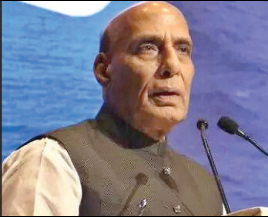




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Telangana, Maharashtra form panel to review Tummidihatti Barrage height

Joint team to assess feasibility of raising height to 152 metres

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Hyderabad, Oct 26

Telangana and Maharashtra have agreed to constitute a joint committee of senior officials to examine the proposal to increase the Tummidihatti barrage height on the Pranahita River from 148 metres to 152 metres. The decision was taken at a meeting between Chief Ministers A. Revanth Reddy and Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai on Monday, attended by Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and senior officials from both states. Uttam Kumar Reddy explained that the revised height was necessary to meet irrigation needs in the backward, tribal-dominated

- Joint panel to assess the proposed 152-metre height.
- Telangana cites irrigation needs and reduced pumping costs.
- Maharashtra seeks technical and submergence assessments.
- Revanth invites Fadnavis to Hyderabad's Global Summit in December.

Adilabad region. He said gravity-based water conveyance could reduce dependence on energy-intensive pumping and help address rising power costs and operational challenges. Telangana also offered compensation to Maharashtra farmers whose lands might be affected by submergence, in accordance with the state's land acquisition and compensation norms. Revanth Reddy highlighted the



region's long-standing demand for irrigation facilities, dating back to 1975, and said the project could promote economic development in northern Telangana and adjoining border areas. Fadnavis expressed willingness to reconsider the proposal but stressed that technical feasibility, environmental implications and the impact on affected communities must be assessed before a final decision. The meeting marks a step towards resolving the interstate issues surrounding the project, with the final decision dependent on the committee's findings.

CEC can be removed only like SC Judge: ECI

Poll panel says SIR orders were unanimous, opposes plea to restrain Gyanesh Kumar

IANs News
New Delhi, Oct 26

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has told the Supreme Court that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar can be removed only in the same manner as a Supreme Court judge, opposing a plea to restrain him from functioning. In its counter-affidavit,

the ECI said the petition relied solely on a newspaper report without verifying the allegations and sought reliefs that were legally untenable. The poll panel maintained that its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) orders issued in June and October 2025 and May 2026 were unanimously approved in accordance with Article 324 of the Constitution and applicable laws. Citing Section 18 of the 2023 Act, the ECI said decisions were taken after deliberations among the CEC and two Election Commissioners, with differences to be resolved by majority. Rejecting allegations of improper changes to Form 6, it said the separate declaration introduced under SIR would help applicants establish links with previous electoral rolls. The ECI also cited the Supreme Court's May 27, 2026, judgment on the SIR documentation framework and said Booth Level Officers were assisting voters facing document-related notices. The ECI urged the court to dismiss the petitions, calling the allegations unsubstantiated and the reliefs sought legally unsustainable.

Cong MLA flags funding disparity, threatens indefinite fast

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 26

Congress MLA Anirudh Reddy, who represents Jadcherla Assembly constituency, has threatened to launch an indefinite hunger strike involving 30,000 people to press for the development of his constituency. Questioning the allocation of bills to constituencies represented by Ministers while other constituencies are allegedly being neglected, he asked what would happen to the remaining MLAs and their constituencies. Speaking at a media conference in Jadcherla on Monday, Anirudh Reddy said, "In Nagarkurnool, bills worth ₹5 crore were released following the death of a contractor. Will bills be released for Jadcherla only if I die? If that is the case, I am ready to sacrifice my life for the development of my constituency." The ruling Congress MLA asserted that the government could sustain itself only if all constituencies received equal attention and development. He called for a united struggle across party lines to secure development funds and address the constituency's needs. "We must fight together to secure canals and irrigation water for Jadcherla. I am ready to undertake any struggle to protect the interests of farmers in the constituency," he said.

Four arrested in retired IPS Officer's wife murder case



Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Oct 26

The protest at Jamia Millia Islamia entered its 14th day on Sunday, with students continuing their sit-in over three key demands: restoration of the university students' union, revocation of disciplinary action against protesters and action against those accused of using force during the agitation. The protesting students have also demanded the resignations of the university Proctor and chief

security advisor. They alleged that students faced suspensions, show-cause notices and campus entry bans following the October 17 protests. Student Anish Khan said the movement, which began with the demand to restore the Jamia Millia Islamia University Students' Union (JMIUSU), had expanded to include action against those accused of mistreating protesters. Another student, Farhan Israel, said the agitation would continue until the demands were met. He alleged that the university administration was attempting to forcibly end the protest. Tension briefly flared at Gate No. 4 after students without hostel identity cards were denied entry, leading to an argument with security personnel. The situation was later brought under control, while security officials remained deployed outside the campus as a precaution. Meanwhile, the university has decided to conduct classes for all courses online amid the continuing protests.

Iran Calls for Global Action Against UN Charter Violations

Iranian MP Ali Haddadi on Monday called for collective global action against violations of the UN Charter, recalling the killing of children in Minab during the US-Israeli war against Iran. Addressing the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi, Haddadi placed a schoolbag on the podium in memory of the children killed in a strike on Shajareh Tayyibeh School on February 28. He urged a firm stance against crimes against humanity. The delegation also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Congress MP Shashi Tharoor during the forum, which brings together representatives of BRICS member and partner countries to promote parliamentary cooperation.

Jamia Students Refuse to Apologise, Continue Hunger Strike

IANs News
New Delhi, Oct 26

Jamia Millia Islamia students have vowed to continue their hunger strike until the university meets their demands, including a timeline for students' union elections, withdrawal of disciplinary action and resignation of the Chief Security Advisor. The university agreed to hold elections within 15 days of approving the union constitution and revoke action against protesters, but gave no timeline for approving the constitution. Protesting since October 12, students said they would not apologise for exercising their right to peaceful protest.

58 Killed in Gunmen's Attack in Nigeria

At least 58 people have been killed after unidentified gunmen attacked Binnari community in Nigeria's northeastern Taraba State, police said, as rescue operations continued. The attack took place on Friday in Karim-Lamido Local Government Area during the community's weekly market. Police spokesman Victor Mshelizah said 15 more bodies were recovered on Sunday from nearby bushes and a river. An overloaded canoe carrying victims to a nearby community capsized, leaving more people feared missing. Local media reported that the gunmen fired indiscriminately for nearly four hours, burned houses and displaced families. The Taraba State government has begun distributing relief materials to survivors and affected families. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.



Centre Notifies E100 Fuel Norms for Flex-Fuel Vehicles

IANs News
New Delhi, Oct 26

The Centre has amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, introducing E100 fuel standards for flex-fuel vehicles from Monday. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said references to E85 fuel had been expanded to include E100 in emission standards and testing requirements. However, both fuels can be used only in vehicles specifically designed by manufacturers. The amendments also update provisions relating to E20 petrol, biodiesel,

hydrogen-compressed natural gas and vehicle weight classifications. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said vehicles running entirely on ethanol could significantly reduce fuel costs. Meanwhile, industry estimates suggest ethanol demand could reach 17.9 billion litres by FY31 if blending rises to 25 per cent.



Father, Son Killed in Delhi Building Collapse

IANs News
New Delhi, Oct 26

A 60-year-old man and his 33-year-old son died after building slabs collapsed during construction at Harsh Vihar in northeast Delhi on Sunday evening. Chanderpal and his son Vijay Kumar were rescued from the debris overnight and taken to GTB Hospital, where they were declared dead. The collapse occurred while a new floor was being built over an old house. An investigation is underway to determine the cause.



Telangana Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Monday said the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kamareddy would be transformed into a cricket training hub with professional coaching, practice nets, a quality pitch and opportunities for competitive matches. He said the initiative was aimed at identifying sporting talent among local youth and enabling promising players from the district to progress to State and national-level cricket.

Police Seize Gutkha Worth Rs. 3.29 Lakh, Arrest One in Degloor

Munsif News Bureau
Degloor , Oct. 26:

Police seized banned gutkha worth Rs. 3,29,149 and arrested a 22-year-old man during a late-night operation near the cremation ground at Naringal Budruk village on the Khanapur–Sheelgaon road.

The operation created a stir in the area, with police reportedly chasing a red Maruti Suzuki car before apprehending the suspect.

The banned gutkha was seized, and further investigation into the case is underway. According to the police, a case was registered at Degloor Police Station based on a complaint lodged by Police Jamadar Mohammed Imran. The accused was identified as Manmanth Eeravanth Goud Pade, aged 22.

Police also seized the red



Maruti Suzuki car bearing registration number AP 25 MH 3949, which was allegedly being used to transport the banned material.

The operation was conducted under the guidance

of Nanded Superintendent of Police Dr. Neelam Rohan. Further questioning and investigation are expected to reveal additional details about the illegal gutkha trade.

SDPO Kiran Popadghat,

trained Deputy Superintendent of Police Vaibhav Parod, Sub-Inspector Mesanwadkar, Head Constable Sheikh Abdul Bari, Madhav Margiwad and Mohammed Imran participated in the operation.

VICE-PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN TIRUMALA

Tirumala, Oct.26 (NSS): Vice-President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan arrived at Sri Padmavathi Rest House in Tirumala on Monday.

He was received by TTD Executive Officer M. Ravichandra, Additional EO Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, CVSO Muralikrishna and Superintendent of Police Subbarayudu.

Andhra Pradesh Minister Anagani Satya Prasad, local legislators A. Srinivasulu and Pulivarthi Nani, and TTD board member Ramamurthy

Collector Ila Tripathi Directs Officials to Expedite Disposal of Prajavani Petitions

Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad , Oct. 26:

District Collector Ila Tripathi has instructed officials to accord priority to the Prajavani public grievance programme held every Monday and expedite the resolution of complaints and disposal of pending applications.

She made it clear that public grievances should not be allowed to remain unresolved due to delays and directed officials to take prompt action on

all applications.

During the Prajavani programme held at the central conference hall of the Integrated District Offices Complex in Nizamabad on Monday, a total of 121 complaints and applications were received from the public.

