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Munsif Desk Hyderabad, Oct 30

Telangana drug enforcement authorities have issued show-cause notices to 32 medical shops after inspecting 106 establishments across the CURE region for alleged violations of online medicine sale regulations.

The TG SAFE Drugs Wing, along with enforcement and excise personnel, conducted the drive on Wednesday, covering pharmacies linked to online delivery platforms, including Tata 1mg, Netmeds, Zepto, Apollo 24/7, MedPlus MART and Instamart.

Officials found alleged in-



stances of prescription medicines being sold without valid prescriptions or pharmacist supervision. Other violations included failure to maintain sales bills, purchase invoices and mandatory prescrip-

tion drug registers.

Further action will be taken under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and related rules. TG SAFE warned medical shops to comply with statutory requirements.

CM directs officials to take possession of 550 acres; says proceeds from land will fund education and development

- Supreme Court upheld the state's claim over 550 acres in Miyapur.
- Officials directed to take possession and fence the land.
- CM alleges attempts by KCR and associates to grab valuable government properties.
- Proceeds from Miyapur land to be used for education and development.

The public can report illegal online medicine sales and diversion of habit-forming drugs through the TG SAFE toll-free helpline 1800-599-6969, available from 10.30 am to 5 pm on working days.

Govt announces Rs.419 crore Diwali bonus for Singareni workers

38,000 employees to receive Rs.1.10 lakh each by November 5

Munsif Desk Hyderabad, Oct 30

The Telangana government has announced a Diwali bonus of Rs.419 crore for around 38,000 Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) employees, with each eligible worker receiving Rs.1,10,250 by November 5.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directed the management to disburse the Performance-Linked Reward Bonus. SCCL CMD Buddha Prakash Jyoti has instructed officials to credit the amount to workers' bank accounts.



The bonus is applicable to employees covered under the National Coal Wage Agreement, subject to attendance criteria, with pro-rata payments for those who worked fewer days.

This is the second festive payout within a

month. On October 13, the government announced a Rs.596 crore Dasara profit share, taking the combined payout to about Rs.1,015 crore. Permanent employees received an average of Rs.1,53,912, while contract workers were paid Rs.5,500.

Crop damage hits 23.4 lakh acres across Telangana

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Prolonged dry spells and intense heat attributed to

El Niño have damaged crops across 23.4 lakh acres in Telangana, according to preliminary Agriculture Department estimates, dealing a major blow to farmers.

Cotton accounts for the largest damage at 15 lakh acres, followed by paddy (4 lakh), red gram (1.5 lakh), maize (70,000) and chilli (14,000 acres).

Nalgonda recorded the highest damage at 3.58 lakh acres, followed by Narayanpet (2.4 lakh), Sangareddy (2.19 lakh), Jangaon (2 lakh) and Nagarkurnool (1.78 lakh). Other affected districts include Rangareddy, Adilabad,



Mahabubnagar and Vikarabad.

Farmers have suffered losses even as crops approached the harvesting stage, despite heavy investments in cultivation. Farmer organisations have urged the government to conduct a comprehensive assessment and provide adequate per-acre compensation to help affected families.

Final voter lists in Telangana, AP on Nov. 30

Munsif Desk Hyderabad, Oct 30

The Election Commission has extended the SIR schedule in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, fixing November 30 for publication of final electoral rolls.

The deadline for notices and objections has been extended to November 26 in Telangana and November 20 in Andhra Pradesh.



In Telangana, 2.59 crore voters have been cleared for inclusion in the final rolls, while 50,690 were found ineligible. In Andhra Pradesh, 42.55 lakh voters have been cleared and 1.73 lakh declared ineligible following hearings.

Houthis claim attacks on Saudi targets, deny drone strike near Mecca

IANs News Sanaa, Oct 30

Yemen's Houthi group claimed six missile and drone attacks on Saudi oil facilities, airports and a military position, while denying a Saudi-led coalition report that it launched a drone towards the Mecca region.

Houthi spokesperson Yahya Sarea said missiles targeted the Ras Tanura and Rabigh refineries and Aramco facilities in Abqaiq. Other attacks targeted airports in Riyadh and Dammam and a military command centre in Najran. He claimed the strikes caused casualties and disrupted air traffic.

Sarea said the attacks were retaliation for Saudi strikes on Houthi-held areas in Yemen. The Saudi-led coalition said its air defences intercepted two Houthi missiles aimed at Riyadh on Thursday.

The Houthis also dismissed as false the coalition's claim that a drone launched towards Mecca was intercepted, saying they had conducted no operations against Saudi Arabia on Friday.

Six killed as helicopter crashes near Joshimath in Uttarakhand

IANs News Dehradun, Oct 30

Six people, including a pilot and five passengers from Karnataka, were killed when a helicopter flying from Badrinath to Sahastradhara crashed near Chai village close to Joshimath in Uttarakhand on Friday. All six bodies have been recovered.

The helicopter, operated by Trans Bharat Aviation, lost contact around 1.14 p.m., two minutes after taking off from Badrinath. The pilot was identified as Capt. Himanshu Sabharwal. The passengers were



Prathapa, Arun, Shankar Gowda, Sudheer K. and H.S. Natraja.

Police, SDRF and Army teams carried out the recovery operation, while efforts to transport the bodies from the remote crash site are underway. The Uttarakhand Civil

Aviation Development Authority has grounded the operator's entire fleet as a precaution.

Former Chief Minister Harish Rawat called for an inquiry into the repeated helicopter accidents in the state and stressed the need to improve flight safety.

Netanyahu's bloc wins 53 seats, falls short of majority in Israel

IANs News Jerusalem, Oct 30

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud-led bloc won 53 seats in the 2026 elections, while the opposition secured 48 and Arab parties 19, leaving the 120-member Knesset without a clear majority.

Neither bloc has the 61 seats needed to form a government, raising the prospect of prolonged coalition talks. The results will be submitted to



President Isaac Herzog on November 4, with the new Knesset scheduled to be sworn in on November 10.

Voter turnout stood at 77.9 per cent, the highest in decades. Herzog has urged party leaders to reach an agreement and avoid another election.

Bhutan GLOF triggers flood alert in Assam

IANs News Guwahati, Oct 30

Residents of Assam's Dhubri district are on alert following a glacial lake outburst in neighbouring Bhutan, raising fears of sudden flooding downstream.

The outburst at Shintaphu Lake on Thursday sent floodwaters towards the Sankosh river. The Central Water Commission warned of a possible surge in Dhubri and West Bengal's Alipurduar districts.

Assam authorities have stepped up vigilance in Dhubri and Kokrajhar. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the situation was being closely monitored. The Sankosh river remained steady at 6.30 a.m. on Friday, officials said, while disaster response teams remained on alert.

PM-KISAN payouts cross Rs.4.64 lakh cr

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 30

The Centre has disbursed over Rs.4.64 lakh crore to farmers through 24 instalments of the PM-KISAN scheme, which provides eligible farm families Rs.6,000 annually in three instalments. The Union Budget 2026-27 allocated Rs.60,000 crore for the scheme. The Cabinet has also approved its continuation from 2026-27 to

2030-31 with an outlay of Rs.3.15 lakh crore.

Launched in February 2019, PM-KISAN transfers financial assistance directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts after land-record verification, Aadhaar linking and e-KYC. Farmers can register through the scheme's portal, mobile app or Common Service Centres. The assistance helps farmers meet expenses on seeds, fertilisers, irrigation and farm equipment.



Air Marshal Walia appointed next IAF Vice Chief

IANs News New Delhi, Oct 30

Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia has been appointed the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff, effective November 1. He will succeed Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, who takes over as Chief of the Air Staff on October 31. Currently heading the Eastern Air Command, Walia is a fighter pilot with over 3,200 flying hours and nearly four decades of service. He was commissioned into the IAF in 1988 and has held several key operational.

Fine rice prices soar to Rs.83.50 per kg in T'gana

NSS News Hyderabad, Oct 30

Fine rice prices in Telangana have surged to Rs.83.50 per kg from Rs.50-55 four months ago, while lower-grade varieties are selling above Rs.60. Flour prices have also increased from Rs.20 to Rs.30 per kg.

JSR Premium Kolam tops the list at Rs.83.50 per kg, followed by JSR Raw Rice at Rs.74.85 and Lalitha Sona Mussoorie at Rs.71.33. Retail HMT rice prices have risen to Rs.78 from Rs.70 a fortnight ago.

Reduced paddy acreage, from 92.17 lakh to 78.23 lakh acres this season, along with strong demand from Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, has tightened local supplies. Traders are procuring large quantities from Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Khammam districts for markets in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Chennai, raising fears of further price increases.



Dr. Reddy's Strengthens Healthcare Infrastructure in Srikakulam

IANSHyderabad, Oct 30:

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has upgraded the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Ganguvada in Srikakulam district as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative to strengthen public healthcare infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh. The facility, the 27th PHC upgraded under the programme since September 2022, was formally handed over to the state Health Department. Implemented in partnership with Dr. Reddy's Foundation and the Department of Health and Family Welfare, the initiative aims to improve access to quality healthcare closer to rural communities. Located in Pathapatnam

mandal, the Ganguvada PHC serves a population of 33,979 across 59 villages and 9,878 households. The upgrade includes modern diagnostic and laboratory equipment, improved testing facilities, purified water supply, better sanitation, liquid waste management and enhanced infrastructure. The facility has also received improvements to its labour room, maternal and child healthcare services, pharmacy management and infection control systems. Healthcare personnel were trained in emergency obstetric care, newborn care, maternal and neonatal emergencies, trauma management and other critical services. The PHC was inaugurated and handed over in the presence of Dr. N. Himasri,

Drawing and Disbursing Officer, B. Linga Murthy, Health Extension Officer, and representatives of Dr. Reddy's Foundation, healthcare staff and community members. Kumar Randhir Singh, Company Secretary, Compliance Officer and Head CSR, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, said the initiative seeks to strengthen public healthcare facilities and make quality medical services accessible closer to people's homes. He emphasised the importance of government-industry partnerships in improving healthcare delivery. The programme reflects the company's continued commitment to strengthening primary healthcare infrastructure across Srikakulam district.

