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ELECTION COMMISSION ACCOUNTABILITY UNDER

Supreme Court Questions Legal Immunity for Election Commissioners

Centre and Election Commission asked to respond as petitions challenge lifelong protection against civil and criminal proceedings.

Munsif News Desk, New Delhi:

The Supreme Court on Wednesday issued notices to the Centre and Election Commission on petitions challenging legal immunity granted to the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners for official actions.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant examined petitions filed by RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha and lawyer Arun Kumar Agrawal. The Centre has four weeks to respond, with the next hearing scheduled for December 18.

The petitions challenge Section 16 of the 2023 law governing election commissioners, which protects serving and former officials from civil and criminal proceedings over actions performed in their official capacity.

Petitioners argue that such protection could obstruct accountability for alleged corruption, misconduct, wrongful voter deletions and misuse of authority.

They question whether election commissioners should enjoy broader immunity than other constitutional authorities.

The court has neither struck down nor suspended the provision. The petitions have been linked with an earlier challenge by NGO Lok Prahari, raising questions about independence and accountability.

"Election independence must coexist with accountability under law."



AT A GLANCE

- 18 trading entities face action
- 25kg labelled 26kg
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- License violations detected
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AGNIPATH RECRUITMENT SCHEME

Agniveers to Get Two-Year Extension

Cabinet retains 25% absorption, offers others fresh enrolment opportunity.

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a major revision to the Agnipath scheme, offering Agniveers who are not selected for regular service after four years an optional two-year extension.

Chief of Defence Staff General N.S. Raja Subramani said the existing merit-based absorption of 25% would continue. The remaining 75% may serve for two additional years and seek permanent enrolment after completing six years, provided they meet prescribed selection, medical fitness and performance standards.

The government said extended service would bring higher remuneration, an enhanced Seva Nidhi package and seniority benefits. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described the arrangement as a "Second Tour of Duty."

The decision comes as more than 18,300 Agniveers from the first batch approach completion of their initial tenure. Detailed guidelines are awaited on selection procedures, medical requirements and how seniority will be calculated for six-year recruits.

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Five Indian-Americans Win US House Seats

Democrats secure five victories, while Amish Shah leads in Arizona. Other Indian-origin candidates record mixed results across state and local elections. P5

Delhi SIR Claims Close November 25

ECI urges missing voters to submit Form 6, clarifying that previously enrolled applicants won't face prosecution merely for reapplying. P4

Rig Owners Seek Deeper Borewell Permissions

Association urges Telangana to raise drilling limits from 120 to 250–300 metres, amend GO 259 and ease restrictions affecting farmers and operators. P8

Telangana Eyes $3 Trillion Economy by 2047

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka urges FICCI collaboration, highlighting DeepTech investment, and Hyderabad's potential as a global innovation hub. P3

PV Sindhu Qualifies for Sixth BWF World Tour Finals

Hylo Open triumph secures Sindhu's sixth appearance at the season-ending tournament in Hangzhou, China, from December 9–13. P7

Democrats Sweep Congress, Trump Faces Divided Washington

Washington: Democrats have secured control of both houses of the US Congress in Tuesday's midterm elections, ending Republican dominance and creating a divided government for President Donald Trump's remaining two years in office.

Election projections showed Democrats winning the Senate and House of Representatives, including major victories in traditionally Republican states such as Texas and Kansas. Formal certification of results remains pending.

The outcome gives Democrats greater authority to investigate the administration, oversee federal agencies, influence government spending and block presidential nominees.

However, Trump retains presidential veto powers, limiting Democrats' ability to reverse existing policies without bipartisan cooperation.

For India, the changing political balance could influence discussions on trade tariffs, immigration, visas and foreign relations, although immediate policy reversals are unlikely.

The newly elected Congress will assume office in January 2027, potentially setting the stage for legislative confrontations and stronger executive

Water Tanker Strike Ends After HYDRAA Agreement

Hyd: Hyderabad's private water-tanker operators called off their two-day strike on Wednesday and announced immediate resumption of supplies following discussions with HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath.

Association president Chandrashekar led the delegation, which agreed to obtain necessary permissions and collect borewell water only from areas outside the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

The settlement offers relief to households, hostels and commercial establishments dependent on private tankers, particularly in Madhapur, Gachibowli, Kukatpally and Ameerpet.

HYDRAA had restricted illegal commercial groundwater extraction within densely populated areas following complaints about declining groundwater levels and drying domestic borewells.

Ranganath said enforcement would continue in coordination with the Water Board and other departments. However, the impact of longer transportation distances on tanker prices remains unclear. Authorities must also monitor groundwater extraction beyond the ORR to prevent shortages in surrounding villages.

Although supplies have officially resumed, neighbourhood-wise delivery restoration remains unverified.

Fake Rythu Bharosa Messages Mislead 2.73 Lakh Farmers

Agriculture Department seeks cybercrime probe into unauthorised SMS claiming farm assistance payments.

Hyd: Telangana's Agriculture Department sought a cybercrime investigation on Wednesday after unauthorised SMS messages claiming Rythu Bharosa payments had reached approximately 2,73,128 farmers.

Agriculture Director B. Gopi clarified that the department neither sent nor authorised these messages. Officials confirmed that the claimed funds had not been released, leaving several farmers confused after checking their bank accounts. In his November 4 letter, Gopi requested examination of SMS gateways, sender IDs, transmission logs and IP addresses to identify those responsible.

Investigators have been asked to establish whether the incident involved impersonation or unauthorised access to government messaging systems.

Farmers were advised to trust only official announcements and avoid suspicious links or sharing banking details and OTPs.

Murasu Weakens, but Heavy Rain Threat Persists in Telangana

Hyd: Cyclone Murasu's remnant weakened into a well-marked low-pressure area over eastern Telangana and adjoining coastal Andhra Pradesh by 11.30 am Wednesday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) confirmed.

Despite weakening, its 3.30 pm bulletin warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated locations in eastern Telangana. Winds of 25–35 kmph, gusting to 45 kmph, were forecast for the next 12 hours.

India Meteorological Department

Rainfall reached 24 cm at Mulakalapalle in Bhadradri Kothagudem and 22 cm at Sathupalle in Khammam during the preceding 24 hours.

IMD cautioned that waterlogging, road disruptions and crop damage remain possible. Residents were advised to avoid flood-prone routes and vulnerable buildings.

Regular weather forecasts will continue as the system weakens further.

Abdul El-Sayed Becomes First Muslim US Senator

Detroit: Democrat Abdul El-Sayed has been projected to win Michigan's US Senate election, becoming the first Muslim elected to the chamber.

The 42-year-old physician and former public-health official defeated Republican Mike Rogers, securing the seat vacated by Democrat Gary Peters.

El-Sayed campaigned on affordable healthcare, reducing living costs and limiting corporate influence.

His historic victory marks a milestone for Muslim political representation in American politics. El-Sayed has also opposed US military assistance to Israel, placing foreign policy alongside healthcare and economic reform among his major political positions.