Collector Ila Tripathi, along with Additional Collectors Raja Goud and Bhujanga Rao, District Revenue Officer (DRO) Geetha, Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Saya Goud, DRDO

Sai Anna and Municipal Additional Commissioner Chandrashekhar, received applications from the public.

Officials Told to Be Punctual

The Collector expressed displeasure over the absence of some officials and the late arrival of others at the Prajavani programme.

She directed all concerned officers to attend punctually and ensure their presence by the scheduled commencement time of 10.30 a.m.



Ramagundam MLA and Peddapalli District Congress Committee president M.S. Raj Thakur said the development of the Ramagundam Assembly constituency and resolution of public grievances remained his primary objectives.

Ramagundam's Overall Development is my Goal: MLA Raj Thakur

Munsif News Bureau
Ramagundam, , Oct. 26:

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Along with Ramagundam Mayor Mahankali Swamy, he laid the foundation stone for a water tank to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.90 crore at Indira Nagar in the 19th Division of the Eighth Colony.

Interstate Cyber Fraudster Arrested in Gujarat for Looting Rs. 4.20 Lakh Through Fake Links

Munsif News Bureau
Adilabad, Oct. 26:

Bela police in Adilabad district have arrested an interstate cyber fraudster in Gujarat for allegedly cheating innocent people through fake website links, credit card fraud and online scams. Electronic devices allegedly purchased with the stolen money were also recovered from his possession.

District Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, IPS, disclosed the details at a press conference held at the police headquarters on Monday.

According to the SP, a resident of Sangidi village under Bela Police Station limits received a WhatsApp link titled royaleescort.com from an unknown number.

After opening the link, the victim was asked to pay Rs. 2,200 through PhonePe.



Believing the request to be genuine, he made the payment.

Subsequently, without his knowledge or consent, a total of Rs. 4,20,210 was debited from bank accounts linked to his credit cards through 16 consecutive transactions.

Following a complaint from the victim, Bela police registered a case and launched an investigation. By analysing online transactions, IP addresses and mobile numbers, the police identified the accused as Dinesh Patel, 23, son of Gangaram Patel, a

resident of Dagar village in Rajasthan's Udaipur district. He was subsequently apprehended in Gujarat.

The SP said police acted promptly after receiving the complaint and froze Rs. 2 lakh through the cybercrime portal.

Skill Training to Boost Youth Employment: Whip Vijayaramana Rao

Munsif News Bureau
Peddapalli , Oct. 26:

Government Whip and Peddapalli MLA Chintakunta Vijayaramana Rao said the government aimed to provide young people with better employment opportunities by imparting skill training in line with the requirements of the job market.

On Monday, he inaugu-

rated renovated additional classroom facilities at the Government Junior College, taken up at a cost of Rs. 27 lakh, and a regional centre of the Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK), established at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh, in Peddapalli.

District Collector Koya Sri Harsha accompanied him. Speaking on the occasion, Vijayaramana Rao said the TASK regional

centre had been established in Peddapalli to equip local youth with the skills required to secure better employment. Several young people who underwent training at the centre had obtained jobs, he said. He announced that a white paper detailing the employment opportunities facilitated by the TASK centre and the progress achieved would be released within a week.

SCR Launches Vigilance

Awareness Week with Integrity Pledge

Hyderabad, Oct.26 (NSS): South Central Railway (SCR) on Monday launched Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, with a call for ethical conduct, transparency and accountability across the organisation. Observed from October 26 to November 1 under the theme "Probity for Prosperity", the inaugural programme was attended by Ravi Gupta.

Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti Celebrated Grandly at Nizamabad Collectorate

Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad , Oct. 26:

Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti was celebrated on a grand scale at the Integrated District Offices Complex (Collectorate) in Nizamabad on Monday.

The official programme was organised by the Backward Classes Welfare Department, with District Collector Ila Tripathi attending as the chief guest. On the occasion, Collector Ila Tripathi paid floral tributes to Maharishi Valmiki by garlanding his portrait. The celebrations formally commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

Addressing the gathering, speakers said that the Ramayana, authored by Maharishi Valmiki, was a great symbol of Indian ci-



vilisation, culture and traditions. They observed that his teachings

played an important role in promoting good conduct, equality,

brotherhood and human values in society.

"Congress desperate for power, creating anarchy": T-BJP Chief

NSS
Hyderabad, Oct. 26:

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Monday accused the Congress of creating political unrest out of frustration over being out of power at the Centre, while criticising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the state's alleged drought and drinking water crisis.

Addressing a press conference at state BJP office in Hyderabad, Rao condemned Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's reported remarks about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fa-

ther, alleging that Congress leaders had abandoned political decorum.

He announced plans to burn Congress effigies in Hyderabad and district headquarters in protest.

Rao also defended the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, rejecting Congress allegations of large-scale wrongful deletions. He challenged Revanth Reddy to identify eligible voters whose names had been unfairly removed in the Chief Minister's native village of Kondareddypally.

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Oct. 26:

The Telangana BJP on Monday criticised Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge

over his reported "Modi ka baap bhi jayega" remark at a public meeting in Patna, accusing the Congress of lowering political discourse through per-

sonal attacks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's family.

BJP state chief spokesperson N. V. Subash, in a press statement, said the Congress

should focus on governance, development and public issues instead of making personal remarks against political opponents. He alleged that the party

was resorting to such language out of frustration over Modi's popularity and its own political setbacks. The controversy erupted during Kharge's ad-

dress in Patna on Sunday after an audience member reportedly interrupted him, saying Modi would not leave office.

Kharge responded with the

remark, triggering a commotion.

The Congress defended Kharge, claiming that a BJP worker had first insulted his

late father. It also maintained that Kharge's reference was to the RSS as Modi's ideological mentor, rather than his biological father.

BJP slams Kharge over "Modi ka baap bhi jayega" remark



Wardhannapet MLA and retired IPS officer K.R. Nagaraju said there was a need to create widespread public awareness to eradicate bonded labour. He advised the concerned government departments to work in coordination to identify bonded labourers, rescue them from exploitation, ensure their rehabilitation and provide necessary assistance to the victims.

Multi-Zone-I IG Inspects Toopran Police Office

Munsif News Bureau
Medak, Oct. 26:

Multi-Zone-I Inspector General of Police Chandrashekhar Reddy conducted an annual inspection of the Toopran Sub-Division Police Office in Medak district.

On the occasion, District Superintendent of Police D.V. Srinivasa Rao, IPS, welcomed the IG by presenting him with a sapling. The IG received the police guard of honour and planted a rare Miyazaki mango sapling on the office premises.

Later, Chandrashekhar Reddy reviewed the police office records, crime registers, pending cases, cases under investigation and matters at various stages of judicial proceedings.

He instructed police officials to ensure quality investigations in serious criminal



cases and PCOSO cases and take effective measures to secure convictions. He also stressed the need to follow the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in every case.

Regarding cases involving

members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the IG directed officials to coordinate with the concerned departments to ensure that compensation reaches victims at the earliest.

He instructed officials to

deploy dedicated personnel to monitor the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), effectively implement the e-Sakshya system and on-site FIR procedures, and file charge sheets within the stipulated time.

Farmer Burns Withered Crop Amid Water and Power Shortage

Munsif News Bureau
Suryapet, Oct. 26:

A farmer, distressed by the shortage of water and electricity, set fire to his withered crop at Atmakur (S) mandal headquarters in Suryapet district. The incident highlights the agricultural challenges and financial hardships faced by farmers.

According to reports, farmer Yethaklam Mallaiah had cultivated crops on four acres of land, of which three acres had been taken on lease. However, due to the inadequate availability of water for irrigation and electricity, the crop cultivated on three acres dried up.

Deeply disappointed after witnessing the destruction of his crop, the farmer set the dried crop ablaze.



Meanwhile, the farmer's family is also distressed over the crop loss.

The family is now facing the difficult task of paying the lease amount for the land, bearing the loss of money invested in cultivation and

meeting other expenses. Family members are reportedly in tears, worried about how they will manage their debts and financial obligations following the crop failure.

The incident has once again highlighted concerns over the

availability of irrigation water and adequate electricity for agricultural needs. Effective measures by the concerned authorities and an assessment of the crop damage are being sought to provide relief to the affected farmer.

Protect Waqf Land; Implement Collector's Orders

Munsif News Bureau
Warangal, Oct. 26:

Members of the committee of Hazrat Zinda Baikan Darvesh Dargah, located in Ursu area of Fort Warangal mandal in Warangal district, submitted a representation at the District Collector's public grievances programme on Monday, demanding protection of Waqf Board land in Survey Nos. 273, 274, 275

and 276 associated with the dargah.nnCommittee members Rafiq Pasha, Zainul Abideen and Mohammed Ali urged the authorities to immediately implement the orders previously issued by the Collector and conduct an official survey of the concerned land to demarcate its boundaries.

They also sought legal action against constructions on the Waqf land.nnThe

committee members further requested that the survey be conducted with adequate police security to ensure that the boundaries of the Waqf land are determined peacefully and without any untoward incidents.

They appealed to the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to protect Waqf properties and ensure effective implementation of the Collector's earlier orders.

Maharishi Valmiki's Ideals and Values Remain Relevant: Collector Shilpa Sharma

Munsif News Bureau
Suryapet, Oct. 26:

District Collector Shilpa Sharma said the ideals and values of Maharishi Valmiki, who enlightened society through literacy and showed people the path of righteousness, remained relevant at all times. She appealed to everyone to follow his values in their lives and work towards the development of society.

She was speaking after paying floral tributes to Maharishi Valmiki during a programme organised to mark his birth anniversary at the District Collectorate hall on Monday.

The Collector said Maharishi Valmiki's penance and achievements were an inspiration to everyone. His life demonstrated that transformation was possible for anyone at any stage of life.

She stressed that every child in society should have access to quality education, stating that education was essential for achieving comprehensive social development and equality.

Describing the Ramayana, authored by Maharishi Valmiki, as more than a religious text, she said it was a vast repository of human values.

