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Mosques Under Threat Will Rise Again: Arshad Madani

- Madani calls for faith, patience, unity and perseverance.
- He stresses the shared responsibility of seminaries and parents in guiding youth.
- Jamiat and Owaisi have sought protection for Delhi's Race Course Mosque.

Jamiat chief urges Muslims to remain steadfast in faith, unity and patience amid concerns over places of worship.

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president Maulana Arshad Madani has urged Muslims to remain firm in their faith, asserting that mosques facing threats will flourish again and no power can erase Islam. In a post on X, Madani said governments come and go, but Islam has survived attempts to suppress it.



He stressed that Islamic seminaries, along with parents, have a responsibility to protect the faith, beliefs and moral values of the younger generation. His remarks come amid concerns over threats to historic places of worship, including Delhi's Race Course Mosque, also known as Hujra Kuan. A Jamiat delegation

has sought Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju's intervention to protect the mosque and an adjoining graveyard, while AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has also raised the issue. Madani called on the community to face the current challenges with wisdom and perseverance rather than despair.

First Set of GST Reforms to Take Effect from November 1



IANs News New Delhi, Oct 27

The Centre has notified the first set of GST reforms, which will take effect from November 1, 2026, introducing simplified post-sale discount rules, faster provisional refunds and relief for small exporters. Under the changes, businesses facing an inverted duty structure can receive 90 per cent of eligible refunds provisionally, subject to risk checks. The ₹1,000 minimum threshold for tax-paid export refunds has also been

removed, while the place of supply for intermediary services will shift to the recipient's location. Further structural and legal changes, including revisions to arrest provisions, prosecution thresholds and e-way bill rules, are targeted for April 1, 2027, subject to legislative amendments. Automated refund processing will be introduced for eligible future claims as systems become ready. The reforms follow decisions taken at the 57th GST Council meeting held on October 8.

Ponguleti Warns Officials Over Delays in Farmers' Grievances

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Tuesday warned of strict disciplinary action against officials who delay resolving public grievances, particularly those of farmers. At a review meeting of the Revenue, Registration and Housing departments at Sangareddy Collectorate, he expressed dissatisfaction over administrative delays and directed officials to address farmers' issues promptly. The Minister said the government aims to complete a comprehensive resurvey of agricultural lands and abadi properties within 18 months to resolve long-standing disputes and ensure transparency in land records. The first phase is underway in 70 se-



lected villages per district. He directed tahsildars, surveyors and district officials to conduct regular field inspections, monitor progress and resolve grievances without delay. He also questioned officials on survey methods, village coverage and project timelines, stressing the need

for accountability at every level. The Minister said the resurvey should help prevent future land disputes and improve public confidence in land records. Ministers Damodar Rajanarasimha and Vivek Venkataswamy, MPs, MLAs and senior officials attended the meeting.

Karnataka Final Voter List Drops Over 99 Lakh Names

Karnataka's final electoral roll published on Tuesday lists 4.55 crore voters following the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), down by over 99.32 lakh from the pre-revision electorate of 5.54 crore. The final list includes 2.25 crore men, 2.29 crore women and 2,841 third-gender voters. The Election Commission said names were excluded from the draft roll mainly due to electors being absent, permanently shifted, deceased or duplicate entries. During the claims and objections process, 43.82 lakh notices were issued and hearings conducted, with 61,867 electors found ineligible for inclusion. The roll remains open for continuous updation, allowing applications for enrolment, corrections and other changes. • Final electorate: 4,55,00,011. • Names dropped: Over 99.32 lakh compared with the pre-SIR roll. • Notices and hearings: 43,82,824. • Ineligible electors: 61,867. • Continuous updation: Applications for enrolment and corrections remain open.



Cyclone Arnab to Bring Heavy Rains to East Telangana

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

East Telangana is likely to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall of 100–120 mm on October 28 under the influence of Cyclone Arnab, accompanied by gusty winds of 50–60 kmph. Warangal, Karimnagar and nearby districts may receive light to moderate rainfall, with up to 30 mm precipitation and winds reaching 40 kmph. Hyderabad, Nizamabad and Mahabubnagar are likely to experience light rainfall below 15 mm, with winds up to 35 kmph. Rainfall is expected to ease across Telangana on October 29.

Telangana Invites 550-Plus Firms for Global Summit 2026

The Telangana government has invited more than 550 leading domestic and international companies to the Invest Telangana – Global Summit 2026, scheduled at Hyderabad Future City from December 7 to 9. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju reviewed preparations at the State Secretariat on Tuesday, stressing the summit's role in attracting investments, accelerating industrial growth and generating employment. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will attend the curtain-raiser in New Delhi on October 29, with ambassadors and industry leaders invited. Roadshows have already been held in Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, while over 1,500 companies and organisations are being invited to the main event. Around 100 global firms and organisations have been invited to the Raksha Expo, with special focus on defence and aerospace. The venue will feature 25 sectors for plenary sessions, seminars, exhibitions and agreement signings, alongside cultural programmes showcasing Telangana's heritage.

SCR Steps Up Safety Measures Ahead of Cyclone Arnab

South Central Railway (SCR) has intensified safety measures ahead of Cyclone Arnab, fore-

CPI Protests SIR, Demands CEC Gyanesh Kumar's Resignation

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 27

CPI members staged a human-chain protest in New Delhi on Tuesday, demanding the cancellation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. CPI general secretary D. Raja alleged that concerns over voter deletions remained unaddressed despite the party approaching the President and the Supreme Court. He said the CPI would intensify its nationwide campaign along with INDIA bloc constituents and other or-



ganisations. CPI national secretary Girish Chandra Sharma reiterated the demands, while CPI MP P. Sandosh Kumar questioned the use of Form 6 in the revision process and alleged violations of electoral registration rules. Sharma

also cited concerns over farmers, workers, unemployment, education and healthcare. Raja said the party would continue mobilising public support while awaiting the Supreme Court's response.

BRICS Meet Backs Equitable AI Access for Global South

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 27

Parliamentary representatives of BRICS member countries on Tuesday called for equitable access to artificial intelligence (AI), stronger digital cooperation and accelerated implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A joint statement issued after their meeting in New Delhi backed India's 2026 BRICS chairship theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability", and stressed people-centric

development and poverty eradication. The representatives called for stronger climate action, increased financial and technological support from developed countries to developing nations, and just transition pathways. They also emphasised safe, inclusive and reliable AI development, data privacy, digital sovereignty and capacity building, particularly for countries of the Global South. The statement encouraged cooperation on digital infrastructure and welcomed proposals for a BRICS digital public infrastructure repository.

cast to cross the Andhra Pradesh coast near Yanam on October 28 as a very severe cyclonic storm. The IMD has issued a red alert for Khammam, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Mulugu and

Mahabubabad, with heavy rainfall expected in parts of Telangana on October 28 and 29. Train services may be cancelled, diverted or rescheduled depending on weather conditions.



VILLAGE WATER SCHEMES TO PROVIDE BACKUP SUPPLIES

Khammam Canal Closures Ordered to Protect Drinking Water

Farmers to be advised on alternatives to paddy before Yasangi. Agricultural power timings to be communicated in advance.

KHAMMAM, Oct 27: Munsif Desk

Agriculture Minister Tummalala Nageswara Rao on Tuesday directed officials to close regulators, shutters and distribution systems of the Nagarjuna Sagar left canal and Sitarama project canals to conserve drinking water. Reviewing preparations with Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem officials, he called for careful water use amid concerns over El Niño. Officials were instructed to protect standing crops and encourage farmers to choose alternatives requiring less water for Yasangi. He asked departments to restore old village



drinking-water schemes, borewells and overhead reservoirs wherever necessary to supplement Mission Bhagiratha. A plan should also examine using Kinnerasani as a backup source. Palair storage must be managed to meet drinking-water requirements across three districts, he said. The reports reviewed did not specify when closures would begin, their duration or the affected villages. These details remain crucial for farmers assessing irrigation availability before committing to the next crop, particularly those dependent on the two canal systems.

Nalgonda to Host Four-Day Agri Show From November 13

Nalgonda, Oct 27:

An agricultural exhibition highlighting modern machinery, farm inputs and cultivation suited to weather conditions will be held from November 13 to 16 at Pedda Gadiyaram Centre in Nalgonda, organisers announced on Tuesday. The show is being organised in connection with the All India Kisan Sabha's 36th national conference.

Former MLAs and farmers' organisation leaders Julakanti Ranga Reddy and Nandyala Narasimha Reddy inspected the proposed exhibition spaces at the old inspection bungalow and Roads and Buildings office premises. They said around 300 companies were expected to set up stalls featuring agricultural machinery, fertilisers, seeds and pesticides. Farmers were invited to attend and learn about modern cultivation methods. A public meeting associated with the national conference is scheduled for November 15. District farmers' organisation president Mudireddy Sudhakar Reddy, Thummala Veera Reddy and other leaders attended the inspection.

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Suryapet Farmers Protest Sharp Fall in Paddy Offers

Suryapet, Oct 27:

Farmers blocked the road outside Thirumalagiri agricultural market, protesting lower paddy offers and demanding official intervention to protect their earnings. According to Navatelangana, farmers alleged that offers had fallen from ₹3,600

to ₹2,500 per quintal and demanded at least ₹4,000. They accused traders of collusion, an allegation not independently established. The blockade caused traffic congestion. Farmers said falling prices, alongside rising cultivation costs, threatened their ability to recover expenses. Police



and officials reportedly approached protesters for discussions. No auction records, confirmed paddy variety or market secretary's response could be verified. The quoted figures therefore remain farmers' claims rather than established market-wide rates. A documented comparison of equivalent varieties and grades

Child's Death Sparks Protest in Khammam Anganwadi

Khammam, Oct 27: Munsif Desk

The death of five-year-old Ayyadevara Dhanya Sri after a suspected snakebite at an Anganwadi centre sparked a road protest on Tuesday. Her family said she developed facial swelling after attending the centre on Monday at Tekulapalli, in Khammam Municipal Corporation's seventh division. She was taken to a Khammam hospital and subsequently Hyderabad, where she died during treatment. Relatives, student groups and political leaders alleged staff negligence. Student representatives sought ₹50 lakh compensation. The bypass-road protest ended after over two hours following assurances from ICDS and district officials.