MLA Lays Foundation Stone for 5.9 Crore BT Road in Mudhole Constituency

Munsif News BureauMadhole, Oct 30:

Mudhole MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel on Friday laid the foundation stone for a BT road from Mogili village to Tanur in Tanur mandal, to be constructed at a cost of ₹5.90 crore under the MRR grant. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said residents of Mogili, Kolar and Tanur had been waiting for the road facility for a long time. The new road would ease transportation problems faced by students, farmers and other commuters. He said the government was giving priority to basic infrastructure in rural areas. Referring to Irrigation Package No. 28, he said its completion would ensure water supply to all villages in Tanur mandal and benefit farmers. He added that he had raised the issue in the



Assembly and would continue efforts to expedite the project. The MLA also announced that road works from Mogili via Jaola-K to Kalyani would begin shortly. He assured that he would take up the demand for additional Indiramma houses for eligible beneficiaries with the concerned minister. Later, he inaugurated a library established by the GDR Trust at the Government Junior College in Tanur. Addressing stu-

dents, he stressed the importance of reading books in developing knowledge, discipline and positive values. He urged them to focus on their studies, use their time effectively and stay away from bad habits. Pawar Ramarao Patel appreciated the GDR Trust for setting up the library to support students' educational development. Sarpanches, mandal leaders, party workers, students and local residents attended the programme.

Medak DLSA Conducts POC SO Awareness Programme in Schools



Munsif News BureauMedak, Oct 30:

The District Legal Services Authority conducted awareness programmes on the POC SO Act, 2012, at several educational institutions in Medak district as part of the nationwide Surakshit Bachpan Abhiyan. Addressing students, DLSA Secretary Rubina Fatima explained that the law protects children from sexual harassment, assault and exploitation. She stressed the importance of teaching children about good touch and bad touch and urged them to report any inappropriate behaviour to parents or trusted adults.

She also cautioned students against cybercrime and advised them not to share personal photographs or information with strangers online. Victims of online harassment or threats should preserve evidence and approach the police. RCO Gangaram, MEO Shankar, panel advocates K.L.N. Dutt and B. Prashanth, SI Manik Prabhu, school headmasters and students attended the programmes. She urged children to report harassment or threats without fear and stressed that parents and teachers must work together to ensure their safety and protection.

"Crime-Free Warangal and a Drug-Free Society Are Our Goals": Warangal CP N. Swetha, IPS



Munsif News BureauWarangal, Oct 30:

Warangal Police Commissionerate conducted special inspections in several localities on Friday to curb drug abuse, illegal trafficking and anti-social activities. The operation covered Auto Nagar, Kareemabad, Kashibugga, S h a m b h u n i p e t, Shivanagar and LB Nagar under the supervision of Police Commissioner N. Swetha and Central Zone DCP Dhara Kavitha. Police detained 107 persons, including rowdy-sheets, habitual offenders and suspects in

Shabbir Ali Hits Back at KTR, Says No Crop Holiday Declared in Telangana

IANSHyderabad, Oct 30:

Advisor to the Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Friday accused BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao of misleading farmers by claiming that the Congress government had declared a "crop holiday". He clarified that farmers had only been advised against water-intensive Rabi crops in areas without assured irrigation. Shabbir Ali said the advisory was aimed at preventing farmers from suffering losses if irrigation water ran out midway through the season. He recalled that the previous BRS government had also

restricted Nagarjunasagar left canal irrigation in 2023 and advised farmers to reduce paddy cultivation due to low water availability. Questioning the BRS government's irrigation record, he said the Kaleshwaram project was facing operational challenges, with restrictions on the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla bargages following safety concerns. He also alleged that several irrigation projects, including Kalwakurthy, Nettempadu, Bhima, SLBC, Sita Rama, Pranahita-Chevella and Devadula, remained incomplete. On drought relief, Shabbir Ali said the Congress government had notified 365

drought-affected mandals across 31 districts on October 27, comprising 111 severely and 254 moderately affected mandals, following a 17 per cent rainfall deficit. He contrasted this with the BRS government's declaration of 231 drought-hit mandals in November 2015. He said the government had constituted an El Nino Cabinet sub-committee, released emergency funds of ₹1 crore to each District Collector and convened an all-party meeting on October 28. The Assembly had also sought Central assistance, including an NDRF package and a special financial package of ₹20,000 crore. Rejecting allegations of a



power holiday, Shabbir Ali maintained that agricultural power supply continued despite demand touching nearly 20,000 MW. He attributed farmers' difficulties partly to falling groundwater levels and depleted borewells. He also defended the government's drinking-water management measures in

Hyderabad, citing priority for drinking water, reuse of treated wastewater and directions to operate sewage treatment plants at full capacity. He reiterated the government's commitment to meeting the drinking-water, fodder and employment needs of people in drought-affected areas.

Medak Electricity Officials Urge Farmers to Opt for Less Water-Intensive Crops



Munsif News BureauMedak, Oct 30:

Medak District Electricity Department Superintending Engineer Narayan Naik has urged farmers and domestic consumers to use electricity economically in view of rising power demand. He said the department was taking measures to ensure uninterrupted supply despite increased domestic consumption. He advised farmers to opt for less water-intensive crops instead of paddy to reduce power usage and avoid future difficulties. He also urged households to use air-condition-

ers, coolers and fans only when necessary. Naik said regular inspections and repairs of substations, transformers and electrical equipment were being carried out to maintain quality power supply. He appealed to consumers to cooperate with the department and avoid wasting electricity. The department is conducting awareness meetings to promote alternative crops and educate consumers on power conservation. Officials are also taking steps to ensure a reliable and uninterrupted electricity supply across the district, with regular monitoring of power infrastructure.

Collector Calls for Effective Implementation of VB-G RAM G Scheme in Nirmal

Munsif News BureauMadhole, Oct 30:

Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed officials to ensure effective and systematic implementation of the VB-G RAM G scheme, with a focus on providing employment opportunities to every eligible person in rural areas. He stressed that the benefits of the scheme must reach all deserving families and called upon local public representatives to encourage job card holders to actively participate in wage employment works. On Friday, the Collector visited Arli-Gudi Cheruvu village in Lokeswaram mandal of Mudhole constituency and reviewed the ongoing works under the scheme as well as various development activities in the village. During the visit, Bhavesh Mishra emphasised the need for advance planning to address potential water shortages in the future. He



instructed officials to take up large-scale water conservation structures under the VB-G RAM G scheme to harvest rainwater and improve groundwater levels. He said such measures would help strengthen water resources and ensure better availability during periods of scarcity. Later, the Collector interacted with villagers regarding the proposed allotment of land for establishing a Swadhyaya Vriksha Mandir in the village and obtained details of the proposed programme from the concerned officials.

He directed officials to examine the feasibility of allotting land for plantation activities through lease or other legally permissible means in accordance with government rules and regulations. He also inspected the proposed site and instructed Mining Department officials to provide comprehensive details regarding the availability of gravel and stone deposits in the area. Tahsildar Surya Rao, Sarpanch Jangam Prasanna, local residents, officials and staff members were present during the visit.

Hanamkonda Collector Chahat Bajpai Constitutes Agristack Committee to Ensure Faster Services to Farmers

Munsif News BureauHanamkonda, Oct

District Collector Chahat Bajpai said the formation of a district-level Agristack Task Force Committee would help provide quality, transparent and faster government services to farmers through the effective use of modern technology. On Thursday, the Collector chaired a meeting at the Mini Conference Hall of the Hanamakonda District Collectorate to constitute the committee for implementing Agristack technology. Officials from Agriculture, Land Survey, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Cooperation, NABARD, Civil Supplies and other concerned departments participated in the meeting. The district-level Agristack Task Force Committee was constituted with the District Collector as its Chairperson, the District Agriculture Officer as its Convenor and officials from various departments as members.



During the meeting, officials discussed measures to introduce new technological solutions and improve existing systems to ensure that farmers receive quality government services and welfare scheme benefits in a timely and transparent manner. The Collector explained that Agristack aims to integrate agriculture and allied sectors with banking services, marketing facilities and crop procurement systems under a unified framework. This would simplify service delivery and enable farmers to access government schemes and essential services more quickly and efficiently.

Speaking on the occasion, Chahat Bajpai said the committee would play a key role in ensuring speedy delivery of services to farmers in agriculture and allied sectors. She stressed the need for coordination among the departments concerned to implement the technology effectively and improve the quality of services provided to the farming community. The Collector said the committee would monitor the implementation of Agristack and ensure better coordination among departments for the timely delivery of farmer welfare services.



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Nizamabad Police Organise Open House Programme for School Students



**Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad, Oct 30:**

As part of Police Martyrs Commemoration Days and Flag Day observances, the Nizamabad Police organised an Open House programme for school students at all police stations across Nizamabad, Armoor and Bodhan divisions on Friday, under the directions of Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS.

The programme, conducted from 10 am until evening, aimed to familiarise students with the functioning of police stations and create awareness

about policing procedures, public safety and the role of the police in maintaining law and order.

During the programme, students were explained how reception counters function, how complaints are received and processed, and how First Information Reports (FIRs) are registered and copies obtained. Police personnel also demonstrated the functioning of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and the emergency response service Dial 112.

Students were further briefed on the duties of

police station personnel, the functioning of patrol vehicles, vehicle inspections, maintenance of police station records and the procedures followed in collecting and preserving information about arrested suspects. The role of the police communications wing was also explained in detail.

The initiative provided students with an opportunity to understand police administration and gain first-hand knowledge of the department's day-to-day activities, while strengthening public awareness and confidence in the police system.

Visible Policing Essential to Ensure Public Safety: Rajanna Sircilla SP



**Munsif News Bureau
Rajannasircilla, Oct 30:**

Rajanna Sircilla Superintendent of Police Mahesh B. Gite has directed police personnel to respond promptly to grievances brought by complainants visiting police stations and ensure transparent and accessible policing services. The SP conducted a surprise inspection of Thangallapalli Police Station on Friday and reviewed police station records, the progress of pending cases, patrolling arrangements and surveillance of rowdy-sheets. He also issued several instructions to officers and staff to improve policing and public service delivery.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahesh B. Gite stressed that visible policing was essential to instil a sense of security among the public. He instructed police officers and personnel to regularly visit villages

under their jurisdiction, maintain cordial relations with residents, understand their problems and take necessary steps to address their grievances.