MANUU to Hold Fourth Seminar on Success Stories

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Oct. 26:

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) organises various programmes every year under the banner of Youm-e-Azad to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

As part of these celebrations, the fourth seminar on the theme "My Education at Urdu University Is the Secret of My Success" is being organised jointly by the Association of Alumni, the Dean of Alumni Affairs and the Public Relations Office. The seminar is scheduled to be held in November 2026.

Seven Get Life Term in 2020 Medak Murder Case

Munsif News Bureau
Medak, Oct. 26:

A court in Medak district has sentenced seven accused to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 5,000 each in connection with the murder of a young man at Rampur village in Nizampet mandal, which was committed over an old enmity.

District Superintendent of Police D.V. Srinivasa Rao, IPS, said Principal District and Sessions Judge Neelima delivered the verdict after hearing the case. He appreciated the police officers and personnel who played a key role in gathering strong evidence and establishing the guilt of the accused before

the court.

According to the police, disputes had been continuing for some time between the families of Gilla Rajaram Goud and Yadaram Nagaraju Goud, both residents of Rampur village in Nizampet mandal, due to an old enmity.

The two families had clashed on several occasions, and cases had been registered at Nizampet Police Station in connection with these incidents.

On May 20, 2020, at around 6.30 a.m., Gilla Rajaram Goud found his 28-year-old son, Gilla Narsimalu Goud, lying seriously injured on barren land on the outskirts of the village.

According to the complaint, Narsimalu Goud stated that some persons had attacked him with stones, wooden sticks and sharp-edged weapons due to the longstanding enmity.

He was shifted to the Government Hospital in Ramayampet for treatment, where doctors declared him dead. Based on the complaint lodged by the deceased's family, Nizampet Police registered a case under Crime No. 42/2020 under Sections 147, 148, 302 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The then Sub-Inspector Subhash Goud registered the case, while the then investigat-

ing officer, Ramayampet Circle Inspector Nagarjun Goud, conducted a detailed investigation and collected the necessary evidence.

Special Public Prosecutor Balia presented arguments on behalf of the prosecution. The present investigating officer, Syeda, with the assistance of the Nizampet Sub-Inspector, ensured that witnesses appeared before the court.

After examining the evidence presented by the police, Principal District and Sessions Judge Neelima sentenced all seven accused to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 5,000 on each of them.

Basar IIIT Water Crisis: Normal Classes in Five Days

Munsif News Bureau
Mudhole, Oct. 26:

The district administration has swung into action following the severe water shortage at Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), popularly known as Basar IIIT, which has affected academic activities. Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has announced that necessary measures are being taken to resume regular classes for students within the next five days.

He emphasised that all concerned departments must work in coordination to find a per-

manent solution to the water shortage affecting students.

After conducting a review meeting with officials of Mission Bhagiratha, the university and the Gram Panchayat at Basar IIIT on Monday, the Collector addressed the media and explained the current water supply situation and the measures being taken to resolve the crisis.

He said that two of the three motors supplying water to the university from the Godavari River had developed faults, severely affecting the supply. At present, water is being supplied through only one motor.

Blood Donation Camp Held in Memory of Police Martyrs

Munsif News Bureau
Khammam, Oct. 26:

As part of the Police Martyrs' Commemoration programmes, a blood donation camp was organised at the District Police Office on Monday under the leadership of District Superintendent of Police (SP) Narasimha, in memory of the sacrifices made by police martyrs.

District SP Narasimha inaugurated the programme by donating blood first. DSP P. Narasimha Chary, Nagararam Circle Inspector Nageshwar Rao, CIs Rama Rao and Shiva Kumar, Reserve Inspectors Praveen and Jania, Sub-Inspectors and other police personnel also donated blood. Several members of the public participated in the camp and voluntarily donated blood.



Speaking on the occasion, SP Narasimha said the camp had been organised to honour the sacrifices of police martyrs.

He stated that the police force had always remained at the forefront of serving the public and conveyed the message that the police would

continue to be available to people during emergencies.

Members of the Khammam Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society collected blood at the camp to support children suffering from these disorders. The SP appealed to the public to recognise the sacrifices and dedication of police

personnel and cooperate with the police in maintaining law and order.

He emphasised that blood donation was equivalent to saving lives, pointing out that many people injured in accidents lose their lives because blood is not available when urgently required.

Medak Police Hold Open House for Students

Munsif News Bureau
Medak, Oct. 26:

The Medak district police organised an Open House programme on the premises of the District Police Office to create awareness among students about police duties, equipment used for crime prevention and services provided for public safety.

District Superintendent of Police D.V. Srinivasa Rao, IPS, inaugurated the programme.

During the event, students were shown weapons used by the police in the discharge of their duties and were briefed on their importance. The Bomb Disposal (BD) Team explained the functioning of its equipment, methods of identifying suspicious explosive materials and the role of the team in preventing potential accidents.

Students were advised not



to touch any suspicious object they might come across and to immediately inform the police.

The programme also featured a live demonstration of the Dog Squad. Police officials explained that trained police

dogs play a crucial role in criminal investigations by helping trace suspects and detect explosive materials. The initiative provided students with an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the functioning

of various police units.

On the occasion, Medak DSP Prasanna Kumar explained how emergency assistance could be obtained through the 112 helpline for police, fire and medical services.



At a Glance

Three killed in Bihar road accidents

IAANS
Patna, Oct. 26



Two men, Chandan Kumar, 48, and Ranjeet Sharma, were killed when a truck collided head-on with their Apache motorcycle on SH-55 near Mohanpur in Begusarai on Monday. Police sent the bodies to Sadar Hospital for post-mortem and are investigating the cause. The truck remained at the spot as a crowd gathered.

In a separate accident near Rasulpur in Bhagalpur's Kahalgaon area, 22-year-old e-rickshaw driver Amit Kumar died when a speeding Hiwa truck hit his vehicle on the Ekchari-Mohanpur road. Six passengers were injured, three critically. Brajesh Tanti, Bhuvneshwar Paswan and Rajesh Mandal were referred to JLNMC for advanced treatment; the others received treatment locally. Police are investigating both crashes. The cause remains unclear.

Delhi Police bust Rs 30 crore cyber scam

IAANS
New Delhi, Oct. 26

Delhi Police arrested seven people in an online shopping scam involving Rs 30 crore.

Fatima, a Ramjas College student from Prayagraj, reported losing Rs 6,450 through an Instagram shopping ad. Police traced the money to a Canara Bank account linked to Kizentech Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Six accused were arrested in Greater Noida and one in Kanpur. Investigators linked 27 cyber fraud complaints to the network and found about 25 suspicious bank accounts. Police seized phones, SIM cards, POS machines, cards, laptops and bank documents. Further investigation is underway.

PM Modi to Inaugurate ESTIC 2026 Tomorrow, Spotlight on Emerging Technologies

IAANS
New Delhi, Oct. 26

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on Tuesday evening, according to the PMO.

Scheduled for October 27 to 29, the conclave will bring together scientists, policymakers, industry leaders, startups and experts to discuss emerging technologies and India's innovation priorities.

Deliberations will cover 12 areas, including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, advanced materials, manufacturing, healthcare, energy, climate and ocean sciences. Discussions will focus on research priorities, national capabilities and translating scientific advances into practical applications.

An exhibition will showcase indigenous scientific achievements and emerging technologies. Around 150 deep-tech startups will present innovations and their uses.



The event will feature technology demonstrations, documentaries, information kiosks, and virtual reality experiences.

A Global Connect Networking Event will bring together more than 300 invited participants from academia, research institutions and industry worldwide. It aims to foster international research partnerships, industry-academia collaboration and pathways to take innovations from laboratories to markets.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will showcase emerging space technologies. ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said its exhibition would include a model of a proposed

next-generation heavy-lift launch vehicle capable of placing payloads weighing over 30,000 kg into low Earth orbit.

The Chandrayaan-4 and Chandrayaan-5 projects will also be showcased, highlighting India's lunar exploration plans. Organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under the guidance of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, ESTIC 2026 aims to strengthen India's science, technology and innovation ecosystem in support of Viksit Bharat 2047. It seeks to connect research with industry and accelerate home-grown innovation today.

CBSE URGED TO BRIDGE GAP BETWEEN SCHOOL EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

IAANS
New Delhi, Oct. 26

T. K. Anil Kumar, Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), on Monday called for a seamless transition from school education to higher education, skilling and employment, enabling students to make informed choices and pursue lifelong growth.

Speaking at the inauguration of the two-day 4th National Summit on 'Facilitating School-to-Work Transition' in Delhi, Anil Kumar outlined four priorities: technology, digital safety and skills; design, creativity and innovation; recognition of skills across education systems through the National Credit Framework; and career guidance with equitable pathways.

The summit is being organised by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in association with the Sahodaya School Complexes of Delhi/

NCR, according to a statement. CBSE Chairman Mandeep Bhandari and senior officials from the Ministry and the board attended the event.

The two-day summit aims to integrate skill education with mainstream schooling and help students move more smoothly from classrooms to the workplace. It brings together school leaders, educators, industry experts and policymakers to discuss changing workforce requirements and approaches to preparing students for future careers.

The event offers participants networking and partnership opportunities for guidance and support.

The summit highlights the need to break down barriers between different streams of education and equip students with competencies to navigate a changing employment landscape, in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Interactive sessions and expert discussions are enabling participants



to examine innovative teaching practices, emerging assessment approaches, digital integration in education and effective models for strengthening skill education, the statement said.

Educators from CBSE-affiliated schools are presenting case-based papers and posters showcasing success stories and best practices in skill education.

The summit will also share insights into emerging trends and transformative practices in school education, along with practical strategies to improve teaching and learning, the statement added.

Rajnath Singh Calls for 'Aatmanirbharta 2.0' to Boost Defence Self-Reliance

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday called for "Aatmanirbharta 2.0" in the defence sector, urging India to focus on advanced technologies, resilient supply chains and stronger research capabilities to support the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

Addressing the fifth edition of SWAVLAMBAN, the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar in New Delhi, Singh stressed the need to strengthen research and development (R&D), reduce import dependence and achieve technological superiority.