Available reports did not establish the medical cause of death, a documented referral timeline or a formal inquiry order. Snakebite and negligence remain unconfirmed; no detailed staff response was available in those reports.

Kazipet, Dornakal Ready Relief Trains Amid Cyclone Alert

SCR urges passengers to verify service status before leaving home



Kazipet/Dornakal, Oct 26: Munsif Desk

South Central Railway has kept accident-relief trains and medical equipment ready at Kazipet and Dornakal as part of preparations for possible disruption from Cyclone Arnab. The arrangements cover two important railway locations serving Hanamkonda and Mahabubabad districts. In its Tuesday advisory, SCR urged passengers to check their train's latest status before travelling,

with heavy rainfall expected across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring States. Officials reviewed vulnerable railway sections and bridges, patrol arrangements, water levels and emergency equipment. The exercise included checking the readiness of relief trains and medical resources for deployment if required. Passengers can obtain service information through NTES, RailOne and IRCTC, or railway enquiry number 139. Checking shortly before

departure can help avoid unnecessary journeys to stations during changing weather conditions. The preparedness announcement does not establish a blanket cancellation of trains through either station. Any cancellation, diversion or rescheduling must be checked against a dated railway notice for the specific train and journey date. Travellers should distinguish general weather warnings from confirmed changes affecting their booked service.

Migrant Worker Dies After Tractor Overturns in Kondurg

Six cotton-picking workers injured in crash; police register case

Rangareddy, Oct 27: Munsif Desk

A 38-year-old migrant agricultural worker from Kurnool district died during treatment after a tractor trolley carrying cotton-picking workers overturned at Kondurg mandal headquarters on Tuesday morning. According to the supplied report citing police, six workers were injured while travelling towards Lourdunagar. One subsequently died, while the latest condition of the other five was not available. Police registered a case. The workers were travelling for seasonal agricultural employment

Details of who arranged the vehicle and whether assistance had been provided to the injured workers or the bereaved family were not available. The cause of the overturning and the vehicle's condition remain to be established. No verified inspection findings were available to determine responsibility. The investigation will need to establish the circumstances of the journey and crash. Information about treatment, support for the family and transport arrangements would help clarify the consequences for the workers who depended on seasonal employment.

Four Workers Injured as Rod Touches Live Wire

Siddipet, October 27:

Four construction workers were injured when an iron rod they were lifting touched an overhead 11-kV electricity line at Mohammadapur village in Husnabad mandal on Tuesday. The workers were on the slab of an under-construction building when the incident occurred. They were identified as Kalluri Radha, Kathula Rajitha, Chirra Raju and Kuncham Santosh. All four were taken to Husnabad government hospital, where their condition was reported stable on Tuesday evening. The report did not specify the building's distance from the power line or safety precautions taken. Inspection findings and official responsibility remain unverified.

Invited Journalists Denied Entry to Sangareddy Review Meeting

Revenue, registration and housing discussions held without invited media

Sangareddy, Oct 27:

Journalists invited by the District Public Relations Officer were reportedly denied entry to a ministerial review meeting at the Zilla Parishad hall on Tuesday, with no reason communicated to them. The meeting covered revenue, registration and housing matters concerning erstwhile Medak district. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy conducted the review, attended by Ministers Damodara Rajanarasimha and G. Vivekananda. According to the report, journalists questioned officials about the restriction but were

not admitted. BRS MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy also sought their entry. Separately, four BRS legislators initially declined to sit on the dais, alleging opposition members were denied opportunities to speak. They joined after the ministers assured them a hearing. No independently verified instruction identifying who ordered the media restriction, or an administrative explanation, was available. The exclusion prevented invited reporters from directly observing discussions on land and housing administration. A detailed account of the meeting's decisions could not be verified.

WARANGAL SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL ENTERS FINAL PHASE

The ₹1,300-crore mega project is set to transform public healthcare access across North Telangana.

Warangal, Oct 27: Munsif Desk

The Telangana government's ambitious Multi-Super Speciality Hospital in Warangal is rapidly nearing completion, positioning itself as the primary healthcare lifeline for North Telangana. Being built at an estimated cost of ₹1,300 crore, the facility is designed to deliver 34 distinct types of medical services.

Work is progressing at a brisk pace to make the massive 2,208-bed institution fully operational soon. At present, highly technical infrastructure installations are underway, specifically the connection of oxygen pipelines, central air-conditioning, and radiation bunkers within the surgical units. Once completed, this state-of-the-art hospital will significantly reduce

the district's reliance on Hyderabad by offering accessible, high-quality medical care locally. The hospital will provide 34 specialized medical services, bringing advanced corporate-level healthcare directly to the region. Current works are focused on the operation theatres, including the integration of central AC systems, oxygen pipelines, and radiation bunkers.

Banswada: BRS and Congress Leaders Detained Ahead of Seethakka's Visit

Banswada, Oct 27: Munsif Desk

Police in Banswada initiated preventive detentions of multiple political leaders from the opposition BRS and the ruling Congress on Tuesday morning, seeking to secure the area ahead of Minister Seethakka's scheduled visit. The Minister was touring the constituency alongside local MLA

Pocharam Srinivas Reddy to inaugurate a new 33/11 KV electrical substation and women's federation buildings. According to Namasthe Telangana, those detained included BRS figures like Mochi Ganesh, alongside several Congress leaders such as Mantri Ganesh and Kothakonda Bhaskar. While detaining opposition cadres to prevent protests

is a routine security measure during high-profile political tours, the sweeping inclusion of leaders from the Minister's own party remains notable. Local police have not yet issued a formal statement detailing the specific intelligence that prompted the arrests, leaving the exact grounds for the detentions and the expected release times unclear.

SCCL Employee Killed by Bus

Paloncha, Oct 27:

A Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) employee, Sathish Reddy, was killed early Tuesday at the Nava Bharat junction in Paloncha after being struck by the open luggage door of a passing bus. The fatal accident has highlighted severe public safety risks caused by vehicular negligence on local roads. Following the incident, distressed relatives and residents gathered to demand immediate and strict action against the private bus operator. Police have registered a criminal case and launched an inquiry to establish the exact circumstances of the accident, focusing specifically on why the heavy side-compartment was left unsecured while the vehicle was moving through a public junction.

IMD FORECASTS HEAVY TO VERY HEAVY RAINFALL Four Telangana Districts Under Orange Alert for Rain

October 28 warning includes winds gusting to 70 kmph across nine districts

Hyderabad, Oct 27: Harvested crops, rural travel and electricity infrastructure face weather risks as the India Meteorological Department forecasts heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places in Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam and Mahabubabad on Wednesday. The Hyderabad centre's bulletin, issued at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, places these four districts under an orange alert for October 28 amid Cyclone Arnab's approach. Thunderstorms with lightning and winds of 50–60 kmph, gusting to 70 kmph, are forecast at isolated places in these districts and Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Warangal and Hanamkonda. The bulletin also carries a yellow warning for heavy rain in Bhupalpally, Suryapet, Warangal and Hanamkonda. Farmers should prioritise protecting harvested produce, while residents should follow local warnings and avoid flooded crossings. The forecast identifies possible hazards, not damage already recorded. Village-specific evacuation, shelter and crop-protection arrangements could not be independently verified. Residents should monitor subsequent IMD bulletins and district announcements as conditions evolve.

Gadwal Millers Given 20 Days to Clear Rice Dues

Bank guarantees due by November 15 for fresh paddy allocations



Gadwal, October 27:

Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik on Tuesday directed rice millers to deliver outstanding custom-milled rice from previous Kharif and Rabi seasons within 20 days, stressing the need to secure government stocks for ration beneficiaries and public institutions. At an evening review at the Jogulamba Gadwal collectorate, he instructed Civil Supplies officials to submit a mill-wise report on accumulated arrears within 15 days. For Kharif 2026–27, paddy would be allocated only to mills furnishing bank guarantees, which

must be submitted by November 15. The Collector directed officials to issue show-cause notices to major defaulters and warned that cases could follow continued non-compliance. The warning does not establish that fresh cases have been registered. He also said one mill had been sealed following vigilance inspections that detected violations. The report did not disclose total outstanding quantities or individual mill liabilities. Those figures are needed to assess deliveries against the announced deadline.

TELANGANA DECLARES DROUGHT IN 365 MANDALS; State Halts Coercive Loan Recoveries

Over 58 per cent of the state is formally impacted after a crippling 17 per cent rainfall deficit severely shrinks Kharif paddy acreage.

- 111 mandals categorised as ‘severely’ affected, with Nalgonda, Jogulamba Gadwal and Narayanpet facing the most critical conditions.
- Statewide paddy cultivation plummets by 18 per cent, losing over 12 lakh acres compared to the previous season.
- Collectors ordered to restructure farm credit, augment drinking water and provide direct input subsidies.

Hyderabad, October 27:

Acknowledging a mounting agrarian crisis, the Telangana government has officially declared 365 mandals across 31 districts as drought-affected for the Kharif 2026 season. The notification, which remains in force for six months, triggers immediate emergency relief protocols across more than half the state. Only Hyderabad and Peddapalli districts remain entirely unaffected.

Driven by strengthening El Niño conditions, weak Bay of Bengal systems, and prolonged dry spells, the state recorded a 17 per cent rainfall deficit. This has precipitated a severe agricultural contraction. The total Kharif crop area has fallen from 139.28 lakh acres to 126.06 lakh acres. Water-intensive paddy cultivation took the hardest hit, dropping to 57 lakh acres.

