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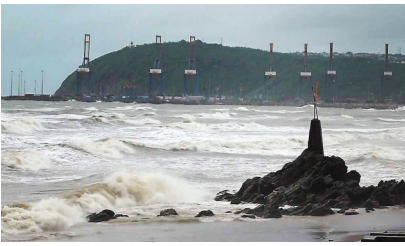


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Telangana Offers Power Restoration Aid to Cyclone-Hit Andhra

Cyclone Arnab kills four, damages crops across 2.24 lakh hectares



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Telangana has offered personnel and equipment to help Andhra Pradesh restore electricity in cyclone-hit areas after Cyclone Arnab claimed four lives and caused extensive damage to crops and infrastructure.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhathi Vikramarka assured Andhra Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar of Telangana's support during a phone call on Wednesday. Around 15,000 electricity poles were damaged, while crops across 2.24 lakh hectares belonging to 3.45 lakh farmers in 14 districts were affected.

- Four deaths reported: Rs 5 lakh compensation announced for each family.
- Crops across 2.24 lakh hectares affected in 14 districts.
- Around 15,000 electricity poles damaged.
- Telangana offered manpower and equipment for power restoration.
- About 34,000 personnel engaged in relief and restoration work.

Andhra Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said power had been restored in most areas, with disruptions continuing in parts of Konaseema and West Godavari. About 34,000 personnel were engaged in restoration work. Naidu announced ₹5 lakh compensation for each deceased person's family and relief for affected households.

The cyclone crossed the coast with winds of 125-135 kmph, gusting up to 150 kmph, before weakening. Authorities urged residents to remain alert as further heavy rain was forecast.

Revanth Orders Mandatory Use of Treated Water in Greater Hyderabad

New norms from November 1; treated water to be used for government offices, roads, parks and construction

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Chief Minister

A. Revanth

Reddy has directed civic authorities to ensure treated water is used for all non-drinking purposes across Greater Hyderabad from November 1.

At a review meeting on sewage treatment plants (STPs), the Chief Minister ordered the use of treated water for landscaping at government offices, road cleaning along the Outer Ring Road, public parks, data centres and railway and Metro Rail facilities. He also directed offi-



cials to make its use mandatory for non-potable purposes a condition for building permits.

Revanth Reddy called for using AI to improve STP operations, appointing a special officer to monitor water quality and integrating all plants with the command and control centre. He also asked officials to introduce a toll-free number, track treated-water tankers, con-

duct public awareness campaigns and empower HYDRAA to monitor STPs.

The Chief Minister urged officials to explore solar power for STP operations and private participation in setting up treatment plants. He directed the Water Board to plan for future demand, closely monitor reservoir levels and ensure an uninterrupted supply of drinking water.

Jamia Condemns Campus Vandalism by Masked Protesters

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 28

Jamia Millia Islamia on Wednesday condemned the October 27 campus vandalism, alleging that protesters damaged gates, walls and CCTV systems using iron rods and hammers. The university said female faculty members, wardens and the provost were threatened when they tried to reason with protesters. Expressing concern over campus safety, it said the vandalism occurred despite repeated attempts at dialogue. Delhi Police and paramilitary forces remain deployed outside the campus.

BRS MLA Sabita Indra Reddy Placed Under House Arrest

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 28

Senior BRS leader and MLA P Sabita Indra Reddy and her son Karthik Reddy were placed under house arrest on Wednesday at their residence in Srinagar Colony by Madhura Nagar police.

Sabita expressed anger over the detention, alleging that police personnel had been deployed at her residence from 4 am without prior notice, despite no call for protests. She criticised the move as an attempt to impose an emergency-like situation in Telangana.

22 Indians, Including 14 Seafarers, Killed in West Asia Conflict: MEA

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 28



India on Wednesday said 22 Indian nationals, including 14 seafarers, had died in the ongoing West Asia conflict, with three deaths reported in Saudi Arabia.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the government remained in close contact with the Indian community in the region and was making efforts to ensure their safety and well-being.

The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia has issued safety advisories, urged Indians to move to safe locations during aerial attacks and warned against filming or sharing information about ongoing events. Embassy officials are also visiting hospitals where injured Indians are being treated and assisting their families.

India has condemned attacks on civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia as unacceptable and expressed solidarity with the country.

MLC Poll Results Pose Challenge to Rahul Gandhi's Opposition Leadership Bid

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 28

The Congress failed to win any of the 28 seats it contested in Legislative Council elections across Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, dealing a setback to its efforts to emerge as the leading force in the anti-BJP Opposition bloc.

Though the elections involved limited electorates of graduates and teachers, the results offered an indication of the parties' organisational strength and support among these sections.

The biggest setback came in Karnataka, where the BJP-JD(S) alliance swept all four seats, despite the Congress being

in power in the state. In Bihar, the Jan Suraj Party defeated sitting Congress MLC Madan Mohan Jha in the Darbhanga Teachers' constituency, while the BJP and its allies won several seats.

In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP and Samajwadi Party dominated the contests, while Maharashtra witnessed a mixed battle between the ruling Mahayuti and Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi alliances.

The results underline the continued influence of regional parties and pose questions about the Congress' ability to lead a united anti-BJP front under Rahul Gandhi, even as the MLC polls do not necessarily reflect broader electoral trends.

Revanth invited to Sadar festivities

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 28

Representatives of the Sri Krishna Sadar Sammelanam Utsav Committee met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his Jubilee Hills residence on Wednesday and invited him to attend the Sadar celebrations scheduled to be held at NTR Stadium on November 4. The committee members thanked the Chief Minister for declaring the Sadar festivities a State festival. Those who attended the meeting included committee chairman and former MP Anjan Kumar Yadav, Rajya Sabha member Anil Kumar Yadav, Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav, Yadadri Temple Board member Eshwaramma Yadav, Medchal DCC president Vajresh Yadav and other leaders.

Telangana Government Transfers 12 Senior IAS Officers

Jayesh Ranjan gets Forests, Vikas Raj Energy in major administrative reshuffle

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 28

The Telangana government on Wednesday transferred 12 senior IAS officers in a major administrative reshuffle, assigning them key departmental portfolios and additional responsibilities.

Jayesh Ranjan has been appointed Special Chief Secretary to the Forests Department, while Vikas Raj takes charge of the Energy Department. Vani Prasad has been posted as Special Chief Secretary to Sports and Naveen Mittal to Panchayat Raj.

Shailaja Ramaiyer has been appointed Principal Secretary to Revenue, while Dana Kishore's ten-

ure as Special Secretary to the Governor has been extended. Rahul Bojja has been given additional charge of Tribal Welfare, and Sarfaraz Ahmad appointed Special Officer for the Core Urban Region.

K. Ilambarithi has been posted as Secretary to Transport, Roads and Buildings, while Shruti Ojha will handle Women and Child Welfare and SC Development as Special Secretary. Musharraf Ali has been appointed Director of Medical and Health.

Jitesh V. Patil, Managing Director of SPDCL, has also been given additional charge as Vice-Chairman of TG REDCO.

Adani Enterprises Q2 Revenue Jumps 74% to Rs 38,023 Cr

IANs News Ahmedabad, Oct 28

Adani Enterprises Ltd, the Adani Group's flagship company, reported a 74 per cent year-on-year jump in consolidated revenue to ₹38,023 crore in Q2 FY27.

EBITDA rose 62 per cent to ₹6,316 crore, while continuing profit before tax surged 146 per cent to ₹2,002 crore. For the first half of FY27, revenue grew 62 per cent to ₹71,569 crore and EBITDA increased 56 per cent to ₹11,958 crore.

Growth was supported by the ramp-up of its copper business, which recorded a 5.2-fold increase in sales volumes during the first half. The company also expanded solar module capacity to 10 GW and secured a 240 MW hyperscale order for its Navi Mumbai data centre.

US Asks Gulf Nations to Prepare for Possible Iran Strike After Midterms

IANs News Washington, Oct 28

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

The US and Israel are reportedly preparing for fresh military operations, with American forces replenishing ammunition stocks and bombers and fighter jets being readied for potential strikes. Israel has also identified targets for a possible attack, the report said.

US President Donald Trump has not made a final decision but is leaning towards strikes on Iranian infrastructure and nuclear

ED Attaches Jauhar University Assets Worth Rs 426.46 Crore

IANs News Lucknow, Oct 28

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached land and buildings of Mohammad Ali Jauhar University in Uttar Pradesh's Rampur district, valued at ₹426.46 crore, in a money laundering case involving Samajwadi Party leader Mohammad Azam Khan and the Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust.

The agency estimated the attached assets' market value at around ₹1,170 crore. The probe stems from 26 FIRs alleging forcible acquisition of farmers' land for the university. The ED also alleged that nearly 34 acres of enemy property had been occupied despite cancellation of its lease. The land has since



been recovered by the authorities.

The agency claimed that public funds meant for government projects were diverted to the university and contractors routed money back to the trust as donations. It also alleged that construction materials meant for public works were used on the campus. The ED is investigating 28 additional FIRs involving allegations of house demolitions and diversion of public project materials.

A district valuation put the campus, comprising 59 buildings and land acquired through 114

sale deeds, at ₹499.09 crore. However, the trust reportedly declared capital expenditure of ₹78.32 crore, while the ED said

only ₹72.63 crore could be traced to legitimate sources, leaving ₹426.46 crore as alleged proceeds of crime.

The agency also cited alleged use of ₹6.60 crore in MLA and MLC local area development funds for campus works and government sanctions worth ₹23.41 crore for infrastructure on the private premises.

Searches conducted at the university and related locations on August 19 resulted in the seizure of electronic devices and documents. Further investigation is underway.

At Least 46 Killed as Two High-Speed Trains Collide in Spain

IANs News Madrid, Oct 28

At least 46 people were reportedly killed after two high-speed trains collided in Spain's Toledo province on Wednesday, with fears that the death toll could rise further. The accident involved a Renfe AVE service and a private Iryo train near Urda. The trains were carrying around 544 passengers, according to regional government officials. Initial reports suggested that the AVE train may have struck the Iryo train from behind, causing two carriages to derail. The cause of the collision has not been confirmed.