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Cabinet Clears ₹3,788 Crore to Fast-Track Justice in Rape Cases

Scheme extended to 2031, expanding fast-track courts to 850.

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday extended the Fast Track Special Courts scheme for rape and child sexual abuse cases until March 31, 2031, approving ₹3,788.04 crore to accelerate justice.

The government plans to increase operational courts from 779 to 850, including courts exclusively handling Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) cases.

Each court will have a dedicated judicial officer, special public prosecutor and six support staff.

Child-friendly facilities will also help vulnerable witnesses testify safely.

Since the scheme's launch in October 2019, these courts have disposed of 4,02,457 cases across 29 states and Union Territories.

However, faster justice will depend on timely judicial appointments, adequate staffing, effective witness protection and reducing long-pending cases.

Cabinet Clears ₹14,500 Crore Push for Energy Storage

Major funding initiative aims to strengthen renewable power supply and grid reliability.

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved ₹14,500 crore in viability-gap funding to develop 92 gigawatt-hours of grid-scale energy storage by 2030–31.

The scheme covers pumped hydro, batteries and emerging technologies, with projected investment of ₹97,600 crore.

Projects will be allocated through competitive tariff bidding, while battery systems must meet a 40% domestic-content requirement.

The initiative aims to improve renewable power reliability and reduce conventional energy dependence. Actual consumer benefits will depend on commissioning schedules, procurement costs and electricity tariffs.

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Governance, development, welfare and districts shaping the State

CYBERABAD CP REVIEWS SECURITY AHEAD OF CM's

Hyderabad, Nov 4: NSS



Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh on Wednesday inspected security and traffic arrangements at Sunnam Cheruvu and Thammidikunta Cheruvu under Madhapur Police Station limits ahead of the proposed visit of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. During the inspection, the Commissioner reviewed bandobust arrangements, traffic management and security measures to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the Chief Minister's visit.

He was accompanied by Kukatpally Zone DCP Ritiraj, Madhapur ACP Ch. Sridhar, Detective Inspector P. Ramesh and other traffic police officials.

APPSC exam case: ED raids seven locations in Telangana and Andhra

Hyderabad, Nov 4: NSS

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday conducted searches at the premises of IPS officer P Sitarama Anjaneyulu and others as part of a money laundering probe linked to alleged irregularities in the evaluation of answer scripts for an examination conducted by the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC), officials said.

A total of seven premises in Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Telangana and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh were covered by the central agency officials.

The ED case, registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), stems from a 2025 FIR filed by the Andhra Pradesh Police over alleged irregularities between 2018 and 2021, when the APPSC issued a notification to fill 169 posts.

The police alleged irregularities in the manual evaluation of answer scripts for the APPSC Group-I Main Examination, during which Rs 1.14 crore was reportedly paid to a private party.

Anjaneyulu, a 1992-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, was the Secretary of the APPSC at the time, while Camsign Media was assigned the work of manual evaluation, according to the ED.

The officer served as the head of police intelligence, in the rank of Director General of Police (DGP), during the tenure of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy.

The State police arrested him in this case.

The senior police officer was also arrested by the State police's Crime Investigation Department (CID) in 2025 in a case related to the alleged harassment and wrongful arrest of a Mumbai-based female actor.

Apart from Anjaneyulu's premises, ED teams also raided those of P Madhusudhana Rao, managing director of Camsign Media, and Aavasa Resort Haailand in Chinakakani village of Guntur district, where the answer scripts were kept and the evaluation exercise was carried out.

The other locations searched by ED officials included the premises of TruGrader Services, a division of Stone Media Advisory Services Pvt Ltd, which conducted the earlier digital evaluation for APPSC; its managing director, Akella Peri Srinivasa Rao; and Mahamkali Raghuram, who was engaged in connection with the evaluation work, according to the ED.

Additional Collector Raja Goud Assumes Charge as In-Charge

Nizamabad, Nov 4: Munsif Desk

Additional Collector (Revenue) Raja Goud assumed charge as the In-Charge Chairman of the Nizamabad District Cooperative Marketing Society (DCMS) on Wednesday. On the occasion, officials and employees of the concerned department congratulated Raja Goud and conveyed their best wishes. Speaking after assuming charge, Raja Goud said special attention would be given to ensuring the effective and systematic functioning of DCMS and providing better services to farmers through the cooperative sector. He instructed the concerned officials to work with commitment towards farmers' welfare and address their grievances on priority.

Two Arrested for Selling Ganja

Karimnagar, Nov 4: Munsif Desk

Police arrested two persons on charges of selling ganja within the limits of Kothapalli Police Station in Karimnagar district. Police seized approximately 2.2 kg of ganja and mobile phones from their possession. The accused reportedly belong to the Rekurthi area. According to police, the duo had allegedly procured ganja from Nagpur in Maharashtra and were preparing to sell it in Karimnagar in small packets.

POW Demands Free Supply of Nine Essential Commodities to Poor Through Fair Price

Nizamabad, Nov 4: Munsif Desk



The Nizamabad City Committee of the Progressive Women's Organisation (POW) has urged the Telangana Government to provide nine essential commodities free of cost to poor families through fair price shops, in view of the drought-like situation, unemployment and growing economic distress among agricultural-dependent communities, particularly in Nizamabad district.

In this regard, the organisation submitted a memorandum to the District Collector. POW District General Secretary M. Bharathi, City President Neelam Lakshmi and General Secretary Guntial Sanjana said that crop failures and the lack of employment opportunities had severely affected the purchasing power of poor families, leaving many unable to meet even their daily necessities. They alleged that certain traders were illegally hoarding rice meant for poor consumers to create artificial scarcity and make excessive profits.

They pointed out that a rice bag, which was previously available for Rs.1,200, was now being sold for as much as Rs.2,200, causing serious hardship to economically weaker sections.

The POW leaders further alleged that rice supplied through the Public Distribution System was being illegally diverted and sold elsewhere. They claimed that the diverted rice was subsequently recycled and processed into premium-quality rice before being sold in the open market at higher prices.

Unity Among Urdu Journalists Is the Need of the Hour

Warangal Nov 4: Munsif Desk

Mirza Fathullah Baig Riyaz, Convenor of the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union (TUWJU) for Warangal, Hanamkonda, Mulugu, Mahabubabad and Jayashankar Bhupalpally districts, has stressed that unity and solidarity among Urdu journalists are the need of the hour. He said the union's 10th Annual General Body Meeting and Best Journalist Awards Ceremony would provide an excellent opportunity to bring Urdu journalists together on a common platform and further strengthen unity and mutual understanding within the journalistic community.

In a press statement, Mirza Fathullah Baig Riyaz announced that the 10th Annual General Body Meeting and Best Journalist Awards Ceremony of the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union (TUWJU), the only registered trade union representing Urdu journalists in Telangana, would be held on November 11, 2026, at Vats Garden, Shanti Nagar, Hyderabad.