He called for intensified night patrolling in villages and warned that strict action would be taken against those involved in thefts, ganja trafficking and other anti-social activities.

The SP also directed police personnel to organise special awareness programmes in schools and colleges to protect youngsters from drug abuse and cybercrime. Emphasising road safety, he instructed officials to conduct daily vehicle checks and drunk-driving inspections, while ensuring strict enforcement of helmet and seat belt rules.

DSP Nagendra Chary, CI Nageshwar Rao, SI Ashok and other police personnel participated in the inspection.

Nizamabad Collector Hails Ex-Army Man's Integrated Organic Farming Model

**Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad, Oct 30:**

District Collector Ila Tripathi on Friday appreciated the innovative agricultural practices adopted by former Army personnel Ch. Naveen Kumar at his Jai Jawan Agro Farming field in Waddepally village of Edapally mandal, and urged farmers to adopt water-efficient and sustainable farming methods in view of the anticipated El Niño impact.

During her visit, the Collector inspected the integrated organic farming model and various agricultural activities being undertaken on the farm. These include the cultivation of leafy vegetables, different varieties of vegetables, flowers, fruits, oil palm, banana and coconut, besides fish farming, indigenous poultry rearing and dairy farming. She also enquired about the processing of organically grown produce and its marketing through online platforms.

Ila Tripathi particularly appreciated the use of cow dung and urine to prepare Jeevamrutham, an organic manure used for crops, and the construction of rainwater harvesting structures to conserve water and recharge groundwater. She said the integrated farming model demonstrated how agriculture could be com-



combined with allied activities to improve farmers' incomes while reducing dependence on chemical inputs.

Addressing farmers, the Collector advised them to prepare crop plans based on water availability and give priority to less water-intensive dry crops instead of water-consuming paddy cultivation. She said the Agriculture Department was providing subsidised seeds for pulse crops such as Bengal gram and black gram to encourage crop diversification.

Describing water conservation as a collective social responsibility, she stressed the need to use available water resources judiciously amid the prevailing climatic challenges. She urged farmers to draw inspiration from Naveen Kumar, who, after serving in the Army, had entered agriculture and successfully combined modern technology with traditional organic farming

practices.

The Collector also appreciated Naveen Kumar's mother, Pushpa, for her active involvement and awareness of organic cultivation. She said farmers from other areas would be encouraged to visit the farm to learn about its practices. She further asked Naveen Kumar and his family to share their experiences and create awareness among fellow farmers about organic farming, alternative crops and integrated agricultural methods.

Observing that Jai Jawan Agro Farming had emerged as a model in water conservation, crop diversification and integrated farming, Ila Tripathi said the visit was among the most satisfying field inspections she had undertaken in the district.

Bodhan RDO Vijaya Kumari, District Agriculture Officer Veeraswamy, Tahsildar Dattadri and several farmers were present.

Suryapet Collector Orders Probe into Illegal Land Registration

**Munsif News Bureau
Rajannasircilla, Oct 30:**

District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar has ordered disciplinary action against officials allegedly involved in the illegal registration of municipal land in the names of private individuals in Huzurnagar. He has also directed officials to conduct a comprehensive inquiry and file a criminal complaint against those found responsible.

The irregularity relates to a municipal well and adjoining land measuring approximately 192 square yards in Huzurnagar. According to reports, the land was allegedly registered in the names of private individuals by making unauthorised entries in municipal property tax records. The Collector issued the directions based on reports submitted by the Huzurnagar Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) and Municipal Commissioner.

Disciplinary proceedings will be initiated,



as per applicable rules, against three officials, including a former Revenue Inspector, an Assistant Revenue Officer/Revenue Officer and a Municipal Commissioner, for their alleged roles in preparing, verifying and processing the records. The outsourced data entry operator concerned has already been removed from service.

The Collector instructed officials to take immediate measures to protect the disputed property, verify its ownership, extent and boundaries, and rectify the records through proper legal procedures. He also directed them to initiate steps for cancellation of the disputed registration in accordance with the law.

The Collector further directed the Additional Collector (Local Bodies/Revenue) to investigate similar irregularities involving municipal lands, wells, roads, public spaces and other government properties across the district. Officials have been asked to examine the roles of concerned government personnel and private individuals and submit a detailed report within 15 days.

Stressing that the protection of government and municipal properties was a priority for the district administration, Tejas Nand Lal Pawar warned that strict legal action would be taken against those found responsible for any irregularities.

Pre-emptive Measures Must Be Taken to Ensure Uninterrupted Drinking Water Supply: Collector

**Munsif News Bureau
Rajannasircilla, Oct 30:**

District Collector Garima Agrawal has directed officials to take advance measures to ensure an uninterrupted drinking water supply across the district until the end of the coming summer, in view of the anticipated effects of El Niño.

The Collector held a review meeting with Mission Bhagiratha officials at the District Integrated Offices Complex on Friday to assess summer preparedness and arrangements for drinking water supply.

She instructed officials to keep the pump sets at Agharam and



Rudravaram pumping stations in a constant state of readiness and ensure the availability of additional machinery as per requirements.

She stressed that all necessary arrangements should be completed in advance to prevent any dis-

ruption in drinking water supply during the summer.

Mission Bhagiratha SE Ramulu, Executive Engineers Mujahid Anwar and Samalatha, Deputy Executive Engineers Ramu and Vishwan, and other officials attended the meeting.

TGSRTC Nizamabad Region Earns 1.97 Crore

**Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad, Oct 30:**

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), Nizamabad Region, generated revenue of ₹1.97 crore by operating special buses during the Dussehra festival from October 9 to 26.

A total of 796 special buses were operated from Armoor, Banswada, Bodhan, Kamareddy, Nizamabad-1 and Nizamabad-2 depots, safely transporting 1,15,676 passengers to their destinations. The services earned a total revenue of ₹1,97,99,000.

Regional Manager S.V.G. Krishnamurthy congratulated depot managers, officers,



drivers, conductors and other staff for their efforts in successfully operating the special services. He urged them to continue working in coordination to provide safe and efficient transport facilities to passengers.

He also stressed the importance of maintaining punctuality, passenger convenience and safety while handling heavy rush during festival seasons.

Two Chain Snatchers Arrested in Suryapet, Gold Worth 4 Lakh Seized

**Munsif News Bureau
Suryapet, Oct 30:**

Suryapet Town Police arrested two persons allegedly involved in chain-snatching incidents targeting women and recovered gold ornaments worth around ₹4 lakh. The ornaments had reportedly been pledged at Muthoot Finance in Khammam.

Addressing a press conference, District Superintendent of Police K. Narasimha, IPS, said the first incident occurred on October 26 at a grocery shop in Sriram Nagar Colony, where the accused, posing as customers, snatched a woman's gold mangalsutra and fled on a motorcycle.

In a similar incident on October 11, a woman running a grocery shop alone in Kodad was targeted and her mangalsutra weigh-



ing around two tolas was snatched. Separate cases were registered at Suryapet II Town and Kodad Police Stations. Police examined CCTV footage from various locations, identified the suspects and arrested them. The investigation also revealed their alleged involvement in earlier ganja-related cases. The pledged gold ornaments were subsequently recovered.

The SP warned of strict action against those target-

Karimnagar Medical College Records 98% Pass Rate

**Munsif News Bureau
Karimnagar, Oct 30:**

Karimnagar Government Medical College has recorded an impressive 98 per cent pass rate in the MBBS first-year examinations for the 2025-26 academic year. Out of 100 students who appeared for the examinations, 98 cleared them.

The achievement has brought cheer to students, parents and college staff. The success has been attributed to the dedicated efforts of students, faculty and staff, and has been appreciated by various sections.

TGSRTC Organises Road Safety and Accident Prevention Training for Drivers in Nizamabad



**Munsif News Bureau
Nizamabad, Oct 30:**

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), Nizamabad Region, organised a special training programme on road safety and accident prevention for its drivers at the Regional Conference Hall.

The programme was chaired by Deputy Regional Manager P. Jyothi, who created awareness among drivers about road safety rules, measures to prevent accidents, responsible behaviour towards passengers and precautions to be followed while on duty. She explained the importance of safe driving practices and the role of drivers in ensuring the safety of passengers.

Traffic ACP Masthan Ali

and Traffic CI Suresh Kumar attended the programme as chief guests and offered valuable suggestions to the drivers. The Nizamabad-2 Depot Manager also participated in the programme.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guests advised drivers to strictly follow traffic rules while performing their duties. They cautioned them against over-speeding, rash driving and driving under the influence of alcohol, stating that such violations could lead to serious accidents. They emphasised that every passenger's life is precious and ensuring safe travel is the responsibility of every RTC employee. They urged drivers to remain alert, exercise caution and strictly adhere to safety guidelines to prevent accidents.

Expired Products Allegedly Sold With New Date Stickers in Karimnagar Markets

**Munsif News Bureau
Karimnagar, Oct 30:**

Several complaints have emerged in Karimnagar alleging that expired products are being sold with fresh date stickers after tampering with manufacturing and expiry labels. The products reportedly include toothpaste, hair oil, perfumes, ice creams, food items and medicines.

Consumers have urged the Food Safety and Drug Control departments to

conduct surprise inspections at supermarkets, wholesale shops, warehouses and medical stores, and take strict action, including sealing shops found guilty, to protect public health.

They also urged consumers to check manufacturing and expiry dates carefully before purchasing products and report any suspected tampering to the concerned authorities.



At a Glance

Jamia to restore students' union by May 2027

IANSS
New Delhi, Oct. 30

The Congress on Friday welcomed Jamia Millia Islamia's decision to restore its students' union, calling it a victory for students who campaigned for democratic rights.

The university said the union's constitution would be approved by May 15, 2027. Elections are expected within six weeks of the new academic session, likely to begin around July 16, 2027.