He said demand for naval ships was steadily rising amid the evolving situation in the Indian Ocean Region. As shipbuilding is capital-intensive, he called for ways to reduce costs while expanding domestic production.

Singh said the next phase of self-reliance must go beyond the quantity of in-



digenous products and prioritise quality, efficiency and affordability. Domestic capabilities, he said, should strengthen both national security and economic resilience.

The minister said India must build on the gains made during the first phase of self-reliance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Defence innovators with a futuristic vision and scientific discipline could become "impact players" in meeting more challenging technological goals, he said.

Highlighting progress in defence indigenisation over the past decade, Singh said the achievements had laid a strong foundation

for the next phase. He called for products that are cost-effective, operationally superior and globally competitive.

Describing supply chain management as a strategic imperative directly linked to national security, Singh called for a dynamic roadmap with clear timelines for self-reliance in each item. It should identify technologies to be developed, industries that would drive innovation and the resources needed to meet the targets.

He stressed the need to prepare for disruptions to supply routes. Buffer stocks and domestic production capabilities should be assessed in advance,

NAIDU ORDERS COASTAL DISTRICTS TO BRACE FOR CYCLONE, PRIORITISE PUBLIC SAFETY

IAANS
Amaravati, Oct. 26

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu directed officials in coastal districts to take precautionary measures to prevent loss of life and property ahead of severe cyclonic storm 'Arnab', which is likely to cross the coast on October 28.

Officials said the storm may cross near Yanam, between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam. Moderate to heavy rainfall, accompanied by strong winds, is expected in several districts from Srikakulam to Nellore from Tuesday afternoon.

Heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is likely on October 28 and 29 in North Coastal Andhra districts, Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Prakasam and Nellore, officials said.

Naidu directed officials to keep the Central Government informed about the precautionary measures. He ordered the relocation of people in flood-prone and low-lying areas to cyclone shel-

ters, stressing that elderly people, persons with disabilities, pregnant women and infants must receive priority during evacuation.

Officials said arrangements were being made to shift 4,711 identified pregnant women to Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and hospitals. Naidu directed authorities to keep medical teams and ambulances ready at health centres in the affected districts.

He instructed officials to deploy seven National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams and eight State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams across 11 vulnerable districts. Additional forces were to remain on standby in NTR and Visakhapatnam districts.

The Chief Minister asked officials to coordinate with the Marine Police, Navy and Coast Guard to ensure their availability for rescue and relief operations. Officials reported that all fishermen who had ventured into the sea had returned safely, with 30,043 boats



reaching harbours. Naidu directed officials to ensure that fishermen did not go to sea until the cyclone weakened and normal conditions returned.

The Agriculture Department was asked to move harvested paddy to safe locations to prevent damage. Naidu also called for precautionary measures to protect horticultural crops spread across approximately 1.82 lakh hectares at risk from the storm.

He directed officials to maintain adequate stocks of essential commodities at ration shops and restore electricity wherever power was disrupted.

Naidu noted that the

rather than only after a crisis emerges, he said.

Singh identified R&D as central to overcoming these challenges and expressed confidence that India's talent pool could develop cutting-edge technologies indigenously through sustained focus and investment.

He also called for a deep-rooted culture of research and innovation, backed by stronger industry-academia collaboration, greater encouragement for research in educational institutions and more opportunities for young people to pursue careers in R&D.

The two-day SWAVLAMBAN 2026 seminar is being held in New Delhi on October 26 and 27. The event brings together the armed forces, industry, start-ups, micro, small and medium enterprises, academia and investors to advance indigenous innovation and strengthen India's defence capabilities.

Gujarat Police Seize Firecrackers Worth Rs 2.68 Lakh from Two Unlicensed Shops

Munsif
Aravalli, Oct. 26

The Special Operations Group (SOG) of Aravalli district police seized firecrackers worth Rs 2.68 lakh from two shops in Dhansura for allegedly stocking explosive materials without licences ahead of Diwali.

Cases were registered against both shop owners under the Explosives Act, 1884, following inspections on October 25 to check compliance with licensing and fire safety requirements.



Police said the inspections were conducted on the instructions of senior officials, who had directed teams to act against illegal sales of explosive materials ahead of the festival. The operation was supervised by P.

B. Chaudhary, police inspector with the Aravalli-Modasa SOG.

At Mahadev Traders, owned by Sanjaykumar Thakkar, police found 1,116 boxes of firecrackers valued at Rs 98,076, allegedly stocked without a licence.

At Sai Baba Seasonal Firecracker Shop, owned by Vinodkumar Khatri, officers seized 1,338 boxes valued at Rs 1,70,162. The total seizure was 2,454 boxes worth Rs 2,68,238.

Police also reported safety concerns at both premises, saying elec-

trical wiring had been routed through plastic pipes outside the walls instead of being installed within them. According to police, this arrangement posed a risk of short circuits and fire.

The shop owners allegedly failed to make adequate arrangements to protect people from possible fire and injury while storing explosive materials, police said.

Legal proceedings have been initiated against both under Section 9(B) (1)(b) of the Explosives Act, 1884.

Maha Steps Up Water Conservation in 304 Drought-Affected Talukas

IAANS
Mumbai, Oct. 26

The Maharashtra government has ordered soil and water conservation works in 304 talukas where drought triggers were activated during the 2026 kharif season. Every village must have at least 100 water absorption pits, alongside desilting and check-dam repairs.

A government resolution (GR) issued by the Soil and Water Conservation Department aims to address inadequate rainfall and

strengthen conservation infrastructure. The initiative supplements 12 drought mitigation measures already taken by the State.

Officials must complete pending departmental works and repair existing structures. Gates or planks must be installed on weirs and check dams to retain water. Damaged Kolhapur-type weirs must be repaired, silt removed from storage structures, and village streams deepened and widened.

Authorities must build sandbag or temporary

earthen check dams and install recharge shafts at stream-deepening sites, dams and ponds. Rainwater harvesting systems must be installed in government and private buildings.

Funding may come from Jal Yukta Shivar Abhiyan 2.0, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0, district funds, SC/ST sub-plans, the Mineral Development Fund, CSR contributions, MGNREGS and VB-G RAM G.

Officials must prioritise repairs using the

JalDarpan app. District collectors may approve eligible repairs costing less than Rs 25 lakh, subject to financial rules and a ceiling of 20 per cent of applicable standards.

The resolution follows drought declarations and relief measures in 304 tehsils where Trigger-1 and Trigger-2 were activated. A state-level task force led by the chief secretary has been formed to coordinate conservation amid the possible impact of El Nino.

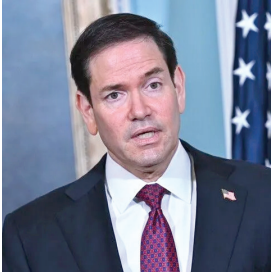


At a Glance

Measles Death Toll Hits 1,233 in Bangladesh

IANSS Dhaka, Oct. 26

Six more children died with suspected measles symptoms in Bangladesh in the 24 hours to Monday morning, taking the year's toll to 1,233, media outlets said. Health authorities listed 104 confirmed and 1,129 suspected deaths. The Directorate General of Health Services recorded 1,388 suspected cases, bringing the total to 222,552. Another 78 confirmed cases took that tally to 23,478. Former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina blamed alleged state negligence and immunisation gaps.



Rubio to host G20 foreign ministers in Atlanta

IANSS Washington, Oct. 26

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will host G20 foreign ministers in Atlanta on October 30-31 to discuss navigation, energy and food security, and supply chains, the State Department said. The meeting precedes President Donald Trump's G20 Leaders' Summit in Miami on December 14-15. Washington said it aims to focus the grouping on economic growth and security. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar may attend. India, US, Japanese and Australian foreign ministers are expected to meet on the sidelines under the Quad framework. The US has the G20 presidency in 2026. The grouping includes 19 countries, the EU and African Union, and accounts for most world output and trade.

RIYADH AIRPORT PARTIALLY REOPENS AMID SAUDI-HOUTHI ATTACKS

IANSS Riyadh/Sanaa, Oct. 26

King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh partially resumed operations as Yemen's Houthi group and the Saudi-led coalition continued exchanging attacks, with the Houthis warning airlines and travellers against using the airport.

The airport had suspended operations following a series of Houthi attacks that reportedly caused multiple deaths and injuries.

On Sunday, the Houthis said they had launched dozens of ballistic missiles in three attacks against Saudi Arabia. The first targeted King Khalid International Airport and "successfully achieved its objective", the group claimed.

The other attacks targeted King Khalid Air Base in Khamis Mushait and a Saudi Border Guard naval base in Jazan, Xinhua news agency reported.

Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea renewed warnings to airlines, employees and travellers against using the Riyadh airport, describing it as "unsafe". He also warned against using Saudi airspace, excluding the airspace over Mecca and Medina.



Separately, the Houthi-controlled Saba news agency quoted a military source as warning workers and civilians not to approach Saudi oil facilities. The source also cautioned Saudi Aramco shareholders about potential "losses" if they continued holding shares in the company.

The Saudi-led coalition said on Sunday that it had intercepted and destroyed 12 missiles and two drones launched towards the kingdom, including a ballistic missile and two drones targeting the Riyadh region.

Saudi Arabia's General Directorate of Civil Defence said a Saudi citizen and an Asian resident were injured when debris from two intercepted ballistic missiles fell in Khamis Mushait and Ahad Rafidah governorates. Three residential buildings

and seven vehicles were also damaged.

The Houthis said the attacks were in response to what they described as "Saudi aggression" against Sanaa and other Houthi-controlled areas a day earlier. The group claimed the strikes had left dozens of people dead or wounded, including women and children.

Earlier on Sunday, Sarea alleged that Saudi forces had carried out 56 air and missile strikes over the preceding 24 hours, targeting what he described as civilian sites in Hajjah, Lahj, Amran, Saada, Al-Jawf, Taiz and Ibb provinces.