Furthermore, major and medium reservoirs are currently holding just 179.63 TMC of water against a 585



TMC capacity, escalating risks for winter drinking water supplies and livestock sustenance.

Of the notified mandals, 111 are classified as severely affected. In response, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed District Collectors to immediately initiate relief measures.

These include direct benefit transfer (DBT) input subsidies, fodder arrangements, and emergency drinking water augmentation.

Crucially for distressed farmers, district authorities must coordinate with the State Level Bankers’ Committee to restructure agricultural credit and enforce a strict pause on all coercive bank loan recoveries.

To manage the escalating crisis, the State has sought a ₹20,000-crore relief package from the Centre, alongside requests for additional subsidised power and 50 extra days of guaranteed rural employment.

FOOLPROOF ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES NATIONAL LEVEL SPORTS

Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi inspected the sports venue and reviewed with officials

Nizamabad, Oct 27: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

Collector Ila Tripathi on Tuesday directed officials to ensure comprehensive facilities and security for players during the national-level table tennis competitions in Nizamabad under the Khelo India Youth Games.

She inspected Navya Bharati Global School near Dasnagar in Makloor mandal, assessing the venue, infrastructure and other facilities before reviewing preparations with officials.

Around 150 players from across India are expected for the approximately five-day competition. Tripathi instructed

departments to coordinate accommodation, food, drinking water, sanitation and medical services, ensuring participants face no inconvenience.

Describing Nizamabad’s selection as a prestigious opportunity, she called for an immediate, comprehensive action plan to prevent lapses. Officials should strengthen security, provide necessary infrastructure and submit proposals for additional facilities.

The Games are scheduled across Telangana from December 11 to 22. The Sports Authority of Telangana lists 27 sports across six host cities, rather than the 20 disci-



plines mentioned in the initial brief.

Tripathi urged coordinated efforts to strengthen the district’s sporting reputation through successful organisation.

Additional Collector Bhujanga Rao, RDO Rajendra Kumar, Municipal Commissioner

Dilip Kumar, in-charge DEO Saya Goud, Sports Officer Pawan Kumar, DMHO Dr Rajashree, Fire Officer Parameshwar, ACP Prakash Yadav, school correspondent Santosh, Latha and other local officials attended the review meeting on preparations.

Voter Registration for Graduate MLC Elections Facilitated Through BLOs

Mahabubnagar: Oct 27: Munsif Desk

Preparations for the Mahabubnagar-Ranga Reddy-Hyderabad Graduates’ constituency MLC elections are gathering pace, with polling anticipated in March. Election authorities have decentralized the voter enrollment process, making Booth Level Officers (BLOs) the primary point of contact across the three undivided districts.

Under Election Commission rules, all eligible graduates must



register afresh by submitting Form-18. To make registration accessible, officials are allowing graduates to submit their applications and supporting educational documents directly to their local BLOs, rather than

visiting higher municipal offices.

District administrations are urging qualified graduates to promptly complete their enrollment at the BLO level to ensure their inclusion in the final electoral roll.

Schools Must Combine Quality Education With Social Awareness

Police Commissioner reviews student welfare at Glorious High School

Nizamabad, Oct 27: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya on Tuesday urged schools to combine quality education with social awareness while giving priority to students’ health, safety and overall development.

He visited Glorious High School of Tapaswi Social Welfare Organisation on the outskirts of Mamidipally,

within Armoor town limits, inspected the premises and interacted with students.

The Commissioner enquired about teaching methods, educational progress, food arrangements, daily living conditions and basic amenities. He emphasised that school managements bear special responsibility for

students’ welfare.

Alongside academic learning, children should develop discipline, good conduct, human values and a sense of responsibility towards society, he said.

Chaitanya asked teachers and management to guide students towards higher goals and provide a safe, welcoming learning environment. Schools play a crucial role in shaping children’s future, he added, stressing the importance of personality development alongside classroom instruction.

Armoor ACP Venkateshwar Reddy, the Armoor Circle Inspector and police personnel accompanied the Commissioner.



54 CCTV Cameras Inaugurated to Strengthen Mendora Security

Nizamabad, Oct 27: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya on Tuesday inaugurated 54 CCTV cameras installed within Mendora police station limits, emphasising technology’s role in improving public safety and crime prevention.

Speaking at the inauguration, he said cameras could help identify suspicious activities, enable prompt police action and assist investigations. Comparing their surveillance value to policing manpower, he said one camera was equivalent to 100 police personnel.

The Commissioner urged residents to install cameras around homes and business premises and participate in community policing. He particularly



called on shopkeepers to ensure CCTV coverage, describing neighbourhood security as a shared responsibility.

He also appealed to residents to remain alert to cybercrime, cooperate with police in preventing drug abuse and follow traffic rules to reduce road accidents.

Chaitanya commended gram panchayat representatives for supporting the camera installation

and encouraged continued cooperation with police.

Armoor ACP Venkateshwar Reddy, Rural CI John Reddy, Mendora SI Suhasini, village development committee chairman Mohan Reddy, Prabhakar, Sarpanch Pramod and residents attended the programme, which also highlighted public participation in local crime prevention.

Avoid Rabi Paddy, Nizamabad Collector Urges Farmers



Nizamabad, Oct 27: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

Collector Ila Tripathi on Tuesday urged farmers to cultivate only irrigated dry (ID) crops during Rabi, warning that irrigation water could not be assured for paddy.

Addressing Khet Bachao Abhiyan at Noothpally Rythu Veda in Nandipet mandal, she attributed deficient rainfall to El Niño and advised choosing crops according to groundwater, soil and electricity avail-

ability.

She recommended green gram, black gram, chickpea, jowar, maize and vegetables. Where saline soils prevent alternatives to paddy, she advised leaving fields fallow.

Tripathi assured protection for standing Kharif paddy until harvest but said reservoir supplies would be reserved for drinking water. Falling groundwater and possible power constraints required advance planning, she added.

She promised administrative support for al-

CYCLONE ARNAB: Seven Passenger Trains Cancelled in AP

Vijayawada, Oct 27:

South Coast Railway (SCR) has cancelled seven passenger train services across the Vijayawada, Guntur and Repalle sections on October 27 and 28 as a precautionary measure ahead of Cyclone Arnab.

The cancelled services include Narasapur–Guntur, Vijayawada–Guntur, Guntur–Repalle, Repalle–Tenali, Repalle–Guntur and Guntur–Vijayawada trains.

Railway officials said the cancellations were necessary to ensure passenger safety amid the cyclone threat. Passengers have been advised to check the latest train running status through official Indian Railways channels, helplines or station enquiry counters before travelling.

Authorities urged commuters to monitor further announcements and make alternative travel arrangements to avoid inconvenience.

Andhra Pradesh Releases Emergency Helpline Numbers

The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) has released state-level and district-level emergency helpline numbers to provide assistance to people as severe cyclonic storm Arnab approaches the state’s coastline.

APSDMA Managing Director Prakhari Jain urged residents in vulnerable areas to remain alert and contact the designated control rooms for emergency assistance. People can also seek cyclone-related help through the Mana Mitra WhatsApp service.

112: Emergency assistance
1070: State Disaster Management Control Room
1800 425 0101: Disaster management helpline
9552300009: Mana Mitra WhatsApp service

Sir Syed Day Seminar to Explore AMU's Legacy

Scholars to discuss its past, present and future, Sir Syed’s contributions and Hyderabad’s ties with the university

Media Plus Foundation will organise a seminar to mark Sir Syed Day on Saturday, October 31, at 7 p.m. at the Media Plus Auditorium, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad.

The seminar will explore “Aligarh Muslim University: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” various aspects of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan’s life and contributions, and Hyderabad’s association with AMU.

Speakers will include Dr Mohammed Safiullah, Honorary Trustee, Deccan Heritage Foundation; Dr Abdul Qadeer, Chairman, Shaheen Group of Institutions; Sajid Ali, Director, Iqra Mission School; and Dr Islamuddin Mujahid.

Video messages will be screened from Shahid Siddiqui, Editor, Nai Duniya; Dr Rahat Abrar, former Public Relations Officer, AMU; Prof. Akhtarul Wasey; Prof. Akbar Masood, for-

mer Vice-Chancellor; Dr Firoz Talat, life member, Aligarh Old Boys’ Association; Anwaruddin, member, AMU Court; and Dr Mohammed Qutbuddin of Chicago.

The programme will also be connected via Zoom, enabling AMU alumni across the world to join and share their views.

Dr Syed Fazil Hussain Parvez will welcome the gathering, while Syed Khalid Shahbaz will conduct the proceedings.

EVENT AT A GLANCE

- **Date:** Saturday, October 31
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Venue:** Media Plus Auditorium, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad
- **Online participation:** <https://bit.ly/4i6oAO5>



SCAN TO JOIN

Join the seminar online via Zoom
Saturday, October 31 | 7 p.m. IST



Members of Iran’s Parliament, who are in India for the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, visited the Taj Mahal in Agra on Tuesday. Sharing pictures of the visit on X on Tuesday, the Iranian Embassy said the monument reflected the rich artistic heritage of India and showed how civilisations enrich one another.

No plan to raise ethanol blending in petrol above 20 pc: Hardeep Puri

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Betul Goa , Oct. 27:

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday said the Centre has no immediate plan to increase the ethanol blending in petrol above the current level of 20 per cent.

During an interaction at the inauguration of the 29th Energy Technology and Innovation Meet in South Goa, Puri also claimed that misinformation was being spread about biofuels.

“In so far as biofuels are concerned, yes, the 20 per cent ethanol blending was the target, and there is no desire, just now, to increase it by more than 20 per cent,” he said in reply to a question.

He also said that misinformation was being deliberately



spread about E20 (20 per cent ethanol-blended petrol).

The government has been promoting ethanol-blended petrol as part of its strategy to reduce dependence on imported crude oil, which is the leading factor behind the country’s current account deficit. The country has already rolled out

E20 fuel, containing 20 per cent ethanol and 80 per cent petrol.