Emergency services deployed firefighters, Civil Protection teams and medical helicopters to rescue survivors and assist the injured. Iryo and Renfe activated emergency protocols and coordinated with authorities.

High-speed rail services between Madrid and Andalusia were suspended following the accident, with no immediate estimate for their resumption.





TELANGANA TARGETS DRUG-FREE STATUS BY 2029: GOVERNOR SHUKLA

Hyderabad, Oct 28: NSS

Telangana Governor Sri Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday called for a state-wide movement against drug abuse, setting a target of making the State drug-free by 2029. Addressing a Nasha Mukti Bharat awareness programme organised by the Telangana branch of the Indian Red Cross Society and Osmania University's NSS Cell here at Tagore Auditorium, the Governor urged students and youth to shun drugs and con-



tribute to building a healthy society. He announced a 60-day anti-drug awareness campaign from November 14 to January 12, calling on educational institutions to organise rallies, seminars, counselling sessions and exhibitions. He also

proposed making anti-drug pledges mandatory at the time of admission to schools and colleges.

CII Calls for AI-Driven, Sustainable Manufacturing in India

Hyderabad, Oct 28: Munsif Desk

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised the National Conference on Advanced Manufacturing in Hyderabad on Tuesday, bringing together more than 200 industry leaders, technology experts and policymakers from across India to discuss the future of manufacturing through artificial intelligence (AI), automation, innovation, localisation and advanced skills.

The conference empha-

sised the need for India to move beyond manufacturing scale towards greater domestic value addition, design-led innovation, technology ownership and globally competitive industrial ecosystems. Speakers highlighted the role of AI, robotics, Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), digital twins and automation in improving productivity, strengthening supply chains and enhancing export competitiveness.

Addressing the inaugu-

ral session, Navin Mittal, Special Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary, Energy, Government of Telangana, highlighted opportunities at the intersection of advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, energy storage, electric mobility and data centres. He stressed the need to strengthen domestic manufacturing across the solar value chain and develop energy-storage capabilities while leveraging AI, IIoT, digital twins and robotics to improve operational efficiency.

Nizamabad CP Meets National ST Commission Member

Nizamabad, Oct 28 Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, met Jatothu Hussain Naik, Member of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), at the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) on Wednesday during his visit to the district. The Police Commissioner extended a cordial welcome to the commission member by presenting him with a potted plant.

State CIC Urges Officials to Know RTI Act Provisions

Nizamabad, Oct 28: Munsif Desk

State Chief Information Commissioner Dr. G. Chandrasekhar Reddy has stressed that Appellate Authorities, Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Assistant Public Information Officers (APIOs) must have a thorough understanding of the provisions of the Right to Information (RTI) Act to ensure its effective implementation.

Dr. Chandrasekhar Reddy participated in an awareness programme on the RTI Act for Appellate Authorities, PIOs and APIOs at the meeting hall of the Integrated District



Collectorate in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district on Wednesday.

The programme was attended by State Information Commissioners P. V. Srinivasa Rao, Mosin Parveen, Desala Bhupal, Bo Reddy Ayodhya Reddy and Vaishnavi

Merla; District Collector K. Haritha; Additional Collectors Yuvraj Marmat and M. David; Additional Superintendent of Police Chittaranjan; and Kagaznagar Sub-Collector Harsha Choudhary.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Chandrasekhar

Reddy said officials could provide information to RTI applicants within the prescribed time limit only if they had a clear understanding of the Act's provisions.

He emphasised the need to ensure transparency and simplicity in the process of furnishing information.

Pregnant Woman and Unborn Twins Die During Treatment at Adilabad RIMS; Family Seeks Justice

Adilabad, Oct 28: Munsif Desk

A tragic incident has come to light at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Hospital in Adilabad, where an eight-month pregnant woman, B. Sunitha, and her unborn twins died during treatment. Responding to the incident, District Collector Rajarshi Shah assured the bereaved family of a high-level inquiry, government support and financial assistance.

Following the incident, Durgam Shekhar, Vice-Chairman of the Telangana Pradesh Congress

Committee (TPCC) SC Department, along with the victim's family members and Dalit activists, met District Collector Rajarshi Shah and submitted a memorandum seeking justice. The victim's family alleged that the deaths occurred due to negligence on the part of the doctors and medical staff on duty. Expressing deep anguish over the incident, Durgam Shekhar said that the loss of a mother and her two unborn children due to alleged medical negligence and mismanagement was deeply distressing and unacceptable.

Conveying his condolences to the bereaved family, the District Collector assured them of full government support. He said that orders had been issued for a comprehensive and transparent inquiry into the incident. He further assured that strict legal and disciplinary action would be taken against the doctors and staff found guilty, based on the inquiry report.

The Collector also announced that steps would be taken to provide a house to the affected family under a government scheme. In addition, he said he would immediately recommend

to the higher state-level authorities that the government bear the entire educational expenses of the deceased woman's eight-year-old daughter.

Expressing gratitude for the Collector's prompt response and assurances, TPCC SC Department Vice-Chairman Durgam Shekhar, Dalit JAC President Kamble Pragyan Sheel, PSSO leader Jadi Venkatesh, Borkar Raj Kumar, Jadi Rajeshwar, Bandari Poshanna and others thanked Collector Rajarshi Shah for his support and assurances of a thorough inquiry.

Collector Urges Rice Traders to Control Prices, Warns of Strict Action Against Hoarding

Kazipet/Dornakal, Oct 28: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

District Collector Nizamabad Ila Tripathi instructed rice millers, rice traders and merchants to cooperate with the district administration to keep rice prices under control. She made it clear that complete transparency should be maintained in matters of rice stocks, supply and sale. She warned that strict action will be taken against those who try to increase rice prices by creating artificial shortage or resort to illegal hoarding. She clarified that there will be no hesitation in cancelling the licences of traders who violate the rules.

On Wednesday, the Collector held a meeting with rice millers and traders at the Integrated District Offices Complex. In the



meeting, issues including rice prices in the open market, their purchase and sale, and details of procurement and stock of Sanna rice (fine rice) were discussed.

On this occasion, the Collector said that rice is an essential item of daily need for the public, therefore everyone should work responsibly so that rice is available to the public at reasonable prices. She directed the officials to keep a con-

tinuous watch on the availability of rice in the market and the price situation, conduct surprise inspections and ensure that no hindrance is caused in the purchase and sale of rice.

The Collector clarified that actions like showing shortage despite availability of rice stocks, deliberately reducing supply and trying to artificially increase prices will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

CCS ACP Srisailam Conducts Counselling for Transgender Persons in Nizamabad

Nizamabad, Oct 28: Munsif Desk

CCS ACP Srisailam conducted a counselling session for transgender persons from Nizamabad district at the CCS Police Station on Wednesday, following the directions of Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS.

During the session, ACP Srisailam advised transgender persons to maintain

peace, avoid causing inconvenience to the public and refrain from any unlawful activities.

He emphasised that everyone should strive to live with dignity and mutual respect in society.

The ACP also enquired in detail about the personal and social problems faced by transgender persons and advised them to approach the appropriate authorities

and support services to resolve their issues. He urged them not to lose hope when facing difficulties and to seek legal assistance whenever necessary to lead a dignified life.

He further advised transgender persons facing problems or difficulties to contact the toll-free helpline 14427 for assistance.

The ACP said the primary objective of the coun-

Sanitary Napkins Distributed to Girls Under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Programme

Siddipet, October 27: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

Sanitary napkins were distributed to girl students at Urban Project Dharmapuri Hills Girls' Minority Residential Schools (Girls-2 and Girls-3) under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme organised by the District Women Empowerment Centre.

The programme was conducted under the aegis of the Women, Child, Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare Department.



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MLC Dande Vittal Demands CEC's Resignation Over Vote Theft Allegations

Kagaznagar, Oct 28: Munsif Desk

MLC Dande Vittal, representing the erstwhile Adilabad district, participated in the Vote Bachao – Desh Bachao and Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan programmes organised at the District Congress Committee (DCC) office in Asifabad, with the objectives of protecting democracy, safeguarding voting rights and ensuring transparency in electoral rolls. AICC Observer Meiyappan and Coordinator Shravan Rao attended the programme as chief guests. The meeting was presided over by Asifabad District Congress Committee (DCC) President Atram

Sugunakka.

Addressing the gathering, MLC Dande Vittal discussed allegations of irregularities in electoral rolls, the protection of voting rights and the need to ensure transparency in the electoral process.

He stated that the Congress Party was demanding a comprehensive investigation into the allegations of vote theft to restore public confidence in the electoral system.

He further stated that the Congress Party was demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, holding him accountable for the alleged irregularities.

The leaders emphasised

that every vote is valuable in a democracy and that safeguarding the right to vote, guaranteed by the Constitution, is the responsibility of every citizen.

They called upon Congress leaders and party workers to work together to strengthen the party at the grassroots level and protect democratic values.

Former DCC President Vishnu Prasad Rao, former MLA Atram Sakku, District Library Chairman Anil Kumar, market committee chairpersons, former public representatives, Congress leaders, councillors, mandal presidents and leaders of affiliated organisations, among others, participated in the programme.

BJP ACCUSES SONIA GANDHI OF 'HYPOCRISY' OVER PM AMBITIONS

Hyderabad, Oct 28: NSS

BJP Telangana spokesperson N.V. Subash on Wednesday accused Congress leader Sonia Gandhi of hypocrisy over reported claims in her memoir, "Belonging: A Journey of Love", that she had opposed her husband Rajiv Gandhi becoming Prime Minister. Subash questioned the claim, citing former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's media adviser Sanjay Baru's account of the power structure in the UPA government in his book "The Accidental Prime Minister".

He alleged that the Congress continued to promote dynastic politics while questioning the BJP-led NDA government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Subash also referred to the political debate surrounding Sonia Gandhi's possible elevation as Prime Minister in 2004.

