. The protesters assembled at around 1 p.m on Saturday. Sahney expressed concern that slogans were raised and placards displayed within the gurdwara premises despite

requests from gurdwara volunteers to refrain from such activities. He reiterated that peaceful visitors seeking langar or shelter have always been welcomed, in keeping with Sikh principles of service and humanity. Sahney stressed the need to maintain a clear distinction between extending humanitarian assistance to protesters and allowing a place of worship to become a site for demonstrations. "Our gurdwaras stand for seva, compassion and universal brotherhood. Let us preserve their sanctity and not allow

such incidents to spread hatred or create divisions in society," he said. Meanwhile, Sahney thanked famed singer Diljit Dosanjh and the organisers for considering his appeal to reschedule his Delhi concert scheduled for November 1. "I sincerely thank Diljit Dosanjh for graciously accepting my request. He is a true son of Punjab, a proud turbaned global icon, and an inspiration to millions. His sensitivity towards the pain of the victims and their families reflects the compassion and responsibility that come with his stature," he said.





At a Glance



UN chief condemns Houthi attack on Saudi airport

UNited Nations, Oct. 11

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned a Houthi attack on Riyadh airport that reportedly killed 12 people and injured 309.

“I condemn Saturday’s attack,” Guterres said, urging an end to attacks on civilians.

Saudi authorities said the dead included four Saudis and eight foreign residents. Airport operations were suspended.

The Houthis said they were ready for reciprocal measures to keep airports and humanitarian facilities outside the conflict.

The Saudi-led coalition vowed a response. Spokesperson Turki Al-Malki called the attack a war crime under international law.

Trump attacks Supreme Court tariff ruling

Washington, Oct. 11

US President Donald Trump criticised the Supreme Court’s ruling against tariffs, claiming it cost the government hundreds of billions of dollars.

On Saturday, Trump blamed the ruling when asked about the deficit, put by a reporter at \$2 trillion last fiscal year. He said the decision required tariff refunds but gave no accounting.

At a Tennessee rally, Trump defended tariffs as a way to raise revenue and encourage manufacturing. He claimed his administration had secured \$21 trillion in investment commitments, a figure not independently verified.

Trump promised \$5,000 payments to every adult American if Republicans won control of Congress in the November 3 mid-terms. He estimated the programme would cost \$1 trillion and be funded by tariff revenue.

12 killed, 309 injured in attack on Riyadh airport as Houthis, Saudi Arabia trade strikes

RIYADH, Oct. 11

An attack targeting King Khalid International Airport in the Saudi capital Riyadh on Saturday afternoon has killed 12 people and injured 309 others, the Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation said, as Yemen’s Houthi group and Saudi Arabia continued exchanging strikes on major airports.

The Saudi aviation authority said in a statement early Sunday that the fatalities included four Saudi citizens and eight foreign residents -- two Bangladeshis and one each from the United States, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Palestine and Sudan, Xinhua news agency reported.

The injured are receiving treatment at several hospitals, with some in serious condition, the authority said.

The authority said in an earlier statement that operations at the airport had been temporarily suspended pending damage assessments and safety checks.



Following the Saturday attack, the Houthi group said in a statement that it was ready for reciprocal measures with Saudi Arabia to keep airports, seaports and other facilities with humanitarian functions outside the escalating military confrontation.

Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported Saturday that Saudi Arabia launched a new wave of air and missile strikes across Houthi-held areas in Yemen, targeting Sanaa International Airport in the Houthi-held capital, areas

near the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait and several northern provinces.

Also on Saturday, Yemen’s government forces said that more than 1,150 Houthi fighters had been “neutralized” and over 180 military and logistical vehicles destroyed or damaged in over 1,900 strikes across multiple fronts in Yemen in the past 24 hours.

The figures could not be independently verified. Around Yemen’s southwestern city of Taiz, 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, government military sources told Xinhua, adding that fierce clashes were underway south of the city.

Supported by Saudi airstrikes, the Yemeni government launched a large-scale offensive on Monday, seeking to retake Houthi-held territory, with some of the fiercest fighting concentrated around the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait.

Yemen has been mired in conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized the capital Sanaa and much of the country’s north. A Saudi-led coalition intervened in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised Yemeni government, now based in the southern port city of Aden. The renewed fighting marked a major escalation after a UN-brokered truce in 2022 largely halted major hostilities.

TRUMP SETS CONDITION FOR ENDING IRAN WAR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11

US President Donald Trump has said the United States could end its military involvement in Iran immediately but would require guarantees that Tehran would never acquire nuclear weapons, while suggesting the seven-month conflict could soon end.

“We could leave right now, but we have to guarantee that they can’t have it in the future. And we’ll get that,” Trump told reporters at Joint Base Andrews after returning from a campaign rally in Tennessee.

Asked why he would not declare victory after claiming US military operations had prevented Iran from developing nuclear weapons, Trump said Washington needed assurances that the threat would not re-emerge.

“We have to have a guarantee that they won’t have it in the future,” he said.

Speaking in Clarksville, Tennessee, Trump described the military campaign as a major achievement of his administration, while acknowledging American lives lost in the conflict.



He said the United States had been involved in the conflict for nearly seven months, comparing its duration and casualties with earlier American wars in Vietnam and Afghanistan.

“Now in Iran, we’ve been there for seven months,” he said, referring to 18 American personnel he said had been killed.

“We have wounded, but we’ve stopped them from having a nuclear weapon,” Trump told supporters.

He also recalled meeting the families of fallen service members at Dover Air Force Base, describing those encounters as among the most difficult responsibilities of his office.

“We have stopped them from having a nuclear weapon, I believe, for all time, for all time. And we lost 18,” he said.