He said senior and distinguished Urdu journalists who had rendered outstanding services towards the promotion, preservation and development of Urdu journalism would be honoured with Best Journalist Awards in recognition of their valuable contributions.

TNGO Leaders Demand 51% Fitment Under PRC

Nizamabad, Nov 4: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

A TNGO District Executive Meeting was held at the IDOC TNGO Office under the chairmanship of Employees JAC District Chairman and TNGO District President Nashetti Suman Kumar.

During the meeting, presidents and secretaries of various unit branches and district executive members discussed the agenda items.

Addressing the gathering, Nashetti Suman Kumar and TNGO District Secretary Nethikunta Shekhar said that the TGEJAC, which acts as a bridge between government employees and the State Government, had successfully secured the release of two pending Dearness Allowances (DAs). They expressed gratitude on behalf of TNGO Nizamabad District and urged the association to continue its efforts to resolve the remaining pending issues through discussions and persuasion with the government.

The leaders demanded that the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) submit its report without further delay and that the government immediately implement the PRC recommendations with 51 per cent fitment. They also called for effective implementation of the Employees Health Scheme (EHS). Informing members that the annual TNGO membership drive was being conducted this year as well, they appealed to all government employees to compulsorily enrol as members of the association.

Collector Ila Tripathi Inspects Dumping Yard, Directs Officials to Expedite Bio-Mining

Nizamabad, Nov 4: Munsif Desk



District Collector Ila Tripathi has directed officials to ensure effective monitoring of door-to-door garbage collection in the city and take necessary measures for proper waste management and disposal.

On Wednesday, the Collector visited the dumping yard located on the outskirts of Nagaram and inspected the collection, segregation and processing of waste using modern machinery.

During the inspection, she enquired about the daily quantity of garbage collected, waste disposal methods and the distribution of organic manure produced through the processing system.

Officials informed her that bio-mining operations were currently being carried out at an average rate of 600 metric tonnes of waste per day. Responding to this, the Collector directed them to expedite the process and increase the daily capacity to 1,000 metric tonnes.

Identifying vacant land surrounding the dumping yard, she instructed officials to undertake large-scale plantation drives and ensure proper protection and maintenance of the saplings.

She also directed the installation of solar-powered CCTV cameras to monitor the entire dumping yard and ensure continuous surveillance of waste management operations.

The Collector further instructed officials not to allow garbage to accumulate on either side of the road near the dumping yard and to shift it to designated locations away from the roadside.

Officials Told to Prevent Drinking Water Shortage

Rajanna Sircilla, Nov 4: Munsif Desk

Officials should take precautionary measures well in advance to prevent any drinking water shortage in Vemulawada town, Municipal Chairman Pulkam Raju has directed.

On Wednesday, he, along with Municipal Commissioner Lokesh, conducted a field inspection of various ongoing development works and infrastructure facilities in Shatrajupalli, within the limits of Vemulawada town in Rajanna Sircilla district.

During the inspection, they reviewed the progress of CC road construction and drainage works in the ward, besides examining sanitation arrangements.

Govt. to Promote Self-Employment Among Minority

Adilabad, Nov 4: Munsif Desk



With the objective of providing self-employment opportunities and ensuring economic empowerment of minority women, a free Mehndi designing training programme was inaugurated at the Minorities Common Service Centre and Urdu Bhavan in Adilabad under the aegis of the Minority Welfare Department.

Municipal Chairperson Bandari Anusha Satish attended the programme as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the training session. Speaking on the occasion, Bandari Anusha Satish said that women should not limit themselves to domestic responsibilities but should utilise their talents and skills to achieve financial independence. She said women could secure employment for themselves by making efforts to undergo the training with dedication and interest and put the skills acquired into practical use.

District Minority Welfare Officer Shaikh Kaleem Ahmed highlighted the importance and growing demand for Mehndi designing, respectable livelihood from their homes.

He noted that the business could be started with minimal investment, enabling women to achieve financial independence and create employment opportunities for others through their skills.

Minority Institutions Back Congress Appeal for Graduate MLC Polls

Hyderabad, Nov 4: Munsif Desk

Representatives of leading minority educational institutions in Telangana responded positively to an appeal by Advisor to the Telangana Government and senior Congress leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir to support party candidates in the forthcoming Graduate MLC elections.

At a meeting at his Jubilee Hills residence on Wednesday evening, they assured him that they would consider extending support and encouraging their alumni to vote for Congress candidates. The meeting, attended by AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant, TPCC Senior Vice-President Zafar Javeed and heads of nearly 15 minority institutions, discussed strategies to secure support for Sama Rammohan Reddy from the Mahabubnagar-Ranga Reddy-Hyderabad Graduates' Constituency and Ramreddy Sarvotham Reddy from Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda.

Among those present were Zafar Javeed of M.J. College (Sultan-ul-Uloom); Mujahid Alam Khan of Anwar-ul-Uloom College; Syed Basha Mohiuddin of Lords Engineering College; Mohammed Qayyum of Presidency College; Mohd Ghouse of Azad College of Engineering; Mohammed Habeeb of MRM College; and Mohammed Anwar, Director of M.S. Junior College. Representatives of other minority institutions also attended. Candidate Sama Rammohan Reddy was also present.



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People, civic issues, communities and developments from across Telangana

UoH BREAKS INTO ASIA's TOP 300, RANKS 55th IN SOUTHERN ASIA

Hyderabad: Nov 4: NSS

The University of Hyderabad (UoH) has secured the 270th position in Asia and 55th in Southern Asia in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027, placing it among the continent's top 300 Universities.

The rankings, released by global higher education analyst QS Quacquarelli Symonds, assessed more than 1,700 universities across 26 higher education systems, including 325 institutions from India.

UoH outperformed 84.4 per cent of the ranked institutions, marking its best performance in terms of this measure over the last nine editions.

The university also improved its Academic Reputation ranking by 11 places, moving from 176th to 165th in Asia. The indicator, based on QS's annual survey of global academics, is the largest contributor to its overall score.

UoH secured the 130th position in Asia for Staff with PhD, with an indicator score of 99 out of 100.

Nearly 93 per cent of its faculty members hold doctoral qualifications, compared with the regional median of 61.5 per cent.

UoH-led team develops advanced alloys for safer, longer-lasting medical implants

Hyderabad, Nov 4: NSS

Researchers from the University of Hyderabad (UoH), in collaboration with scientists from IIT Delhi, IIT Bhubaneswar and CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi, have developed a new family of metal alloys that could pave the way for stronger, safer and longer-lasting medical implants. The research, published in the international peer-reviewed journal Advanced Healthcare Materials by Wiley, focuses on titanium-cobalt-chromium (TiCoCr)-based multi-principal element alloys (MPEAs). Conventional metal implants used in hip joints, bone plates and other medical applications can gradually wear down, corrode and release metal ions into surrounding tissues.