Naidu Reviews Cyclone Arnab Impact

Amaravati, Oct 28: NSS

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviewed Cyclone

Arnab's impact and relief operations through a teleconference with around 32,000 officials, ranging from district collectors to field-level staff,

on Wednesday. Naidu directed the officials to expedite restoration work, clear fallen trees from roads within two hours and restore

electricity once weather conditions permit. He also ordered a preliminary assessment of crop damage and measures to protect hor-

ticultural crops and irrigation infrastructure. The Chief Minister appreciated the officials for working through the night and urged them to

maintain the same commitment until normalcy returns. He stressed the need to ensure adequate food, drinking water and medical facilities at cy-

clone shelters and keep the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams on standby.



Actress Ashu Reddy at a Grand Event Announcing Bumper Draw Winner of Rs. 20 Lakhs Cash Prize at Bajaj Electronics, Nexus Hyderabad Mall, KPHB, Kukatpally in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

VIF RELEASES BOOK ON 'MAOISTS INSURGENCY' IN HYD

Hyderabad: Oct 28: NSS

The Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), New Delhi, released India's Maoists: Glimpses into Red Insurgency, authored by internal security expert Dr. P. V. Ramana, at the ICCC Auditorium in Banjara Hills here on Wednesday.

The event was attended by Telangana State Security Advisor and former DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy, former Andhra Pradesh DGP Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao, DGP (Law and Order) Mahesh M. Bhagwat, DGP

(Operations) Anil Kumar, city police commissioner V. C. Sajjanar, Telangana Today Editor K. Sreenivas Reddy and other dignitaries. Shivadhar Reddy highlighted the coordinated efforts of government departments and security agencies in containing Maoism. He said constitutional values, social justice and the influence of Ambedkarite ideology had helped counter Maoist propaganda and encourage communities to embrace democratic governance.

Speaking on future challenges, Dwaraka Tirumala Rao stressed the need for

continued vigilance, carefully planned withdrawal of Central Armed Police Forces, new Forward Operating Bases and efforts to recover looted weapons and explosives. He called for dismantling Maoist urban networks and financial channels, while ensuring that historically affected districts do not relapse into insurgency. He emphasized that sustainable peace depends on development, responsive governance and economic inclusion. Dr. Ramana said the book examines the CPI (Maoist)'s organizational structure, mass fronts, urban networks.

NAIDU SEEKS CENTRAL TEAM TO ASSESS CYCLONE ARNAB DAMAGE

Amaravati: Oct 28: NSS

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking the early deputation of a Central team to assess the damage caused by Cyclone Arnab in the state.

In his letter, Naidu high-

lighted damage to crops, houses, roads and electricity poles, and urged the Centre to extend support for relief and rehabilitation operations.

According to CM, Konaseema, Kakinada, East Godavari, West Godavari, Anakapalli and Krishna districts were among the worst-affected

areas. He said 16 NDRF and 11 SDRF teams had been deployed across 14 districts, while more than 28,000 people had been moved to rehabilitation centres.

Naidu said control rooms and the State Emergency Operations Centre were functioning round the clock, with pri-

ority given to restoring electricity and drinking water supplies. A comprehensive damage report would be submitted to the Centre following a detailed assessment.

The Chief Minister thanked the Centre for its continued support and urged it to send an assessment team at the earliest.

ACB Arrests Inspector, Private Person in 20,000 Bribery Case

Hyderabad: Oct 28: NSS

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials of Nalgonda Range on Wednesday caught K. Venkateswarlu, Inspector of Legal Metrology, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, and a private person, Kasaram Ravinder, in a Rs.20,000 bribery case.

According to the ACB, Venkateswarlu allegedly

demanding the bribe as a reward for issuing a verification certificate and handing over the daily sales register of a petrol bunk. Acting on his instructions, Ravinder, a petrol pump technician, allegedly collected Rs.20,000 from the complainant at L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad.

Of the total amount, Rs.15,000 was allegedly meant for the inspector and

Rs.5,000 for Ravinder. The ACB recovered the entire tainted amount from Ravinder's possession.

The accused are being produced before the Principal Special Judge for SPE and ACB Cases at Nampally for judicial remand. The case is under investigation, and the complainant's identity has been withheld for security reasons.

Kavitha Seeks Separate OBC Census Column

Hyderabad: Oct 28: NSS

Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) president Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Wednesday said reservations were an asset to be passed on to future generations and urged the Telangana Assembly to adopt a resolution asking the Centre to include a separate Other Backward Classes (OBC) column in the Census.

Addressing the Hyderabad OBC Declaration meeting jointly organised by the All India OBC Students Association and the Telangana BC Rights Forum at the RTC Kalyana Mandapam in



Bagh Lingampally, she called for a united struggle across party lines to secure the demand.

Kavitha urged the State government to convene a special session of the Assembly and pass a resolution on the issue, following the example of Tamil Nadu. She warned that if the Centre refused to accept

the demand, the Telangana government should consider preventing the Census from being conducted in the State.

Kavitha said the Census should include a dedicated OBC column, along with a drop-down option, to ensure proper enumeration of the community.

Stressing the need for

collective action, she questioned the justification for spending ₹12,000 crore on the Census without establishing the actual population of OBCs.

Kavitha announced that her party would participate in a dharna to be organised by OBC organisations at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi in November, demanding the inclusion of a separate OBC column in the Census.

Recalling the movement for the Women's Reservation Bill, she said sustained protests in Delhi had helped them achieve success. A similar movement would be launched to secure OBC rights and press the Centre to accept the demand, she asserted.

GI-TAGGED TANDUR REDGRAM MAKES GLOBAL DEBUT IN AUSTRALIA

Hyderabad: Oct 28: NSS

Telangana's GI-tagged Tandur Redgram has entered the Australian market, with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitating its first-ever export shipment to the country.

A consignment of 2.5 metric tonnes, exported by Hyderabad-based Durga Exports and Imports under

the brand AMMAAS, was flagged off virtually on Tuesday. Australia-based Bharathma PTY Ltd. is the importer.

Telangana Agriculture Production Commissioner and Secretary Surendra Mohan and APEDA Hyderabad AGM R.P. Naidu flagged off the consignment in hybrid mode.

Tandur Redgram, Telangana's first GI-tagged agricultural product, is cultivated in Tandur,

Basheerabad, Peddemul and Yelal mandals. Known for its taste, cooking quality and protein content of around 22-24%, the pulse has significant export potential.

APEDA said the shipment marks an important step towards expanding international markets for India's GI-tagged agricultural products and creating new opportunities for farmers, producer organisations and exporters.

Bhatti Urges Employees to Use AI for Better Public Services

Hyderabad: Oct 28: NSS

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday called upon State government employees to enhance their knowledge of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in keeping with emerging technological advancements and use it effectively in their day-to-day work.

Inaugurating the 'AI Saksham' programme or-

ganised by TG MATH with the support of the Planning Department at the MCR HRD Institute in Hyderabad, Bhatti urged employees to make the best use of the AI training to strengthen their technological skills and improve administrative efficiency.

The Deputy Chief Minister emphasised that the adoption of AI should not merely speed up work in government offices but also ensure the timely reso-

lution of citizens' grievances. The time saved through the use of technology should translate into better and faster public services, he said, adding that the positive impact on people's lives should be the true measure of AI's success.

Bhatti Vikramarka said the 'AI Saksham' programme was aimed at enhancing the capabilities of government employees and making the administrative system more efficient.



Hyderabad: Oct 28: NSS

TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee chairman Pulipati Rajesh Kumar and State SIR coordinator Gampa Venugopal have urged Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy

to extend the graduate voter enrolment deadline by four weeks and simplify the registration process for the upcoming Graduate MLC elections.

In a representation to the CEO, they said the November 6 deadline could prevent many eligible graduates from

enrolling due to inadequate awareness, documentation difficulties and mandatory Gazetted Officer attestation of degree certificates.

They sought online verification or self-attestation wherever permitted and called for awareness campaigns

across colleges, IT parks and rural areas. The TPCC leaders also sought clarification and a thorough review of reports that around five lakh voters had been removed from electoral rolls through Form 7 applications before the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Govt forms mandal-level panels to tackle El Niño impact

HYDERABAD, Oct 27:

The Telangana government has directed the formation of mandal-level coordination committees to mitigate the potential impact of El Niño on rainfall, water availability, agriculture, livestock and rural livelihoods across the State.

The committees will coordinate preventive measures in rural areas, expand employment opportunities and ensure the availability of fodder for livestock and safe drinking water for rural communities.

Special Chief Secretary to the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department M. Dana Kishore issued Government Order (Rt) No. 579, laying down guidelines for measures to be taken under the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G).

The committees will be headed by the Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO), with mandal-level officials from the Panchayat Raj, Irrigation, Rural Water Supply, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Horticulture departments serving as members. The Mandal Parishad Officer (MPO) will act as the convener.

Officials from other departments may also be included, depending on local requirements.

The committees will ensure that permissible works are available in all villages to provide wage employment to rural households, helping sustain livelihoods in the event of adverse weather conditions.

HARISH RAO CONDEMNS ARRESTS OF BRS LEADERS

Hyderabad: Oct 28: NSS

Former Telangana minister and BRS leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday condemned the house arrest of former minister and MLA P Sabita Indra Reddy and the arrest of LB Nagar MLA D Sudheer Reddy, MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar, Karthik Reddy and other BRS leaders ahead of the Musi river referendum.

Rao alleged that the Congress government was resorting to emergency-style measures to prevent opposition leaders from participating in the referendum. He questioned the government's proposed expenditure of Rs. 1.50 lakh crore on Musi river rejuvenation, arguing that drought-affected farmers and people facing hardship should receive greater attention.

He accused the government of prioritizing commissions over farmers' welfare and suppressing opposition voices while pursuing policies that are 'anti-people'.

Rao said the people of Telangana would hold the Congress government accountable for its actions. On behalf of the BRS, he demanded the immediate release of all detained party leaders. (NSS)



At a Glance

Gujarat to Boost Cattle Genetics

IAN S
Banaskantha, Oct. 28



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Bharat Bovine Breeding and Research Centre at Bhildi in Gujarat’s Banaskantha district on October 30. The 127-acre facility aims to produce 25,000 cattle embryos annually to improve milk productivity.

Supported by the National Dairy Development Board, the project has received Rs 38.83 crore under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission. Advanced breeding technology could enable elite donor cows to contribute to 10-20 calves annually through recipient animals. Initially, embryos will cost farmers Rs 1,000, with further costs subsidised after pregnancy confirmation. The centre will focus on indigenous and high-yielding cattle breeds.