Meanwhile, loud explosions were heard in Yemen's southern port city of Aden later on Sunday, a local security official told Xinhua. The explosions

were concentrated around the Salah al-Din area of Al-Buraika district, which hosts key military bases of government forces and the Saudi-led coalition.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage, and the Houthis had not commented on the explosions.

The latest exchanges come amid escalating fighting between the Houthis and Yemeni government forces backed by the Saudi-led coalition. Ground clashes have intensified alongside Saudi-led airstrikes on Houthi-held areas and Houthi missile and drone attacks on government-held territory.

Also on Sunday, Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Fahmy met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in Cairo. Fahmy said the league rejected attacks on Arab countries and reaffirmed its solidarity with Saudi Arabia and its right to defend its security and sovereignty.

Yemen has been mired in conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of northern Yemen. The Saudi-led coalition intervened in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised Yemeni government.

Saudi airstrikes hit Sanaa as Houthis claim attacks on Riyadh

IANSS Sanaa, Oct. 26

Saudi airstrikes hit Yemen's capital Sanaa on Monday morning as the Houthi group claimed new missile and drone attacks on targets in Saudi Arabia and southern Yemen.

The Houthi-run media outlet Al-Masirah TV reported the airstrikes were "Saudi aggression" against Sanaa. Local residents told Xinhua they heard loud explosions across the city. Details about the locations hit, casualties, and damage were not immediately available.

The airstrikes came amid an intensifying exchange of attacks between the Saudi-led coalition and the Houthis, which control the capital and large swathes of Yemeni territory, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in two statements posted on social media platform X early Monday that the group launched a ballistic missile at King Khalid

International Airport in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

The missile "accurately" struck the airport, Sarea said, adding that Houthi forces also launched several drones targeting crude oil pumping stations along Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline, and achieved "accurate hits." Saudi authorities have not immediately commented on the claims.

In a separate statement, Sarea said the Houthis have carried out two operations targeting military gatherings and weapon depots belonging to forces backed by Saudi Arabia in the Salah al-Din area of Aden in southern Yemen and the al-Wahat area in neighbouring Lahj province.

Several ballistic missiles were used in the attacks, he said, noting that they caused dozens of casualties and destroyed or set fire to military vehicles and weapons depots.

Meanwhile, the Saudi-led coalition said that it has carried out a "qualitative military operation" targeting Houthi threats in Yemen, in response to repeated attacks on Saudi



Arabia.

In a post on the social platform X, Coalition spokesperson Turki Al-Maliki said that the operation has destroyed or neutralised several military targets in areas controlled by the Houthi group, including five tunnels used to store ballistic missiles, four ballistic missile launchers and a missile-storage facility.

The operation also targeted Houthi supply lines linking areas under the group's control, as well as fortifications, personnel

and military equipment along front lines inside Yemen, Al-Maliki added.

He said the coalition would continue taking deterrent military measures against the Houthis to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia.

Separately, the coalition announced on Monday that it intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile launched by the Houthis toward Riyadh, the Saudi capital, where explosions were heard early on Monday.

Israel election outcome makes no difference to Tehran: Iran



IANSS Tehran, Oct. 26

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said the outcome of Israel's parliamentary election on October 27 would make no difference to Iran.

Speaking at a weekly press conference in Tehran on Monday, Baghaei criticised Israel's record in West Asia, saying it had brought nothing to the region but "violence and massacre." He also accused Israel of continuing what he called "genocide" against Palestinians and said Israeli threats against Iran were part of its hostile conduct, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Responding to Israeli officials' claims that Iran might launch preemptive strikes to disrupt the election, Baghaei

warned that Israel was "highly adept at carrying out false-flag operations."

He said Iran was closely monitoring developments and that its armed forces would not hesitate to defend the country's territory, adding that Iran was in a state of war and would exercise its right to self-defence.

Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi on Sunday reiterated that the administration of the Strait of Hormuz and routes in the waterway will not be the same as they were in the past, according to the official news agency IRNA.

Araghchi made the remarks at a ceremony in the Iranian capital Tehran, while stressing that "fundamental and strategic" changes have taken place in West Asia

following the US-Israeli war against Iran.

"We must accept that new realities have taken hold. The routes in the Strait of Hormuz will not be the same as they once were, and the strait's management will also not be as it was in the past," he said. "There are matters on which we have held negotiations, and these negotiations will continue."

The minister stressed that the region's security must be ensured by regional countries and without reliance on foreign forces, "who have come to the region aiming to safeguard their own interests and protect Israel, and whose continued presence will lead to nothing but insecurity for the entire region."

He added that Iran was ready to cooperate with all regional countries.

Ukrainian President Zelensky asks parliament to extend martial law

IANSS Kyiv, Oct. 26



country's ongoing conflict with Russia. Both measures have been extended multiple times.

Earlier, Zelensky said Ukraine was prepared to freeze combat operations along the existing frontlines to bring a swift end to the conflict, while firmly rejecting territorial concessions.

In an interview with ABC News, Zelensky expressed willingness to reach a ceasefire deal but rejected proposals to give up 25 per cent of Ukrainian territory.

Zelensky also expressed regret over the recent decline in US military assistance, saying Ukraine had received only 24 interceptor missiles for its Patriot air defence systems from the United States over the past three months, far below its average monthly requirement of 350. He underscored the urgency of the situation, saying 30 ballistic missiles struck Kyiv on Thursday night

alone.

Meanwhile, US media have reported increased pressure from Washington on Zelensky to make concessions to secure a peace agreement, with US President Donald Trump repeatedly blaming Kyiv for the lack of progress in US-brokered talks.

Trilateral talks between Russia, Ukraine and the United States are scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, in the first half of November, with a focus on security arrangements for Russia and Ukraine following a peace settlement, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday.

Additionally, the Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported that Zelensky said Ukraine is ready to hold a trilateral meeting with the United States and Russia next month in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva wins Brazil Presidential re-election, secures 4th term

IANSS Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 26

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva won Sunday's presidential runoff, defeating Liberal Party candidate Flavio Bolsonaro to secure a fourth term. Born in October 1945, Lula grew up in a poor rural family. He emerged as a trade union leader in the early 1970s and became a prominent voice for workers opposing military rule. In 1980, he co-founded the Workers'



Party (PT).

Lula won a landslide victory in 2002, becoming Brazil's first president from a working-class

background. Re-elected in 2006, he promoted the Bolsa Familia cash-transfer programme, which helped lift millions out of poverty.

In 2014, judicial authorities launched the Operation Car Wash anti-corruption investigation. Lula was investigated, convicted and imprisoned, but Brazil's Supreme Federal Court annulled corruption convictions against him in March 2021.

He returned to the presidential race in 2022

and defeated then-President Jair Bolsonaro, becoming the first Brazilian president elected to three terms by popular vote, Xinhua news agency reported.

Lula advocates stronger social policies, workers' rights and Brazil's international role. His foreign policy emphasises both BRICS cooperation, ties among developing countries and relations with China.

He is scheduled to begin his fourth four-year term on January 5, 2027.

Australia expands biometric collection requirements for visa applicants in India

IANSS New Delhi, Oct. 26

Australia will expand biometric requirements for visa applicants in India from October 26. Some applicants may be required to provide fingerprints and a facial image.

The Australian High Commission said the rules apply to new applications lodged on or after Monday. They will not affect visas already granted or applications submitted earlier.

The Department of Home Affairs will notify applicants who must provide biometrics and explain how to complete the process. Advice will usually be sent by email to applicants or their authorised agents.

Depending on individual circumstances, applicants may be asked to visit one of 16 Australian Biometrics Collection Centres across India, managed by VFS Global, or may be eligible to use the

Australian Immi App.

The measures aim to protect applicants and strengthen visa security as more Indians travel, study and work in Australia. Biometrics help verify identity, reduce identity misuse and fraud, and support the integrity of the migration system, the commission said.

Biometric collection is not expected to affect visa processing times, provided applicants complete the requirements promptly after

notification. Australia already collects biometrics in nearly 60 countries, and extending the programme to India aligns its arrangements with established international practice.

Applicants should wait for an official biometric requirement letter by email before booking an appointment or trying to use the app. The commission said personal information would be handled under Australian legislation and applicable local laws.

A Wider World Within Reach: Seethakka Links Women’s Mobility Gain to Mahalakshmi

The minister cites a 10.9 percentage-point increase in women’s mobility, crediting free bus travel with widening access to work, education and everyday activities.



By **Abdul Mogni Siddiqui**
(Senior Journalist)

TGSRTC recorded 97.20 lakh additional passenger journeys during July–September 2026.

Women and Child Welfare Minister Seethakka has credited Telangana’s Mahalakshmi free bus travel scheme with expanding women’s freedom of movement, citing a 10.9 percentage-point increase in mobility between 2019 and 2024. She said the State had secured the leading position and described the improvement as evidence of what women could achieve with appropriate support and opportunities. x.com

The minister said removing transport fares had helped women travel more frequently for paid employment, education, caregiving and other daily responsibilities. Greater mobility, she observed, was opening opportunities for fuller participation in social and economic life.

In her assessment, a bus ticket had become more than a means of transportation: it represented

freedom, confidence and self-reliance. Her remarks placed affordable travel within the government’s broader approach to women’s empowerment.

Seethakka credited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s commitment to women’s empowerment and acknowledged Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and the Transport Department for implementing the initiative at the grassroots level.

The survey comparison requires an important distinction. The National Statistics Office conducted separate all-India Time Use Surveys in 2019 and 2024, rather than a continuous “2019–24” survey. These record how people spend their time across paid work, household duties, caregiving and other activities. The detailed 2024 report was released in March 2025. DECEMBER 2024)

The reported increase therefore covers a five-year interval, while Mahalakshmi began only on December 9, 2023. The comparison alone cannot establish that free bus travel caused the entire rise. Similarly, the claim that Telangana occupies the top position should remain attributed to the minister rather than presented

as a verified official ranking.

The scheme provides free travel to eligible women, girls and transgender persons from Telangana on specified state-run bus services. Its practical significance lies in removing a recurring expense that can constrain access to employment, education and essential services.