Bhatti calls for stronger FICCI partnership to achieve $3-trillion economy goal

Hyderabad, Nov 4: NSS

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has described Telangana as an enabler of industry and business, and called upon the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) to strengthen its collaboration with the State as it works towards achieving its target of becoming a $3 trillion economy by 2047.

Addressing the FICCI@100 celebrations and the Telangana DeepTech Leadership Summit at ITC Kakatiya Hotel in Begumpet on Wednesday as the chief guest, Bhatti Vikramarka said Telangana was driving industrial growth through investor-friendly policies and world-class infrastructure.

With the deliberations at the summit focusing on DeepTech, the Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana had a strong foundation to emerge as a major player in the sector.

"Hyderabad brings together software, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, aerospace and engineering.

Our opportunity lies in getting these capabilities to work together," he said. Inviting industry leaders, businesses and investors to participate in the Global Investors Summit scheduled to be held in December at Bharat Future City, the



Deputy Chief Minister said the government was not only investing in research and industrial development but was also laying strong emphasis on public-private partnerships.

He also stressed the need to establish seamless pathways from funding and research to product development and commercial production in the DeepTech sector.

ACB CATCHES ADILABAD SI IN Rs.40,000 BRIBE TRAP

Amaravati: Nov 4: Munsif Desk

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday caught Sub-Inspector of Police G. Ramesh of Bazarhathnoor Police Station in Adilabad district while accepting a bribe of Rs.40,000 from a complainant for extending official favour.

According to the ACB, the SI initially demanded Rs.50,000 and later reduced it to Rs.40,000 to avoid implicating the complainant in a case registered under Section 194 of the BNS in connection with the suspected suicide of an unmarried woman.

He also allegedly demanded money for returning the complainant's mobile phone, which had been retained by



him.

The deceased woman had reportedly made her last phone call to the complainant before her death.

The SI allegedly used this circumstance to threaten the complainant with implication in the case unless he paid the bribe.

During the trap operation, the SI instructed the complainant to place the money beneath centering boxes near an under-construction petrol bunk on the outskirts of a village. The complainant followed his instructions, following which the ACB trapped the officer.

The accused officer was arrested and will be produced before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB Cases, Karimnagar, for judicial remand.

The case is under investigation. The identity of the complainant has been withheld for security reasons.

Land resurvey must be conducted in farmers' presence: Ponguleti

Hyderabad, Nov 4: NSS

Minister for Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has directed officials to conduct the comprehensive land resurvey across Telangana primarily in the interests of farmers and ensure that the exercise is carried out in their presence to facilitate the resolution of land-related disputes.

The Minister instructed tahsildars to visit villages where the resurvey is under way every day. Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs), Additional Collectors and Collectors should closely monitor the exercise and visit the villages at least once a week, he said.

The government's objective is to complete a comprehensive survey of every inch of land across the State by next year and ensure secure and dispute-free land owner-



ship for all landowners, the Minister said.

He said the government was committed to providing every farmer with secure and comprehensive land records and passbooks, which would serve as an Aadhaar-like identity document for land ownership.

Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, along with Ranga Reddy district in-charge Minister D. Sridhar Babu, held an extensive review meeting at the Medchal-Malkajgiri Collectorate on Wednesday to review land surveys, revenue administration, stamps and registration, and housing-related issues concerning the erstwhile Ranga Reddy district.

Addressing the meeting, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the government had taken up the comprehensive land resurvey as a prestigious initiative. In the first phase, the exercise would be taken up on a fast-track basis in selected revenue villages in every district across the State, in accordance with the prescribed legal provisions, he added.

SCR HOLDS MEGA CAMP TO FACILITATE DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATES FOR PENSIONERS

Hyderabad, Nov 4: Munsif Desk

South Central Railway (SCR) organised a Mega Camp at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, on Wednesday as part of the Nationwide Digital Life Campaign 5.0 to facilitate online submission of Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) and address pensioners' grievances.

The programme was attended by Principal Chief Personnel Officer Siddarth Kati, Chief Personnel Officer (Industrial Relations) S. Ramana Reddy, officials from Personnel and Accounts departments, representatives of railway pensioners' associations, bank officials and retired employees.

Addressing the gathering, Siddarth Kati said the campaign would make the submission of life certificates easier through digital platforms, enabling pensioners to access the facility from their homes.

He appreciated the pensioners' associations for highlighting their concerns and lauded the Personnel and Accounts departments for ensuring smooth implementation.

Similar camps were organised across SCR's Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Nanded divisions, workshops and other units.

Telangana Eases Fire NOC Norms for Schools, Junior Colleges

Hyderabad, Nov 4: Munsif Desk

The Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence Department has announced simplified and practically implementable guidelines for issuing Fire No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to existing schools and junior and intermediate colleges across the State.

Director General of the Department, Sri Vikram Singh Mann, IPS, said the initiative aims to address practical difficulties faced by educational institutions in meeting certain prescribed building requirements while ensuring essential fire prevention, life safety and emergency evacuation measures to protect students, teachers and other occupants.

The revised guidelines take into account representations received from various school and college management associations and discussions held with stakeholders on September 8, 2026. The Department reviewed the difficulties faced by older educational buildings, particularly in providing the prescribed open spaces and additional staircases. Under the revised provisions, the existing open spaces available within the premises may be considered without insisting on additional open spaces.

Where the available setbacks are inadequate, water curtains must be provided on the deficient sides that do not have an adjoining road to prevent the spread of fire



Photo Syed Omar

from neighbouring properties.

A four-way fire brigade inlet must also be provided as a compensatory safety measure.

Nagamma Cheruvu Receives Water After 12 Years



Kagaznagar: Nov 4: Mohd Faiz Uddin

Sirpur MLA Dr. Palvai Harish Babu formally released water into Nagamma Cheruvu in Sirpur-Town after a gap of 12 years. He attended the programme as the chief guest. Special pujas were performed to mark the arrival of water into the lake.

Traditional offerings, including sarees, were also presented as part of the rituals.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Palvai Harish Babu said that a long-pending issue of nearly 12 years had finally been resolved through the initiative and efforts of Sirpur-T Sarpanch Odeti Nagamani–Nannaiah. He said water was being diverted from the check dam to Nagamma Cheruvu through a canal after a gap of 12 years.

He further stated that the water stored in the lake would provide irrigation facilities to an ayacut of approximately 3,000 to 4,000 acres, benefiting farmers during both the Kharif and Rabi seasons.

The MLA also announced that efforts would be made to secure funds through the Tourism Corporation for the beautification and development of Nagamma Cheruvu, with the objective of transforming it into an attractive tourist destination.

Sirpur-T Sarpanch Odeti Nagamani–Nannaiah, District BJP President Dhoni Srisailam Mudiraj, Deputy Sarpanch Durgam Prashanth, ward members, Mandal BJP President Lavanya, BJP leaders, party workers and farmers participated in the programme.

Centre Approves 5 Telangana Urban Projects Worth 3,892 Cr

Hyderabad, Nov 4: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

The Central Government has approved five major urban infrastructure projects in Telangana worth a combined Rs.3,892.38 crore under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF), sanctioning central assistance of Rs.873.49 crore. The approvals were accorded at a meeting of the National Apex Committee (NAC) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), chaired by the Secretary, Department of Urban Development, on November 3.