Trump further claimed that US military operations had destroyed much of Iran’s conventional military capability, including its navy, air force, radar systems and manufacturing infrastructure.

Suggesting that the conflict could end soon, he predicted a sharp fall in global oil prices once the war was over.

“The war’s gonna end very soon, and when it ends, it’s gonna end. You’re gonna see the oil drop like a rock. You’ll be very happy,” he said.

Trump’s remarks highlighted his stated objectives of preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and securing guarantees that would allow Washington to end its military campaign without having to resume operations later.

5 missing after massive floods in Nepal’s Gorkha

KATHMANDU, Oct. 11

Five people have gone missing after a massive landslide blocked the Budhi Gandaki River and triggered a debris-laden flood in Nepal’s western Gorkha district on Sunday, disaster management authorities said.

The landslide occurred between the Lokpa and Chumling areas of Chumnuabri Rural Municipality, blocking the river and triggering a massive flood that caused significant property damage, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) said in a press statement.

The missing people include two women and three men who were staying at a temporary shepherd settlement in the Unglung area of the rural municipality, the authority said. They remain out of contact following the incident.

Rescue and response operations have been mobilised in the affected area. Four Nepal Army helicopters have been deployed to conduct search and rescue operations. So far, 47 people have been



rescued by the helicopters and taken to safe locations, the authority said.

Twelve employees of Times Urja Pvt. Ltd., which is developing the 341-MW Budhi Gandaki hydropower project in the area, were evacuated to a safe location. Essential relief supplies are also being transported to the affected areas by road and helicopter.

Upon receiving information about the flood at 6:00 a.m., the Flood Forecasting Division of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology disseminated early warnings via SMS to residents in Gorkha and Dhading districts and as far as Chainighat in Chitwan district.

The authority also sent SMS notifications to 221 emergency responders across Gorkha, Dhading,



Ramaswamy: Ohio Governor Race Turns Toss-up

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11

Indian-American Republican Vivek Ramaswamy’s Ohio governor race against Democrat Amy Acton is rated a toss-up.

Polling averages show Acton ahead, though surveys differ. A CNN/SSRS poll gave her a 50-42 per cent lead, while a Republican-sponsored poll put Ramaswamy ahead 45-43 per cent. Kalshi gave Acton a 69 per cent chance of winning.

In a separate statement, the Independent Power Producers’ Association, Nepal (IPPAN), which represents private-sector power developers in the country, said four hydropower projects along the Budhi Gandaki River and its tributaries, with a combined installed capacity of 412.09 MW, had been affected.

Iran’s IRGC says ‘violating’ supertanker exploded after hitting mines in Hormuz Strait

TEHRAN, Oct. 11

The navy of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said that a “violating” supertanker attempting to exit the Strait of Hormuz via an “unauthorized” route suffered a massive explosion after hitting naval mines.

In a statement published on the IRGC’s official news outlet Sepah News, the navy said on Saturday that the vessel, carrying crude oil with its navigation and GPS systems switched off, caught fire after the blast.

It said the route had been designated high-risk, warning that such a fate awaits any violating oil tanker seeking to “disregard” Iran’s regulations, reports Xinhua news agency.

Earlier on Friday, the IRGC navy said its forces had hit a “giant” liquefied petroleum gas carrier identified as NV Sunshine as it sought to cross the strait through an “illegal” route south of the waterway.

The vessel’s engine room and propulsion system



caught fire, it said.

The navy said the US military was responsible for such incidents and rising maritime tensions in the region.

It also warned that actions against violating vessels will no longer be limited to the Strait of Hormuz, and any vessel crossing unauthorized routes will be “punished.”

Separately, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Thursday stressed that his country will not abandon the negotiating table although the United States has attacked it twice amid previous talks between the two sides, according to a statement issued by his office.

In a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Turkmenbashi,

Turkmenistan, Pezeshkian said, “We are negotiating. However, whenever we engage in dialogue with the United States, they attack again. Nevertheless, we will not abandon the negotiating table and dialogue.”

Pezeshkian added that Iran had put forward some proposals, in response to which the United States also presented new proposals, noting, “We have made our revisions to these proposals, and once finalised, the plan is to sit down and conclude them through the existing mediators.”

Iran tightened its grip on the Strait of Hormuz on February 28, barring safe passage of vessels belonging to or affiliated with Israel and the United States following their joint strikes on Iranian territory.

NORTH KOREA MARKS 81ST WORKERS’ PARTY ANNIVERSARY

SEOUL, Oct. 11



(KCNA) said, according to Yonhap.

Kim waved to the audience and expressed satisfaction with the performance, KCNA reported. A photo released by the agency showed his wife, Ri Sol-ju, and daughter, Kim Ju-ae, accompanying him.

Diplomatic envoys and members of foreign missions attended alongside senior party and military officials and Pyongyang residents. Kim did not issue a statement marking the anniversary.

The performance concluded a series of events held on a relatively modest scale. North Korea typically stages major military parades, mass gymnastics displays and weapons exhibitions for anniversaries ending in zero or five.

Last year, the country held a large military parade at Kim Il Sung Square, unveiling the Hwasong-20 intercontinental ballistic missile.

In a separate dispatch, KCNA said party officials visited the Party Founding Museum and received a briefing on Kim’s visit there in October 2025, but did not specify when the officials went.

The report said Kim was ushering in a new era of party-building and comprehensive national rejuvenation in 2026.

US senators oppose Russian diesel waiver

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11

US senators have criticised President Donald Trump’s decision to ease restrictions on Russian diesel exports, warning it could boost Moscow’s war revenue while offering little relief to American consumers.