COURT ORDERS SAFETY FOR GUWAHATI SHOOTING ACCUSED

IAN S
Guwahati, Oct. 28

A court has directed Assam Police to ensure the safety of Ghanakanta Gogoi, the prime accused in the October 26 Hotel Bilas Inn shooting that killed five people and injured one, following his lawyer’s concerns over possible custodial violence.

The court ordered regular medical examinations every 24 hours, adequate food and water, and protection against torture. Police cannot take Gogoi out before sunrise or after sunset; a DSP-rank officer must accompany him if required.

Gogoi, 34, was remanded to seven days’ police custody. His lawyer claimed self-defence, while police said the shooting followed a hotel lease dispute. The investigation is continuing.

Kerala Judge Questioned for Three Hours Over Minor Son’s Fatal Mercedes Crash

IAN S
Kochi, Oct. 28

An Additional District Judge in Kerala was questioned by police for around three hours on Wednesday in connection with a fatal road accident allegedly involving his 17-year-old son. The judge has been asked to appear again on Thursday.

The accident occurred around 2.20 a.m. on October 25 on Container Road in Cheranalloor, near Kochi, when a Mercedes-Benz allegedly driven by the judge’s minor son hit a scooter ridden by

‘Guess how many seats Congress won?’: Modi’s swipe at party’s performance in MLC polls

IAN S
New Delhi, Oct. 28

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday took a swipe at the Congress over its dismal performance in the recently held Legislative Council polls across four states, despite the use of ballot papers in the polling process.

The Congress has drawn a blank in three states and also remains out of the reckoning in Maharashtra, where the counting is reportedly underway for five seats.

In a post on social media platform ‘X’, Prime Minister Modi said, “MLC elections in 28 seats across 4 big states - Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Karnataka.”

“Elections held using ballot papers. Guess how many seats Congress won?” PM Modi remarked.

This comes amid the Opposition’s demand for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar’s resignation amid allegations of irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of elec-



toral rolls.

The MLC polls results assumes significance as the INDIA Bloc prepares to hold a mega rally against the vote theft allegations at Delhi’s Ramliila Maidan on November 1, despite strong protests from the ruling NDA, traders and the Sikh community as the date is linked to the 1984 riots.

Earlier in the day, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also remarked that the Congress “failed to make an impact” in the Legislative Council elections across four states despite ballot papers being used to conduct the polling, while accusing Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi,

of making “false allegations” against the country’s electoral process.

Addressing a press conference, BJP MP Sudhanshu Trivedi said: “Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party, who have created a storm of false claims about India’s electoral process, have seen their aspirations for anarchy shattered by the results of the MLC elections...the Congress party has so far remained at zero. It is now almost clear that the Congress party has failed to make its presence felt in these elections.”

He added: “These elections were conducted using ballot boxes and ballot papers, yet the Congress failed to establish its presence.”

MP GOVT PROPOSES 100-STOREY BUILDINGS TO MAKE BETTER USE OF URBAN LAND

IAN S
Indore, Oct. 28

Madhya Pradesh is planning to allow buildings of up to 100 floors on roads with adequate width, as per the prescribed norms. Earlier, there were restrictions generally on buildings exceeding 30 metres in height,” Yadav said.

The Chief Minister said the government was also planning metropolitan regions covering six districts each around Bhopal and Indore as part of its wider urban development strategy.

The initiative would cover the Indore-Bhopal economic corridor and would not remain limited to Indore and Ujjain, he said. Jabalpur and Gwalior are also planned for development along similar lines, he stated.

“Six districts each are being included in the Bhopal and Indore metropolitan regions. Subsequently, Jabalpur and Gwalior are also

planned to be developed in this direction,” Yadav said.

He said the growing demand for urbanisation made it necessary to plan city expansion and develop residential areas, industrial centres and transport facilities together.

The government aims to create new investment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh while competing with other large states and metropolitan centres, he said.

The proposed changes in building rules and the development of metropolitan regions are part of the government’s integrated policy to co-ordinate urban growth with infrastructure and economic activity.

Yadav said the measures were intended to promote planned development, improve land utilisation and open up further opportunities for investment in the state.

The Manipur government has increased the annual incentive for Manipuri pony owners to Rs 10,000 per pony to conserve the state’s endangered indigenous breed, officials said on Wednesday.

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Amit Shah to Inaugurate Rs 800-Crore Martyrs’ Memorial in Ambala on Nov 5

IAN S
Chandigarh, Oct. 28



Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the Aazadi ki Pehli Ladai ka Shaheed Smarak in Ambala Cantonment on November 5, Haryana Transport Minister Anil Vij said on Wednesday. Built at an estimated cost of Rs 800 crore, the memorial will open to the public on November 6. Shah will address a public meeting at Gandhi Ground after the inauguration.

Vij said the announcement while addressing BJP office-bearers at Ambala

Club at a meeting to review preparations. The meeting was chaired by state BJP president Archana Gupta.

Vij said schools and educational institutions across Haryana had been instructed to arrange visits to the memorial so students could learn about the 1857 uprising and Ambala’s place in the freedom struggle.

The minister said he had worked for 25 to 30 years to secure the memorial’s construction. He said historical accounts led him to believe that an armed struggle for independence began in Ambala before the uprising in Meerut in 1857.

According to Vij, documents showed that the 60th and 5th Native Infantry regiments sounded the bugle of revolt in Ambala Cantonment at 9 a.m., around 10 hours before the uprising in Meerut. He said many fighters were tied to trees and shot, while others faced brutal punishments,

but their sacrifices had not received adequate recognition.

Vij said everyone who took part in the independence struggle deserved homage, regardless of whether they belonged to the Congress. He said the 1857 uprising spread across the country, but no memorial had adequately showcased the struggle.

He said he had repeatedly raised the issue in the Haryana Assembly and that an official record of his demands existed. Vij alleged that the Congress government had not built the memorial despite his efforts. The BJP government approved its construction after coming to power in 2014, he said.

Vij said the memorial would present the uprising’s history through modern technology, including accounts of battles fought in Haryana, Bihar, Punjab and other regions.

Gujarat Bomb Threat Trail Leads Abroad

IAN S
Indore, Oct. 28

Two bomb threat emails targeting 35 locations, including 24 schools, courts, government offices and Narendra Modi Stadium,

appear to have originated from accounts operated in Bangladesh and Pakistan, Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Branch said.

The threats were received on October 7 and 27. Police registered two

cases and are investigating with central agencies. Investigators suspect compromised Gmail accounts were sold across borders, with cryptocurrency payments involved. The probe remains underway.



implementing the National Livestock Insurance Scheme for cattle, buffaloes and pigs. From April 1 to October 28, a total of 2,456 animals were insured.

Under the Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases scheme, periodic vaccination drives will cover diseases including Lumpy Skin Disease, African Swine Fever, Haemorrhagic Septicaemia, Black Quarter and rabies. Poultry vaccination will also be undertaken.

Construction of Artificial Insemination centres is underway under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission.

The department’s 33 Mobile Veterinary Units, launched on July 11, 2024, are operational across the state. Livestock owners can access the service through toll-free number 1962.

Between April 1 and October 28, the service received 7,205 cases. Of these, 693 were resolved over the phone and 6,512 through physical visits, the director said.

AHMEDABAD CIVIC BODY HALTS SALE OF 40,500 KG OF MAWA AHEAD OF DIWALI

IAN S
Ahmedabad, Oct. 28

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has suspended the sale of 40,500 kg of mawa, valued at Rs 60.75 lakh, at a cold storage facility in Gomtipur after finding that the stock lacked batch numbers and expiry dates during inspections ahead of Diwali.

The civic body’s Health and Food Department inspected the facility as part of its drive to ensure the quality and safety of food products amid increased demand for sweets during the festive season.

The facility stored around 1,02,000 kg of mawa belonging to nearly

60 vendors, with approximately 80 per cent of the stock attributed to 15 major suppliers.

The largest quantity was linked to Radhika Food Products, which had stored 1,380 bags of 30 kg each under the brand names Rajwadi Sweet (Bajrangi) and Indian Dessert (Nilkanth). The AMC said the stock had been withheld from sale because batch numbers and expiry dates were missing.

The department also collected six mawa samples under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, from Hasmukhbhai Mavawala, Tulsi Mawa Centre, Rajwadi Sweet (Bajrangi), Indian Dessert (Nilkanth),

Purohit Mavawala and S K Mavawala. The samples have been sent to the Public Health Laboratory for testing. Samples from other vendors will be collected in their presence, the AMC said.

The department also highlighted the difference between mawa, or khoya, made by partially removing water from milk, and ready-made sweets such as barfi, which may contain sugar and other ingredients.

The civic body cautioned that using ready-made sweets instead of mawa to prepare pedas or other products could alter their ingredients, sweetness and taste. Selling a product as mawa-based when mawa has not been

used could mislead consumers, it said.

Officials cited Sections 26, 50 and 52 of the Act, concerning food business operators’ responsibilities, food that differs from what a customer requested, and misbranded food. They stressed that action against a shop or product should be based on relevant details and proper investigation rather than suspicion alone.

The AMC said inspections and sample collection would continue during the festive season. Establishments found violating food safety requirements could face penalties or sealing under the Act and applicable rules.



At a Glance

Brazil Orders Probe into Election Meddling

IAN S
Brasilia, Oct. 4

Brazil’s Supreme Federal Court has ordered a police investigation into suspected foreign interference in the country’s electoral process. Justice Flavio Dino cited indications that digital platform algorithms may have favoured conservative candidate Flavio Bolsonaro and disadvantaged President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who won Sunday’s runoff, according to Xinhua. The probe will examine alleged foreign funding, political advertising and election-related bets on platforms such as Polymarket. Meta and X have also come under scrutiny over claims of algorithmic manipulation. The investigation follows complaints from the Workers’ Party and the Mission Party. Authorities are examining possible links involving a US conservative group and Brazilian businessmen. The allegations have not been established.