Puri said he saw a social media post which claimed that vehicles had stopped and were facing breakdowns, implying that the government stopped selling the blended fuel.

He said that E20 blended fuel was compatible with the vehi-

cles. “There was some problem with the older vehicles which were manufactured before 2003,” the minister pointed out.

He said the introduction of E20 petrol helped the country save Rs 1,60,000 crore, of which Rs 1,40,000 crore was given back to farmers.

“The farmers have become Urjadata (giver of energy) from Annadata (giver of food),” he remarked. Asked about problems reported by the E20 fuel users, Puri said, “I think there was a problem with the transportation of the blended fuel. The tankers which were used for transportation were also used for other things.” “As far as the engine damage story is concerned, someone had made the claim and the particular automobile manufacturer has filed a case against him,” he pointed out.

Delhi Police Bust Illegal Firecracker Unit, Three Arrested

New Delhi, Oct 27 (IANS) Delhi Police busted an alleged illegal firecracker manufacturing unit operating from a residential building in northeast Delhi’s Gokalpuri area and apprehended three persons, recovering 880 finished firecrackers, 600 unfinished firecrackers and 34 kg of suspected explosive powder, officials said. The raid was conducted by a team from Gokalpuri police station on October 26 following information about an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit operating on the second floor of a house in Gali No. 14, Gokalpur village.

Another Class 12 student found dead in Delhi; suicide suspected

IANSS
New Delhi , Oct. 27:

Just days after a Class 12 student died after allegedly immolating herself in East Delhi, another student died by suspected suicide at her residence in Delhi’s Bharat Nagar area, police said on Tuesday.

The body of the Class 12 student was found at her home with a scarf tied around her neck, under the Bharat Nagar police station area. According to the investigators, a prelimi-

nary probe suggests it is a case of suicide.

The Bharat Nagar police have taken custody of the body and initiated an investigation into the matter.

Police said that some chat messages have surfaced during the initial probe, indicating that the girl had been under distress.

However, the case is being investigated from all possible angles.

The incident comes days after a Class 12 student died

after allegedly pouring an inflammable substance on herself and setting herself on fire at Sarvodaya Bal/Balika Vidyalaya in East Delhi’s Krishna Nagar area.

The recovery of the student’s charred body at Sarvodaya Bal/Balika Vidyalaya triggered panic among teachers and students on the school premises, prompting the authorities to initiate an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the student’s death.



PM attends the inauguration of the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi, on October 27, 2026.

MP: ‘Carbide Guns’, illegal firecrackers banned ahead of Diwali

IANSS
Bhopal, Oct. 27:

The Commissioner of Police, Bhopal, has imposed a strict ban on the manufacture, sale, storage and use of illegal improvised firework devices, including ‘carbide guns’, ‘carbide cannons’ and ‘carbide lamps’, in the interest of public safety during the forthcoming Diwali festival.

In an order issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the police chief prohibited the unauthorised

Karnataka Final Voter List: 99 Lakh Names opped After SIR

IANSS
Bengaluru, Oct. 27:

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka, on Tuesday published the final electoral roll of the state with 4,55,00,011 electors following the completion of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls. It can be noted that Karnataka’s electorate is down from 5,54,32,314 voters before the SIR commenced, as more than 99.32 lakh names have been dropped as part of the SIR exercise.

According to the final electoral roll published, the state has 2,25,40,493 male voters, 2,29,12,355 female voters and 2,841 voters belonging to the third gender. The number of service electors stands at 44,322.

The revision was undertaken in all 224 Assembly con-



stituencies in accordance with the directions of the Election Commission of India, with October 1, 2026, as the qualifying date.

The final roll includes 6,83,364 young electors aged 18-19 years, comprising 3,64,551 males, 3,18,795 females and 18 voters belonging to the third gender. In the 20-29 age group, there are 86,56,838 electors, including 45,08,240 males, 41,47,863 females and 735 voters belonging to the third gender.

The state has 5,65,340 electors with disabilities, compris-

ing 3,26,716 males, 2,38,589 females and 35 voters belonging to the third gender. The number of electors aged 85 years and above is 3,92,134, including 1,62,522 males, 2,29,609 females and three voters belonging to the third gender. There are also 3,252 Non-Resident Indian (NRI) electors, comprising 2,043 males and 1,209 females.

The draft electoral roll was published on August 24 with 4,46,35,975 general electors and 44,176 service electors. Enumeration forms had been generated for 5,54,32,314 elec-

tors whose names were on the electoral rolls as of June 16, 2026.

Of these, 4,46,35,975 electors, accounting for 80.52 per cent, submitted their enumeration forms to Booth Level Officers (BLOs). The remaining 1,07,96,339 electors, or 19.48 per cent, whose forms were not submitted, were not included in the draft electoral roll. The CEO’s office categorised these 1,07,96,339 electors as absent, permanently shifted, deceased or duplicate entries. The figures include 19,00,926 absent electors (3.43 per cent), 65,45,679 permanently shifted electors (11.81 per cent), 16,39,864 deceased electors (2.96 per cent) and 7,09,870 duplicate entries (1.28 per cent).

During the claims and objections process, 43,82,824 notices were generated and delivered, and hearings were held in all 43,82,824 cases.

Army soldier among 7 held with 14 pistols, 29 kg heroin in Amritsar

IANSS
Chandigarh , Oct. 27:

Amritsar Rural Police has busted four separate illegal arms and narcotics supply networks with the arrest of seven individuals, including an Army man, and recovered 14 sophisticated pistols and 20.130 kg of heroin from their possession, Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav said on Tuesday. Those arrested

have been identified as Uday and Patras ; the soldier has been identified as Yudhvir Singh ; Sajan Singh and Sahilpreet ; Jarmanjot Singh ; and Sahibnoor Singh , an official statement said.

A report regarding Yudhvir’s involvement in “cross-border smuggling” is being sent to senior Army authorities, police said.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investiga-

tion has revealed that the accused were allegedly in contact with a foreign-based handler, who was facilitating illegal arms consignments for further distribution among criminal elements through an organised network.

Further investigation is underway to uncover the complete network and establish backwards and forward linkages, he said.

Rijiju Demands Congress Apology Over Alleged Fake AI Video on China

Munsif News Bureau
New Delhi, Oct. 27:

Union minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday accused the Congress of openly supporting the “enemy’s malicious propaganda” against the country and alleged that the circulation of a “fake AI video” on China by it was an “act of betrayal” and equivalent to the “heinous acts of the enemies”.

Rijiju, an MP from Arunachal Pradesh, also demanded an apology from the Congress for allegedly circulating the “fake AI video” in which a senior Army officer purportedly claimed that China has taken control of some areas of Arunachal Pradesh.

He called the posting of the video on ‘X’ allegedly by a Congress leader from Bihar an



“act of betrayal”.

The Union minister also alleged that the opposition Congress is running a cheap campaign on behalf of India’s enemies.

“Congress Party must apologize to the nation for spreading fake AI video to tarnish the image of Indian Army. This is an act of betrayal and is equivalent to the

heinous acts of our enemies. The Congress Party is running a cheap campaign on behalf of India’s enemies,” Rijiju said in a post on ‘X’ on Monday.

On Tuesday, the minister said in a post, “Does the Congress have the audacity to openly support the enemy’s malicious propaganda against the country.

Four Cops Suspended Over Probe Lapses in Kerala Judge’s Son’s Fatal Accident

Kochi, Oct 27 (IANS) Four Kerala Police personnel have been suspended for lapses in the investigation into the fatal Cheranallor road accident caused by the 17-year-old son of an Additional Sessions Judge driving a luxury vehicle, following widespread criticism and protests over the handling of the case in which an elderly man lost his life.

The suspension came hours after the ADGP of Police, P. Vijayan, arrived here and inspected the accident site, then went to the house of the deceased and held consultations with the probe team.

Those suspended are CI Shyam Kumar, Station House Officer Viswajith, Grade SI Manoj and Civil Police Officer Arunjith.

The action comes after Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala on Tuesday admitted in the Kerala Assembly that the police had made mistakes in investigating the accident.

Bengal: Two Bangladeshi women arrested for illegally entering India

IANSS
Kolkata, Oct. 27:

Two Bangladeshi women were arrested on Tuesday for illegally entering India from Bangladesh and boarding a long-distance train to Kerala.

The Railway Police conducted a joint operation at the New Jalpaiguri (NJP) station in north Bengal’s Siliguri and arrested them.

Police said that the names of the arrested are Rabia Akhtar and Shiuli Akhtar. Both are residents of Narayanjanj district of Bangladesh.

According to Railway Police sources, based on information received through sources, the Special Operation Group of Siliguri GRP and NJP GRP jointly conducted a search operation in the general compartment of a long-distance train bound for Bengaluru at NJP station.

At that time, the two women were arrested from the train.

Later, when they were brought to the Siliguri GRP police station for questioning, they could not show any valid documents to enter India.

Rajasthan: Another maternal death reported in Kota; woman dies after delivering baby

IANSS
Jaipur, Oct. 27:

Another maternal death has been reported in Kota, where Reshu, a resident of Baran

district, died while undergoing treatment at the super-speciality wing of New Medical College Hospital.

Reshu, daughter of Dhul

Singh, belonged to Harota Bhil village under the Shahabad police station area of Baran district.

She was initially admitted

to JK Lon Hospital for childbirth and was later shifted to the Medical College Hospital as her condition worsened.

She died late Monday night,

extending into the early hours of Tuesday. Police conducted a post-mortem examination and handed over the body to her family.

An investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death is underway.

According to Reshu’s sister, the delivery took place at JK

Lon Hospital, where the baby died in the womb.

Reshu remained hospitalised for several days before being transferred to the

Medical College Hospital. Her sister said her condition had briefly improved, and she was able to speak and walk to the restroom.