Independent Senator Angus King of Maine said the move reversed longstanding US policy.

“This so-called deal with Russia will do little for America and much for Vladimir Putin as he seeks to sustain his murderous campaign on



Ukraine,” King said.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, Jeanne Shaheen and Elizabeth Warren also condemned the decision, calling the six-month authorisation of global purchases of Russian

November and one million tonnes thereafter.

The US Treasury Department issued General License 135, authorising certain transactions involving Russian-origin diesel.

King questioned whether the supplies would significantly reduce US fuel prices and urged Congress to reverse the decision.

Trump defended the policy as a way to lower costs for farmers, truckers and businesses. He said Putin wanted a settlement to end the Ukraine war. The waiver does not permanently lift sanctions.

Essential Medical Tests Everyone Should Know About



Routine blood tests can provide insights into blood sugar, iron stores, cholesterol and inflammation, and guide timely medical advice.

Nutritionist Namami Agarwal has highlighted several markers: HbA1c, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides, ferritin, fasting insulin, HOMA-IR and hs-CRP. Results should be interpreted by a healthcare professional.

HbA1c reflects average blood glucose over roughly three months. It helps doctors assess glucose control and diabetes.

LDL cholesterol and triglycerides are assessed through lipid testing. High LDL can contribute to plaque buildup in arteries, while raised triglycerides may increase cardiovascular risk.

Ferritin measures the

body's stored iron. Iron reserves can be low even when haemoglobin remains normal, and may identify deficiency.

Fasting insulin and HOMA-IR help assess insulin function and possible insulin resistance, when cells respond less effectively to insulin. They may help assess type 2 diabetes risk.

High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP) measures a protein associated with inflammation. It can inform cardiovascular risk assessment but is not diagnostic alone.

Preparation and medical guidance

Results may be affected by food and drink, medicines, supplements, strenuous exercise and hormonal changes associated with menstruation. Patients should

follow instructions and disclose medicines or supplements.

Not every test is necessary for everyone. Screening depends on age, symptoms, medical and family history, and individual risk factors. Some tests require medical advice.

Medical reports should not be interpreted in isolation, as this may cause unnecessary anxiety or inappropriate decisions. Consultations, a balanced diet, exercise and recommended screening support prevention.

Early detection cannot prevent every illness, but informed decisions and appropriate follow-up can help identify health problems before they become more serious. Consult a doctor.

KASHMIRI HANDICRAFTS ON PATH TO REVIVAL AS EXPORTS CROSS RS 1,100 CRORE



Kashmir's handicraft industry is on a path to revival after the turbulent years of militancy and the Covid-19 pandemic, with exports crossing Rs 1,100 crore and the Jammu and Kashmir government setting a Rs 2,000-crore export target, a report said.

According to a report in India Narrative, many traditional artisans have found new markets within the country and globally, bringing hope for a new lease of life to the struggling sector.

"Kashmiri artisans now have a direct pathway to bulk buyers and high-end export markets by combining traditional craftsmanship with better materials, contemporary design, quality certification, and access to international showrooms. This is helping transform centuries-old craftsmanship into globally competitive products while preserving the skills, stories, and cultural heritage," Gulam Sadiq, a third-generation artisan from Baramulla, said, as per the report.

Citing the Jammu and Kashmir Economic Survey 2025-26, the re-

port said handicrafts and handloom support about 4.45 lakh artisans and craftsmen in the Union Territory. Woollen shawls alone account for Rs 477.25 crore of exports, while carpets account for Rs 317 crore.

"Of late, the Jammu and Kashmir government has also started giving a global push to the sector, setting out a target to expand handicraft exports, modernise traditional crafts, improve artisans' skills, strengthen market access, and promote GI-certified products globally," Noor Hasan, a Kashmiri trader, told India Narrative.

The government's policy envisages export subsidies, marketing support, design development and infrastructure, with Dubai, London, Singapore, Paris, New York, Milan, and Tokyo among the international markets being explored, according to the report.

"The government's Rs 2,000-crore export target should therefore be regarded as a milestone rather than a destination," it said.

In 2025, the government trained about 11,000 peo-

ple in carpet weaving to preserve and revive the craft, and in April 2026, it constituted a Handicrafts Quality Control Council to protect the authenticity and reputation of Kashmiri crafts, the report noted.

GI tagging has also brought a positive change to the sector, it said.

"It has immensely helped protect the originality and identity of traditional crafts like Pashmina shawls, Kani shawls, Sozni Craft, Papier-mache, Walnut Wood Carving, Gabba, Willow bats, Kashmiri hand-knotted carpets, and half a dozen other products. Even Basohli Painting, Basohli Pashmina, Rajouri Chikri Wood Craft, and Ramban's Sulai Honey and Udhampur Kaladi (a traditional dairy product) are GI-tagged," a senior official in the Jammu and Kashmir Industries Department said, according to the report.

With GI tags, buyers can better identify genuine Kashmiri handicrafts and trust their quality, helping artisans gain recognition and reach wider markets in India and abroad, the report added.

WAKE UP BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE: THE BATTLE TO SAVE INDIAN DEMOCRACY

Opposition Unity Is No Longer a Political Choice but a Constitutional Necessity

India is passing through a challenging phase in its post-Independence history. Democratic institutions, constitutional values and citizens' rights face serious challenges. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accused by critics of using questionable tactics to consolidate power and weaken the Opposition, is seeking to bring the country under a saffron political umbrella.

Over the past 12 years, several elected governments have been weakened or brought down through defections, alleged inducements to legislators and the use of central investigative agencies against Opposition leaders. Allegations of intimidation and coercion have raised questions about political fairness. Divisions within Opposition parties have added to these concerns.