Australia Returns Chinese Relics

IAN S
Canberra, Oct. 4

Australia returned two Chinese cultural relics at the National Gallery of Australia on Wednesday. The limestone heads of military and civil officials date from the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127) and came from Henan Province. China requested their return in 2025. The handover followed cooperation between Chinese authorities and the Chinese Embassy in Australia under UNESCO’s 1970 Convention and a 2009 bilateral agreement. It protects cultural heritage.

‘LET’S MAKE IT THE 51ST STATE’: TRUMP SUGGESTS US STATEHOOD FOR VENEZUELA AT TEXAS OIL RALLY

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 4

US President Donald Trump has said Venezuela could “someday soon” become America’s 51st state with an elected governor instead of a president, as he showcased a tanker carrying Venezuelan crude at a campaign rally in Corpus Christi, Texas. “It will become a prosperous country, and who knows, maybe someday soon it will become a prosperous 51st state. That’s possible. Let’s make it. Let’s make it the 51st state. And instead of a president, we’ll have an election for a governor. How about that?” Trump told the rally at the Port of Corpus Christi on Tuesday. Pointing to a vessel docked nearby, he said: “See that little ship out there? It’s got one million barrels of oil on it from Venezuela. And we’re celebrating the greatest oil victory in history.” “To the victor belong the spoils, right? But thanks to our big victory in our re-



cent war with Venezuela,” he said, adding that the oil “is being provided to the United States at zero cost to the American taxpayer.” The remarks went further than his comments hours earlier at Joint Base Andrews, where he told reporters: “We took over Venezuela very successfully. And they’ve sent me as a gift, a boatload of a million barrels of oil.” At the rally, he moved from describing the cargo as a gift to openly floating annexation.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio travelled with Trump and was invited on stage. “It’s an honor to work for the greatest country in the world, for the greatest president in the history of the United States of America,” Rubio said. Trump joked that he would “drop him off in Cuba” and said Rubio would “settle that one in about 15 minutes.” On the war with Iran, Trump said: “And you’ve got to understand that America did not start the

war with Iran. Iran has been waging this war against America since 1979, killing many, many of our great people.” He acknowledged the impact on fuel prices. “I knew that oil would go up, I actually thought it would go up 2 or 3 times higher, and I was still willing to do it,” he said, adding: “It’s going to end very soon.” He also said “your country is making an absolute fortune because of the situation in the Middle East.” Trump was in Texas to campaign for Attorney General Ken Paxton, whom he called “the best attorney general in the history of Texas”, along with Governor Greg Abbott and other Republicans ahead of the November 3 midterm elections. He later travelled to Lubbock for a second rally. US forces captured former Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in January, and the interim government has since struck oil agreements with Washington.

PANAMA PRESSES US ON LATIN AMERICAN UN CHIEF

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 4

Panama has pressed the United States to support the principle of regional rotation in selecting the next United Nations secretary-general, arguing that the position should go to a candidate from Latin America or the Caribbean when António Guterres completes his term at the end of the year. Panamanian President José Raúl Mulino raised the issue during a telephone conversation with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Tuesday, according to statements issued by both governments. The two leaders agreed on the need for broad international consensus in choosing the next UN chief, Panama’s Foreign Ministry said. Mulino emphasised that Latin American and Caribbean countries wanted the selection process to respect the unwritten practice of rotating the organisation’s top leadership among geographical regions.



He argued that the region should have the opportunity to hold the position this time. The US State Department confirmed that Rubio and Mulino discussed the secretary-general election but did not disclose Washington’s position on the regional rotation proposal. The discussion comes as UN member states prepare to choose a successor to Guterres, whose second five-year term ends on December 31. Panama’s Foreign Ministry said the leaders recognised the importance of reaching broad agreement on a

candidate capable of leading the international organisation. Mulino specifically raised the aspirations of Latin America and the Caribbean, which have sought greater representation in senior international positions. Neither government announced an endorsement or a joint position on any candidate. The conversation also focused on Panama’s recovery from the October 9 earthquake. Rubio reaffirmed Washington’s commitment to supporting Panama during reconstruction, according to the State Department. The department said

American assistance had reached affected communities within 24 hours of the earthquake. The support included food, water, communications equipment, logistical assistance and urban search-and-rescue teams. Mulino thanked the United States for its humanitarian assistance and the deployment of personnel to assess structural damage. Panama’s Foreign Ministry said the American response had provided important support for continuing reconstruction efforts. Panama said the conversation covered the state of democracy in the region, although neither government provided details of specific concerns or initiatives. The State Department described the call as reaffirming the strengthening partnership between Washington and Panama. The discussion brought together two significant diplomatic issues: cooperation following a natural disaster and the selection of the next leader of the United Nations.

H-1B \$100,000 Fee Battle: Plaintiffs Seek Court Victory, Trump Administration Wants Pause

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 4

Employers and workers challenging the Trump administration’s \$100,000 fee on new H-1B visa petitions have asked a federal court in California to move quickly towards a final ruling, while the government wants the case put on hold until an appeals court rules. In their joint case management statement in Global Nurse Force v. Trump, filed on October 20, the plaintiffs said they “challenge the lawfulness of a \$100,000 payment requirement as a condition of processing H-1B visa petitions and entry into the United States.” On September 30, Judge Gilliam granted in part the plaintiffs’ motion for a preliminary injunction, denied the government’s motion to dismiss and denied class certification without prejudice. The government appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on October 9 and the same day moved to stay the district court proceedings. That stay motion is set for a hearing on January 14, 2027, according to the filing. The plaintiffs proposed that the government produce the administrative record by November 3. “Plaintiffs are monitoring Defendants’ com-



pliance with this Court’s September 30, 2026 order and may seek enforcement of the order if warranted,” the statement said. The government argued that going ahead now would be wasteful. “Defendants maintain that further motions practice is inappropriate while the Ninth Circuit considers threshold jurisdictional issues,” it said. It proposed that the record be produced only 30 days after the appeals court’s mandate, or 30 days after any order denying the stay. The government also pointed to a separate ruling in Massachusetts. “The outcome of this case will not change any status quo given the universal injunction entered in the District of Massachusetts,” it said, adding that further litigation “only wastes the Parties’ and Court’s resources, and might well result in a duplicative appeal.” The filing lists two other

pending appeals on the fee: California v. Mullin in the First Circuit and Chamber of Commerce v. DHS in the District of Columbia Circuit, which was argued on March 9, 2026. The principal legal issues, the parties said, are whether the President’s proclamation and its extensions are “ultra vires”, and whether the actions of the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security to implement it violate the Administrative Procedure Act. President Donald Trump imposed the fee through Proclamation 10973, signed on September 19, 2025. He extended it with Proclamation 11069 on September 18, 2026. The plaintiffs are represented by groups including the Justice Action Center, Democracy Forward, the South Asian American Justice Collaborative (SAAJCO) and the law firm Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll.

Israel Election: Netanyahu and Opposition Fall Short of Majority

IAN S
Jerusalem, Oct. 4

Exit polls in Israel’s parliamentary election indicated that neither Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s bloc nor the opposition had secured the 61 seats needed for a majority in the 120-member Knesset. According to The Jerusalem Post, Netanyahu’s bloc was projected to win 51-52 seats, while the opposition alliance was expected to secure 49-51 seats. Channels 11 and 13 projected a 51-51 tie, while Channel 12 gave Netanyahu’s bloc 52 seats. The opposition declared victory after the exit polls were released, although neither camp appeared to have a clear path to forming a government. Netanyahu’s Likud was projected to remain the largest party with around



27 seats, while Yashar was expected to win 21-22 seats. The projected results suggested that smaller parties could play a decisive role in coalition negotiations. Israeli Arab parties were forecast to win up to 18 seats collectively, potentially giving them significant influence in government formation, The Guardian reported. The election was marked by high voter participation, including record turnout among Israeli Arab voters. According to Israel’s Central Elections

Committee, turnout reached 77.7 per cent when polling stations closed at 10 p.m. local time on Tuesday. The figure was the highest in 27 years, exceeding the 2022 turnout by more than seven percentage points. With neither bloc projected to reach the majority threshold, the final results and the positions of smaller parties were expected to determine the next government. The exit poll projections were preliminary and did not constitute official results.

QATAR SAYS ITS DELEGATION VISITED IRAN TO HELP DE-ESCALATE US-IRAN TENSIONS

IAN S
Tehran, Oct. 4

Qatar said a delegation that visited Tehran Sunday was part of efforts to reduce tensions between Iran and the United States, while urging a regional security framework based on sovereignty and non-aggression. Ibrahim bin Sultan Al Hashmi, director of Qatar’s Foreign Ministry Media and Communications Department, said proposals continued to be exchanged between Washington and Tehran through mediators. He called for dialogue and



diplomacy, Xinhua News Agency reported. Iran’s Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei said Tuesday that Iran’s rights and those of the regional “resistance front” must be protected by meeting Tehran’s condi-

tions for ending the war. Describing the situation as “neither war nor peace”, he stressed the need to meet conditions set by Iranian officials. Iran submitted a proposal to the United States through mediators on September 22, on the sidelines of the 81st UN General Assembly in New York. Tehran proposed ending the war and reopening the Strait of Hormuz within seven days, provided Washington accepted its conditions.

Separately, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian met Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on Tuesday during the Gas Exporting Countries Forum summit in Moscow. They discussed bilateral ties and energy cooperation, Iran’s official news agency IRNA reported. Pezeshkian arrived in Moscow on Monday night and was scheduled to meet other participating leaders, according to his office.

AUSTRALIA TIGHTENS SUNSCREEN RULES AMID SPF CONCERNS

IAN S
Canberra, Oct. 4



Australia’s Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is developing reforms to strengthen sunscreen regulation and

confidence in sun protection factor (SPF) claims. Proposals include stronger testing, quality standards for ingredients and limits on SPF claims for cosmetic sunscreens, the TGA said Tuesday. It will review manufacturing guidance to clarify sponsors’ and manufacturers’ responsibilities. A public consultation held from March to May received nearly 120 responses from industry, laboratories, health professionals, consumer groups and academics,

Xinhua News Agency reported. Australia has the world’s highest incidence of skin cancer, the TGA said. Regulation aims to ensure sunscreens are safe, effective and reliable in protecting people from harmful ultraviolet radiation. The agency said reforms would strengthen consumer confidence and clarify regulatory obligations for manufacturers and sponsors. David Whiteman, a scientist at QIMR

Berghofer Medical Research Institute, backed stricter testing and a review of manufacturing practices. Reports that some sunscreens failed to meet their labelled SPF in independent tests have shaken public confidence. The TGA said consultation on SPF labelling would take place before proposed changes proceed. It is seeking expert advice on sunscreen quality, efficacy and safety.