More recent operational figures indicate continued demand. TGSRTC data reported on October 5 showed 35.65 crore passenger journeys under the scheme during July–September 2026, against approximately 34.68 crore a year earlier—an increase of 97.20 lakh. These are journeys, including repeat travel, rather than individual beneficiaries.

Officials said additional buses and trips had been introduced on busy inter-district and Hyderabad-linked routes. Demand was being monitored through depot managers and field officials, making service availability an immediate implementation priority.

Seethakka said the achievement was only a beginning and reiterated the government’s commitment to strengthening women’s empowerment and creating further opportunities across Telangana.

BEYOND HOT FLUSHES: Midlife Pain Brings Menopause Care Into Focus

This year’s World Menopause Day campaign highlights chronic pain, while medical guidance urges women to seek help for disruptive symptoms and have unusual bleeding assessed.

By **Honey Gowda**
(Senior Journalist)

Chronic pain during midlife has become the focus of this year’s menopause awareness campaign, drawing attention to symptoms that women may dismiss as an unavoidable part of ageing. The International Menopause Society selected “Chronic Pain at Midlife” as the theme for World Menopause Day, observed on October 18, to encourage better recognition and care.

The campaign addresses a broader concern: menopause is a natural life stage, but symptoms that disrupt daily activities, relationships or employment deserve attention. Breaking the silence surrounding these changes can help women seek treatment rather than endure discomfort without support.

According to the World Health Organization, natural menopause usually occurs between 45 and 55 years and is established after 12 consecutive months without menstruation, when no other cause explains the absence. The transition, known as perimenopause, can last several years, and experiences vary considerably.

Symptoms extend beyond irregular periods and hot flashes. Disturbed sleep, repeated waking, tiredness, irritability, anxiety, mood changes, forgetfulness and difficulty concentrating can affect everyday functioning. Severe or persistent mental health difficulties, however, should not simply be blamed on hormones; they require appropriate assessment.

Other changes can include vaginal dryness or itching, discomfort during sex, reduced sexual desire and urinary problems. Women may also experience headaches, joint and muscle pain, weight changes or palpitations. Because these symptoms can have other causes, new or worsening problems should be dis-



cussed with a clinician.

The society defines chronic pain as pain lasting or recurring for more than three months. Its 2026 guidance explains that hormonal changes can influence joints, muscles and pain processing, while poor sleep and low mood can intensify discomfort.

“This pain is real. It has physical causes, even when scans or blood tests look normal,” the society’s fact-sheet states.

Bleeding deserves particular attention. Although menstrual patterns commonly change during perimenopause, heavy bleeding, bleeding between periods or after sex warrants medical advice. After menopause, even one episode of spotting should be checked. Such bleeding often has a non-cancerous cause, but assessment is necessary because it can sometimes signal cancer.

Treatment may involve lifestyle changes, psychological support, non-hormonal medicines or hormone therapy where appropriate. Benefits and risks must be assessed individually. Regular activity, including suitable strengthening exercises, and attention to sleep can support pain management. Unproven supplements and advertised “miracle” remedies should not replace medical care.

BEYOND CANCER CONTROL: Protecting the Heart Through Treatment and Recovery

Some cancer therapies can affect heart function, blood pressure and heartbeat. Individual risk assessment and coordinated care can help detect complications early while supporting essential treatment.

- Heart risks vary with the medicine, cumulative dose, treatment combination and existing health conditions.
- Monitoring may include ECGs, echocardiograms and selected blood tests.
- Some complications emerge months or years after treatment ends.
- Patients should never stop or alter cancer medicines without medical advice.



Advances in cancer treatment are helping more patients live longer, but protecting their hearts remains an important part of care. Certain chemotherapy drugs, targeted treatments, immunotherapies and radiation can affect the cardiovascular system, making assessment before treatment and appropriate follow-up essential. European Society of Cardiology guidance supports a coordinated approach before, during and after cancer therapy.

Heart damage is not inevitable. The risk depends on the treatment prescribed, its dose, combinations of therapies and the patient’s health. Diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity and existing cardiovascular disease can increase vulnerability. Monitoring aims to identify changes early, including problems that initially cause no symptoms.

Anthracycline chemotherapy medicines, including doxorubicin and epirubicin, are used for breast cancer, lymphoma and other cancers. They can weaken

the heart’s pumping ability in some patients, with risk generally increasing as cumulative exposure rises. Trastuzumab, used for HER2-positive breast cancer, can also affect heart function, while certain other targeted medicines can raise blood pressure.

Some immunotherapies, particularly immune checkpoint inhibitors, can rarely cause myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle requiring urgent assessment. Radiation involving the chest can also affect the heart, with certain complications appearing years later. These risks must be weighed against the benefits of controlling cancer.

Before treatment, doctors assess medical history and cardiovascular risk. Depending on the planned therapy, tests may include an ECG to examine electrical activity, an echocardiogram to assess pumping function, and blood markers indicating heart-muscle injury or strain. Repeat testing should follow an individual plan rather than an identical schedule for every pa-

tient.

This collaboration between cancer and heart specialists is known as cardio-oncology. A decline in heart function does not automatically mean cancer treatment must end. Depending on severity and the medicine involved, doctors may prescribe heart-protective treatment and closer monitoring, or temporarily interrupt or change cancer therapy. Patients should not make these changes themselves.

New breathlessness, swollen feet, unusual fatigue, chest discomfort, palpitations or fainting should be reported promptly. Such symptoms can have several causes, but severe chest pain, rapidly worsening breathlessness or collapse require emergency care.

Follow-up remains important after recovery. Controlling blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol, avoiding tobacco and following suitable activity advice support cardiovascular health. The objective is to preserve both the benefits of cancer treatment and long-term wellbeing.

Spice in the Morning Cup: Health Claims Need Caution

Water infused with cumin, carom seeds or fenugreek is promoted for easing bloating, improving digestion and controlling blood sugar. However, claims about these morning drinks require caution: their effects are not interchangeable, and “natural” does not mean suitable for everyone.

Cumin, or jeera, is traditionally used for gas and post-meal discomfort. Carom seeds, or ajwain, contain thymol and are used for indigestion and cramps. The source report

cites these properties, but they do not establish that homemade infusions reliably treat digestive disorders or provide immediate relief.

Fenugreek, or methi, has attracted research on blood-sugar control. The US National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health says some studies suggest benefits, but high-quality evidence remains insufficient. Findings involving seeds, powders or extracts should not be assumed to apply equally to strained soaking water. Claims about constipation relief likewise need stronger

evidence.

Fenugreek can cause nausea, diarrhoea and allergic reactions; large doses may dangerously lower blood sugar. People taking diabetes medicines should seek advice before medicinal use. During pregnancy, amounts exceeding ordinary food quantities are unsafe.

Nor is abandoning tea or coffee essential. The FDA considers up to 400 milligrams of caffeine daily generally tolerable for most adults, although individual sensitivity varies. “Detox” claims also lack convincing evidence. In a statement reported by NSS on Saturday, he said around 4,000 pilgrims were stranded in Mecca, Medina and Jeddah, including an estimated 500–600 from Telangana. These figures were his estimates; an updated official count of those still awaiting return was not established.

Kunamneni said some pilgrims had faced difficulties for 15–20 days and alleged that travel agents had failed to arrange their return journeys. Many belonged to poor and middle-class families unable to afford costly alternative tickets, he said.

The appeal comes amid continuing efforts by Indian diplomatic missions to coordinate travel. In an October 22 update, the Ministry of External Affairs said about 3,000 previously stranded Umrah pilgrims had returned on available flights over the preceding week.

That figure was separate from more than 10,000 other Umrah pilgrims who returned on their booked flights during the same period. It should not be subtracted from Kunamneni’s estimate without matching the reporting periods and groups involved.

WINTER LIP CARE: Seal in Moisture, Skip Harsh Remedies

Simple protection can ease seasonal cracking, while kitchen remedies should not be treated as proven cures.

– Munsif Editorial Desk

Dry winter air can leave lips peeling, painful and cracked, making eating or speaking uncomfortable. Dermatology guidance recommends regular moisturising, sun protection and avoiding irritation as the foundation of care.

Home remedies commonly promoted include ghee, butter, honey, coconut oil, almond oil and cucumber. However, the source article’s claims of complete healing or restored lip colour are not established by the dermatology guidance

reviewed. Its honey-and-lemon mixture should not be presented as a recommended treatment for cracked lips.

The American Academy of Dermatology recommends a non-irritating balm several times daily and before bed. For severely dry lips, white petroleum jelly retains moisture longer than oils or waxes. Products that sting or burn should be stopped.

Avoid licking, biting or pulling off peeling skin, which can aggravate damage. Drink adequate water, but do not rely on hydration alone. A humidifier can help where indoor

air is dry. my.clevelandclinic.org

Outdoors, use SPF 30 or higher lip balm, reapplied every two hours. Winter sunshine can still damage lips. Seek medical advice if symptoms worsen, bleeding recurs or improvement does not occur within two to three weeks.

Check the Label

- Prefer fragrance-free products.
- Avoid menthol, camphor and irritating flavourings.
- Choose zinc oxide or titanium dioxide for sun protection.



Fitness Wait Keeps Ishan Kishan Out of Third New Zealand T20I

Kumar Kushagra stays as wicketkeeping cover as India seek a series-clinching victory in Wellington

Munsif Desk
WELLINGTON, October 26:

India will pursue a series-clinching victory against New Zealand without Ishan Kishan on Tuesday, with the wicketkeeper-batter still short of match fitness despite making progress in his recovery from a low-grade right adductor strain.

The BCCI confirmed on Monday that Kishan would miss the third T20 International in Wellington. Kumar Kushagra will remain with the squad as cover, preserving an additional wicket-keeping option while the medical team monitors Kishan's rehabilitation.

Bowling coach Morne Morkel said Kishan was improving and was expected to train on Monday, but described his unavailability for the match as a precaution.

"Ishan is doing well. He will be training today," Morkel told the pre-match press conference. The BCCI's assessment nevertheless remained that he had not recovered sufficiently for match participation. Neither update provided a confirmed date for his return.