The splits in the Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), alongside divisions in other formations, show how internal discord can weaken parties that might challenge the ruling establishment. Critics see a strategy of dividing opponents into smaller groups, recalling the colonial principle of divide and rule.

Equally concerning are allegations of electoral manipulation and what the Opposition calls "vote chori". Elections are the foundation of representative democracy. Questions about electoral fairness require transparency, independent scrutiny and credible in-



stitutional mechanisms, particularly when public confidence is at stake.

The unity displayed by the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), despite differences among its constituents, contrasts with the Opposition's divisions. Several regional parties remain outside the INDIA bloc or have kept their distance from its protest against the Election Commission. This lack of coordination has weakened the Opposition's ability to offer a common alternative.

The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha offers an instructive example. For years, Naveen Patnaik's party maintained a cooperative relationship with the BJP-led NDA, often supporting its positions in Parliament without formally joining it. Yet the BJP defeated the BJD in the 2024 Assembly elections, ending its long tenure in power. The BJD's participation in the INDIA bloc's protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar was notable.

The Opposition remains

divided. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), both previously associated with the INDIA bloc, have kept varying distances from its agitation. The AAP has held its own protest against the Chief Election Commissioner, while the DMK's response has largely been confined to statements. Separate efforts risk diluting a nationwide campaign on electoral and constitutional issues.

Actor-turned-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) joining the INDIA bloc could prove significant. Though the party has no parliamentary presence, the association may help it expand nationally and encourage regional forces to cooperate ahead of the 2029 general elections.

The TVK's entry could complicate Tamil Nadu politics. The DMK, whose relations with the Congress have been strained by the latter's engagement with Vijay's party, may move further away from the alliance.

The INDIA bloc has

repeatedly made headlines for departures and internal tensions rather than a coherent agenda. Nitish Kumar's departure from the Opposition camp ahead of the 2024 general elections remains an example. Differences between the Congress and regional parties, including the DMK and AAP, have exposed the alliance's fragility. Unless addressed through dialogue, mutual respect and a common programme, these contradictions could waste the Opposition's opportunity.

The challenge is larger than electoral arithmetic or seat-sharing. It concerns democratic institutions, constitutional principles and citizens' fundamental rights, including the right to vote in elections. These goals require sustained cooperation, a common minimum programme and a willingness to put national interest above narrow party considerations.

The DMK, AAP, YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and other parties outside the INDIA bloc should

reconsider their positions. Joining a common platform need not mean surrendering regional identities. It means recognising that democratic issues transcend party boundaries and require a collective response.

The Congress and other major Opposition parties must also show political maturity. Unity cannot be imposed through pressure or rhetoric. It must be built through consultation, respect for regional leadership, fair seat-sharing and dialogue. The INDIA bloc must offer more than opposition to the BJP; it needs a constructive vision for governance, economic opportunity, social harmony and institutional accountability.

India's democratic future cannot be left to individual parties' calculations. The Constitution, credible elections and citizens' rights must take precedence over personal ambition and partisan rivalry. The years leading to the 2029 general elections will be crucial in determining whether the Opposition can overcome its divisions and present a united alternative.

The message is unmistakable: wake up before it is too late. If the Opposition prioritises political differences over the defence of democracy and the Constitution, it will share responsibility for the consequences. History may judge not only those who weaken democratic institutions, but also those who could have defended them and chose to remain divided.

FESTIVE E-COMMERCE SALES HIT RS 24,000 CRORE IN FIRST TWO DAYS



India's leading e-commerce marketplaces witnessed a strong start to the festive shopping season, generating an estimated Rs 24,000 crore in sales during the first two days as

consumers stepped up purchases across smartphones, electronics, appliances and fashion categories, a report has said.

According to Redseer Strategy Consultants, on-

line platforms including Amazon, Flipkart, Meesho and Ajio recorded gross merchandise value (GMV) of more than \$2.5 billion, or about Rs 24,200 crore, during the opening two days of festive sales.

The consultancy estimated that 8-9 crore orders were placed by shoppers across the country, while around 6-6.5 crore consumers participated in the shopping event.

The sales value was nearly six times higher than the average daily business-as-usual run rate, highlighting the scale of festive-season spending.

Smartphones remained the largest contributor to overall sales, accounting for 38-40 per cent of total GMV, translating into an estimated Rs 9,100-9,600 crore.

Consumer electronics emerged as the second-largest category, contributing around 25-27 per cent of total sales, or roughly Rs 6,000-6,500 crore.

Fashion products accounted for 15-18 per cent of overall sales, generating an estimated Rs 3,630-4,350 crore during the period, the report noted.

Demand for large appliances and electronics remained particularly strong. Televisions, refrigerators and air conditioners together accounted for more than two-thirds of large-appliance sales.

Among televisions, 55-inch models from brands such as TCL, LG, Samsung and Xiaomi dominated demand, representing more than three-fourths of the top-selling stock-keeping

units.

Redseer noted that electronics had already posted growth of over 20 per cent in the first half of 2026 as consumers accelerated purchases amid expectations of higher prices later in the year.

During the first two days of festive sales, electronics orders surged to nearly 14 times their normal daily levels, supported by robust demand for laptops and internet-connected devices.

Fashion also emerged as a major growth driver, with GMV in the segment rising 22-25 per cent year-on-year. Sales in the category were three to five times higher than average daily levels, aided by demand for affordable festive apparel, particularly in Tier 2 cities and smaller towns.

Poonawalla Fincorp shares down nearly 16 % in a year

Poonawalla Fincorp shares may be in focus on Monday after the NBFC reported a nearly five-fold rise in September-quarter profit, supported by loan growth, better asset quality and lower credit costs.