The five projects cover drinking water supply to the Hyderabad metropolitan region, flood management and heritage conservation in Warangal, commercial infrastructure development in Hanamkonda and temple-town revival at Alampur.

The Godavari Drinking Water Supply Phase II and III project, being implemented by HMWSSB, involves laying 120 km of transmission pipelines, constructing two water treatment plants with capacities of 120 MLD and 70 MLD, and creating 102.5 million litres of storage. The 20 TMC augmentation is expected to meet drinking water requirements of around 174 lakh people across the 2,053 sq. km Core Urban Region until 2035. This includes the 27 ULBs (Urban Local Bodies) recently merged around the Outer Ring Road. The project is targeted for completion by December 2027.

In Warangal, the proposed Storm Water Drainage Project aims to address chronic flooding through RCC and earthen drains, rejuvenation of 10 major tanks, and nature-based solutions. Covering 407.70 sq. km, it is designed to eliminate 24 chronic flood points.



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At a Glance

Three girls killed in Bihar mound collapse

IANS
Patna, Nov. 4

Three girls, including two sisters, died when an earthen mound collapsed in Sultanganj village, Kishanganj, on Wednesday.

The victims were Nagma Parveen (10), sister Nisha (9), and neighbour Ruby Khatoon (8). They were collecting soil for their homes when the mound gave way. Villagers pulled them out; all were dead.

The families declined post-mortems. SDO Aniket Kumar said officials reached the village and were speaking to them.

Elephant found dead in Jharkhand

IANS
Ranchi, Nov. 4

An elephant carcass was found near Tankura village in West Singhbhum on Wednesday, taking reported deaths in Jharkhand's forests to four in two months.

Villagers said a herd of 20 elephants entered the area on Tuesday. They suspect electrocution, but the cause awaits the post-mortem report. They alleged the Forest Department did not respond to their call.

Earlier deaths were reported in Latehar on October 28 and September 7, and in West Singhbhum in October.

PM Modi parroting his flop line of Dimaagi Naxal; has no answer on vote chori: Kharge

IANS
New Delhi, Nov. 4



Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday came out in support of Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his 'Dimaagi Naxal' remark, alleging that the government had no answers to questions raised by Congress on alleged vote theft and foreign influence.

In a post on social media platform X, Kharge said, "PM Modi is parroting his flop line of 'Dimaagi Naxal'! He has NO answer on Vote Chori and the open challenge by Shri Rahul Gandhi to discuss how he mortgaged Indian interests to foreign powers."

Targeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah over his remarks that three crore voters were infiltrators, Kharge questioned his handling of the issue.

"Shah is telling us three crore voters are Ghushpaithiya! What was he doing as Home Minister for years, letting 'illegal' people enter India? He should be sacked for his incompetence," Kharge said.

He also accused the Election Commission of India (ECI) of repeatedly changing its position on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

"The ECI has taken five U-turns on SIR. This includes a complete change of Form 6, which was termed as 'illegal' by fellow Election Commissioners! Why?" he said.

Raising questions over the functioning of Parliament, Kharge said the previous session had not been prorogued for 83 days and alleged that the government's decision to convene a special session had been prompted by the Opposition's recent activities.

"The last session of Parliament has not been prorogued for 83 days and counting. And now, when the next session is on the anvil, they want a special session. The public impeachment of CEC Gyanesh Kumar and the massive 'Vote Bachao' Ramlila Maidan rally have rattled Modiji-Shah," he said.

Kharge further challenged the Prime Minister to face questions and participate in an open debate.

"You don't come to Parliament. You have not held a SINGLE OPEN PRESS CONFERENCE. It is time you came for a DEBATE. Come forward, face questions. Tell the nation why you indulged in VOTE CHORI," he added.

Kharge's remarks came a day after Rahul Gandhi renewed his challenge to Prime Minister Modi for an open debate on allegations of foreign influence and issues concerning the country's financial system, among other matters.

On Tuesday, Gandhi asked the Prime Minister to choose any venue for the discussion, questioning the government's allegations that the Opposition was anti-national.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman criticised Rahul Gandhi for disrespecting institutions and asked him to participate in a debate in Parliament instead of issuing challenges on social media.

She also referred to Home Minister Shah's offer to convene a special session to discuss the SIR and electronic voting machines (EVMs), asking why Gandhi was not showing similar enthusiasm for a parliamentary debate.

Missing name in Delhi draft voter list? Submit Form 6 by Nov 25

IANS
New Delhi, Nov. 4



The Election Commission of India (ECI) has urged residents of Delhi to check their names in the draft electoral roll of the National Capital Territory, published on August 31, 2026, during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Electors whose names are missing from the draft roll have been advised to submit Form 6 to seek inclusion in the final electoral roll, scheduled to be published on December 22, 2026. The last date for filing claims and objections in Delhi is November 25, 2026.

Claims and objections can be filed offline with Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and at designated polling station locations until November 25.

Applications can also be submitted online through the official voters' services portal, voters.eci.gov.in, or the ECINET mobile application.

According to figures released on November 4, of the 33,14,032 electors identified under the no-mapping and logical-discrepancy categories, 13,05,630 no-mapping cases and 19,29,582 logical-discrepancy cases have been parked for the final electoral roll, the EC said.

The total includes 13,79,789 no-mapping cases and 19,34,243 electors with logical discrepancies who were issued notices, it added.

The EC clarified concerns among previously enrolled voters whose names are missing. Some electors were reluctant to submit Form 6 because its declaration says their name is being included in the electoral roll for the first time. They feared that filing it despite having been enrolled earlier could amount to a false declaration and invite prosecution under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, the EC said.

In a letter dated November 3, 2026, the Commission said these apprehensions were misplaced. The declaration has been part of Form 6 since August 1, 2022, and electors missing from the draft roll must seek fresh inclusion, regardless of their previous enrolment.

The EC also cited the Delhi High Court's October 14, 2026, judgment in Nilotpal Datta & Anr. v. Election Commission of India & Ors. The court observed that the petitioners could submit Form 6 for consideration in accordance with law.

The Commission clarified that no action under Section 31 would be initiated merely because a previously enrolled elector submits Form 6 during or after the SIR process, provided the person is not already enrolled in another Parliamentary or Assembly Constituency and the declaration otherwise complies with the law.

ANANTAPUR VERDICT REFLECTS MOOD OF THE PEOPLE, SAYS YSRCP

IANS
Anantapur, Nov. 4

The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has said its victory in the Anantapur mayoral election reflects the people's mood and predicted that it would be echoed across Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking, YSRCP district president Anantha Venkatarami Reddy said party workers had faced alleged atrocities by the ruling NDA coalition led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He urged voters to carry the spirit into the ZPTC and MPTC elections on November 5.