Kishan sustained the injury during the opening match in Christchurch on October 22 and also missed the second encounter. Monday's announcement extends his absence to another fixture; it does not announce his withdrawal from the entire series.

India's available resources allow the management to consider the batting combination separately from wicketkeeping cover. Sanju Samson was listed as a wicketkeeper in the BCCI's updated squad, alongside Kushagra, who was brought across from the India A touring party before the



second game. Kushagra's continued presence provides an alternative behind the stumps, but does not itself establish a place in Tuesday's playing XI.

Napoli Coach Allegri Receives Two-Match Ban & €10,000 fine

NAPLES, Oct 26:

Napoli has appealed a two-match suspension and €10,000 fine imposed on coach Massimiliano Allegri following his conduct towards match officials and a Roma representative during and after Saturday's 3-3 Serie A draw.

The suspension would rule Allegri out of Napoli's away matches against Monza on October 28 and Juventus on November 1, unless overturned. Club lawyer Mattia Grassani confirmed that an urgent appeal had been lodged,

citing the proximity of the fixtures and describing the punishment as excessive.

The disciplinary authority found that Allegri directed insulting language at officials during the match, made a further disrespectful remark in the dressing-room area and behaved aggressively towards a representative of the opposing team.

Allegri, however, denied abusing officials in comments to DAZN Italia. He said he had said nothing before being dismissed following protests over VAR's de-



cision to uphold Roma's late equaliser.

The disciplinary findings and Allegri's denial remain contested, with the appeal providing Napoli an opportunity to challenge the ruling.

If the suspension

remains unchanged, Allegri's next scheduled touchline appearance would be against Lazio on November 8. Napoli's coaching arrangements for the upcoming fixtures will depend on the appeal's outcome.

A HEARTWARMING MOMENT IN HOLLYWOOD

When Rihanna complimented Anne Hathaway on the sets of 'Ocean 8'

The singer's candid remark, along with warm words from Sandra Bullock and Cate Blanchett, helped Hathaway embrace her post-pregnancy body with confidence.

(IANS)
Mumbai, Oct 26:

Hollywood actress Anne Hathaway once recalled receiving the best compliments from Rihanna and the other members of the cast of her movie 'Ocean's 8' at a time when she was not feeling her best about herself.

Talking about this during her appearance on 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show', Hathaway shared that 'Ocean's 8' was the first project she was filming after giving birth to her son, Jonathan.

"After I had my son, the weight was really slow to come off, and I was a different size than I normally am. And the director (Gary Ross) told

me, 'That's great, we have eight women in this movie and need to have as many body types as we can,' she had shared.

However, Hathaway had decided not to give in to the pressure of looking a certain way and was going to love herself no matter what.

"I walked on the set, and I'm in my jeans, and I've done my best, and I'm gonna love myself no matter what," she had told herself.

However, as Hathaway arrived on the set, Rihanna saw her and said, "Damn, girl you got an ass. You got an ass like mine."

She admitted to being shocked at Rihanna's compliment.

"I, of course was freaked out and loved it so much. And I was like, 'Really?'"

Other members of the 'Ocean 8' cast, like Sandra Bullock and Cate Blanchett also boosted her confidence with lovely remarks on her new physique.

"Sandy Bullock just looked up at me and said, 'Looking good, mama.'" Cate Blanchett also said, "Nice jeans, Hathaway," Hathaway recalled.

She admitted that it was the first time she was getting this kind of love on a movie set.

"It was so beautiful to be surrounded by that much love and understanding. It was so great," she told Ellen.

Priyanka Raina Urges Parents to Put Phones Away

(IANS)
Mumbai, Oct 26:

Priyanka Raina, wife of former cricketer Suresh Raina, has urged parents to avoid phone distractions while spending time with their children, stressing that safety and attentive parenting must come first.

Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of Parineeti Chopra's show, Mom Talks: Maa Ki Baat Maa Ke Jazbaat, she said par-

ents' behaviour sets an example that children learn from

"When you're with your child, leave your phone somewhere far away. Don't be on the screen. It's very important to be present," Priyanka said.

She emphasised that using phones becomes particularly concerning when a child's safety requires attention. Suresh said Priyanka is strict with

their children and limits their screen time.

Asked whether fatherhood also deserved greater discussion, the former cricketer agreed and highlighted the importance of communication between parents.

He stressed mutual respect and shared parenting, while Priyanka urged parents to give children undivided attention and set responsible examples.

Esha Deol calls Dharmendra 'a perfect husband, a perfect father'

(IANS)
New Delhi, Oct 26:

Actress Esha Deol described her late father, Dharmendra, as a "perfect husband" and "perfect father" during the trailer launch of her upcoming drama Pratap.

When asked which Bollywood actor she considered a perfect husband, Esha said she had only seen her father in that role. She referred to him as "Mr. Dharam ji."

Reflecting on family values, the Dhoom actress said family is a God-given gift and emphasised the importance of supporting one another through life's ups and downs. She added that whether marriages are arranged or chosen by individuals, spouses become family and must stand together during difficult times.

Talking about Pratap, Esha said the story has several layers, with characters and circumstances appearing differently as the narrative unfolds.

Directed by Sachin Saraf, Pratap stars Amit Sadh and releases on November 20, 2026.

Devdutt Padikkal's 199 Drives India A's Lincoln Fightback

Visitors overturn a 204-run deficit to finish third day 284 ahead against New Zealand A



Munsif Desk
LINCOLN, Oct 26:

Devdutt Padikkal's 199 transformed India A's position in the first unofficial Test against New Zealand A, guiding the visitors to 488 for eight in 119 overs and a lead of 284 runs at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval.

After being dismissed for 113 in their first innings and conceding 317, India A stumbled to 10 for two in their second innings. Padikkal and Sai Sudharsan then

rebuilt the innings with a 215-run partnership. Sudharsan scored 91 before falling to Kristian Clarke.

Padikkal struck 24 fours and three sixes in his 248-ball innings, narrowly missing a double century after being caught behind off Zak Gibson for 199. He capitalised on improved batting conditions, scoring freely through the off side and attacking left-arm spinner Jayden Lennox.

Rathod added 66 off 72

balls, while Washington Sundar remained unbeaten on 51 from 75 deliveries. Anshul Kamboj contributed 23, and Auqib Nabi scored 38 to strengthen India A's recovery.

Akash Deep was yet to open his account when bad light halted play.

With two wickets remaining and Tuesday marking the final scheduled day, India A will look to extend their lead before attempting to bowl New Zealand A out and secure a result.

NBA Signs Integrity Pact as Prediction-Market Ties Expand

US regulator and basketball league agree to share information as commercial partnerships bring scrutiny of oversight

WASHINGTON, Oct 26:

The National Basketball Association (NBA) and the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announced an information-sharing agreement on Monday to protect basketball integrity in prediction markets and promote fair, transparent trading.

The memorandum of understanding provides for

regular communication on integrity concerns. CFTC chairman Michael Selig said cooperation would help combat insider trading, fraud and other abuses.

Separately, the NBA named Kalshi and Polymarket its preferred prediction-market exchanges. The multi-year agreements restrict permissible markets, prohibit league and team personnel from trading on NBA-

related events, and require information sharing on suspicious activity and investigations.

The deals also provide the exchanges with NBA branding, promotional opportunities and official statistical data through Sportradar. Financial terms were not disclosed.

The arrangements place the NBA in two roles: protecting competition integrity and maintaining commercial relationships with market operators. This raises potential conflict-of-interest concerns but does not establish that improper influence has occurred.

The CFTC retains independent authority to investigate alleged violations of federal commodities law and pursue civil enforcement actions. However, the announcement does not specify investigation deadlines, mandatory referral requirements or procedures for publishing case outcomes.



Chris Brown Gets Suspended Jail Term for Nightclub Attack

London court sentences singer for affray after music producer suffered injuries in bottle assault



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LONDON, Oct 26:

Singer Chris Brown received an eight-month suspended prison sentence on Monday over a 2023 London nightclub

attack that left music producer Abraham Diaw requiring hospital treatment.

Southwark Crown Court suspended the 37-year-old American

singer's sentence for one year after he pleaded guilty to affray. His co-defendant, Omololu Akinlolu, received a four-month suspended sentence for the same period.

The incident occurred at Tape nightclub in Mayfair on February 19, 2023. CCTV footage showed Brown striking Diaw twice on the head with a glass bottle before the victim was pursued. Diaw later received hospital treatment for head and knee injuries.

Judge Tony Baumgartner said the violence risked causing substantially worse injuries and that a fine or community sentence would

AFC Confirms Saudi-Palestine Asian Cup Opener

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26:

Saudi Arabia will face Palestine in the opening match of the 2027 Asian Cup on January 7 at Riyadh's 72,000-seat King Fahd Sports City Stadium. Kick-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saudi time (10.30 p.m. IST).

Saudi Arabia will host the continental championship for the first time. The 24-team tournament will feature 51 matches across eight stadiums in Riyadh, Jeddah and Al Khobar. Group matches conclude on January 20, with the knockout stage beginning January 22. The final is scheduled for February 5 in Riyadh.

Organisers have confirmed venues and kick-off times, although regional security concerns could prompt changes. Supporters are advised to check the terms of their tickets and packages, including cancellation and refund conditions. Ahlan is the official ticketing platform.

Bondar Powers Past Guangzhou Top Seed Snigur

GUANGZHOU, Oct 26:

Hungary's Anna Bondar delivered an effective combination of strong serving and attacking tennis to defeat top seed Daria Snigur 6-4, 6-2 in the opening round of the Guangzhou Open on Monday.

Bondar struck 22 winners against the Ukrainian's 12 and completed the victory in 75 minutes. Her eight aces and four service breaks provided the statistical foundation for the result.

After taking the opening set, Bondar conceded only two games in the second to secure her place in the last 16.

not adequately reflect the offence's seriousness.