The company posted consolidated profit of Rs 375 crore in Q2 FY27, up from Rs 74 crore a year ear-

lier. Total income rose to Rs 2,625 crore from Rs 1,543 crore, while interest income increased to Rs 2,416 crore from Rs 1,402 crore.

Despite the earnings growth, the stock remains down 15.61 per cent over 12 months. It closed 2.25 per cent higher at Rs 448.05 on the BSE on Friday. Year to date, it has declined 7.6 per

cent, or Rs 36.70. However, it gained 9.24 per cent over six months and 1.27 per cent in the past five sessions. It was nearly flat over one month, rising 0.28 per cent.

Emkay Global Financial Services retained its 'Reduce' rating on the stock with a target price of Rs 410.

Meanwhile, Indian equity benchmarks gained this week,

ending an eight-week losing streak as crude oil prices eased from recent highs. The Nifty rose 0.44 per cent for the week and 1.30 per cent on the last trading day to 22,520. The Sensex climbed 879 points, or 1.23 per cent, to 72,472, gaining 0.78 per cent during the week.

IT stocks led the recovery following positive quarter-

ly results, while banking, FMCG and auto shares also attracted buying interest as well.





ISSF World Cup: Udhayveer Singh clinches gold in men's 10m air pistol

IANs News
Cairo, Oct 11

India's Udhayveer Sidhu clinched the gold medal in the Men's 10m Air Pistol at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol on Sunday.

The 24-year-old produced a determined performance in the medal match to finish with a score of 240.6. He edged past Germany's multi-Olympic medallist Christian Reitz by 0.5 points in a dramatic finish. Reitz secured the silver medal with a tally of 240.1. Italy's Paolo Monna took bronze with 219.8.

Udhayveer held his nerve during the closing elimination stages. Trailing Reitz by 0.3 points going into the final two shots, the Indian fired 10.2 and 9.8. Reitz recorded twin scores of 9.6, handing Udhayveer victory on the final shot.

Earlier in the day, Udhayveer qualified for the eight-man final in fourth position. He posted a total of 585 across



six series (99, 98, 98, 97, 97, 96).

India's Jonathan Gavin Antony, competing for Ranking Points Only (RPO), shot an impressive 586 to tie for the top score in qualification with Monna. Among the other Indian participants in the field, Ajendra Singh Chauhan finished 14th with a score of 580. Olympic medallist Sarabjot Singh placed 31st with 574, while Kumar Yogesh posted 573 in the RPO section.

The final also featured Turkey's Paris 2024 Olympic medallist Yusuf Dikeç, who finished seventh with 138.0. Greece's Georgios Gampierakis

placed fourth on 198.7, followed by Latvia's Emils Vasermanis in fifth position with 177.6.

The ISSF World Cup is being held from October 8 to October 16, 2026, in which India has sent a 24-member team. The squad travelled to Cairo after completing an intensive national camp in Dehradun. The camp was held from October 1 to October 7, 2026, at the Maharana Pratap Sports College. Shooters spent the week working on match simulations and fine-tuning technical routines. India is competing across eight individual Olympic disciplines and two mixed team events.

Messi, Suarez's braces power Inter miami to 4-0 won over DC United

IANs News
Miami, Oct 11

A pair of braces from captain Lionel Messi and striker Luis Suarez powered Inter Miami CF to a dominant 4-0 victory over D.C. United in MLS regular season action at home at Nu Stadium.

Additionally, forward German Berterame recorded two assists, while goalkeeper Dayne St. Clair delivered a solid performance at the back and posted a clean sheet.

Inter Miami got off the mark early on, with Suárez bagging his 14th goal of the regular season in the 3rd minute. A cross from Reguilón from the left flank was redirected by a header from Berterame before finding the legendary Uruguayan serial scorer at the centre of the box, where Suarez tucked the ball away with a first-time, left-footed finish.

At the other end, St Clair delivered a standout save in the 16th minute to deny an attempt from D.C.'s Tai Baribo and preserve the lead.



Suarez then secured his brace as he doubled Inter Miami's lead in the 39th minute, finding the back of the net from inside the penalty area to capitalise on a headed assist from Berterame.

The strike took Suarez's tally to 15 this regular season, while the assist was the seventh for Berterame this league campaign.

Miami continued its impressive attacking performance in the second half, with Messi adding another for the Herons in the 47th minute with his 22nd goal this regular sea-

son. Following a brilliant move to make space down the left side of the box,

Suarez played a precise ball for Messi to strike with a first-time, left-footed effort from the centre of the box. The assist raised Suarez's tally to nine this regular season.

Messi then sealed his brace and rounded out the victory for Inter Miami in the 60th minute through a brilliant solo effort. Our captain received a ball from De Paul down the middle before dribbling past two defenders en route to breaking into the

box and slotting the ball at the bottom-right corner with a left-footed finish.

The goal was Messi's 23rd this league campaign as he extended his lead in the race for the 2026 MLS Golden Boot, while the assist was De Paul's 13th. The 4-0 scoreline remained unchanged through the final whistle as Inter Miami returned to winning ways to claim a valuable three points.

With the win, Inter Miami extended its unbeaten run against D.C. United to seven (5 wins, 2 draws).

Modi says India pursuing dream of hosting 2036 Olympics

IANs News
Chennai, Oct 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India was pursuing its ambition of hosting the 2036 Olympics, expressing confidence that the country's youth would take Indian sports to new heights.

Addressing the golden jubilee celebrations of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, Modi said India was preparing to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games and working towards bringing the Olympics to the country. He said major international sporting events would provide young athletes with better facilities, training and opportunities to pursue sports as a career.