US, allies warn of famine risk in Sudan

IAN S Washington , Oct. 27:

The United States, Canada and more than two dozen international partners have warned that Sudan faces a growing risk of famine, with nearly 20 million people struggling to obtain enough food, and demanded that the country’s warring parties immediately remove restrictions preventing humanitarian assistance from reaching civilians.

In a joint statement circulated by the US State Department on Monday, the governments said 19.5 million Sudanese,

representing 41 per cent of the population, were experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity. Of these, five million were facing emergency conditions.

The warning, originally issued on October 23, was endorsed by European governments, Australia, Canada, the United States, Britain and the European Commission.

The signatories cautioned that the humanitarian situation could deteriorate sharply in the coming months unless international assistance reaches vulnerable communities.

“There is no time to lose to



save lives and prevent famine,” the joint statement said.

The governments warned that the number of children suffering from severe acute malnutrition could exceed the

projected 825,000 if conditions continued to deteriorate.

They also cautioned that the number of areas facing serious food insecurity, initially assessed at 14, could double.

DR Congo Ebola cases top 10,000 as outbreak spreads across Africa

IAN S Kinshasa , Oct. 27:

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) said Tuesday that it has reported more than 10,000 confirmed Ebola cases since the outbreak began in May, according to data released Tuesday by the country’s health authorities.

The latest report showed that the country had recorded a total of 10,060 confirmed cases, including 4,887 deaths, as of October 25, with a case fatality rate of 48.6 per cent.

The outbreak has affected 66 health zones across eight of the DRC’s 26 provinces, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The eastern province of Ituri remained the epicentre, accounting for 71.7 per cent of all confirmed cases, the report said.



The current outbreak, caused by the Bundibugyo Ebola virus, was declared in the DRC on May 15. It has since spread to five countries, including four in Africa. The other three are Uganda, Kenya and Nigeria. France reported one imported case.

Unlike the more common Zaire strain of Ebola, the Bundibugyo virus has

no approved vaccine or specific treatment. The current Ebola outbreak has become the largest and deadliest ever recorded in the DRC and the second-largest Ebola outbreak globally, after the 2014-2016 West Africa epidemic.

In Kenya, the first 20 Ebola contacts were released from quarantine and returned home after completing health sur-

veillance without developing symptoms, an official with the Ministry of Health said on Monday. Patrick Amoth, director-general for health in the ministry, confirmed in a statement that the 20 contacts had completed the mandatory 21-day monitoring period and were in good health.

Amoth said each of the 20 contacts had been thoroughly evaluated against strict discharge criteria.

“They do not pose any risk to their families, colleagues or neighbours, and we ask communities to welcome them back home warmly,” he said.

Amoth added that the remaining 98 contacts were scheduled to be discharged in four phases beginning November 3, subject to individual health assessments.

Gunmen Attack Balochistan Women’s College, Three Students Injured

PTI Balochistan, Oct. 27:

Three female students were injured after unidentified gunmen opened fire at a women’s college in Pakistan’s restive Balochistan province on Tuesday, a police official said.

The incident took place in Noshki district, where two armed men allegedly forced their way into the college and opened fire, prompting students to take shelter, a senior police official said, who spoke to the media on the condition of anonymity. No group or individual has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Indian Navy’s First Training Squadron arrives in Colombo

IAN S Colombo, Oct. 27:

Ships of the Indian Navy’s First Training Squadron (ITS), that arrived in Colombo as part of their ongoing training deployment on Tuesday, were accorded a ceremonial welcome by the Sri Lanka Navy. The squadron comprises Indian Naval Ships INS Tir, INS Sujata and Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sarathi, the Indian Navy said.

“Anchoring Friendship, Strengthening Maritime Cooperation. Ships of the Indian Navy’s First Training Squadron (ITS) - INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi - arrived at Colombo to a ceremonial wel-

come from the Sri Lanka Navy,” the Indian Navy posted on X.

“As part of the professional engagements during the port call, the DG Naval Training and the Commander, Eastern Naval Area, Sri Lanka Navy, interacted with sea trainees onboard,” it added. Last week, ships from the Indian Navy’s First Training Squadron (ITS) concluded their training and military engagement in the Maldives, including a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) Coast Guard, the High Commission of India in Male said on October 24.

“The 1 TS of the Indian Navy (INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS

Sarathi) successfully concluded their highly productive training and military engagement, including the PASSEX with the MNDF Coast Guard, reinforcing the enduring maritime partnership between India and the Maldives,” the High Commission posted on X. Earlier, the ITS ships concluded their port call at Seychelles’ Port Victoria, during which they conducted a PASSEX with Seychelles Coast Guard ship Andromache.

INS Tir, INS Sujata and Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi departed Port Victoria on October 15 on completion of the port call, which commenced on October 12, as part of their ongoing train-

EU condemns Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia, Red Sea shipping

IAN S Brussels, Oct. 27:

The European Union (EU) on Tuesday strongly condemned Houthi attacks within Yemen, against Saudi Arabia and on shipping in the Red Sea. European Council President Antonio Costa also called on the fighting group to immediately cease its attacks and return to negotiations under UN auspices.

Costa conveyed the message during a phone call with Chairman of Yemen’s Presidential Leadership Council Rashad al-Alimi, reaffirming the EU’s full solidarity with and support for the Yemeni government’s efforts to restore peace and stability. “The war in Yemen is intensifying, deepening the humanitarian crisis and affecting

millions of people. I just spoke with President Rashad al-Alimi to reaffirm the EU’s full solidarity with and support for the Government of Yemen and its efforts to restore peace and stability,” Costa posted on X.

“I conveyed the EU’s strong condemnation of Houthi attacks within Yemen, against Saudi Arabia and on shipping in the Red Sea. We call on the Houthis to immediately cease their attacks, de-escalate and return to negotiations under UN auspices. Only an inclusive political solution can bring lasting peace to Yemen,” he added. Earlier this month, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the attack by Yemen’s Houthi group on King Khalid International Airport in the Saudi capital of Riyadh.



‘Illegal and unacceptable’: EU condemns Houthi threat against Red Sea shipping

“I am deeply shocked by and strongly condemn Saturday’s lethal attack by the Houthis on King Khalid International Airpo rt in Riyadh, the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which reportedly killed 12 people and injured hundreds of civilians,” said Guterres in a statement on October 11.

Ukraine, Russia begin humanitarian ceasefire in Oleshky

IAN S Moscow, Oct. 27:

A humanitarian ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia in the area around Oleshky took effect on Tuesday, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Dmytro Lubinets said on social media.

The ceasefire began at 3 a.m. Kyiv time (0100 GMT) as part of a previously agreed humanitarian

mission, Lubinets said on Facebook, adding that the Ukrainian side is honouring its commitments under the agreement reached with Russia, Xinhua news agency reported.

Russia’s Defence Ministry confirmed that Russian forces had ceased fire in the Kherson direction and a “silence regime” had been introduced from 4 a.m. Moscow time (0100 GMT) to prepare for the humanitar-

ian operation near Oleshky.

On Friday, Russia and Ukraine agreed to a temporary ceasefire in the area to facilitate humanitarian aid deliveries and civilian evacuations. Oleshky is located on the left bank of the Dnieper River.

The town, currently under Russian control, has been experiencing worsening shortages of food and other essential supplies amid continuous fighting.

Rubio warns of civil war in Venezuela

IAN S Washington, Oct. 27:

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has warned that Venezuela could descend into civil war or return to decades of political repression if the ongoing US-backed democratic transition fails, insisting that Washington will not allow the country’s interim leadership to indefinitely delay elections.

In a detailed assessment of Venezuela’s political future on Monday, Rubio said the United States had established firm timelines for replacing key electoral and judicial institutions, and was using sanctions relief and economic incen-

tives to ensure compliance. He said Washington wanted a peaceful transition that would allow millions of Venezuelans who fled the country to return home. “If this process doesn’t work, then the alternative is going to be worse,” Rubio told reporters during a teleconference.

“The alternative is going to be either violence and armed conflict within the country, or back to the way things have been for the last 20 years, which have not been good for the people of Venezuela,” he said. Rubio’s warning came as the Trump administration sought to consolidate political and economic changes following the January 3 operation that led to the arrest of Nicolás Maduro.

Trump warns of ‘1929 style economic depression’ if Democrats win Congress

IAN S Wahington, Oct. 27:

President Donald Trump warned that a Democratic victory in next week’s congressional elections could plunge the United States into an economic depression, as he sought to rally Republican voters with promises of cash payments, lower taxes, tougher immigration laws and an early end to the war with Iran.

Addressing a campaign rally in Mississippi, Trump portrayed the November 3 midterm elections as a decisive test of his presidency.

The President offered a sweeping defence of his administration’s record, claiming unprecedented investment commitments, declining crime, expanding manufacturing and American military dominance over Iran. He also renewed criticism of Canada’s trade policies and pledged to give every adult American citizen \$5,000 if Republicans retained both chambers of Congress.

“If the Democrats win, you will have a 1929 style economic depression,” Trump told supporters gathered at the Crossroads Arena in Corinth.

The rally was organised to support Republican Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith,

Australian PM flags improved security for politicians

IAN S Canberra , Oct. 27:

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Tuesday that the government is reviewing new safety measures for politicians after an attack on Member of Parliament (MP) Helen Haines.

Albanese told a meeting of his governing Labour Party in Canberra that he has asked for a review of MPs’ security arrangements to be fast-tracked after Haines was critically injured in the attack earlier this month.

He said that MPs had proposed a series of options, including duress alarms or panic buttons to alert authorities if they are attacked, and pledged a swift government response.

“I know so many of you



have experienced an increase in aggressive and threatening behavior online and in person. There have been vile threats towards you and your family and damage to your electorate offices,” he said.

“This is particularly acute

for women members of the caucus, who often receive vile and misogynistic threats to their safety and increased hatred online, often of a violent and sexual nature,” he added, Xinhua news agency reported. Haines, who has

served as an independent MP representing an area northeast of Melbourne since 2019, lost both legs after she was struck by a car outside her electorate office on Oct. 19 in an incident described by Albanese as a deliberate attack.