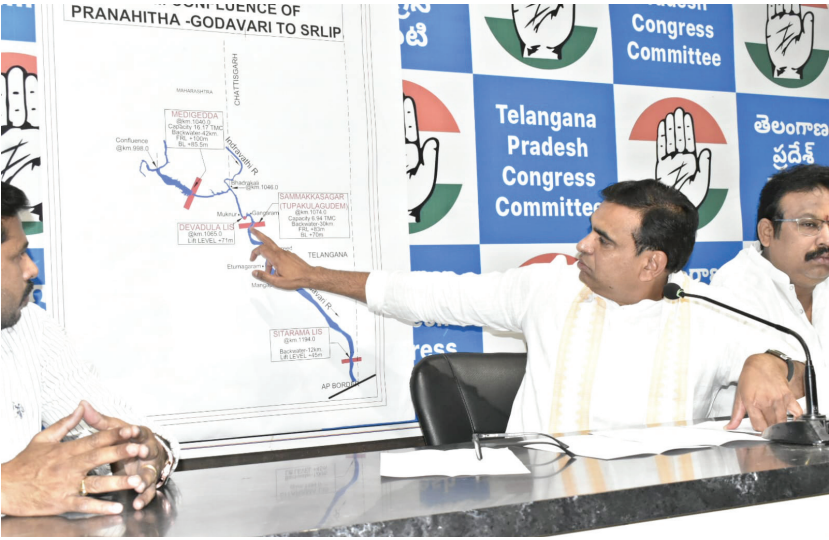
Brown's sentence was reduced from 12 months to eight months following his guilty plea. The judge cited his family responsibilities, stable employment, charitable work and low risk of reoffending, while stressing that celebrity status offered no special treatment.

Brown's lawyer apologised on his behalf. The court declined to order compensation because questions about Diaw's knee injury remained unresolved.

Both defendants were ordered to pay £1,500 each towards prosecution costs.

Congress MP Accuses BRS of Misleading People on Godavari Waters

Chamala says low water levels prevent Kaleshwaram pumping



NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy on Monday accused the BRS of misleading people on Godavari water utilisation, stating that low water levels had made pumping through the Kaleshwaram project impossible.

Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, he said pumping required a water level of 93.5 metres, against the present level of around 89 metres. Similar conditions prevailed at the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages, he added.

He accused the previous BRS government of compromising Telangana's interests by accepting a 299 TMC Krishna water allocation and said the state was utilising Godavari water through the Devadula and Sitarama projects.

Citing El Niño-related concerns, he urged all parties to attend the October 28 all-party meeting convened by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka to discuss water security.

Milad-un-Nabi gathering held at Nizamia Medical College

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 26

The annual Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) gathering was organised by students of Government Nizamia Medical College, Charminar, with scholars urging students to follow the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Students, doctors, lecturers and staff attended the programme. Prizes were distributed to winners of Quran recitation, Naat and other competitions.

Muhammad Mustafa Sharif, former Director of Daeratul Maarif, met college Principal Dr. Shahzadi Sultana and highlighted the contributions of Muslim scholars and physicians to Unani medicine and healthcare, stressing its links with Islamic culture, knowledge and civilisation. Students who contributed to the successful conduct of the annual gathering were also felicitated.



Software Engineer Arrested for Fake Bomb Threats to Airports

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 26

Shamshabad airport police have arrested software engineer Sharath Subramanyam in Chennai for allegedly sending fake bomb threat emails to airports across India.

Police said the accused sent nearly 45 fake bomb threat emails to Shamshabad airport in 2025 and 2026, besides sending around 800 such emails to airports nationwide.

During interrogation, he reportedly confessed that his anger against DMK leaders motivated him to send the threats, believing they would face action following bomb alerts. A special police team arrested him in Chennai and shifted him to Shamshabad. He was later remanded to judicial custody, ACP Srikanth Goud said.

AISF Demands Derecognition of Malla Reddy University

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

AISF has demanded the derecognition of Malla Reddy University, alleging that film promotions and related holidays were disrupting academics.

AISF leaders Kasireddy Manikantha Reddy and Putta Lakshman questioned the use of students' fees for film-related events and urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to take action against the management. They sought explanations from the Higher Education Department and UGC over the alleged diversion of institutional resources.

CEO directs Officials to expedite SIR, clear pending applications

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 26

Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharsan Reddy on Monday directed district collectors to expedite the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and clear pending Forms 6, 7 and 8 within deadlines.

Reviewing progress through a video conference, he instructed officials to verify incorrectly mapped voters and record reasons and supporting evidence for rejecting ineligible applications.



Harish Rao Challenges Uttam on Tummidihatti Gravity Link

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

BRS MLA T. Harish Rao on Monday challenged Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy to prove that water could be supplied from Tummidihatti to Yellampalli through gravity without pumping, offering to resign if the claim was demonstrated.

Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, Harish dared Uttam to resign if the proposed link was proved technically unfeasible and demanded the release of the project's Detailed Project Report (DPR).

He accused the Congress government of mismanaging irrigation resources, citing drought conditions in Telangana despite water availability in major reservoirs. He questioned the limited operation of

motors at the Devadula and Kalwakurthy projects and demanded a white paper on pump utilisation and water drawn from Srisailem.

Harish alleged that the state's agricultural distress was due to government failures rather than natural drought. He also criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for holding talks with Maharashtra over irrigation issues after more than 1,000 days in office, claiming the previous BRS government had initiated such discussions within 42 days of assuming power in 2014.

BRS leader demands release of project DPR, irrigation white paper



Three Uzbek Women Detained in Madapur Prostitution Racket

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 26

The SOT and Madhapur police raided a service apartment in Madhapur following a tip-off and detained three women from Uzbekistan for their alleged involvement in a prostitution racket.

Police identified Naik as the alleged organiser, who is absconding. The women reportedly lacked valid identification documents. Preliminary investigation revealed that they had travelled to Hyderabad via Nepal and Delhi.

Madhapur police registered a case and launched an investigation to trace the absconding organiser.

70 Suspected Ganja Consumers Identified in Fateh Nagar Raid

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

Telangana EAGLE Force arrested a 75-year-old woman, Shaik Jathen Bee, for allegedly selling ganja from her LBS Nagar residence in Fateh Nagar and identified 70 suspected consumers.

Police seized 179.1 grams of ganja, ₹43,340 and a mobile phone. Medical tests found 66 individuals positive for THC, including three juveniles. Sixty-five consumers were referred to rehabilitation centres.

The accused is also named in seven other NDPS cases. Police are searching for five alleged suppliers and investigating possible links to the drug network. A case has been registered under the NDPS and Juvenile Justice Acts.

BDL Observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2026

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

(BDL) on Monday launched Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 under the theme "Probity for Prosperity", promoting integrity, transparency and ethical conduct.

As part of the initiative, BDL organised a Gram Sabha at Kanakamamidi village in Moynabad mandal, a Telugu skit and a walkathon to spread awareness. Employees across its units and offices also took the integrity pledge.

Director (Technical) D.V. Srinivas Rao, Director (Finance) G. Gayatri Prasad, Director Bharat Dynamics Limited

BRS Seeks Month-Long Extension for Graduate Voter Registration

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

The BRS has urged the Election Commission to extend the graduate voter registration deadline from November 6 to December 6, citing a huge verification backlog ahead of the March 2027 Telangana Legislative Council elections.

A delegation led by former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav submitted a representation to Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy on Monday, seeking faster verification in the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda constituencies.

According to the party, 4,96,112 of the 5,23,758 applications received by October 24 were awaiting verification, while only 26,085 had been approved. The BRS said delays were causing concern among eligible graduates seeking to register before the deadline.

The party attributed the backlog to difficulties in obtaining gazetted officer attestations, inadequate assistance from field-level staff and poor awareness. It sought free certificate attestation, acceptance of digitally signed educational documents, dedicated registration desks and weekend enrolment camps.

The BRS also urged officials to conduct door-to-door enrolment and outreach programmes in IT corridors and workplaces. It called for an opportunity to correct minor documentation errors and sought simplified procedures for graduates already enrolled in the 2021 rolls.

The party stressed that timely verification and an extended deadline were essential to ensure eligible graduates could participate in the forthcoming Council elections.

Three Held, Chinese Manja Worth Rs 1.89 Lakh Seized

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 26

The Commissioner's Task Force (Rajendranagar Zone), along with Kalapathar police, arrested three persons for allegedly selling banned Chinese manja and seized 140 bobbins, 100 bundles and three mobile phones worth ₹1.89 lakh near Golden Jubilee School in Kalapathar on Sunday.

The accused were identified as Mohammed Kaleem, Mohammed Younus and Fahadullah Khan. Police said Kaleem allegedly procured the synthetic manja from Vicky, a resident of Jabalpur, through Instagram and online payments. The main supplier is absconding.

The accused and seized material were handed over to Kalapathar police for further investigation.



Global Experts Discuss Inherited Blood Disorders at GANSID Congress

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

The three-day 4th GANSID Congress 2026 concluded at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Madhapur, with experts from 23 countries discussing advances in preventing and treating inherited blood disorders.

Held from October 23 to 25, the conference focused on sickle cell disease, thalassemia, improved diagnosis and equitable healthcare access, with over 70 international delegates participating.

The Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad, which supported the event, provides services to over 4,800 patients through transfusions, screening, counselling and financial assistance for bone marrow transplants. The congress also provided a platform for researchers, policy-makers and patient organisations to exchange expertise and explore better treatment strategies. Organisers stressed international collaboration and stronger patient support systems to improve patients' quality of life.



Cyberabad Police Invoke PD Act Against Notorious Offender

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 26

Cyberabad Police have invoked the Preventive Detention (PD) Act against Derangula Ravi alias Gaja, 24, accused in 64 criminal cases registered between 2008 and 2026.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh ordered his detention at Cherlapalli Central Prison to prevent further criminal activities.

A resident of Suraram Colony, Jeedimetla, Ravi allegedly targeted pedestrians and isolated houses, threatening victims with knives and other weapons to rob valuables. He was also allegedly involved in burglaries, snatching, assaults and two-wheeler thefts.

Suraram police arrested him before invoking the PD Act.

er competitions will be held for employees, their families and students. The week-long programme will conclude on November 5.