India is among seven interested parties in dialogue with the International Olympic Committee over hosting the 2036 Olympics. The host is expected to be elected in mid-2029, following the IOC's selection process. India is also preparing to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad.

Shanghai Masters: Alexander Zverev overcomes Halys' challenge in R3 to secure 60th win of 2026



NSS News
Shanghai, Oct 11

Alexander Zverev overcame a spirited challenge from Quentin Halys in the third round at the Shanghai Masters 6-4, 6-7(8), 6-3 to secure his 60th win of 2026 here on Sunday.

The top-seeded German was tested by his French opponent, who had earlier pushed him to five sets during Zverev's 2026 US Open title run. Zverev missed two match points in the second-set tiebreak, which was bagged by Halys.

However, the World No.2 broke his opponent twice early in the first and third sets to secure a win, which is his 60th tour-level victory of 2026. This marked the third time he went past 60 wins in a season, having won 60 matches in 2018 and 69 in 2024.

"I feel like this year I've been picking my places where I want to peak, and I feel like I did that quite well," Zverev, the reigning French Open and US Open champion, said. "I didn't do that in the early stages of my career. I wanted to play well every single tournament, and I feel like this year I've been working through a lot of tournaments.

"I've had maybe some losses I shouldn't have had, but it paid off because I won two Grand Slams and peaked at the right moments and made another final at Wimbledon. So I'm happy with that, but I think that 60 wins doesn't tell the whole story."

China beat Malaysia to clinch BWF World Junior Team C'ships

IANs News
Cairo, Oct 11

China reaffirmed their dominance in junior badminton by defeating Malaysia in a gripping final to lift the BWF World Junior Team Championships 2026 title.

The Chinese team prevailed 55-46, 55-53, 55-45 in the three-game final, surviving a determined Malaysian fightback before regaining control in the deciding game to seal the championship.

With the triumph, China extended their record haul to 16 Suhandinata Cup titles.

The contest appeared to be heading towards a comfortable Chinese victory after they dominated the opening game. Malaysia, however, responded with renewed intensity in front

of an enthusiastic crowd, turning the final into a closely fought encounter.

Tiew Wei Jie handed over the baton in the men's singles at 18-22, leaving Malaysia's doubles contingent with the task of keeping their title hopes alive. Genevieve Lim and Low Zi Yu in women's doubles, Irfan Shazmir and Genevieve Lim in mixed doubles, and Shazmir and Ahmad Redzuan in men's doubles rose to the occasion, helping Malaysia edge the second game 55-53 and force a decider.

With momentum shifting towards Malaysia, the deciding game offered an opportunity for an upset. However, China quickly re-established their authority, restricting Malaysia's first two singles players to a combined

nine points and opening up a substantial lead.

The Chinese team capitalised on that advantage with remarkable composure, keeping unforced errors to a minimum and preventing their opponents from mounting another recovery.

Women's doubles pair Shi Si Chen and Wei Yue Yue, mixed doubles combination Feng Yi Lang and Li Meng Han, and men's doubles duo Tu Yi Chen and Zheng Wei Gang played crucial roles in maintaining China's control as the defending champions closed out the final.

China's doubles coach Liu Cheng credited the team's preparation and ability to respond to changing circumstances for their successful title defence.



Shami takes four-wicket haul; Smaran smashes century on captaincy debut on opening day

IANs News
New Delhi, Oct 11

New Delhi, Oct 11 (IANS) India fast bowler Mohammed Shami reminded the national selectors of his capability yet again as he took a four-wicket haul for Bengal in their opening Group C clash against Delhi at the Bengal Cricket Academy Ground in Kalyani on Sunday.

Shami, who has been overlooked by Indian selectors despite his consistent performances in the domestic circuit, took 4-30 in 17.3 overs as Bengal bowled Delhi out for 240. The veteran also sent in nine maiden overs and bowled at a minging economy of 1.70, showing his class once again.

Other India internationals, Akash Deep and Mukesh Kumar, were also among the wickets, with Akash taking 2-74 in his 17 overs (4.40 economy) and Mukesh scalping 1-43 in 17 overs (2.50 economy). Off-spinner Aamir Gani took three wickets for 45 as he also played a crucial role with Bengal.

Meanwhile, Ravichandran Smaran marked his Karnataka captaincy debut with a stellar hundred against Andhra in a Group B clash at the Dr Gokaraju Liala Gangaaraju ACA Cricket Ground in Vijayawada.

Karnataka were in trouble at 22/4, but Smaran smashed 126 from 218 balls to bail the team out of trouble, with wicketkeeper Krishnan Shrijith hitting 58 and Madhav Bajaj scoring 33 to help Karnataka make 274. In reply, Andhra ended the day 16/2 with Shikhar Shetty and Madhav Bajaj taking a wicket each.

In another Group B fixture between Saurashtra and Chhattisgarh at the



Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot, India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja remained unbeaten at 72 at the end of Day 1 as Saurashtra made 308/4. Prerak Mankad also went back unscathed on 92, while opener Chirag Jani had scored 83 earlier.

Umesh Yadav also struck twice for Punjab in their fixture against Assam in New Chandigarh, but bad light forced an early stumps as Assam were 68/3.

In other Group C matches, Jharkhand's Sikhar Mohan made 143 as his team ended the Day 1 strong at 289/5 against Kerala at Keenan Stadium in Jamshedpur.

Gaurav Choudhary scored an unbeaten 121 to power Odisha to 272/3 against Gujarat in Ahmedabad, while Ankeet Bawne hit a hundred for Maharashtra to help them end Day 1 against Services at 289/5. Prithvi Shaw also made 70.