Jashn-e-Urdu Celebrates 10 Years with Grand Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan in Dubai

The October 24 gathering brought together poets from India and the UAE, drawing a packed audience and highlighting Urdu poetry’s continuing cultural reach.



By: **Mir Mohsin Ali**

Jashn-e-Urdu marked 10 years in Dubai with a mushaira celebrating Urdu poetry and literary legends.

Jashn-e-Urdu celebrated a decade of promoting Urdu poetry and Hindi literature with its 10th-anniversary Annual Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan at Sheikh Rashid Auditorium, Indian High School, Dubai, on October 24. Held under the theme “A Tribute to Legends”, the literary gathering drew a large audience, bringing together poets, literary personalities and admirers of poetry from India and the United Arab Emirates. Emirati businessman Bu Abdullah attended as the chief guest, while Jashn-e-Urdu founder Syed Farhaan Wasti welcomed the participating poets and dignitaries. The poets were felicitated with traditional shawls and mementoes in recognition of their contribution to the literary evening. Renowned poet Azhar Inayati presided over the mushaira, while Nayyar Jalalipuri

conducted the proceedings as its Nazim-e-Mushaira. The programme featured an extensive line-up of established and emerging literary voices, including Imran Pratapgarhi, Shakeel Azmi, Shamim Abbas, Abrar Kashif, Satlaj Rahat Indori, Ahmad Salman, Manika Dubey, Professor Rehman Musawwir, Dr Salma Shaheen, Himanshi Babra, Usman Minai, Akhtar Kanpuri and Mashkooor Mamnoon Qannauji. The performances explored emotions and relationships that connect with audiences across generations. Poetry about mothers, daughters, family bonds and human experiences received an enthusiastic response. Usman Minai, Manika Dubey and Satlaj Rahat Indori were among the poets whose presentations drew particular appreciation. A major highlight was Imran Pratapgarhi’s poem Walid-e-Mohtaram, which received a warm response from the audience. The programme also paid tribute to the enduring contributions of legendary poets, including Dr Rahat Indori, whose influence continues to resonate among Urdu poetry lovers. The anniversary celebration had also

announced a lifetime achievement award in his honour. The packed schedule, however, meant that several poets had limited time to present their work, reflecting the challenge of accommodating a large number of performers within a single literary programme. The anniversary celebrations included a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, in which Aman Wasti, daughter of Syed Farhaan Wasti, joined the guests. She also spoke about the organisation’s journey and its efforts to sustain interest in Urdu poetry and literature in Dubai. Hyderabad also had a presence at the gathering. Qari Mohammed Abdur Rahman was among the guests invited from the city, according to a report published ahead of the event. His participation reflected the connections between literary and cultural communities in Hyderabad and the UAE. Expressing gratitude, Syed Farhaan Wasti acknowledged the poets, sponsors, guests and audience members who contributed to the anniversary celebration. The event was presented by OKSA Developer and managed by Vertex Events.

FROM GOLD MEDALS TO GUINNESS: Hyderabad’s 13-Year-Old Armaan Nazeemuddin Makes India Proud

The Amberpet student was among 533 participants in the largest Taekwondo lesson held at Gachibowli Indoor Stadium on August 9, following his international gold medal win in Bangkok.

- By **Munsif Desk**

Armaan Nazeemuddin of Amberpet is building an impressive record in Taekwondo, combining international competition success with participation in a Guinness World Records achievement. The Class 8 student was among 533 practitioners who took part in the world’s largest Taekwondo lesson in Hyderabad on August 9, 2026. Organised by Jayanth Reddy International Taekwondo Academy and Suman Art Theatres, the record-setting event took place at Gachibowli Indoor Stadium. Guinness World Records has officially recognised the achievement, surpassing the previous benchmark of 302 participants. The lesson lasted approximately 34 minutes, with participants following Taekwondo movements under an instructor’s guidance. While the record belongs to the organising institutions, Armaan’s participation adds an important milestone to his sporting journey. His achievement also highlights how young athletes can contribute to large-scale sporting events while pursuing their individual goals. Earlier this year, Armaan won a gold medal at the 12th Tirak Taekwondo International Tournament in Bangkok, Thailand. Competing in the cadet category for athletes aged 12–14, he secured the top position in the Class B, 41–45 kg Kyorugi (sparring) division. The tournament was held on May 30, and his performance was subsequently recognised by Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand. Armaan has also earned a Dan-2 black belt certification from Kukkiwon, South Korea, according to published reports. His family and coaches credit his



progress to regular training, discipline and dedication from an early age. His journey offers an encouraging example for students balancing education with competitive sport. However, sustaining progress requires more than medals and recognition: consistent coaching, access to facilities, safe training and opportunities to compete are equally important. For Hyderabad’s aspiring young athletes, Armaan’s achievements demonstrate how local training can open doors to international competition and participation in a globally recognised sporting milestone.

MAKE ROUTINE CHECKS A PRIORITY: Your Blood Pressure May Be High Even When You Feel Fine

Regular monitoring, accurate measurements and timely treatment can help protect your heart, brain and kidneys.

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High blood pressure is often called a “silent” condition for a reason. A person may feel perfectly healthy, go to work every day and exercise regularly, yet have blood pressure levels that increase the risk of a heart attack, stroke and kidney disease.

The absence of symptoms does not mean blood pressure is normal.

Who should check their blood pressure?

Adults should have their blood pressure checked periodically, with more frequent monitoring if they have risk factors such as diabetes, excess weight, kidney disease, a family history of hypertension or a previous cardiovascular event. Younger adults should not assume they are protected simply because of their age.

Correct measurement matters:

- Sit quietly for five minutes before checking
- keep your back supported and feet flat on the floor, and rest your arm at heart level.
- Use a properly fitting cuff and avoid smoking, caffeine or exercise for about 30 minutes beforehand.
- When a reading is high, repeat it after resting rather than drawing conclusions from a single measurement.

A high reading in a clinic does not always mean someone has sustained hypertension. Conversely, blood pressure may be elevated at home even when clinic readings are normal. Home monitoring, when performed correctly, can help a clinician establish the pattern.

Can high blood pressure be prevented or controlled?

Several lifestyle measures can help:

- reducing excess salt,
- eating a balanced diet rich in vegetables and fruit
- being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight
- limiting alcohol and avoiding tobacco.
- Many people also require medication. Prescribed treatment should not be stopped simply because readings improve or symptoms are absent.

Very high blood pressure accompanied by chest pain, breathlessness, confusion, new weakness, difficulty speaking or visual disturbance requires emergency medical assessment.

The most important lesson is simple: do not wait for symptoms before checking your blood pressure. An inexpensive measurement today may help prevent serious complications in the future.

Takeaway: Know your numbers, measure correctly and discuss persistently elevated readings with a healthcare professional.

“Early detection and consistent care are key to effective blood pressure control.”

Check your blood pressure regularly and discuss your readings with your doctor.

- Stay Healthy!

Too Young to Hurt? Back Pain Demands Earlier Attention

Persistent back pain can disrupt working lives well before middle age. Timely assessment, regular movement and sensible workplace practices deserve greater attention than quick fixes.

- By: **Munsif Editorial Desk**

Back pain should not be dismissed because the person experiencing it is young. What begins as occasional discomfort can interfere with bending, stretching, standing, commuting or carrying a bag. Pain extending into the legs, sometimes accompanied by tingling, can make ordinary routines difficult. The response should be timely assessment and practical care, without assuming that every painful back is seriously damaged. Recent diagnostic-service figures illustrate younger adults’ presence among those undergoing spinal investigations. Between September 2025 and September 2026, 6,925 of 29,532 investigations—approximately 23.5%—involved people below 40. Those aged 60 and above accounted for 39%, while the 40–60 group represented around 37%. These figures are not from a population survey: they cannot establish how widespread back pain is among young Indians or prove that prevalence is rising.

The wider burden is substantial. An estimated 619 million people, or 61.9 crore, experienced low back pain in 2020, approximately one in 13 globally. The number is projected to reach 843 million by 2050, largely because of population growth and ageing. Low back pain remains the world’s leading cause of disability, affecting mobility, employment and wellbeing. Earlier evidence also showed its reach. A 2012 review covering 165 studies across 54 countries estimated prevalence at 11.9% at a given time and 23.2% over one month. These historical estimates use different measurement periods and should not be directly compared with newer global totals. More recently, an October 2026 analysis of 6.1 million people across 118 countries and territories found that pain prevalence increased most sharply before 55. Its largely cross-sectional evidence compares age groups; it does not track individuals ageing or demonstrate a new epidemic

among young adults. Long periods in one position, physically demanding work, limited activity and unsuitable workstations can contribute to discomfort. Muscle strain and disc-related problems are possible causes, but explanations must extend beyond blaming posture alone. Approximately 90% of low back pain is non-specific, meaning no particular disease or structural cause can be identified. Encourage gentle movement, gradual strengthening and suitable exercise. Persistent pain needs assessment, not prolonged bed rest or repeated painkillers. Scans are generally needed only when findings could change treatment. New bladder or bowel problems, genital or anal numbness, or severe, worsening leg weakness require urgent medical attention. Workplaces & institutions should enable movement breaks, improve working conditions and support timely care. Young people should take persistent pain seriously while staying appropriately active.



Cabinet clears ₹1,856.67-crore sports goods manufacturing scheme

The eight-year programme aims to strengthen domestic production, support manufacturers and improve the global competitiveness of Indian sports equipment.

NEW DELHI, Oct 28:
Munsif Desk

The Centre's ₹1,856.67-crore scheme aims to boost sports manufacturing, attract investment and improve global competitiveness.