PM Modi, Liechtenstein Prince Discuss Expanding Bilateral Cooperation

IAN S New Delhi . Oct 27:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with Liechtenstein’s Prince Alois and Princess Sophie at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Tuesday, discussing ways to further deepen cooperation in trade, innovation, science and technology, skill development and people-to-people ties.

During the meeting, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to working together to reform and strengthen multilateral institutions, including the United Nations. They welcomed the positive momentum generated by the India-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen bilateral partnership. “PM Narendra Modi held



extensive discussions with H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein and H.R.H. Hereditary Princess Sophie at Hyderabad House today.

The leaders reviewed the entire spectrum of India–Liechtenstein relations and discussed ways to further

deepen cooperation in trade and investment, innovation, science and technology, skill development and people-to-people ties,” the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) wrote on X.

“They also reaffirmed their commitment to working to-

gether to reform and strengthen multilateral institutions, including the United Nations. They welcomed the positive momentum generated by the India–EFTA TEPA and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the bilateral partnership,” it added.

Startup India supports more than 2.5 lakh startups, generating over 25.42 lakh jobs: Govt

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on Tuesday said that a series of reforms aimed at reducing regulatory burdens and promoting ease of doing business have helped transform India’s business environment from a permission-based system to a trust-based framework, driving growth in startups, investment, employment and digital service delivery.

According to the Commerce and Industry Ministry, DPIIT has recognised more than 2.5 lakh startups across over 770 districts and 56 sectors, which have collectively generated more than 25.42 lakh jobs.

Nearly 52 per cent of the recognised startups are based in non-metro cities, while 48 per cent have at least one woman director, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said. Government-backed funding initiatives have also expanded significantly. Under the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme, over Rs 775 crore has been approved for more than 4,100 startups through 244 incubators across 32 states and Union Territories.

The Fund of Funds for Startups, managed through SIDBI, has committed over Rs 12,600 crore to alternative investment funds, which in turn have invested more than Rs 28,000 crore in nearly 1,500 startups.

The Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups has sup-

Govt issues notification for first set of GST changes to kick in on Nov 1

The new Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms for post-sale discounts and speeding up provisional refunds for businesses facing inverted duty structures will come into effect from November 1, 2026, as the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has issued the required notifications dated Oct 26.

Simplified rules and credit note provisions that come into effect from next month will make it easier for distributors and retailers to manage discounts.

Businesses facing an inverted duty structure (where GST on inputs is higher than GST on outputs) can claim 90 per cent provisional refunds upfront, subject to risk checks.

In a major relief for small exporters, the previous minimum limit of ₹1,000 for tax-paid export refunds is removed, allowing small courier and postal exporters to claim refunds without a minimum threshold.

As far as intermediary

services are concerned, the “place of supply” for services provided through intermediaries shifts to the location of the service recipient rather than the intermediary, giving Indian service exporters better clarity.

The next set of changes, which involve major structural and procedural reforms requiring formal legislative amendments to the GST laws, are targeted for implementation on April 1, 2027.

The decisions stem from the 57th GST Council

meeting held on October 8, 2026, in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The meeting concentrated on process and structural reforms to cut taxpayer compliance burden, smooth the flow of input tax credit (ITC), and speed up refunds.

The rollout of these GST reforms will happen in stages based on the system upgrades needed, a senior official said.

Automated sanctioning of refunds will begin after November 1, where applicable. This applies only to future refund claims, not to those already pending. The focus is on faster processing once the systems are ready.

Measures that require amendments to the Central and state GST laws will take effect after the necessary legislative steps.

Notably, the Council has set April 1, 2027, as the target date.

These include changes to arrest provisions, rationalisation of prosecution thresholds,

modifications to e-way bill rules, and a minimum threshold of ₹10,000 for issuing show-cause notices.

A senior official clarified that arrests already made will not be affected by the new rules.

The Council has decided to remove certain arrest provisions from the law, but these changes will apply only from April 1, 2027. The department is examining interim guidance through instructions, though no final decision has been taken yet.

Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana taking care of India’s senior citizens

India’s elderly population is projected to reach 23 crore by 2036, underscoring the growing need for a comprehensive support system for senior citizens. The Government’s Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) seeks to address this demographic shift by strengthening institutional mechanisms and promoting community-based support, enabling older persons to lead dignified, fulfilling and meaningful lives, according to an official factsheet released on Tuesday.

The government has released Rs 77.98 crore as grant-in-aid to 755 projects under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPScC) component of AVYAY for the

quarter ending September 30, 2026 during the financial year 2026–27.

The Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) operates through a set of integrated components designed to address the diverse needs of senior citizens. Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPScC) serves as the primary implementation arm, providing grants-in-aid directly to non-governmental organisations (NGOs), Panchayati Raj Institutions, and local bodies to run and maintain old age homes, continuous care homes, mobile medical units, physiotherapy clinics, and regional resource and training centres.

At present, 764 senior citizen homes, 13 continuous care



homes, 17 mobile medicare units (MMUs), and 3 physiotherapy clinics are being supported under IPScC.

Here, MMUs and physiotherapy clinics represent ongoing projects, as the scheme’s current expansion focus is primarily on establishing and maintaining senior citizen homes to ensure shelter for indigent seniors, the factsheet states.

The State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPScC) focuses on state-level strategy and capacity building. It provides grants to State and Union Territory governments to create a pool of trained geriatric caregivers, conduct special cataract surgery drives, and implement other state-specific

Apple ‘iPhone 18 Pro’ series posts 3.1 pc growth in first 3 weeks globally: Report

Apple’s iPhone 18 Pro series recorded 3.1 per cent year-on-year sales growth globally during the first three weeks after launch, according to a report released on Tuesday.

As per analysis by Counterpoint Research, global sales of the iPhone 18 Pro and Pro Max rose 3.1 per cent from a year earlier during the three weeks following the devices’ September release.

However, the new series sales have outperformed the iPhone 17 Pro series over the same period last year, it added.

The report attributed the increase to improved early supply compared with last year’s launch and higher prices for competing flagship smartphones from Chinese Android

manufacturers. The contribution from China masked weaker performance elsewhere. Moreover, sales declined year-on-year in the United States and Japan where higher prices weighed on demand.

The report further showed China contributed growth of 29 per cent year-on-year. In the US, consumers have not viewed the latest models as offering significant improvements in features or design over their predecessors, it added.

In Japan, a weaker exchange rate amplified price increases, contributing to softer demand.

The iPhone 18 Pro Max accounted for 56 per cent of total iPhone 18 Pro series sales during the launch period, down

Microsoft offers voluntary exits to staff in India, US as AI spending bites

Microsoft has opened a voluntary exit programme for employees in India, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, in a move that reports say could reach about 60,000 workers as the technology giant balances a costly artificial intelligence buildout against its payroll.

The company announced the Voluntary Exit Offer (VEO) on Monday in a message to employees from Amy Coleman, Executive Vice President and Chief People Officer, which Microsoft published on its official blog. “This offer will be available to eligible employees in participating teams in Canada, India, the United Kingdom and the United States at level 70 and below,” Coleman wrote. “This is a time-limited, voluntary program that gives those who are eligible the opportunity to leave Microsoft with financial support and career planning resources,” she said.

Microsoft did not give a figure for the number of eligible employees in its announcement. CNBC, citing a person familiar with the matter, reported that around 60,000 people are eligible, or about 27 per cent of the company’s workforce of about 223,000.

Microsoft also did not say how many of the eligible staff are in India, where it runs large engineering and support operations.

Not every team is taking part. “Some organisations are providing the Voluntary Exit Offer, and some are not. Participation varies based on



each business’s priorities, customer commitments and workforce needs,” Coleman wrote.

The Verge, citing people familiar with the situation, reported that teams including Copilot, CoreAI, Windows and Devices, Xbox, finance and human resources are taking part, while marketing, commercial business, quantum and security teams are not.

According to CNBC, employees must decide on the offer in December, and those who accept will leave the company on December 31.

Coleman said the programme builds on the company’s Voluntary Retirement Program offered earlier this year, which was limited to a smaller group of long-serving US employees.

“The Voluntary Exit Offer is new for us. We’ll learn from it,” she wrote. “There is no one-size-fits-all approach for every team or every employ-

India’s green hydrogen sector eyes up to 200 billion investment through 2030

India’s ambitions to become a major producer of green hydrogen will be supported by investments of \$180 billion-\$200 billion through 2030, a report said on Tuesday.

High production costs, limited commissioned capacity, infrastructure gaps and evolving international certification requirements remain significant barriers to large-scale adoption, the report from CARE ESG Ratings Limited said.

Green hydrogen is increasingly being viewed not only as a decarbonisation tool but it is

also linked to export competitiveness, energy security and India’s ability to establish itself as a competitive producer of low-carbon industrial materials.

The report highlighted that sectors such as steel, fertilisers, refining and chemicals could benefit from green hydrogen push.

Indian steel exporters could face estimated costs of \$70–190 per metric tonne on EU-bound shipments, potentially exceeding \$270 per metric tonne where default emissions values apply.

The urgency is underscored

by the European Union’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which could impose carbon-linked costs on exports of emissions-intensive products.

“India’s green hydrogen ambitions must translate into commercially viable projects, supported by reliable offtake agreements, competitive production costs and robust infrastructure,” said Nikunj Dube, Chief Ratings Officer at CareEdge-ESG. Green hydrogen currently costs nearly Rs 350–450 per kg, compared with Rs 160–200 per kg

for conventional grey hydrogen.

Costs could decline to around \$2.4 per kg by 2030 as renewable electricity becomes more competitive, electrolyser costs fall and projects scale up. Until then, adoption will depend partly on policy support, carbon pricing and assured industrial demand.