In Group A, Akshay Wadkar and Yash Rathod scored centuries to help Vidarbha end the day at 292/5 against Pondicherry after they were in trouble at 54/5. J&K seamer Rohit Sharma took his maiden five-wicket haul, playing after two years as Madhya Pradesh were bowled out for 196.

All-Indian Inter Kashi face star-studded Kerala Blasters

IANs News
Balewadi, Oct 11

A fascinating battle of contrasting squad make-ups awaits as domestic-only Inter Kashi host a Kerala Blasters FC in their Indian Super League opening clash at the Sports Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex on Sunday.

With the venue set to serve as Inter Kashi's home ground for the season, the occasion presents an added challenge as

they look to make home advantage count. The hosts will look to draw confidence from their 2-1 victory over the Blasters in Kochi earlier this year, while Kerala arrive with a revamped squad under head coach Ashley Westwood, including four new overseas signings.

Inter Kashi enter the season with an all-Indian squad after registering 22 players ahead of a fresh FIFA transfer-registration ban. Their re-

cruitment has brought in several players with ISL experience, including goalkeeper Albino Gomes from Jamshedpur FC, defender Laldinliana Renthlei from Chennaiyin FC, winger Rosenberg Gilbert Gabriel and forward Manvir Singh, both from Jamshedpur, and striker Ayush Chhikara from Mumbai City FC.

The challenge will be to turn that experience into a competitive unit against a Kerala Blasters side that

has undergone significant changes ahead of the new campaign. The club's new ownership has overseen an extensive recruitment drive, with head coach Ashley Westwood bringing back the club's heartbeat, Adrian Luna, while adding four overseas players: English defender James Bolton, winger Andre Green, Montenegro international midfielder Nebojša Kosovic and Guinean forward Momo Yansane.

Bezzecchi wins in Mandalika to keep title hopes alive

NSS News
Mandalika, Oct 11

Marco Bezzecchi clinched a much-needed win at the Indonesian GP in Mandalika to keep his slim MotoGP title hopes alive as Jorge Martin took back the championship lead from Marc Marquez here on Sunday.

In an absorbing race at the Mandalika International Street Circuit, Aprilia secured a historic 1-2-3-4, with Raul Fernandez taking second place despite

two broken fingers he sustained during the Saturday sprint ahead of Martin in third and Ai Ogura in fourth.

Seven-time champion Marquez finished sixth after dropping places in the latter half of the race as Martin took back the title lead. Martin now has a two-point lead over Marquez, as he took another podium and 16 points from the Sunday race. The Ducati rider managed to take 10 points from the Grand Prix after he won the Saturday sprint and led the championship for the first time this year.

However, Martin now has 355 points, with Marquez on 353. Bezzecchi has come into the reckoning once again in the title battle, as he has 309 points, 44 adrift



of the Ducati rider and 46 fewer than teammate Martin. This was Bezzecchi's first race win since Mugello. "Before this round I knew that maybe I had to risk a little bit more here, and yesterday of course didn't pay off obviously with the race incident at the beginning, but fortunately today the race was good," Bezzecchi said after the race.

Ponnam challenges BJP chief to face-to-face meet on voter deletions

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 11

Minister for BC Welfare and Transport Ponnam Prabhakar has openly challenged BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao to set a date and time for a face-to-face meeting, offering to produce documentary evidence and voters who were allegedly disenfranchised.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the Minister asserted that he would establish the claims using official Election Commission records. He maintained that the issue cannot be addressed through police action or arrests, offering instead to personally present citizens whose names were omitted from the electoral rolls.

Lashing out at BJP leaders over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Ponnam



Prabhakar claimed that even his own vote was targeted for deletion due to alleged clerical discrepancies in his father's name.

The Minister alleged that approximately 70 lakh votes were deleted across Telangana, claiming the exercise selectively im-

pacted SC, ST, BC, and minority communities opposed to the BJP.

He noted that poor citizens, daily-wage workers, senior citizens, and illiterate voters are being forced to navigate bureaucratic hurdles to prove their eligibility.

Pointing to past instances where even former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu faced voter roll issues, he emphasized the urgent need to safeguard every eligible citizen's franchise.

Ponnam Prabhakar demanded that election authorities publish clear and comprehensive figures detailing total deletions, classifying them into ineligible voters and genuine voters wrongfully omitted due to administrative errors.

He added that making derogatory remarks against those raising democratic concerns goes against the spirit of democracy.

Two held for supplying 70 mule accounts to cybercriminals

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 11

Hyderabad Cybercrime Police arrested two persons for allegedly supplying 60-70 mule bank accounts and SIM cards to cybercriminals, linked to around 450 cases across India involving transactions worth Rs 60-70 crore.

The accused, Gumma Ramesh (39) and Mudale Anil (19), both from Ramanthapur, were arrested in a case involving fraud through a Facebook offer to pay Rs 45 lakh for an old one-rupee note. The victim allegedly lost Rs 7.93 lakh.

Police said Ramesh collected bank passbooks, ATM cards, internet banking credentials and SIM cards from students, delivery partners and others, and couriered them to Haryana for commissions. Anil allegedly opened three bank accounts and handed over their credentials to Ramesh.

Police said the accounts were suspected to have been used in hundreds of cybercrime cases. Further investigation is underway.

Special prayers for rain held at Golconda



Pic. Syed Omar

Hyderabad, Oct 11

Salat-ul-Istisqa, a special congregational prayer seeking rainfall, was offered at Owaisi Ground in Qila Mohammed Nagar, Golconda, on Sunday amid delayed rains.