The Union Cabinet has approved the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme with an outlay of ₹1,856.67 crore for the financial years 2026-27

to 2033-34.

Announced by the Press Information Bureau on Wednesday, the scheme aims to strengthen domestic manufacturing, attract investment and make Indian sports equipment more competitive in international markets.

It is expected to support manufacturers, create employment opportunities and improve access to quality sports equipment for athletes.



Implementation Key to Long-Term Gains

The programme aims to strengthen existing manufacturing clusters and support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), start-ups and research institutions. These measures could improve product quality, reduce dependence on imported equipment and generate jobs. However, the scheme's success will depend on the timely establishment of manufacturing zones, access to assistance for smaller businesses and the ability of Indian products to compete globally on quality, cost and reliability. Actual investment, employment and export growth will be crucial indicators of its impact.

INDIA, UNESCO SIGN AGREEMENT TO TAKE CLEAN-SPORT EDUCATION INTO CLASSROOMS

UNESCO toolkit to promote clean-sport values in Indian classrooms through 13-language video modules.

NEW DELHI, Oct 28:
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India's Sports and Education ministries have joined hands with UNESCO to take clean-sport education into classrooms, seeking to build awareness of fairness, integrity and respect among children before they enter competitive sports.

The memorandum of understanding was exchanged at the National Anti-Doping Agency's Clean Sport Conclave on Wednesday. The Sports Values in Every Classroom Toolkit will include video modules in 13 Indian languages, with the aim of making the educational material accessible to students across the country.

The initiative comes as India continues to expand its anti-doping efforts. According to the Sports Ministry, the National Anti-Doping Agency conducted more than



7,000 tests and over 350 education and awareness sessions during 2025-26, reaching 27,000 participants.

UNESCO's toolkit uses sports-related activities to teach values that can also guide everyday behaviour. Earlier pilot work in government schools in the Delhi-NCR region helped develop the Indian adaptation of these resources.

The agreement marks a policy commitment, but its wider impact will depend on implementation. Teacher training, access to learning materials,

school participation and regular monitoring will be important to ensure the programme reaches beyond its initial rollout.

The availability of modules in multiple Indian languages could widen access, particularly where teachers and students face language barriers. However, the agreement alone does not establish that doping has declined. Its effectiveness will need to be assessed through evidence of participation, learning outcomes and sustained clean-sport awareness.

3rd ODI: Smriti hails bowlers after India sweep Zimbabwe 3-0 in series

Vadodara, Oct 28:
(IANS)

India captain Smriti Mandhana praised her bowlers after India beat Zimbabwe by eight wickets in the third ODI, completing a 3-0 series sweep and making a strong start to their ODI Championship campaign ahead of the next World Cup.

Zimbabwe were bowled out for 131 in 39.5 overs, with Vaishnavi Sharma taking five wickets for 39 runs. Sayali Satghare and Kranti Gaud claimed two wickets each.

India chased the target in 17 overs, finishing at 135/2. Shafali Verma scored an unbeaten 51 off 27 balls, while Pratika Rawal remained not out on 59.

India U-15 fall 1-2 to Honduras, face lower-bracket challenge

Ronandev Aheibam equalised after a goalkeeper's error, but India conceded again; missed chances and defensive lapses proved costly in Baku.

BAKU, Oct 28:

India's Under-15 football team lost 1-2 to Honduras in the Round of 32 of Tier C at the FIFA U-15 World Cup and Festival in Azerbaijan on Wednesday. Despite Ronandev Aheibam's equaliser, defensive lapses and missed scoring opportunities cost the Blue Colts a chance to advance in the main bracket.

Honduras took the lead in the 18th minute after a misplaced pass by Indian goalkeeper Jenit Ningthoujam allowed Danio Flores to intercept and score. India responded in the 31st minute when R Lalremruatfela set up Ronandev on the right. The forward's

cross-turned-shot beat goalkeeper Santiago Borjas to restore parity.

India pressed for a second goal, but Nibas Meetei Wahengbam was denied by Borjas, while Muhammad Sohil Khan sent a long-range effort wide. Honduras capitalised in the 36th minute when Alejandro Amaya scored from close range after a clearance attempt ricocheted off the Indian goalkeeper.

India came close to equalising in the closing seconds, but Nara Meitei Loushambam's long-range attempt struck the crossbar. The result sent India into the lower bracket, where teams are competing for positions 81-96.

Telangana cricketer Sainath Reddy honoured after India selection

Coach Chandrabhan Giri also felicitated in Hyderabad ahead of the India-Sri Lanka disability cricket series in Chennai from October 31 to November 2.

Hyderabad, Oct 28:

Telangana cricketer Sainath Reddy and coach Chandrabhan Giri were felicitated at Fateh Maidan Club in Hyderabad on Wednesday following their selection for India's differently-abled cricket team ahead of the upcoming series against Sri Lanka.

The ceremony was organised by the Telangana Differently-Abled Cricket Management Committee. Former Union Minister S. Venugopalachari, Sports Authority of Telangana chairman Shivasena Reddy and coach G. Manohar Reddy attend-

ed the event. Sainath has been selected as a player, while Chandrabhan will serve as a coach for the Indian contingent. The team is scheduled to compete against Sri Lanka in Chennai from October 31 to November 2.

Narender Goud, president of the Telangana Differently-Abled Cricket Association, said the selections were a matter of pride for the state's disability cricket community and expressed hope that the achievement would encourage more young people with disabilities to take up the sport.

Jaismine, Arundhati lead 14-member Indian boxing squad for Finland tournament

The Tammer Tournament offers international exposure to emerging boxers as India seeks greater depth across Olympic weight categories.

NEW DELHI, Oct 28:
Munsif Desk

Commonwealth Games gold medallists Jaismine and Arundhati Choudhary will lead a 14-member Indian boxing contingent at the 46th International Tammer Tournament in Tampere, Finland, as the Boxing Federation of India seeks to broaden the pool of boxers with international experience.

Jaismine will compete in the 57kg category, while Arundhati will represent India in the 70kg division. The squad comprises seven men and seven women, including boxers ranked third in India's Olympic weight-category depth chart, alongside leading pugilists in categories not included in the Asian

Games programme.

The men's team includes Pawan Bartwal (55kg), Hussam Uddin Mohammed (60kg), Vivek Meena (65kg), Hitesh (70kg), Akshay (80kg), Bobin Chauhan (90kg) and Chetan Choudhary (90+kg). The women's squad features Tanu (51kg), Aarti Dhariyal (54kg), Jaismine (57kg), Disha Vijay Patil (60kg), Ankushita Boro (65kg), Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) and Imroz Khan (75kg).

Organised by the Tampere Boxing Association, the tournament runs from October 28 to November 2, with boxing competitions scheduled from October 30 to November 1. Preliminary



bouts will take place on October 30, followed by the semifinals on October 31 and finals on November 1. The event features 10 elite men's and seven elite women's weight categories and will follow World Boxing competition rules.

Boxing Federation of India president Ajay Singh said the tournament would help Indian boxers test themselves against overseas opponents and build

experience for higher-level competition.

For India, the selection provides an opportunity to assess not only established medal-winners but also the depth behind them. Results, performances against international opponents and progress across weight categories will help indicate whether the exposure is translating into greater competitive readiness.

MUMBAI POLICE RE-ARREST 11 ACCUSED UNDER MCOCA IN TIGER SHROFF FIRING CASE

Warangal, Oct 28:
Munsif Desk

Mumbai Police have re-arrested 11 accused under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) in the firing case involving Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff, after a special court approved the move on Wednesday.

The accused are due to be produced for a po-

lice remand hearing on Thursday.

Police invoked MCOCA provisions on October 27 after obtaining approval from the competent authority under Section 23(1)(a) of the Act. Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2) and 3(4) have been added to the case, which was initially registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Arms Act.

The incident occurred on October 18 in Mumbai's Juhu area when shots were fired at Shroff's car as he left a football club.

The actor escaped unharmed, while his driver and a bystander sustained injuries. Police are investigating the alleged involvement of an organised criminal network and have named Anil Pandit as a wanted accused.

Bengaluru Court's Restraint on Online Posts About Nani's The Paradise Awaits

Bengaluru, Oct 28:

The legal dispute over allegedly defamatory online content concerning actor Nani's film The Paradise centres on the limits of a temporary court injunction and the protection of genuine film criticism.

The XXXV Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge in Bengaluru issued an interim order on September 19, following a plea by producer Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Cinemas LLP. The matter was listed for hearing on October 28, but a fresh order extending, modifying or vacating the restraint could not be independently verified from publicly available reports.

Bombay High Court Puts Imran Khan's Exit Notice on Hold Until November 2

The actor, a US citizen and Overseas Citizen of India cardholder, challenges the FRRO directive requiring him to leave India by October 28.

Mumbai, Oct 28: The Bombay High Court has temporarily suspended a notice directing actor Imran Khan to leave India, giving him protection until November 2, when his challenge to the order is scheduled for hearing.

The Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) issued the notice on October 14, requiring Khan, a US citizen and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholder, to leave the country by October 28. The court's October 27 order keeps the notice in abeyance until the next hearing, following the Centre's request for more time.

The notice followed an incident involving a protest in Mumbai linked to demands for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. Khan has challenged the action, arguing that he was merely passing by, had not participated in the gathering and left when police asked him to. The court has not finally decided the dispute. The next hearing will determine how the challenge proceeds.



Hrithik Roshan says 'will always cheer for you' in a warm wish



Mumbai, October 28:

Actor Hrithik Roshan has shared a heartfelt belated birthday message for his former wife, Sussanne Khan, praising her resilience, motherhood and personal growth. Sussanne turned 51 on October 26.

Sharing previously unseen photographs featuring Sussanne and their sons, Hrehaan and Hridaan, Hrithik wished her a year filled with love, warmth and happiness. He also remembered her late mother, Zarine Khan, writing, "Truly, Mom's spirit lives on in you."

Calling Sussanne the best mother to their chil-

dren, Hrithik assured her of his continued support, concluding: "I am and will always be here cheering for you." He also encouraged her design venture, The Charcoal Project, to expand its reach.