India consumes approximately 17–19 million metric tonnes of ammonia annually, primarily produced using natural gas. Green ammonia could reduce fossil-fuel import dependence and emissions.



Abhishek's 38-ball ton powers India to series win

IANs News
WELLINGTON, Oct 27

Abhishek Sharma smashed a sensational 113 off 38 balls as India crushed New Zealand by six wickets in the third T20I on Tuesday to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series.

Chasing 199, India reached the target in just 13.2 overs, with Vaibhav Sooryavanshi contributing a blistering 45 off 19 balls. The opening pair launched a stunning assault, helping India score a world-record 118 without loss in the powerplay, surpassing Romania's previous record of 116/0.

Abhishek's fourth T20I century was his 11th in T20 cricket, taking him past Virat Kohli's 10 cen-

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turies among Indian players. Only Chris Gayle (22) and Babar Azam (13) have scored more T20 centuries.

Despite losing four wickets, India maintained their aggressive approach and completed the chase comfortably. Earlier, Daryl Mitchell struck an unbeaten 89 off 52 balls

to guide New Zealand to 198/3.

India's bowlers tightened their grip in the final seven overs, conceding just 63 runs and preventing the hosts from crossing the 200-run mark. The victory gave India a commanding series lead with two matches remaining.

Mandaviya, Delhi L-G inaugurate University Sports Cup 2026

IANs News
NEW DELHI, Oct 27

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Delhi Lieutenant Governor T.S. Sandhu on Tuesday inaugurated the DDA-University Sports Cup 2026 at Roshanara Club to nurture sporting talent among college students.

The inaugural event will feature 10 universities competing in five team sports, providing young athletes a platform to showcase their abilities and promote teamwork, discipline and healthy

competition.

Sandhu said the initiative aimed to strengthen Delhi's sporting culture and encourage young people to pursue excellence. He urged participants to compete with passion and integrity, highlighting the role of sports in building resilience and unity.

The initiative aligns with the broader push to strengthen sports infrastructure and harness youth potential. Sandhu had unveiled the tournament's curtain-raiser poster and video on October 23.



Anahat Singh storms into Canadian Open quarterfinals

IANs News
Toronto, Oct 27

India's Anahat Singh advanced to the quarterfinals of the Canadian Women's Open after defeating England's Saran Nghiem in four games at the PSA Silver-level tournament.

The 18-year-old world No. 15 and sixth seed defeated her world No. 52 opponent 11-6, 4-11, 11-5, 11-7 in the second round of the USD 103,750 event.

Anahat, the reigning world junior champion, will next face top seed and world No. 7 Egypt's Fayrouz Aboelkheir for a place in the semifinals.

The Indian continued her impressive run after reaching her maiden PSA Gold-level semifinal at the Silicon Valley Open last week, where she lost to Malaysia's Sivasangari Subramaniam.

Meanwhile, India's Veer Chotrani bowed out of the men's Canada Cup after losing 7-11, 7-11, 6-11 to England's Mohamed ElShorbagy in the second round.



IOA welcomes Amdavad hosting 2029 IWF World Championships



IANs News
NEW DELHI, Oct 27

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has welcomed Amdavad's selection as host of the 2029 International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) World Championships, marking the first time India will stage the global

event.

The IWF Executive Board confirmed the decision on October 25 in Ningbo, China. The announcement follows Gandhinagar hosting the Asian Weightlifting Championships earlier this year and comes ahead of Amdavad staging the 2030 Commonwealth

Games.

IOA president P.T. Usha described the decision as a proud moment for Indian sport, expressing hope that the championship would inspire more youngsters to take up weightlifting. She cited Olympic medallist and world champion Mirabai Chanu as an inspiration

for aspiring athletes.

Indian Weightlifting Federation president Sahdev Yadav said the event would help strengthen the sport nationally and give Indian lifters an opportunity to compete before a home crowd. India has won 18 medals, including three world titles, at the World Championships.

UP Warriorz eye major squad overhaul at WPL auction

146 players to go under hammer in Kochi, with 27 slots available across five teams

IANs News
NEW DELHI, Oct 27

UP Warriorz will lead the rebuilding drive at the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2027 auction in Kochi on Wednesday, with eight slots to fill and a remaining purse of Rs 3.75 crore. A total of 146 players will go under the hammer for 27 available slots across five franchises.

Indian players G Kamalini, Sneha Rana and Sushma Verma, along with Australian stars Grace Harris, Jess Jonassen and Sophie Molineux, are expected to attract interest. Mumbai Indians have

six slots available but only Rs 90 lakh remaining, while defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru will look to strengthen their bench.

Delhi Capitals and Gujarat Giants are also expected to target specific requirements while retaining their core squads. The auction comes ahead of the fifth WPL season, scheduled from January 14 to February 7, 2027.

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana highlighted the league's role in developing young talent, saying the responsibility now lies with the team management to turn emerging



players into match-winners for India.

Former India cricketer Veda Krishnamurthy expects Indian wicketkeepers to attract significant attention, with several fran-

chises seeking to strengthen their options behind the stumps. She stressed the importance of identifying multiple alternatives for each role as bidding strategies can change quickly.

Para-cyclist Arshad Shaikh recovering after surgery in Japan



IANs News
NEW DELHI, Oct 27

Indian para-cyclist Arshad Shaikh is recovering after undergoing surgery for a displaced fracture of his left femur sustained in a crash during the men's time trial at the Asian Para Games in Japan last Wednesday.

The 2024 Paris Paralympian is receiving treatment at Chutoen General Medical Center in Shizuoka Prefecture. Shaikh, an above-knee amputee, injured his pre-

viously operated residual limb in the accident.

Indian Ambassador to Japan Nagma Mohammed Mallick visited him on Monday and assured him of the embassy's assistance until he is medically cleared to return home.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India are coordinating with the embassy to ensure that Shaikh receives the necessary medical care and support during his recovery. He was India's sole representative in para-cycling at the Games.

Lamine Yamal wins Young Talent award for third straight year

IANs News
LONDON, Oct 27

Barcelona and Spain forward Lamine Yamal has won the Young Talent of the Year award for the third consecutive year at the 2026 Ballon d'Or ceremony, extending his record in the category.

The 19-year-old finished third in the Ballon d'Or voting, behind winner Harry Kane and runner-up Kylian Mbappe. Ukrainian legend Andriy Shevchenko presented him with the award.

Yamal thanked Barcelona, the Spanish national team and his sup-



porters, while also praising teammate Pau Cubarsi, saying he deserved recognition for his performances.

Yamal played a key role in Barcelona's 2025-26 campaign, scoring 24 goals and providing 18

assists in 45 appearances as the club won La Liga and the Spanish Super Cup. He also claimed La Liga's Best Player award after registering 16 goals and 11 assists in the competition.-

Kompany Improving, but Recovery Uncertain: Danks

IANs News
Munich, Oct 27

Bayern Munich head coach Vincent Kompany is improving after collapsing during a training session, but there is no definitive prognosis on his recovery, assistant coach Aaron Danks said.

Kompany, who was battling a viral infection, received medical attention on Friday and remains under medical care following hospital examinations. Danks said the coach was in good spirits and being given sufficient time to recover, with the coaching staff overseeing team activities in his absence.

Danks added that Manuel Neuer and Jamal Musiala were unlikely to return immediately, while Minjae Kim and Aleksandar Pavlovic were closer to regaining fitness.

FC Goa aim to regain momentum against Sporting Delhi



IANs News
MARGAO, Oct 27

FC Goa will look to return to winning ways when they host Sporting Club Delhi in the Indian Super League 2026-27 on Wednesday, with the visitors seeking their first points after two successive defeats.

Goa drew 1-1 with Chennaiyin FC in their only league outing so far and will aim to regain momentum following their AFC Challenge League exit. Head coach Gouramangi Singh stressed the need for intensity and concentration, saying the team wanted to begin its return to domestic action with a win.

Forward Christian 'Chiki' Borrego, who has scored in his last four matches across competitions, said team victories mattered more to him than individual goals.

Sporting Delhi have suffered narrow defeats against Bengaluru FC and Mohun Bagan Super Giant despite taking the lead in both matches. Coach Tomasz Thorez praised his side's performances, while defender Clarence Fernandes stressed the need to protect leads. Goa won the teams' previous meeting 1-0 in February. Bob Jackson Raj is expected to be available for the hosts, while Harsh Patre and Aakash Sangwan remain sidelined.

Smriti loses No. 1 ODI ranking, Harmanpreet and Deepti rise

IANs News
DUBAI, Oct 27

India opener Smriti Mandhana has lost her No. 1 position in the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings, with South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt reclaiming the top spot following Mandhana's modest returns against Zimbabwe.

Mandhana scored 32 and a duck in India's first two ODIs, while the hosts sealed the three-match series by winning both games.

Former India captain Harmanpreet Kaur climbed two places to eighth, while Deepti



Sharma rose four spots to 23rd among ODI batters after both scored centuries in the second match.

Deepti also moved up to fourth among ODI all-rounders and eighth among bowlers. Pacer Kranti Gaud climbed to 25th, while Pratika Rawal rose seven places to a career-best 21st in the batting rankings.

In the T20I rankings, Shafali Verma moved to third and Mandhana to fourth among batters. Zimbabwe players Modester Mupachikwa, Chipso Mugeritipano and Beloved Biza also improved their ODI batting positions.

HC halts BFI meeting called by suspended Secretary General

IANs News
NEW DELHI, Oct 27

The Haryana High Court on Tuesday directed suspended Boxing Federation of India (BFI) Secretary General Pramod Kumar to keep the General Body meeting scheduled for October 28 in abeyance until the next hearing on

November 13.

The order came on a petition filed by BFI president Ajay Singh challenging an October 8 notice proposing a no-confidence motion against him. Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya issued notice of motion for November 13.

Singh contended that the BFI constitution requires a three-

fourths majority of General Body members to remove the president through a no-confidence motion. He also argued that a Special General Meeting can be convened only by the president or following a request from two-thirds of the Executive Committee members.