Congress MP Imran Pratapgarhi congratulated the protesters and alleged that the administration tried to crush their agitation. He called the FIR allegations against him, including trespassing, "childish".

Congress leader Udit Raj credited NSUI students for the decision. CPI (M) MP John Brittas called it an important moment for student democracy across the country too.



Rajasthan mandates precision scales for gold, silver trade

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Jaipur, Oct. 30

Rajasthan has made scales compulsory for gold and silver transactions under new rules effective Thursday.

Jewellers and bullion traders must use Class I or II scales with a verification interval of one milligram or less. Scales must carry verification certificates.

Consumer Affairs Minister Sumit Godara said the move aims to ensure transparency. Consumers have been urged to check weights and report discrepancies to the Rajasthan Consumer Helpline at 14435 all year round.

UCC WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IF BJP RETURNS TO POWER IN UP: AMIT SHAH

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New Delhi, Oct. 30

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) would be implemented in Uttar Pradesh if the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) returned to power for a third consecutive term after the 2027 Assembly elections.

Shah was speaking at the inauguration of the BJP state executive committee meeting in Lucknow. Uttar Pradesh BJP president and Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, both Deputy Chief Ministers and other senior leaders attended.

Urging party workers to set aside personal grievances and ambitions, Shah asked them to strengthen the organisation and treat the next Assembly election as their own battle. He said the BJP would answer what he called "meaningless statements" by Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi by returning to power in 2027.

Targeting the Samajwadi Party (SP) and its president Akhilesh Yadav, Shah referred to the firing on unarmed Ram devotees and kar sevaks in Ayodhya during the party's rule. "Today was the day when unarmed Ram devotees and kar sevaks were fired upon indiscriminately in Ayodhya during the then SP government and the



water of the Saryu river turned red with their blood," he said. He questioned the SP's claim to return to power.

Shah described the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh as "Angad's leg", a reference to the Ramayana character, which, he said, the Opposition could not dislodge. He recalled former Chief Minister Kalyan Singh's contribution to the Ram Temple movement, saying he had taken a historic decision without worrying about his government.

He criticised the Congress and the SP, saying the latter had been losing elections under Akhilesh Yadav and the Congress had failed to return to power under Rahul Gandhi. The Opposition would remain out of power for a long time if it continued on the same path, he said.

Shah said the BJP's cadre was its greatest strength and asked work-

ers to communicate the development work undertaken by the Centre and state governments. He expressed confidence that the BJP would remain politically strong across India next 30 years.

Praising the Adityanath government for improving law and order and attracting investment, Shah claimed that the combined work of the previous SP and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) governments would fall short of what the Yogi government had achieved in a single term. He said the Centre had provided funds for Uttar Pradesh's development and that Adityanath had implemented central schemes with "full commitment".

Shah credited Adityanath with taking "effective action" against the mafia network and claimed that riot incidents in Uttar Pradesh had declined by 70 per cent since the BJP-led NDA came to power. He asked workers

to explain the challenges the state could face if the BJP lost office.

On allegations of "vote theft", Shah said parties facing repeated electoral defeats were blaming the Election Commission for their failures. He said the BJP was ready to discuss the issue in Parliament and challenged the Opposition to a special session to examine every allegation.

Referring to recent election results, Shah said the BJP had strengthened its position in several states. He cited its first government in Odisha, victories in Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Bihar and Assam, and its return to power in Delhi after a long gap.

Shah said the BJP had once been mocked but had turned those challenges into strengths. Narendra Modi had become Prime Minister for a third consecutive term and the NDA governed 22 states, he said.

At Ekta Nagar, PM Modi opens 'Bharat Parv' ahead of Statue of Unity celebrations

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Gujarat, Oct. 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated Bharat Parv 2026 at Ekta Nagar. The festival, part of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations, showcases India's traditions, folk performances, cuisines, handicrafts and tourist attractions. It will continue until November 15.

Based on the theme of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the event gives states and Union Territories a platform to present their cultural identities and tourism offerings.

Modi is scheduled to witness Ekta Prakash Parv, an illumination



festival celebrating India's unity and heritage. Attractions include a 530-metre illuminated stretch on Valley of Flowers Road and a 180-metre Glow Tunnel. More than 1.5 crore LED lights have been used.

He will also attend the Narmada Aarti at the up-

graded Shoolpaneshwar Narmada Ghat at around 8.15 p.m. The Rs 15.10-crore upgrade has raised its capacity from 4,000 to 6,000 visitors.

On October 31, the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Modi will pay floral tributes to the Statue

of Unity and inaugurate or lay foundation stones for 31 tourism and infrastructure projects worth Rs 426.71 crore. These include an IRCTC hotel, an Ekta Cruise, a Rain Forest project and an Eco Trail.

Modi will visit the Rain Forest and Vaman Vriksha Vatika before the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations at around 5.30 p.m. The programme will feature an Ekta Parade, a presentation on 'Naxal Mukta Bharat' involving around 2,000 artists from 126 districts affected by Left-Wing Extremism, and 'Vande Mataram'-themed performances by around 5,000 artists.

SC ASKS EC TO EXAMINE COMPLAINTS OVER BULK FORM 7 APPLICATIONS IN UTTAR PRADESH SIR

IANSS
New Delhi, Oct. 30

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to examine allegations of irregularities in the submission of Form 7 applications seeking deletion of voters' names from electoral rolls in Uttar Pradesh during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana asked the petitioners to furnish details of cases where alleged irregularities had not been addressed and directed the poll panel to examine the complaints, take necessary corrective measures and submit an action-taken report.

During the hearing, the petitioners alleged that a large number of Form 7 applications had been submitted in Uttar Pradesh with the intention of removing voters belonging to a particular community from the electoral rolls. Referring to action taken in similar matters in Telangana and Karnataka, the petitioners argued that directions for registration of FIRs



in Uttar Pradesh had emboldened those responsible for submitting such applications.

Appearing for the ECI, senior advocate Dama Seshadri Naidu submitted that although a large number of Form 7 applications had been received, scrutiny by the authorities had revealed irregularities in them and no voter's name was deleted on the basis of such forms. He added that the complaints had been examined by the concerned officials through checks and cross-verification, following which certain allegations were found to be false.

The senior counsel further submitted that wherever the allegations were supported by material, the concerned parties could lodge formal complaints for the ECI to examine and take appropriate ac-

tion. After hearing the submission, the Supreme Court observed that the poll panel should scrutinise the relevant material and take appropriate action wherever irregularities were established.

The proceedings come amid allegations surrounding the SIR exercise in Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, the office of the state's Chief Electoral Officer had rejected claims that 85,854 Form 7 applications were automatically generated by the ECI's ERONET software without specifying reasons for deletion of voters' names.

The CEO's office had maintained that notices, hearings, scrutiny and recorded orders preceded any deletion action, dismissing the allegations as misleading.

NCP'S CHIEF SUNETRA PAWAR CALLS CORE COMMITTEE MEET AFTER POLL DEFEAT

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Mumbai, Oct. 30

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar has convened a core committee meeting on November 2 at her official residence, Devgiri, in Mumbai to review the party's defeat in the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Graduates' constituency election and discuss its future election strategy, particularly for local body elections.

The NCP had renominated three-term legislator Satish Chavan, who lost to NCP (SP) candidate Pratapsinh Patil. The defeat was attributed to differences among MahaYuti allies and a loss of support among Gen Z and minority voters.

The meeting follows Sunetra Pawar's remarks



on Thursday that the Maharashtra Legislative Council election results called for introspection. "In any election, there are victories and defeats. Even when the results come out, self-introspection is necessary, and we will do so. We will try to improve. I genuinely feel that this result calls for self-introspection on our part," she told reporters.

NCP working president Praful Patel had also called the results a "wake-up call" in a post on X on Wednesday, urging the party to rebuild trust,

realign priorities and address organisational weaknesses. Maharashtra NCP chief Sunil Tatkar said the leadership would meet to analyse the outcome.

The defeat triggered a war of words between BJP and Shiv Sena leaders in the MahaYuti alliance. The BJP accused Shiv Sena of failing to support its strategy, while Shiv Sena said the BJP should examine its own electoral approach and internal discontent.

The November 2 meeting comes after an NCP meeting on October 25 ruled out a merger or sharing organisational control with the NCP (SP). The decision underlined the continuing divide between the two factions and the ruling NCP's commitment to the MahaYuti alliance with the BJP and Shiv Sena.

Bhopal ED attaches properties worth Rs 5.37 crore linked to marriage assistance scheme

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Bhopal, Oct. 30

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached properties worth Rs 5.37 crore belonging to former Sironj Janpad Panchayat chief executive officer Shobhit Tripathi and his associate Hemant Sahu in an alleged money laundering case linked to irregularities in Madhya Pradesh's Marriage Assistance Scheme.

The ED's Bhopal Zonal Office issued the attachment order under the Prevention of Money

Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. Tripathi was arrested on September 2 under the Act and is currently in judicial custody, the agency said. Earlier searches led to the recovery of documents.

The scheme provides financial assistance of Rs 51,000 to women belonging to registered poor construction workers' families. According to the ED, Tripathi, during his tenure at Sironj Janpad Panchayat from 2019 to November 2021, allegedly colluded with others to approve and disburse Rs 30.18 crore in 5,923 sus-

picious cases.

The investigation followed an FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Bhopal, against Tripathi and others under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act. The FIR invokes Sections 420 and 409 read with Section 120-B of IPC, 1860, and Sections 13(1) (e) and 13(2) under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The ED said forged application forms and credentials of ineligible beneficiaries were al-

legedly used to secure scheme benefits. Funds were transferred to bank accounts opened using the credentials of beneficiaries without their knowledge and were withdrawn in cash in multiple instalments, it said.

The agency also said benefits were extended to ineligible persons during the Covid-19 lockdown, when public marriages were prohibited. The accounts were allegedly opened solely to receive scheme funds, which were withdrawn as cash.