Reddy alleged that the results would have been similar across the State if the government had ensured fair polls without misusing official machinery or intimidating Opposition workers. In Tadipatri he said, the YSRCP secured 16,400 votes despite restrictions, while counting took place without its agents. He attributed low turnout to fear created by the ruling coalition.

YSRCP mayoral candidate Ramesh Goud credited the victory to Reddy, party workers and voters. He pledged to work for the city's development and urged the Naidu government to cooperate.

Anantapur is the only municipal corporation in the State where the YSRCP won the mayor's post. Goud defeated BJP candidate K. Aeesh Babu by 5,981 votes.

The YSRCP won three of the 100 Urban Local Bodies that went to polls on Sunday, securing chairperson posts in two municipalities. The TDP-led NDA won 94 seats. The TDP was leading in Ongole mayoral election, where counting was under way on Wednesday.

NCP to press Fadnavis for speedy probe into Ajit Pawar crash, seek CBI inquiry

IANS
Mumbai, Nov. 4

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) core committee, headed by party president and Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar, on Wednesday decided that its ministers and legislators would meet Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis after Diwali to seek an early conclusion to the CID probe into Ajit Pawar's death in a plane crash at Baramati on January 28. The party will renew its demand for a CBI inquiry.

The move follows criticism from NCP (SP) legislator Rohit Pawar, who has accused the government of delaying the probe. The committee decided to engage senior lawyers in the Supreme Court case between the two NCP factions.

Working President Praful Patel, state unit chief Sunil Tatkare, ministers Chhagan Bhujbal and Hasan Mushrif, MP Parth Pawar and youth leader Jay Pawar attended.

Party sources said the decision followed Jay Pawar's October 28 visit to the CID headquarters in Pune, seeking an update on the probe, pending technical reports and a speedy conclusion.

CID is examining technical reports and inputs from aviation agencies. The Maharashtra government recommended a CBI probe in February 2026 following demands from Sunetra Pawar and other NCP leaders. Fadnavis said the CBI's criminal or sabotage investigation would proceed after the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) submits its final technical findings.



The committee reviewed the Supreme Court dispute over the NCP name and symbol. The Sharad Pawar faction challenged the Election Commission's recognition of Ajit Pawar's group as the official NCP and allotment of the 'Clock' symbol. The court allowed its provisional use with a disclaimer that the matter is sub judice, and recognised the other faction as Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar, allotting it the 'Man Blowing Turha' symbol.

The meeting came amid friction between senior and younger leaders. Senior leaders had reportedly raised concerns with Union Home Minister Amit Shah over Parth Pawar's alleged unilateral functioning. On Tuesday, legislators said internal divisions were weakening the party and leaving grassroots workers uncertain.

ED restores Rs 238.90 crore assets in Neomax fraud case; investors may get relief

IANS
Chennai, Nov. 4

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Chennai, has facilitated restitution of attached properties worth Rs 238.90 crore in the Neomax real estate fraud case. Their estimated market value exceeds Rs 800 crore, and the assets could compensate hundreds of investors allegedly cheated by the company.

The development follows an order by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court directing that the properties be sold under judicial supervision and proceeds distributed among victims.

The probe concerns Neomax Properties Private Limited, which allegedly collected money by promising high returns from land and property projects. According to the ED, the company and its associates offered returns of up to 30 per cent but later defaulted, leaving investors unable to recover their investments or promised profits.

Complaints led to criminal investigations and proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The ED attached properties suspected to be linked to the alleged proceeds of crime.

The High Court's order provides for the sale of assets and distribution of proceeds among eligible claimants under judicial supervision. The process aims to ensure transparency in the sale and disbursement to eligible investors.

Compensation will depend on sale proceeds, verification of claims, and further court directions. The amount payable to each investor is yet to be determined.

The case highlights the risks of schemes promising unusually high returns and efforts to return assets linked to alleged financial crimes to victims.

RAJASTHAN: EPFO ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ARRESTED IN RS 1 LAKH BRIBERY

IANS
Jaipur, Nov. 4

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday arrested EPFO Enforcement Officer Sonu Maurya for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh in Jaipur.

ACB Director General Govind Gupta said the complainant alleged that Maurya had demanded Rs 2 lakh to avoid registering an FIR over the non-deposit of employees' Provident Fund contributions. He had also allegedly threatened to freeze the firm's bank accounts.

After verifying the demand, the ACB's Jaipur City-IV unit laid a trap. Maurya allegedly accepted Rs 1 lakh in the presence of the firm's Chartered Accountant. The team recovered the money and arrested him.

The bureau is probing others' involvement. Further proceedings are under way. The ACB has registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act and urged citizens to report corruption through its helpline 1064 or WhatsApp number 94135-02834.

Gujarat govt announces 3 % DA hike for 9.69 lakh employees, pensioners ahead of Diwali

IANS
Gandhinagar, Nov. 4



The Gujarat government on Wednesday announced a three per cent increase in dearness allowance (DA) for state government employees and pensioners, benefiting more than 9.69 lakh families, with arrears for four months to be paid along with the November salary.

The decision, taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, will be effective from July 1, 2026, and brings the state's DA rates in line with those of the Central Government, state government spokesperson and Minister Jitu Vaghani said.

The increase will benefit 4.62 lakh serving employees and approximately 5.07 lakh pensioners covered under the Sixth and Seventh Pay Commissions.

The beneficiaries include employees of the state government, panchayat services and other institutions.

The government will pay the arrears for the four months from July to October 2026 in a single instalment. The amount will be credited to the bank accounts of employees and pensioners along with their November salaries.

Vaghani said the state government would incur an expenditure of Rs 523 crore towards the payment of arrears. The increase in DA will add an annual financial burden of Rs 1,569 crore on the state exchequer.

Announcing the decision ahead of Diwali, Vaghani said: "The government had taken the step in the interest of state employees and pensioners."

He added, "The government is committed to the welfare of employees who worked round the clock in delivering good governance and administration in the state, and to ensuring that they could celebrate the festival with their families."

At a Glance

Road accident kills three, injures four in northern Afghanistan

IANS
Kabul , Nov. 4

Three people were killed and four injured, some critically, when two speeding cars collided on a highway in northern Afghanistan's Balkh province on Wednesday, police said.

The provincial police office attributed the accident to reckless driving. The injured were shifted to nearby health facilities, Xinhua News Agency reported.

On November 1, two people were killed and three injured in a collision between a truck and a rickshaw in eastern Laghman province. Five people were also killed and 20 injured in a bus-tanker collision on the Salang Highway in Baghlan province on October 30.

NORTH KOREA FIRES MISSILES TOWARDS EAST SEA

IANS
Seoul, Nov. 4

North Korea fired missiles towards the East Sea on Wednesday, South Korea's JCS said. Launched from Sondok in South Hamgyong Province, they are believed to have travelled less than 300 km. Their specifications are being analysed with the US, Yonhap reported.

The JCS said it was monitoring the North's movements and ready to respond. A defence expert said they appeared to be Hwasong-11 Ra missiles. If confirmed, it would be the North's third missile launch in a week.