Sussanne responded warmly, thanking Hrithik and celebrating their shared parenting journey. The couple married in December 2000, separated in 2013 and finalised their divorce in 2014. They continue to co-parent their two sons. Hrithik is in a relationship with actor Saba Azad, while Sussanne is associated with Arslan Goni.

Himesh Reshammiya Turns Down Films Without Romantic Songs

Mumbai, Oct 28:
(IANS)

Music composer Himesh Reshammiya says he rejects Hindi film projects that lack scope for a romantic song, citing audience expectations and the commercial performance of such tracks.

Speaking on film trade expert Komal Nahta's podcast, Game Changers: The Music Series, Reshammiya

said romantic songs can generate up to 10 times higher numbers than situational songs involving friends or siblings. He explained that audiences expect a particular style from his music, making project selection important.

The composer also discussed the importance of time and creative freedom. He said songs created under tight production dead-

lines may not reach their full potential, while compositions developed earlier can find the right film years later.

Citing "Hookah Bar" as an example, Reshammiya said its tune was created around 2004 or 2005, years before its release in 2012. He believes a song's melody, hook line and timing all contribute to its lasting appeal.

Ponguleti Launches Free Online Coaching for Unemployed Youth

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 28

Revenue, Housing and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Wednesday launched ‘PSR Yuva Nestham’, an initiative of the PSR Charitable Trust to provide free online coaching to unemployed youth across Telangana for competitive examinations.

Launched in association with RC Exams, the programme will offer coaching for one year, with the duration extendable if necessary. It aims to help candidates prepare for government recruitment examinations from their homes, eliminating travel and accommodation expenses, particularly for youth in remote areas.

Ponguleti said the initiative would provide quality coaching and improve employment opportunities for unemployed youth.

He noted that competitive exam coaching could cost around ₹1 lakh per candidate, apart from ₹14,000 to ₹30,000 for books and study materials.

The trust will bear the entire cost of coaching, books and other required study materials, ensuring free access to preparation resources for candidates across the state.

Minister Vakiti Srihari, MP

Ram Sahayam Raghuram Reddy and MLAs Vemula Veeresham and Lakshma Reddy attended the launch at the Secretariat, held on the occasion of Ponguleti’s birthday.

PSR Yuva Nestham to provide year-long training for government recruitment exams across Telangana

CII Calls for AI-Driven, Sustainable Manufacturing

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 28

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Tuesday called for accelerating AI adoption, strengthening domestic manufacturing and promoting sustainable industrial growth to make India a globally competitive manufacturing hub.

The National Conference on Advanced Manufacturing in Hyderabad brought together over 200 industry leaders, technology experts and policymakers to discuss AI, robotics, automation, innovation and advanced skills.

Navin Mittal, Special Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary, Energy, Telangana, highlighted opportunities in renewable energy, energy storage, electric mobility and data centres. He stressed the need to strengthen domestic solar manufacturing and develop energy-storage capabilities using emerging technologies.

B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, Founder and Chairman of Cyient, called for greater focus on design, engineering and technology ownership, while Rahul Garg, Founder and CEO of Moglix, highlighted the growing role of software and AI in improving industrial productivity and quality.

Anand Ramamurthy of Micron India stressed the importance of advanced infrastructure, stable policies and specialised talent for semiconductor manufacturing. CII Telangana Chairman M. Goutham Reddy called for sustainable industrial development, leveraging the state’s strengths in pharmaceuticals, aerospace, defence and IT.

POCSO Accused Sentenced to 20 Years’ RI in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Oct 28: The L.B. Nagar Fast Track Special Court sentenced Jarpula Ganesh, 25, to 20 years’ rigorous imprisonment for sexually abusing a minor girl. The court also imposed a ₹32,000 fine and ordered ₹1.5 lakh compensation to the victim.

Police said the accused repeatedly harassed the girl and threatened to circulate explicit photographs and videos online. In October 2024, he allegedly attempted to sexually assault her at Mamidipally village but fled when the complainant raised an alarm. Pahadishareef police registered a case and investigated the matter, leading to his conviction. Police officials commended the investigating team and prosecution for their role

Jamaat-e-Islami to Host ‘Beyond the Divide’ Three-day Expo

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 28

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Hyderabad, will organise a three-day exhibition and seminar, “Beyond the Divide – Countering Hate. Building Harmony,” from October 30 to November 1 at Exhibition Grounds, Nampally.

The event will feature presentations and discussions on religious diversity, misinformation, communal relations and the contributions of Indian Muslims. Scholars, journalists, historians and community representatives will participate in the seminar to promote mutual understanding and respectful dialogue.

Dr. Mubashir Ahmed, City President of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Hyderabad, said the initiative aims to challenge stereotypes and foster social harmony. Entry is free and open to all.

The exhibition timings are 5 pm to 9 pm on October 30 and 12.30 pm to 9.30 pm on October 31 and November 1.

ACB Books Banjara Hills SI for Alleged Rs 2 Lakh Bribe

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a case against Banjara Hills police station Sub-Inspector Vijay for allegedly demanding a bribe of ₹10 lakh, which was reportedly later negotiated down to ₹2 lakh.

The development comes a day after a corruption-related case involving Mir Chowk police station was reported, raising fresh concerns over alleged corruption in the city police department.

Congress Protests Train Booking Cancellation at Rail Nilayam

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 28

The Congress staged a protest at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, on Tuesday against the cancellation of bookings for two special trains arranged to transport party leaders and workers to a programme in Delhi.

The protest was led by TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and attended by Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLAs Ganesh, Nagender and Naveen Kumar Yadav, Karwan Congress in-charge Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri, Khairatabad DCC president Motha Rohit and hundreds of party workers.

The protesters demanded a resolution to the issue, highlighting the inconvenience caused to those scheduled to travel to Delhi. Police detained several leaders and workers and shifted them to Monda Market Police Station. They were later released.

Cong MLC Candidate Seeks Jamaat-e-Islami Support

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 28

TMRIES Vice-Chairman and President Faheem Qureshi, along with Congress candidate Sama Ram Mohan Reddy, met Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Telangana Ameer-e-Halqa Mohammed Azharuddin on Tuesday to seek his support and guidance for the forthcoming Mahbubnagar, Rangareddy and Hyderabad Graduates MLC elections.

The discussions focused on graduates’ welfare, educational opportunities and youth empowerment. Qureshi said the Congress was committed to inclusive development and addressing the concerns of graduates and young people, expressing hope that collective efforts would strengthen their representation in the Legislative Council.

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Telangana Secretary Syed Tanveerul Haq, Mohammed Iqbal Hussaini and Rangareddy Minority Chairman Mohammed Laiq were also present.

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EXPO 2026

Exhibition Grounds, Nampally, Hyderabad

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Exhibition & Seminar

30-10-2026 FRIDAY 5:00 pm	Inaugural Session SPEAKERS - Sri Ponnamm Prabhakar Hon’ble Minister for Transport & BC Welfare - Sri Mohammed Ali Shabbir Advisor to Govt Telangana - Prof M Kodandaram MLC Telangana - Maulana Khaleel Saifullah Rehmani President AIMPLB - Dr. Priyanka Varghese, IFS Chief Conservator of Forests - Mohartma Khaleeda Parveen Social activist, Gen Secretary, Amoomat Society - Goswami Sushil Ji Maharaj National Convener, Bhartiya Sarv Dharm Sansad, New Delhi - Janab Mohammed Azharuddin President JIH Telangana
31-10-2026 SATURDAY 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Interfaith Session SPEAKERS - Sri C. S. Rangarajan Archaka of Chilkur Balaji Devasthanam - Rev. Fr. Samala Marianna Michael Archdiocese of Hyderabad - Dr. Sardar Sajjan Singh Convener, Sikh Heritage Foundation Hyderabad - Mr. Bhikku Budhdapala Director, Maha Bodhi Society, Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara, Secunderabad - Goswami Sushil Ji Maharaj National Convener, Bhartiya Sarv Dharm Sansad, New Delhi - Shri Rohidus Waghmare, IPS (Retd.) Advisor, SC Rights Protection - Shri Ma. Ni. Pra. Korneishwar Mahaswami - Janab Mohammed Aziz Ur Rahman Translator of Quran in Telugu - Prof. Saleem Engineer Vice President, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, New Delhi
01-11-2026 SUNDAY 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm	History Session SPEAKERS - Syed Obaid Ur Rahman Historian & Author, New Delhi - Prof. G. Haragopal Visiting Professor at NLSIU Bengaluru - Prof. Bhangya Bhukya Dept. of History, University of Hyderabad - Prof. Fahemuddin Ahmed Department of Translation, MANUU
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EXPO VISITING HOURS

30 October 2026 (Friday) 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	31 October 2026 (Saturday) 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm	01 November 2026 (Sunday) 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm
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Task Force Arrests Man with Ganja Worth Rs 6.5 Lakh

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 28

The Commissioner’s Task Force, Jubilee Hills Zone, along with Borabanda police, arrested a 28-year-old alleged ganja peddler and seized 13 kg of dry ganja and a mobile phone worth a total of ₹6.5 lakh.

The accused, Md. Ayaz alias Nissar alias Bond, an AC technician from Yousufguda, allegedly procured ganja from Tangi village in Odisha’s Khordha district for the past year and transported it to Hyderabad for sale. He was apprehended near SPR Hills open ground while allegedly waiting for a customer.

Police urged youth to stay away from drugs and appealed to the public to report suspected drug-peddling activities to the authorities.

Abid Road Police Recover 35 Lost Mobile Phones Through CEIR Portal

Munsif News Bureau Hyderabad, Oct 28

Abid Road police recovered 35 lost mobile phones through the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal and handed them over to their respective owners. Five phones were delivered to the owners at their doorsteps. Police traced the devices using details uploaded to the CEIR portal following complaints from victims. The recovered phones were unblocked and returned to their owners against proper acknowledgement.

Police advised citizens

who lose their mobile phones to lodge a complaint at the nearest police station with identity proof and relevant documents to facilitate recovery. The recovery operation was carried out by DSI K. Sreeramulu, PC K. Prakash, WPC Pavani and other staff under the supervision of Abids SHO K. Parashuram and Detective Inspector K. Prasada Rao, ACP P. Praveen Kumar said.