The prayer was led by Maulana Qari Syed Mateen Ali Shah Qadri, Imam and Khatib of Eidgah

Gumbadan-e-Qutb Shahi. Mufti Tajammul Ahmed Kamil of Jamia Nizamia offered special supplications, while Qazi and Qari Tayyab Momin delivered a religious address.

The congregation prayed for Allah's mercy, an end to the dry spell and rainfall for the welfare and prosperity of humanity.

Hyderabad rally calls for collective effort on women's safety



NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 11

Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao and Ponnam Prabhakar on Sunday flagged off a women's safety bike rally organised by SHE POWER Foundation from Jalavihar on Necklace Road to Tank Bund, marking the International

Day of the Girl Child.

Women superbikers, scooter riders, cyclists and women police personnel participated in the rally to promote women's safety, dignity, empowerment and road safety.

Jupally Krishna Rao said women's safety was a collective responsibility involving the govern-

ment, police, families and society. He stressed equal opportunities for women and urged them to devote at least an hour daily to physical fitness.

Ponnam Prabhakar said the State government was committed to women's safety and empowerment, ensuring they could travel across Telangana without fear.

Hyderabad man dies in Riyadh airport attack, family injured

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Oct 11

Mohammed Yusuf, 46, an IT professional from Mehdiptanm, Hyderabad, reportedly died in an incident at Riyadh Airport while travelling with his family to perform Umrah.

Yusuf had left Hyderabad about a week ago with his wife, two sons and daughter. According to preliminary reports, his wife, daughter and younger son sustained minor injuries, while his elder son suffered multiple injuries



and is reportedly critical.

Reports said debris fell on Yusuf, causing severe injuries. He reportedly suffered a heart attack and died, though the circumstances remain un-

confirmed officially.

The tragedy has plunged his family and the Mehdiptanm locality into grief. Further details about the incident and the condition of the injured family members are awaited.

DRI seizes gold worth Rs 8.98 crore near Visakhapatnam

Munsif News Bureau
Visakhapatnam, Oct 11

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 5.83 kg of foreign-origin gold worth Rs 8.98 crore after a high-speed chase near Visakhapatnam and arrested two persons.

The gold, concealed in a specially fabricated cavity beneath the front passenger seat of a car travelling from Kolkata to Hyderabad, was seized during an operation on the night of October 8-9. Officials said the 24-carat gold was smuggled into India through the Bangladesh border.

The two accused were arrested and remanded to judicial custody under the Customs Act, 1962.

In separate operations in the eastern region, the DRI seized around 7.8 kg of foreign-origin gold worth over Rs 11.50 crore and arrested six persons. The seizures included 6.8 kg of gold bars recovered from a vehicle at Dankuni Toll Plaza and around 1 kg seized from train passengers at Malda Town and New Jalpaiguri railway stations.



Telangana Congress leaders leave for Delhi to join AICC protest

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 11

Telangana Congress leaders, including TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Cabinet Ministers and around 60 MLAs, left for New Delhi on a special flight from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshabad on Sunday. The party leaders will participate in a nationwide protest organised by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Monday against alleged irregularities in the on-going Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

BRAOU admissions close on October 13

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 11

October 13, 2026, is the last date for admissions to undergraduate, post-graduate, diploma and certificate programmes at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) for the 2026-27 academic year.

The deadline also applies to Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and online programmes. Candidates must register and pay the tuition fee by the due date, with no further extension planned.

For details, visit www.braouonline.in or www.braou.ac.in, or contact the university call centre at 18005990101 or information centre at 040-23680222/333/555.

Five-year-old girl kidnapped, murdered in Secunderabad

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Oct 11

A five-year-old girl was found murdered in a water sump at a gated community in Kowkur, Secunderabad, after being kidnapped allegedly by a dismissed security guard who reportedly demanded Rs 20 lakh ransom.

Moses Aureli went

missing while playing near her villa at Villa Orchids on Saturday evening. Her body, with hands and legs tied, was found in the clubhouse cellar.

Police suspect Vikram, a former security guard at the community, who was reportedly removed from service two days earlier following complaints of misconduct. The girl's

grandfather was allegedly part of the committee that decided to dismiss him.

Police have formed 10 special teams to trace the accused, whose phone was reportedly switched off near Secunderabad Railway Station. Search operations included drone surveillance and checks at nearby lodges and hotels. Further investigation is underway.

MP Laxman Participates in 'Nasha Mukh Bharat' Cycling Ride



NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 11

Rajya Sabha MP Dr. K. Laxman on Sunday participated in the 'Nasha Mukh Bharat' (Drug-Free India) Cycling Ride organized by the Akshara Spoorthy organization. The event was aimed to raise awareness among the youth about the adverse effects of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free society and a healthy lifestyle.

He took part in the cycling ride which commenced at the Bala Hanuman Mandir in Seetarampet of Goshamah assembly constituency and concluded at the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel within the Assembly premises to create public awareness against drug use. The event has called upon the youth to stay away from the drugs and adopt a healthy lifestyle, while urging everyone to act responsibly in safeguarding the nation's future.

Basavatarakam Hospital highlights pain management in palliative care

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 11

Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute observed World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2026 with a fo-

cus on pain management, access to essential medicines and compassionate care for patients with serious illnesses.

Organised by its Department of Pain and Palliative Medicine, the programme featured a

panel discussion on balancing access to controlled medicines with regulatory safeguards. Chief guest Dr. P.M. Yashwanth, Zonal Director of the Narcotics Control Bureau, Hyderabad, stressed the need to ensure timely

access to essential medicines while preventing misuse.

Experts discussed ethical prescribing, regulatory compliance and multidisciplinary care to improve patients' quality of life. The hospital also organised art and photography competitions highlighting compassion, dignity, hope and caregiving.