Doctor couple lose Rs 76 lakh in digital arrest scam; Pune man held

IANSS
Jaipur, Oct. 30

Rajasthan's Central Cyber Police have arrested Pune resident Kiran Laxman Tamhane in a digital arrest scam in which a Jaipur doctor couple was allegedly cheated of Rs 76 lakh. He was arrested in Thane and brought to Jaipur on a transit warrant. Four people have been arrested so far.

Police said fraudsters posing as police, Anti-Terrorism Squad and National Investigation Agency officials contacted the couple on



WhatsApp. They claimed the couple's Aadhaar cards were linked to terrorist activities and financial crimes, threatened them with arrest.

The accused allegedly sent a forged NIA notice and kept the couple under pressure through calls. They obtained details of

the couple's fixed deposits and official documents. The victims then liquidated their savings and transferred Rs 76 lakh to multiple accounts.

Investigators traced around Rs 50 lakh to an ICICI Bank account of Tamhane's company, K.T. Multi Service Private Limited. Police said Tamhane, Jigna Pratamesh Sawant (Rathod) and Anurag Maheshwari allegedly facilitated access to the account's banking credentials, chequebooks and mobile SIM cards.

Tamhane reportedly

said he shared the details after being offered real estate investment opportunities and a commission on profits. Police said the account was used to receive and transfer the suspected fraud proceeds.

The probe examined WhatsApp numbers, call records, IP details and bank statements. Investigators found that the money was routed through multiple accounts.

Three people were also arrested in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. Police are tracing the remaining money and identifying others involved.



At a Glance



Vance Targets Firms Over Foreign Hiring

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Washington, Oct. 30

US Vice-President JD Vance said the administration was pursuing visa fraud involving companies that replace American workers with foreign labour, making job protection a main theme at a Texas rally.

Vance accused corporate executives and foreign companies of replacing US workers but named no firms and announced no charges or new rules.

He linked the issue to manufacturing, claiming the administration had secured \$670 billion in new investment. He also promoted tax relief and domestic energy production.

Vance was campaigning for Ken Paxton’s US Senate bid. He urged voters.

Indian American population in US crosses 5.4 million, Census survey shows

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 30

The Indian American population in the US rose to 5.41 million in 2025 from 5.09 million in 2024, Census Bureau estimates showed.

The figure reached 5.91 million including those identifying as Asian Indian with other groups, making Indians the largest Asian group counted alone.

India-born residents numbered 3.40 million, making India the second-largest source of US immigrants after Mexico.

California had the largest Indian American population, followed by Texas, New Jersey, New York and Illinois in population.

TRUMP LINKS OIL PRICE RELIEF TO IRAN OUTCOME

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 30

US President Donald Trump has predicted a sharp fall in oil prices once his administration ensures that Iran cannot acquire a nuclear weapon, linking relief from rising fuel costs to the outcome of the confrontation with Tehran.

In an interview with WHNS-TV, Trump said the situation would be resolved soon, although he did not provide a specific timeline or explain how his administration planned to achieve the objective.

“They will never have a nuclear weapon. So, that’s going to be over with soon,” he said, adding, “And as soon as that’s over with, the oil prices will come plummeting.”

Responding to concerns about families struggling with high petrol and grocery prices, Trump said oil prices were already declining and predicted a much steeper reduction. He also claimed that several other prices had fallen substantially, citing economic growth and stock market gains as evidence of the success of his policies.

“They just announced, for the last three months, 1.7 percent inflation,” he said. However, he did not



identify the inflation measure or explain the calculation.

At a separate rally in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Trump reiterated his prediction of lower oil and petrol prices while defending his administration’s approach to Iran. He also jokingly suggested renaming the Strait of Hormuz after himself.

“I’m thinking about calling the Hormuz Strait, the Trump Strait,” he told supporters, without announcing any formal proposal to change its name.

Trump also pointed to Venezuela as an additional source of oil supplies, claiming that the United States was receiving millions of barrels every week following what he described as a swift military victory.

“We’re taking in millions of barrels of oil from Venezuela every single week,” he said, without providing shipment figures or contractual details.

Turning to domestic politics, Trump pledged to give \$5,000 to every adult US citizen if Republicans won both the House of Representatives and the Senate in the midterm elections.

“If Republicans win the House of Representatives and the US Senate, I am going to give all adult citizens in the United States of America \$5,000, very easily,” he said.

Trump said the recipients would have to spend the money within the United States. Estimating the total cost at approximately \$1 trillion, he cited tariff revenue and economic per-

formance to support the proposal but did not provide a detailed funding plan or payment schedule.

He also credited tariffs with encouraging companies to shift manufacturing operations to the United States.

Trump’s South Carolina appearances were centred on support for Darline Graham’s Senate campaign. He urged supporters to vote early and described the congressional elections as a verdict on his administration, although he was not personally on the ballot.

He also highlighted provisions in the legislation he calls the One Big Beautiful Bill, including tax relief involving tips, overtime, seniors and car-loan interest, describing them as key elements of his economic agenda.

Musk’s record \$446 million leads \$2.8 billion megadonor surge in US midterms

IAN S
Washington, Oct. 30

Elon Musk has given \$446 million to influence the 2026 US midterm elections, the most by any donor in modern American history, as the 50 biggest contributors pour about \$2.8 billion into the race, according to a Washington Post tracker based on Federal Election Commission (FEC) data.

The Brennan Center for Justice puts Musk’s giving at \$483 million when contributions from his company, United States of America Inc., are included, and says it is more than any donor has given in any election cycle.

All figures are rounded. FEC figures are self-reported by committees and can be amended.

Most of Musk’s money went to America Political Action Committee (PAC), his own super PAC (about \$216 million), the Senate Leadership Fund (\$168 million) and the Congressional Leadership Fund (\$30 million), the Post said.

Behind Musk among individual donors are Elizabeth and Richard

Uihlein (\$150 million), Jeff and Janine Yass (\$110 million), George Soros (\$102 million), Ben Horowitz and Marc Andreessen (\$92 million) and Mike Bloomberg (\$84 million).

Completing the top 10 individual donors are Miriam Adelson (\$68 million), Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss (\$56 million), Paul Singer (\$54 million) and OpenAI president Greg Brockman and his wife Anna (\$50 million).

Republican-leaning donors among the top 50 gave about \$1.7 billion, about 60 per cent, against about \$830 million, or 30 per cent, from Democratic-leaning donors, according to the Post and Al Jazeera.

The Brennan Center found that the top 40 donors gave \$2.4 billion through mid-October, eight times what the top 40 gave at the same point in 2014, after adjusting for inflation.

“In 2014, the top 40 favoured Democrats two to one,” the Brennan Center said. Donors loyal to the GOP “now give more than three times the amount that reliably Democratic donors give.”

The top 100 donors supplied 64 per cent of all outside-group money, according to OpenSecrets.

The Senate Leadership Fund has raised about \$546 million and MAGA Inc. about \$449 million through October 14, against about \$342 million for the Republican National Committee, FEC filings show.

The industry mix has also shifted. Crypto interests gave \$304 million within the top 40, while labour “has disappeared from the top 40 entirely”, the Brennan Center said.

Dark money groups make up 29 per cent of top-40 giving, up from 17 per cent in 2014, it said.

Spending on political advertising is projected to reach about \$12 billion (\$11.6 billion), more than any previous cycle including the 2024 presidential race, Al Jazeera reported, citing ad-tracking firm AdImpact.

Al Jazeera quoted Harvard law professor Lawrence Lessig as saying: “The problem isn’t the spending. The problem is the concentration of donors.”

The midterms are on November 3.

DR CONGO EBOLA DEATH TOLL NEARS 5,000 AS AFRICA CDC HONOURS FALLEN DOCTOR

IAN S
Kinshasa, Oct. 30

The death toll from the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is approaching 5,000, according to the latest official report released Friday, as the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) paid tribute to a doctor who died from the disease in the country’s conflict-hit east.

The latest situation report from the DRC’s National Institute of Public Health (INSP) showed that the country had recorded 10,274 confirmed Ebola cases, including 4,992 deaths, as of October 28, with a case fatality rate of 48.6 per cent. The outbreak has affected 67 health zones across eight of the country’s 26 provinces.

Meanwhile, Africa CDC paid tribute on social media platform X to Dr. Marie-France Shogogo, who died of Ebola in Beni, North



Kivu Province, calling for greater protection of frontline health workers.

“Protect those who protect us,” the continental health agency said, Xinhua news agency reported.

According to local health sources, three doctors died of Ebola within less than 72 hours at an Ebola treatment centre in Beni, underscoring the risks facing medical personnel battling the outbreak.

The Beni health zone reported in total 661 cases, including 443 deaths, with a case fatality rate of 67.0 per cent, accord-

ing to the INSP report.

Across North Kivu, a total of 2,391 confirmed cases and 1,341 deaths have been recorded. The report also highlighted mounting pressure on the province’s healthcare system, with Ebola treatment facilities operating at 86.3 per cent capacity and only 82.2 per cent of identified contacts being monitored, below the target of 95 per cent.

The outbreak, declared on May 15 and caused by the Bundibugyo Ebola virus, has become the world’s second-largest recorded Ebola outbreak.

Mounting social tensions ahead of South Africa’s local elections

IAN S
Johannesburg, Oct. 30

South Africa is approaching its local elections on November 4 amid mounting social tensions, with demonstrations and anti-immigrant protests raising concerns over public security.

Recent unrest in Johannesburg’s Soweto township and Durban, triggered by protests against illegal immigration earlier this month, has highlighted longstanding challenges facing the country, including unemployment, poverty, and immigration management.

Police have arrested dozens of people in connection with public violence, property damage and unlawful gatherings.

In KwaZulu-Natal Province, tensions have remained particularly high, with concerns over further violence against foreign nationals and commercial establishments, Xinhua News Agency reported.

In response, South

African President Cyril Ramaphosa authorised the deployment of 510 soldiers of the South African National Defence Force to the province from October 9 to November 30 to assist police operations.

Police have also sought court intervention to prevent planned demonstrations in Durban amid concerns over alleged threats to public safety.

More than three decades after the end of apartheid, many low-income communities still face limited access to housing, education, healthcare and other essential services.