Kim Yo-jong denied North Korea's role in a cryptocurrency theft.

Attacks hit Pakistan forces in Balochistan

IANS
Quetta, Nov. 4

Pakistani convoys were attacked in Balochistan's Kech, Mastung and Kharan districts, with casualties reported, local media said.

Fighters blocked the Quetta-Taftan highway in Dalbandin on Monday and torched a vehicle, The Balochistan Post reported. No group claimed responsibility.

The Balochistan Liberation Front claimed it killed over 129 military personnel in October operations.

TRUMP'S MYTH OF POWER OVER ELECTORATE BROKEN

IANS
New York, Nov. 4



US voters have dealt President Donald Trump and the Republican Party a severe setback, with Democrats winning control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

NBC News projections indicated that Democrats could win 256 of the 435 House seats, an 81-seat margin, and at least 54 seats in the 100-member Senate, a lead of four.

Trump had campaigned in 2024 on promises to lower prices and make life more affordable. After returning to power, however, he focused on using tariffs to "make America great again", attacking Iran for regime change, and beautifying the White House and Washington.

As reports of the defeats emerged, Trump wrote on Truth Social: "I wasn't on the Ballot and if I was, we would have won IN A LANDSLIDE"!

The results have challenged Trump's influence over the Republican Party, particularly after setbacks in traditionally Republican states such as Texas, Kansas and South Carolina.

In Kansas, Adam Hamilton ended a 95-year Republican hold on the Senate seat, becoming the first Democrat elected there in nearly a century. In Texas, Hina Hinojosa's election as governor ended a 36-year Republican run.

Trump-backed Senate candidates Ken Paxton, impeached by the Texas House on bribery charges but acquitted by the Senate, and Susan Graham, sister of the late Senator Lindsey Graham, also lost.

Trump had threatened in a CBS News interview on Tuesday to become "Mr Veto" and block Democratic legislation until the party agreed to a deal. After the defeats, he told Politico: "I don't wanna be just sitting there for two years vetoing everything".

He added: "We're going to work with the Democrats to make sure things go well for our country".

The victory could constrain Trump. His handling of Iran, which he had threatened to annihilate, is expected to be an early test.

Trump told Politico that Democrats had "already called and they want to work with" him. But House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, likely to become Speaker, said his party needed to deliver "dramatic change".

"Things are broken. We need a Congress that puts the American people first", he said.

'If I was on ballot, we'd win in a landslide': Trump

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump claimed Republicans would have won the mid-term elections by a "landslide" had he been on the ballot, as Democrats took control of Congress.

Though he said he would accept the results, Trump appeared to shift blame for the Republican setback to fellow party members.

"I wasn't on the Ballot and if I was, we would have won IN A LANDSLIDE!" he wrote on Truth Social.

Trump said he would become a political commentator and analyse why candidates had won or lost.

"I'm going to become a Political Pundit, both good and bad, on the reasons these Candidates won and lost!" he wrote.

Before the polls, Trump warned that he would veto legislation if Democrats took control of Congress. In an interview with New York Post columnist Miranda Devine for the 'Pod Force One' podcast, he said: "If we didn't win, I veto everything. I'll be vetoing, vetoing."

In a preview clip, he said: "I guess I'll become Mr. Veto," suggesting Democrats would eventually approach him for a deal after repeated vetoes.

Trump has acknowledged that the US Constitution bars him from seeking a third presidential term, though he said he would "love to run again". He has reiterated this desire.IANS

ABDUL EL-SAYED TRIUMPHS IN MICHIGAN, BECOMES FIRST MUSLIM US SENATOR

IANS
Washington, Nov. 4



Egyptian American Democrat and former public health official, Abdul El-Sayed on Wednesday scripted history by becoming the first Muslim elected to the US Senate following his triumph against Republican Mike Rogers in the race for a Senate seat in Michigan. El-Sayed also became the first Democratic doctor in the Senate since 1969.

In a speech at his election headquarters in Detroit, El-Sayed, the son of Egyptian immigrants, said, "Michigan, we did it! I am so proud and honoured to stand here as your Senator-elect from the great state of Michigan".

El-Sayed, a former public health official who has never held elected office, secured a seat in the US Senate after facing a double-digit defeat in Michigan's Democratic gubernatorial primary in 2018.

The Michigan doctor secured a win in the Michigan contest despite a last-minute hiccup in his campaign when Congresswoman Haley Stevens, who lost the Democratic primary to El-Sayed, came out in support of Rogers at the 11th hour.

El Sayed's campaign was built around universal health care, removing outside money from polls and criticising Israel, several reports cited.

"You deserve to be able to see a doctor without getting a huge bill", El-Sayed said while addressing people of Michigan on the eve of the vote. He pledged to upend the US' divisive multi-billion-dollar for-profit medical system and get "money out of politics" besides vowing to address the economic problems faced by the people.

El-Sayed was born and raised in southeast Michigan and attended public schools. He was raised by his father, Mohamed, an Egyptian immigrant, and his stepmom, Jackie, whose family has lived in Gratiot County, Michigan, since the 1800s. He graduated from the University of Michigan and played on the Wolverines men's lacrosse team.

El-Sayed earned his medical degree from Columbia University on an NIH-funded fellowship and a second doctorate at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He lives in Michigan's Ann Arbor with his wife, Sarah, and their two daughters, Emmalee and Serene.

FIVE INDIAN-AMERICAN DEMOCRATS SECURE SEATS IN US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IANS
Washington, Nov. 4

Five Indian-American Democrats won seats in the US House in Tuesday's midterm elections, while a sixth, Amish Shah, led in Arizona as counting continued.

Decision Desk HQ projected victories for Pia Dandiya, Suhas Subramanyam, Pramila Jayapal, Ro Khanna and Ami Bera.

Dandiya defeated Republican Casey Askar in Florida's 22nd District with about 52 per cent of the vote. In Virginia's 10th District, Subramanyam won a second term with approximately 61.5 per cent, defeating Dave Beckwith.

"The campaign is over, but the work is just beginning. I look forward to working with our community to deliver change in Washington," Subramanyam said.

Jayapal won re-election in Washington state's 7th District. Khanna defeated Indian-American Republican Ritesh Tandon in California's 17th District, while Bera was projected to win the redrawn 3rd District against Republican Robb Tucker.

Shah, a physician and former Arizona legislator, led Republican Jay Feely by 54.6 per cent to 43.5 per cent, with about 81 per cent of the expected vote counted. The race remained uncalled.

In the Los Angeles mayoral race, City Council member Nithya Raman moved ahead of incumbent Karen Bass. ABC7 Los Angeles reported Raman with 354,214 votes (50.55 per cent) and Bass with 346,513 (49.45 per cent). The contest remained too close to call.

Maryland Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller secured another term after Governor Wes Moore won re-election. Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, whose father is of Indian origin, was also re-elected.