World Boxing, the sport's

global governing body, had also stressed in an October 23 email that meetings of national federations must comply with their respective constitutions.

The BFI urged members to abide by the constitution and the court's directions, stressing that the focus should remain on developing Indian boxing and achieving Olympic success.

Ponnam sets Dec 9 deadline for sewing machine distribution



NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

Minister for Transport and Backward Classes Welfare Ponnab Prabhakar on Tuesday directed officials to formulate an action plan to distribute sewing machines to beneficiaries on December 9. He instructed the department to expedite the tendering process and complete all administrative formalities to ensure the scheme is implemented without delay.

The Minister issued the directions during a comprehensive review meeting on the functioning of the BC Welfare department at the Secretariat. The discussions covered the implementation of welfare schemes, infrastructure in residential schools, the construction of Self-Respect (Atma Gaurava) buildings, skill development training for unemployed youth, and self-employment initiatives for BC communities.

Reviewing the flagship Indiramma Sewing Machines for Every Household scheme launched to enhance self-employment opportunities for BC women, Ponnab Prabhakar noted that the initiative has received an overwhelmingly positive response, drawing approximately 4.80 lakh applications.

Under the planned initial phase, 1.90 lakh women will benefit from the scheme, covering 1,000 selected beneficiaries from each Assembly constituency across the state.

DGP reviews arrangements for All India Police T20 Tournament



Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 27

The third All India Police T20 Cricket Tournament 2026-27 (Men) will be held in Hyderabad from December 10 to 21, with around 35 teams from across the country participating.

DGP C.V. Anand reviewed the arrangements with officials on Tuesday and directed them to ensure the smooth conduct of the national-level tournament. Six main cricket grounds and two reserve venues have been identified in Azeez Nagar of Moinabad mandal. Accommodation for players will be arranged at the Telangana Police Academy.

The DGP reviewed arrangements for transport, food, accommodation, security, media publicity and match coordination. Several committees have been formed to oversee administration, technical operations, finances and other responsibilities.

Bhatti calls for scientific research to preserve India's Ayurvedic heritage

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has called for preserving India's rich Ayurvedic heritage while according greater importance to scientific research, observing that health is the greatest wealth in human life.

Speaking at the Dhanvantari Maha Yagam held at Sri Dhanvantari Temple in Kanakkoor, Kerala, on Tuesday, he highlighted the importance of health protection, Ayurveda, public health and social responsibility.

Bhatti Vikramarka said good health meant more than merely being free from disease. Physical well-being, mental peace, emotional stability and a fulfill-

ing life were equally important components of overall health.

He urged people to give greater priority to their health and well-being to cope with the growing stress associated with today's fast-paced lifestyle.

The Deputy Chief Minister said Ayurveda held a special place in India's medical heritage, while Kerala had earned national and international recognition for its traditional knowledge of medicinal plants and specialised treatment practices.

He observed that the 11-day Dhanvantari Maha Yagam being conducted at the temple would help highlight the importance of health and showcase the richness of India's traditional medical systems.



Owaisi diverting focus from 'vote chori' campaign: Cong leader

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 27

Congress leader Mohammed Waliullah Sameer on Tuesday accused AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi of diverting Muslim voters' attention from Rahul Gandhi's campaign against alleged "vote chori" by advocating separate Muslim political leadership in Uttar Pradesh.

Citing the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, Sameer claimed AIMIM's vote share may have influenced outcomes in closely contested constituencies by dividing



Opposition votes. He said Muslim political representation was important but cautioned against weakening broader Opposition unity ahead of the 2027 elections.

Sameer urged Owaisi to clarify whether AIMIM's strategy was aimed at defeating the BJP or expanding its own political base at the expense of other Opposition parties.

KTR Blames Revanth Govt For Telangana Drought

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday accused the Congress government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, of causing the drought conditions in Telangana through its failure to utilise available irrigation water.

Addressing leaders and activists from the BJP and Congress who joined the BRS from Nirmal district at Telangana Bhavan here, KTR questioned why the agricultural fields were drying up despite water flowing in the Godavari and Krishna rivers.



He alleged that the government's failure to operate the Kannepalli pump house and utilise the Kaleshwaram and Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation projects had deprived farmers of irrigation water. He accused Revanth Reddy of prioritising political considerations over farmers' interests and criticised the government for failing to make effective use of the state's water resources.

While the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh government is diverting and using the river water, the Congress government is releasing the water into the sea, he remarked.

KTR also questioned the government's preparedness despite weather warnings and contrasted Telangana's water management with that of neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. He demanded the immediate operation of irrigation pumps to protect standing crops and predicted that farmers would give the Congress government a fitting response for its handling of the drought.

Explosion-Like Sound Sparks Panic in City

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 27

A loud explosion-like sound heard around 9.15 am on Tuesday triggered panic in Rajendranagar, Attapur, Langar House and nearby areas. Residents reported brief ground tremors and rushed out of their homes fearing an explosion or earthquake.

Police launched an inquiry to identify the source of the sound, which remained unknown. The incident sparked widespread confusion, with residents seeking clarity on what had caused the unusual noise.

Three Apprehended in Sexual Assault Case

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 27

Kanchanbagh police apprehended three men in a sexual assault case involving an 18-year-old woman who alleged repeated assaults, wrongful confinement and criminal intimidation.

The woman alleged that Mohammed Fayaz brought her to Hyderabad in May on a promise of marriage and later left her confined in a rented house at Hafeez Baba Nagar, where three associates allegedly assaulted her on different occasions.

The case came to light on October 23 after the house owner broke open the lock over pending rent. The woman lodged a police complaint on October 26.

Police apprehended Noor Kamal, Ahmad Mujeeb and Zia-ur-Rehman alias Ibrahim. They are being produced before a magistrate for judicial remand. Fayaz is also named as an accused.



Anil Kumar Yadav urges youth to shun intoxicants, embrace sports

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

Rajya Sabha Congress MP M. Anil Kumar Yadav has urged youth and students to shun intoxicants and embrace sports, exercise and fitness to lead healthier lives.

He called upon people to actively participate in the Telangana Sports department's 'Khelo Telangana' programme, launched in line with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's vision of promoting a fitter society. He also appreciated the department's efforts to raise awareness about sports and physical well-being.

As part of the initiative, Yadav issued a fitness challenge to Ministers Seethakka and D. Sridhar



Babu, as well as youth and students of the Musheerabad Assembly constituency, encouraging them to make fitness a daily priority beyond political affiliations.

Burglars steal 48 tolas of gold, 1.5 kg silver and Rs. 3.5 lakh in Uppal

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 26

Burglars allegedly decamped with around 48 tolas of gold, 1.5 kg of silver and Rs. 3.5 lakh in cash from a house in New Bharat Nagar in Uppal, Hyderabad.

According to the police, the house owners, Gangam Bhaskar Reddy and his wife, Balamani, left for Komuravelli on Monday afternoon.

On Tuesday morning, their domestic help arrived at the house and found the doors open. She immediately alerted the neighbours, who inspected the premises and discovered the theft.

Bhaskar Reddy returned home after being informed of the incident and subsequently lodged a complaint with the Uppal police, reporting the theft of gold, silver and cash.

The police registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.

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Balka Suman Slams Revanth Over Tummididi Hatti Talks

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

Former MLA Balka Suman accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of diverting attention from farmers' problems through talks with Maharashtra on the proposed Tummididi Hatti barrage.

Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, Suman alleged that farmers were facing water

and power shortages and demanded the release of the project's detailed project report. He also questioned delays in irrigation projects, including the Palamuru-Rangareddy scheme, and criticised notices issued to seed dealers and farmers over paddy seeds. He accused the Congress government of failing to address the drought situation in Telangana.

Custard Apple Craze Soars As Prices Climb Across Telangana

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

Custard apples are in high demand across Telangana with the onset of winter, despite rising prices and a decline in seasonal yields.

The seasonal fruit, prized for its taste and nutritional value, is selling at Rs.100 to Rs.150 per kg in local markets. In Hyderabad, individual fruits cost between Rs.30 and Rs.50, depending on

size and quality, putting them beyond the reach of many ordinary consumers.

Vendors are sourcing large 10 this season, causing flowers to wither and premature fruit drop. In addition, the wild monkey raids on orchards in districts like Mahabubnagar and Jagtial have exacerbated the shortage, destroying crops before farmers can harvest them.

According to traders, the

shortage has forced the markets like Hyderabad to heavily rely on imports from Maharashtra and Karnataka. Meanwhile, Telangana's indigenous variety, the Balanagar custard apple, is currently seeking a Geographical Indication (GI) tag to preserve and protect its local farming heritage.

Custard apples contain dietary fibre, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, including vitamin C, potassium, calcium and magnesium. The fruit may support digestive health and contribute to bone health as part of a balanced diet.



Ripe custard apples generally develop a lighter green or yellowish-green colour, while dark green fruits are often unripe. With demand remaining strong and supplies under pressure, prices continue to weigh on consumers even as the seasonal fruit enjoys considerable popularity.

BJP to hold Maha Padayatra in Hyderabad on Nov. 2

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

The Telangana BJP will organise a 'Maha Padayatra' on November 2 to counter what it calls misinformation by the Congress and INDIA bloc over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will attend. BJP state president N. Ramachandra Rao said the march would begin at 4 pm from the Swami Vivekananda statue on Tank Bund and conclude at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue under the slogan "Let's Save Democracy! Let's End Anarchism!" Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, MoS Bandi Sanjay Kumar, BJP Legislature Party leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy and other party leaders are expected to participate. Rao urged party workers and the public to join the march.

CPI Opposes Ticket Price Hike for 'Adarsha Kutumbam'

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 27

The CPI condemned the Telangana government's approval of a ticket price hike for Venkatesh-starrer 'Adarsha Kutumbam', with leader Narayana arguing that producers must bear their own costs rather than burden moviegoers.