In communities where competition for jobs and business opportunities is intense, irregular migration has increasingly become a focus of public criticism. Anti-immigrant groups argue that undocumented foreign nationals place additional pressure on employment, public services and community resources.

Dissatisfaction with municipal services is another source of tension.

Residents in several



communities have voiced concerns over unreliable water and electricity supplies, deteriorating roads, inadequate sanitation, poor waste management and delays in housing provision.

Against this backdrop, immigration, crime and unemployment have become increasingly prominent campaign issues ahead of the local elections.

The challenge for political leaders is to address public concerns without fueling hostility toward

particular communities or undermining the country’s constitutional principles.

Despite the heightened tensions, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has continued preparations for the local elections.

According to the IEC, 136,790 candidates have been certified to contest 10,526 council seats across the country’s eight metropolitan municipalities, 44 district municipalities and 205 local municipalities.

RUBIO WARNS G20 OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC THREATS

IAN S
Atlanta, Oct. 30

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has warned G20 foreign ministers that economic and geopolitical crises threaten energy supplies, food markets, trade and freedom of navigation, calling for coordinated action.

Opening the G20 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Atlanta, Rubio said the challenges were interconnected and required collective solutions.

“We are facing a series of interconnected economic and geopolitical crisis, many of which pose severe threats,” he told ministers.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is leading the Indian delegation.

Rubio said the G20 must address disruptions to energy and food supplies, trade and supply chains, while strengthening economic resilience.

He urged foreign ministers to coordinate responses to emerging

crises and protect shared interests.

“By translating our shared interests into practical cooperation and real action, we can reinforce global stability,” he said.

The opening plenary focused on freedom of navigation and food security. Rubio said each delegation could express its views.

Major maritime routes carry energy, food and manufactured goods. Shipping disruptions can raise transport costs and affect supplies.

Food security depends on agricultural products, fertilisers and energy resources. Interruptions can affect production and prices, particularly in import-dependent countries.

Rubio said the discussions could promote stability and prosperity ahead of G20 leaders’ deliberations.

The G20 includes economies such as India, the US, China and Russia. India has an interest in secure maritime routes and supply chains.

Russia-Ukraine tensions shadow G20 talks

IAN S
Atlanta, Oct. 30

Russia’s war in Ukraine overshadowed the G20 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Atlanta on Friday as Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov joined Western diplomats amid divisions over Moscow’s participation.

The two-day meeting, chaired by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, brought together major economies to discuss energy security, trade and supply chains.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reported



that the traditional group photograph was dropped after some Western diplomats objected to appearing alongside Lavrov. German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul said he would

not avoid a photograph with all participants, but insisted there could be “no normalcy” in relations with Moscow while the war continued. European Union foreign policy chief Kaja

Kallas attended the meeting. Ukraine was not represented, as Washington limited participation to G20 members and designated organisations.

Rubio warned that economic and geopolitical crises threatened energy supplies, food markets, trade, supply chains and freedom of navigation. The opening plenary focused on navigation and food security.

The G20 includes Russia, the US, China, India and major European economies. Diplomatic divisions remained over Ukraine.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF INDIA: Guarding the Written Word, Embracing the Spoken Word

Telangana media delegation briefed on a 190-year journey, a landmark digitisation drive and the newly opened Museum of Word

Based on **PIB** inputs | **Zia Junaidi**



Members of the Telangana media delegation at the National Library of India, Belvedere, Kolkata, during the PIB Hyderabad media tour. (Photo: PIB Hyderabad)

The library traces its origins to the Calcutta Public Library, established on March 21, 1836. In 1902, that library and the Imperial Secretariat Library were amalgamated to form the Imperial Library, which opened to the public in January 1903, according to the Ministry of Culture.

After Independence, the institution was renamed the National Library under the Imperial Library (Change of Name) Act, 1948. The then Union Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, opened it to the public on February 1, 1953.

AT A GLANCE

- 1836:** Calcutta Public Library established
- 1902:** Imperial Library formed; opened to the public in 1903
- 1948:** Renamed National Library
- 1953:** Opened to the public at Belvedere
- 1954:** Legal deposit law enacted (amended 1956)

A permanent repository

Under the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954, the library is a permanent repository of books, newspapers and periodicals published in India. The 1956 amendment extended the law to periodicals, newspapers and maps.

Its services include:

- Reading, reference and bibliographical services
- Inter-library loan and international loan
- Microfilm and microfiche reading facilities
- Consultancy services

Collections for researchers

The delegation was told about the library’s role in preserving India’s multilingual literary and documentary heritage. Its holdings include books in Indian and foreign languages, rare books, manuscripts, maps, periodicals and newspapers, which serve researchers, scholars, students and book lovers.

A 2024 presentation by the library listed more than four million books and bound periodicals, 88,162 maps and over 3,231 manuscripts. Other published estimates are lower, at 2.2 to 2.5 million books.

Digitisation

According to the Ministry of Culture, around 80 lakh pages covering about 25,000 books have been digitised and made available through the Indian Culture portal. The effort aims to widen access to rare and fragile material.

Belvedere Estate

The library stands on the historic Belvedere Estate in Alipore, a campus of about 30 acres. Belvedere House, a heritage building, has been associated with the library since 1948.

The visit highlighted the continuing relevance of libraries in supporting research and learning. It was part of the five-day PIB Hyderabad media tour to Kolkata, which gives Telangana journalists first-hand exposure to national institutions, developmental initiatives and cultural and scientific establishments.

Netanyahu’s Election Gamble Fails: Can Arab Parties Force an End to Gaza’s Agony?

Arab parties emerge as kingmakers as Netanyahu loses his majority, raising hopes for a political shift and relief for Gaza.



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WHEN DEMOCRACY SPEAKS

“A people’s verdict means little if power refuses to listen.”

Three years after the October 2023 Hamas attack and Israel’s devastating response in Gaza, Israeli voters have delivered a **hung parliament**. Benjamin Netanyahu’s right-wing bloc secured 53 seats. The opposition led by Gadi Eisenkot’s Yashar took **48**. Arab-led parties—**Joint List and Ra’am**—surged to a record **19 seats**. Neither major bloc holds the 61 needed for a majority. The arithmetic is clear. The politics are not.

Three Years of Destruction in Gaza

The war that began after Hamas’s October 7 massacre killed tens of thousands of Palestinians, destroyed most of Gaza’s infrastructure, and left the territory unlivable for large parts of its population. Israel and the United States have driven the military and diplomatic response, with Washington providing arms, vetoes, and political cover.

Countries such as **Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and India** have played more ambiguous roles—some mediating, some maintaining economic and strategic ties that critics say enabled the status quo. Much of the wider world, including many governments that claim to champion human rights, has responded with statements of concern and little effective pressure.

Political Calculations Behind the War

What makes the endurance of this war especially bitter is the political calculation that has kept Netanyahu in power. He faces long-running corruption trials.

Allegations have circulated for years that successive Israeli governments, including under Netanyahu, tolerated or indirectly strengthened Hamas as a counterweight to the Palestinian Authority.

More explosive are reports that the UAE president personally warned Netanyahu in late September 2023 that Hamas was preparing a major operation, and that the warning was not shared with Israel’s security chiefs in the critical days that followed.

Netanyahu has denied receiving such a warning. If true, the failure to act on specific foreign intelligence would rank among the gravest political and security lapses in Israeli history.

Arab Parties Hold the Key

The election results suggest Israeli voters are weary. Netanyahu’s bloc lost its majority. Yet the opposition’s path is blocked by its own red lines.

Most Jewish opposition parties have ruled out formal coalitions with Arab parties. Without them, Eisenkot’s camp cannot reach 61.

With them, a government could, in theory, shift priorities: ease pressure on the West Bank, open the door to genuine reconstruction in Gaza, and end the cycle of permanent emergency that has defined Israeli politics since 2023.

Washington’s Role in Netanyahu’s Future

That possibility terrifies those who see Netanyahu as indispensable. Reports and commentary already point to pressure from the Trump administration to keep him in place.

The shared strategic logic is straightforward: a weakened Gaza that cannot threaten Israel, continued pressure on Iran, and the preservation of a right-wing Israeli government aligned with Washington’s regional vision.

If external power is used to override the clear message of the Israeli electorate—that Netanyahu no longer commands a majority—it will be seen by many as a direct assault on democratic choice.

Democracy’s Test and Gaza’s Future

The world has watched three years of destruction. Israeli voters have now denied Netanyahu an outright mandate to continue as before.

Whether the opposition has the courage to build a different majority, or whether external patrons will prop up the old order by any means, will decide if Gaza’s survivors get any real respite.

Democracy’s test is not only whether elections are held, but whether their results are allowed to matter.

Prediabetes: The Warning Sign You Shouldn’t Ignore

An early warning of rising blood sugar, prediabetes offers an opportunity to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through timely testing and lifestyle changes.

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Diabetes rarely develops overnight. In many people, blood sugar levels begin rising gradually, sometimes years before diabetes is formally diagnosed. This intermediate stage is known as prediabetes.

The challenge is that prediabetes usually produces no noticeable symptoms. A person may feel completely healthy while their blood glucose levels are already higher than normal. Without testing, this early warning can easily go unnoticed.

What exactly is prediabetes?

Prediabetes means that blood glucose levels are above the normal range but do not yet meet the criteria for diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association, it can be identified by an HbA1c of 5.7–6.4%, fasting plasma glucose of 100–125 mg/dL, or a two-hour glucose level of 140–199 mg/dL after a 75-gram oral glucose tolerance test.

It is important to understand that these tests measure different aspects of glucose regulation. A healthcare professional may recommend more than one test depending on an individual’s risk factors and clinical situation.

Who is at risk?

People with excess abdominal fat, a family history of diabetes, physical inactivity, high blood pressure or abnormal cholesterol levels are at increased risk. Women with a history of gestational diabetes also deserve particular attention.

Importantly, diabetes risk is not limited to people who appear overweight. Individuals with a normal body weight can also develop insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes.

Can prediabetes be reversed?

This is the encouraging part. Prediabetes does not mean that diabetes is inevitable. Early lifestyle intervention can significantly reduce the risk of progression.

For people with excess weight, even a modest reduction of around 5–7% of initial body weight can be beneficial. Regular physical activity, aiming for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week, is another important step.

Food choices matter too. A balanced diet containing vegetables, pulses, whole grains, adequate protein and fibre can support better metabolic health. Reducing sugary beverages, frequent refined-carbohydrate snacks and excessive calorie intake is equally important.

Sleep, stress management and regular health assessments should not be overlooked.

The Takeaway

Do not wait for diabetes to appear before taking care of your blood sugar.

Prevention begins with awareness, testing and sustainable lifestyle changes.



New Zealand's Record Total Hands India Heavy Defeat

Phillips' century and Bracewell's rapid fifty power hosts to 259/7, the highest T20I total conceded by India.

- Visitors retain an unassailable 3–1 series lead.
- Arshdeep Singh reaches 150 T20I wickets.
- Final match scheduled for November 1 in Hamilton.



Auckland, October 30:
Munsif Desk

New Zealand exposed India's bowling weaknesses before dismantling their chase to secure an 87-run victory in the fourth T20 International at Eden Park on Friday.

Glenn Phillips struck 107 from 49 balls and Michael Bracewell hammered 65 from 25 as the hosts posted their highest T20I total, 259/7. India finished on 172/9, with Jacob Duffy taking 4/23.

After being sent in, New Zealand lost early wickets to Mayank Yadav, whose three-wicket haul briefly gave India control. Finn Allen contributed 31 before Phillips and Bracewell transformed the innings with a 115-run fifth-wicket partnership.

Phillips hit 10 sixes, including four successive blows off Nitish Kumar Reddy. Bracewell reached his half-century in 19 deliveries as India struggled to contain the scoring.



New Zealand struck 20 sixes and collected 150 runs from the final 10 overs. Mayank finished with 3/48, while Nitish conceded 64 runs. Arshdeep Singh reached 150 T20I wickets and was India's only bowler to concede fewer than 10 runs an over.

The chase unravelled when Duffy dismissed Sanju Samson and Ishan Kishan in the opening over. Abhishek Sharma made 27 and captain Shreyas Iyer 22, but both

fell before the powerplay ended.

Tilak Varma top-scored with 35, while Naman Dhir contributed 28. Mitchell Santner claimed 2/24 and Matt Fisher 2/40.

India suffered their second-heaviest T20I defeat by runs, ending an unbeaten sequence of 10 matches in New Zealand. However, the visitors retain an unassailable 3–1 series lead ahead of Sunday's fifth and final match in Hamilton on November 1.

Mumbai Indians Appoint Four Coaches Under Pollard

Uthappa takes batting charge, Dilip oversees fielding, while McClenaghan and Kulkarni share bowling responsibilities for IPL 2027.

NEW DELHI, October 30:
Munsif Desk

Mumbai Indians announced four coaching appointments on Friday as the five-time champions prepare for IPL 2027 under head coach Kieron Pollard.

Robin Uthappa takes over as batting coach, Mitchell McClenaghan becomes bowling coach, T. Dilip assumes fielding responsibilities and Dhawal Kulkarni joins as development bowling coach. The overhaul follows Mumbai's ninth-place finish in IPL 2026.

Uthappa, who represented Mumbai in 2008, will focus on batting de-

velopment, tactical decisions and adapting to modern T20 demands. McClenaghan returns with international experience and knowledge of the franchise after playing for Mumbai between 2015 and 2020.

Dilip joins after working with India's men's team, bringing an emphasis on athleticism, preparation and fielding consistency.

Kulkarni will support young Indian bowlers throughout the year and work alongside the coaching staff during the season. His role provides continuity in player development beyond the

tournament.

The appointments follow Pollard's promotion on October 24 and the departures of Lasith Malinga, Paras Mhambrey and Carl Hopkinson, announced on October 29.

Uthappa, McClenaghan and Kulkarni previously played for Mumbai. Their familiarity offers a foundation, while the practical impact on recruitment and player roles remains to emerge. The franchise's announcement outlined coaching responsibilities without confirming any new playing-squad changes or signings.

Prasidh Ruled Out; Siraj Joins India A

NEW DELHI, October 30:
Munsif Desk

India have adjusted their bowling plans for the New Zealand tour, ruling Prasidh Krishna out of the five-match ODI series while assigning Mohammed Siraj and Nitish Kumar Reddy India A duties ahead of the Tests.

The BCCI said Prasidh needs additional time to build his bowling workload while recovering from a hamstring injury. His original ODI selection had been conditional on fitness clearance.

The pacer sustained the injury during the home ODI series against West Indies. He could join India A for the third and final four-day match against New Zealand A, but only after passing the Return

FROM SIX POINTS DOWN TO GLORY

Manisha Becomes India's First Woman World Wrestling Champion

ROAD TO GOLD

- **Opening contest:** Beat Canada's Laurence Beauregard by fall.
- **Quarter-final:** Defeated Mongolia's Bolortuya Khurelkhuu 6–0.
- **Semi-final:** Pinned Kazakhstan's Altyn Shagayeva after establishing a 10–0 lead.



India's second senior world title comes 16 years after Sushil Kumar's triumph.

ASTANA, October 30:
Zia Junaidi

Manisha Bhanwala produced a remarkable comeback to become India's first woman senior wrestling world champion on Friday, defeating American Abigail Nette 8–6 in the 59kg final. Trailing 0–6, she scored eight unanswered points to turn a difficult contest into a historic triumph.

The 29-year-old showed composure against the Pan American champion, refusing to let the early setback decide the outcome. Her victory ended India's wait for a

women's senior world title and provided an inspiring example of persistence under pressure.

Manisha is only the second Indian wrestler overall to win senior World Championships gold. Sushil Kumar secured the country's first title in the men's 66kg category in Moscow in 2010. Her achievement therefore marks a breakthrough for women's wrestling, arriving 16 years after India's first senior world crown.

Her progress through the tournament had already demonstrated strong form. She defeated Canada's Laurence Beauregard by fall, beat Mongolia's Bolortuya Khurelkhuu 6–0 in the quarter-final and pinned Kazakhstan's

Altyn Shagayeva after establishing a 10–0 semi-final lead.

The gold completed a memorable campaign for India's women, who collected four medals. Neelam Sirohi in the 50kg category and Kajal Dhochak in 76kg won silver, while Tanu Sharma secured bronze in 72kg. Three Indian women reached finals at the same edition for the first time.

Although 59kg is a non-Olympic division, Manisha's success establishes a new milestone. Beyond the celebrations, the follow-up question is how this achievement can translate into sustained coaching, competition opportunities and practical support for the next generation of women wrestlers.

BCCI Names Raichandani Captain for U19 Asia Cup

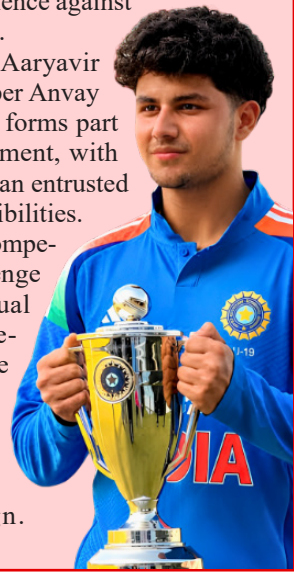
NEW DELHI, October 30:

Lakshya Raichandani will lead India at the ACC Men's Under-19 Asia Cup in Muscat, with Yashbardhan Singh Chauhan appointed vice-captain, according to the BCCI squad announcement dated October 30.

The tournament, scheduled from November 5 to 14, offers the selected youngsters an opportunity to represent India in a major regional competition and develop their experience against international opposition.

The squad includes Aaryavir Sehwal and wicketkeeper Anvay David. Their selection forms part of a wider team assignment, with Raichandani and Chauhan entrusted with leadership responsibilities.

For the captain, the competition brings the challenge of combining individual performance with decisions that help the team respond to different match situations. Chauhan will support him as deputy throughout the campaign.



India Beat Cuba, Finish 87th at U15 Festival

Baku, October 30:

India defeated Cuba 6–4 on Friday to finish 87th among 189 nations at the FIFA U15 World Cup & Festival in Azerbaijan.

Victor Lalawmpuia, Nibas Meetei Wahengbam and R Lalremruatfela scored twice each. India led 6–1 before conceding three late goals.

Bibiano Fernandes' side ended with five wins, four defeats and one draw, according to AIFF. Lalremruatfela finished as India's leading scorer with nine goals.

The closing win offered encouragement, but late goals conceded underlined the need for stronger defending and consistency.

Twelfth Accused Arrested in Tiger Shroff Shooting Case

Mumbai, Oct 30:
Munsif Desk

The Mumbai Crime Branch arrested a twelfth accused in Sonipat, Haryana, on Friday in the October 18 shooting involving actor Tiger Shroff, media reported.

The suspect had been detained on Thursday with

local police assistance. The report said he was being brought to Mumbai on transit remand.

Shroff escaped unharm when shots were fired at his car in Juhu. His driver and a bystander were injured.

Eleven previously arrested accused were remanded in police custody

until November 6.

Investigators are examining digital and financial trails, according to submissions described by a defence lawyer.

The report did not specify the latest accused's alleged role. An arrest does not establish guilt, and the allegations remain subject to judicial scrutiny.

Chris Pratt Recalls Humble Start Before Hollywood Break

Los Angeles, Oct 30:

Chris Pratt has recalled how a restaurant encounter launched his acting career.

Sharing a throwback photograph on Instagram, he said he was living in a van in Hawaii and waiting tables at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company when Rae Dawn Chong offered him an opportunity.

Without a phone, he gave a friend's number and nearly missed her callback.

Pratt read the 120-page script three times, preparing to play Devon in Cursed Part 3.

With just \$60, clothes and rollerblades, he accepted a flight to Los Angeles for the low-budget horror comedy, which opened Hollywood's doors to the actor. **(IANS)**



journey. The show airs on Sony Entertainment Television and streams on SonyLIV.

Surbhi Jyoti Urges Informed Choices in Modern Motherhood

She highlights the importance of balancing inherited customs with rational thinking.

Mumbai, Oct 30: Actress Surbhi Jyoti has urged mothers to understand traditions and make informed choices rather than automatically accepting or rejecting them.

Speaking to IANS, the Qubool Hai actress said greater awareness allows today's mothers to examine inherited practices through logic and reasoning, while motherhood's essence remains unchanged.

Jyoti and husband Sumit Suri welcomed their first child, a daughter, on June 13, 2026, announcing her arrival on social media.

In an earlier Instagram question-and-answer session, she shared her experience of vaginal delivery, saying walks, stretching and light workouts had helped her during pregnancy. Her remarks reflected her personal experience.



Amitabh Bachchan Revisits Diwali Traditions on KBC



Mumbai, October 30:

Amitabh Bachchan revisited Diwali traditions during a special episode of Kaun Banega Crorepati, recalling how his family preserved earthen lamps for reuse each year.

The veteran actor said the diyas were soaked in water, dried and arranged around the house. They were then filled with mustard oil, which he called "kadu tel", before their wicks were lit to begin the celebrations.

His recollections highlighted the connection between festivals, family memories and simple household customs.

Separately, Ranbir Kapoor had recalled childhood Diwali visits to R.K. Studio for Lakshmi Puja, followed by a visit to his grandmother, Krishna Kapoor, who gave him sweets and money.

Back home, the family performed another puja. His father lit firecrackers, and everyone shared dinner before bedtime, a routine Ranbir remembered as his perfect Diwali.

Together, their memories reflected the joy of familiar rituals and togetherness.

Kaun Banega Crorepati airs on Sony Entertainment Television.

Rohit Sharma Reveals Mother's Role in Choosing Jersey 45

Mumbai, Oct 30 (IANS):

Rohit Sharma has revealed that his mother helped him choose the number 45 jersey, explaining the family connection behind his jersey choice. Speaking on Family Full House with Rohit Sharma, the cricketer answered actor Rahul Lohani's question about the choice.

Rohit said he initially wanted a single-digit number, but his preferred options were already taken. He wore number 19 during his Under-19 days.

A fellow player later pointed out that Rahul Dravid, then India's captain, already used 19, prompting Rohit to reconsider. Back at his hotel, Rohit called his mother for advice. She suggested nine, but that number was unavailable.

He did not want 27 and preferred the appearance of 45, whose digits also add up to nine. The conversation helped settle his choice. The anecdote offered a personal glimpse into his early cricketing

Uttam warns rice traders against hoarding, black marketing

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday warned rice traders against hoarding, black marketing and selling rice at exorbitant prices, cautioning that strict action would be taken against violators.

The government has intensified enforcement operations across Telangana, particularly in wholesale and retail markets in Hyderabad and surrounding

districts, to curb price manipulation and protect consumers from unjustified price hikes.

Uttam reviewed price-control measures following discussions between Civil Supplies officials and wholesalers, retailers and rice millers. Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Ravindra and Director Shyam Prasad Lal briefed him on the enforcement measures.

The government is targeting a reduction in the price of commonly consumed BPT rice to Rs. 66 per kg, while the price

Government targets BPT rice price of Rs. 66 per kg; enforcement intensified across Telangana



of RNR rice will be reviewed separately based on quality and production costs.

Stating that Telangana had sufficient rice stocks, the Minister urged people not to panic or make unnecessary bulk purchases. He said the government would continue engaging with genuine traders and millers while taking stringent action against those indulging in unfair trade practices.

TGPCB warns chemical units over odour pollution



Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Oct 29

The Telangana Pollution Control Board (TGPCB) has warned chemical units in Jeedimetla and Balanagar against odour pollution following complaints from residents.

At an urgent meeting on Friday, TGPCB officials directed industries to

ensure efficient operation of air scrubbers, maintain operational logs and conduct fortnightly stack and ambient air monitoring.

Units were also instructed to carry out regular inspections, control fugitive emissions and submit compliance reports. The board cautioned that violations would invite strict legal action.

Hyderabad police bust mule bank account racket; three arrested

Munsif News Bureau
Hyderabad, Oct 30

The Commissioner's Task Force, Charminar Zone, along with Attapur Police, busted a racket allegedly supplying mule bank accounts to cyber fraudsters and arrested three persons. Two others are absconding.

The arrested were identified as Syed Abbas Ullah Hussaini (24), Mohammed Talha Khan (23) and Nawab Mohammed Rahemuddin Khan (20), all residents of Hussaini Alam. Police said the gang procured bank accounts through local individuals and sold account kits, including passbooks, ATM cards, PINs and linked SIM cards, for Rs. 20,000



to Rs. 25,000 each.

Police identified 83 suspected mule accounts across 22 bank branches in Hyderabad. Of these, 11 were linked to 14 reported cyber fraud transactions across several states. Around Rs. 10.04 crore was allegedly routed through the 83 accounts and withdrawn on the same day.

Police seized eight

bank passbooks and three mobile phones from the accused. They warned people against sharing or selling bank accounts and banking credentials to unknown persons, cautioning that such practices could lead to account freezing and criminal prosecution. Cybercrime victims can report incidents through helpline 1930 or www.cybercrime.gov.in.

BRAOU classes to commence from Nov.1

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) will commence classes for the first, third and fifth semesters of its degree programmes for the 2026-27 academic year from November 1.

Dr. Y. Venkateswarlu, Director, Student Services Branch, advised students to attend counselling classes at their respective study centres. Further details are available on www.braouonline.in or through the respective study centres.

Sex racket busted in Golconda; three arrested, woman rescued

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

The Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force, along with Pahadishareef Police, arrested a 36-year-old Xerox shop owner for allegedly forging Aadhaar and PAN cards by altering personal details.

The accused, Ch. Mahadev of Jalpally, was allegedly running the racket through his Xerox centre, Kavitha A to Z Online Services, at Budwel. Police said he used online software to change photographs, names, dates of birth and addresses on identity documents and supplied them for illegal purposes, including securing jobs and SIM cards.

He allegedly charged Rs. 300 for changing dates of birth and Rs. 700 to Rs. 1,000 for other alterations. Police seized 60 fake or altered Aadhaar cards, two PAN cards, Rs. 5,000 cash, a laptop, printer, lamination machine and mobile phone. The accused and seized material were handed over to Pahadishareef Police for further investigation.

Govt committed to making Hyderabad a global city: Bhatti

Rs 84,790 crore development plan; projects worth Rs55,000 crore in design and tendering stages



NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

Friday said the Telangana government was committed to transforming Hyderabad into a world-class city, with an ₹84,790 crore development plan for the city and its surrounding areas.

Speaking at the NAREDCO Telangana Property Show at HITEX, he said projects worth nearly ₹55,000 crore had entered the design and ten-

dering stages, while several others were under implementation.

Describing Hyderabad as one of the country's most liveable cities, Bhatti said the government would strengthen existing infrastructure and accelerate urban development. He termed the real estate and construction sectors key partners in the state's economic growth and said extensive development works would be taken up across the city.

Man held for forging Aadhaar, PAN cards in City



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BJP & Cong together pushing Telangana towards ruin: BRS MLA Sanjay

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

BRS MLA Kalvakuntla Sanjay on Friday accused the Congress and BJP of jointly damaging Telangana's interests, alleging that the State's progress over the past decade was being undermined.

Speaking at a media conference at Telangana Bhavan, he questioned the BJP's commitment to farmers, asking whether its leaders had raised issues relating to irrigation, electricity, central grants and industrial development in Telangana.

Sanjay alleged that the Congress leadership in the State and the BJP leadership at the Centre were working together against Telangana's interests. He also criticised BJP MPs for resorting to personal attacks instead of raising public issues.

Bandi Sanjay urges scientists to develop innovative crop varieties

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday urged agricultural scientists to develop innovative crop varieties and promote modern technologies to boost productivity, reduce cultivation costs and protect the environment.

Speaking at Farmers' Day and PM-KISAN Utsav Diwas celebrations organised by ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR) at Rajendranagar, he stressed the need for research-driven solutions to address farmers' challenges and improve their incomes.

Marking the release of the 24th PM-KISAN instalment, he urged officials to ensure that all eligible farmers receive welfare benefits and called upon farmers to adopt scientific recommendations.



ICAR-IIRR Director Dr. M. Srinivas Prasad highlighted the institute's research on crop productivity and plant health. Scientists also briefed farmers on new rice varieties and scientific pesticide use. Around 200 farmers and scientists attended the programme.

Ramlila Maidan under pressure from the PMO and Union Home Ministry. On Telangana politics, he said Amit Shah's state visit had yielded no benefits and criticised BRS leader Harish Rao for politicising El Niño.

FIEO holds export awareness programme in City

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), with the support of Central Bank of India, organised a two-day export awareness programme in Hyderabad on October 29 and 30 for exporters, MSMEs and entrepreneurs.

S.A. Chavan, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, explained export promotion schemes, India's Foreign Trade Policy and opportunities under Free Trade Agreements. V. Devendra of Central Bank of India outlined export finance facilities, while FIEO Telangana Chapter Head R. Kulkarni highlighted services and online platforms for exploring overseas markets.

The programme covered export documentation, GST, incentives, international payments, risk management and market selection, with participants discussing challenges and opportunities in global trade.



Chada urges govt to retain Miyapur lands for public welfare

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

CPI senior leader Chada Venkata Reddy has urged the Telangana government not to sell the 550 acres of Miyapur land, valued at nearly Rs.60,000 crore, and instead use it for public welfare.

Welcoming the Supreme Court verdict freeing the land from encroachments, he congratulated Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for pursuing the case. Recalling his earlier efforts to protect the land, Chada said it should be preserved as a public asset for future generations.

BJP seeks public consultation before Musi project

NSS News
Hyderabad, Oct 30

Mahesh Kumar Goud on Thursday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of avoiding journalists and alleged that BJP's electoral setbacks reflected growing public dissatisfaction with its governance.

Speaking at a media conference, he cited results in several constituencies to claim that the BJP was losing public support and asserted that Rahul Gandhi was strengthening anti-BJP forces.

Goud criticised the BJP over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and examination paper leaks. He also alleged that trains were obstructed ahead of the INDIA bloc rally at Delhi's

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