Pooja Sethi and Jyot Singh declared victories in Texas and Georgia legislative races. In Illinois, Nabeela Syed led in Senate District 26; Ram Villivalam retained another Senate seat. Arvind Venkat won re-election to Pennsylvania's House.

In Ohio, Democrat Amy Acton defeated Vivek Ramaswamy in the governor's race. Ramaswamy conceded. Republican Saritha Komatireddy lost New York's attorney general race to Letitia James. Mahesh Ganorkar in North Carolina and Sandeep Dixit in Ohio also lost.

The November 3 elections covered all 435 House seats, 35 Senate seats, governorships and local offices. Democrats were projected to take control of both chambers.

BANGLADESH MEASLES OUTBREAK CLAIMS SIX MORE LIVES; TOLL REACHES 1,269

IANS
Dhaka, Nov. 4



Six more children died in Bangladesh amid a measles outbreak on Wednesday, taking the combined confirmed and suspected death toll this year to 1,269, local media reported.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said the deaths were reported in the 24 hours to Wednesday morning. All six were classified as suspected, Bangladeshi news agency UNB reported.

The number of confirmed deaths remained at 105, while suspected fatalities rose to 1,164. The DGHS recorded 1,325 new suspected cases in the same period, taking the total to 234,148. Another 77 confirmed cases were reported, raising the tally to 24,150.

Former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina last month blamed what she called "state negligence" and the collapse of the immunisation system for the outbreak. She accused the former Muhammad Yunus-led interim administration of disrupting vaccine procurement, alleging that measles-rubella vaccine stocks were exhausted in March 2026 and vaccination coverage subsequently fell.

Hasina also criticised the government led by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, alleging that it failed to respond adequately after the outbreak's severity became clear.

"More than one thousand children dying from a preventable disease is not an ordinary administrative failure," she said.

She called for uninterrupted vaccine supplies, targeted immunisation drives, real-time disease monitoring, expanded paediatric healthcare and an independent probe into alleged procurement and vaccination failures.

Former DGHS disease control director Be-nazir Ahmed said last month that, despite the resumption of vaccine procurement through UNICEF in April and an emergency vaccination drive, the outbreak was unlikely to be contained quickly because of the speed of transmission, The Daily Star reported.

Casualties reported as fighting escalates across Yemen's southern fronts

IANS
Sanaa, Nov. 4

Fighting and strikes intensified on fronts leading to the southern port city of Aden on Tuesday, with casualties reported in Lahj and Taiz provinces, according to military and Houthi media sources.

A military official with Yemen's government forces told Xinhua, on condition of anonymity, that two Houthi ballistic missiles struck a public market in government-controlled Lahj, killing one person and injuring 10.

Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported an airstrike on a plastic footwear factory north of Taiz city, killing three people and injuring eight. The channel blamed Saudi warplanes and said civil defence teams were battling a fire.

It also reported that two people, including a woman, were killed and five injured in an airstrike on Ash Shamayatayn district in southern Taiz.

The attacks came amid intensified fighting along the Taiz-Lahj front. Houthi forces have advanced through the mountainous Al-Maqatirah district in Taiz towards Tur al-Bahah, a government-held district on routes leading to Aden.

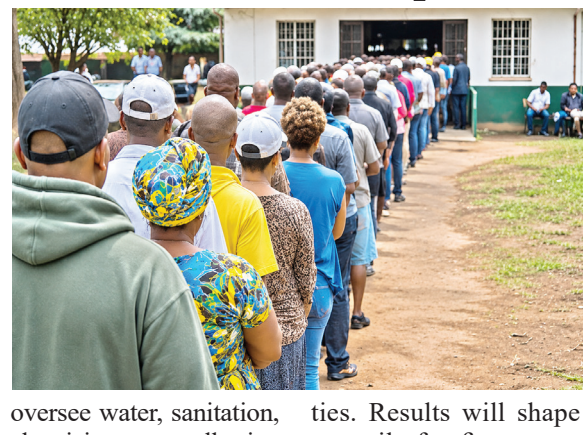
Government forces, backed by the Saudi-led coalition, are seeking to halt the advance. Ground battles and airstrikes inside Yemen have escalated, alongside Houthi missile and drone attacks on government-held areas and targets in Saudi Arabia.

The Houthis denied attacks against Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, rejecting allegations that they had targeted the holy city Mecca. Military spokesman Yahya Sarea said the group "did not carry out any operation toward Saudi territory today".

The conflict in Yemen began in late 2014, when the Houthis seized Sanaa and northern Yemen. A Saudi-led coalition intervened in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government.

South African municipal elections underway as millions head to polls

IANS
Johannesburg, Nov. 4



South Africa's local elections began Wednesday, with polling opening at 7 am (0500 GMT). More than 29 million voters are expected at nearly 23,700 stations. Voting closes at 9 pm (1900 GMT).

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) said this is the sixth local election since the 1994 transition to democracy. Special voting was held on November 2 and 3, with 2.65 million applications approved for home visits and early voting, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The IEC said 546 parties and nearly 137,000 candidates are contesting 10,526 municipal seats across 4,488 wards.

The system combines ward voting and proportional representation. Voters receive two or three ballot papers, depending on their municipality.

South Africa has 257 municipalities: eight metropolitan, 44 district and 205 local bodies. Councils oversee water, sanitation, electricity, waste collection and roads.

Held every five years, the elections measure public confidence in parties. Results will shape councils for five years. Where no party wins a majority, coalition talks will decide administrations.

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THE MIDNIGHT LIFESTYLE: How Late Dinners, Poor Sleep & Stress Affect Metabolic Health

How late dinners, poor sleep and everyday stress silently affect blood sugar, metabolism and long-term health.



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"It is to make healthier choices within the realities of everyday life."

In a city that works long after sunset, midnight has quietly become part of the daily routine. For many professionals in Hyderabad, dinner arrives at 10 or 11 pm, work messages continue in bed, and sleep is postponed for another episode, another deadline or another scroll. The cost of this lifestyle may extend far beyond morning tiredness.

Our bodies follow a roughly 24-hour internal clock, known as the circadian rhythm. It helps regulate sleep, hunger, digestion, hormones and the way we handle blood sugar. When meals, sleep and activity repeatedly fall out of sync with this clock, metabolic health can suffer.

Late Dinners and Blood Sugar Risks

Consider dinner timing. Eating a heavy meal just before bedtime may cause acidity and disturbed sleep. Research also suggests that eating late can lead to a higher rise in blood glucose than eating the same meal earlier, particularly for people already at risk of diabetes. This does not mean that an occasional late dinner causes diabetes. The concern is a repeated pattern of late, calorie-dense meals, little movement and inadequate rest.

Why Quality Sleep Matters

Sleep is equally important. Adults generally need seven to nine hours of good-quality sleep. Regularly sleeping too little can affect how effectively the body uses insulin, the hormone that helps control blood glucose. It may also influence appetite, making sugary snacks and high-calorie foods more tempting the following day. Over time, poor sleep is associated with increased risks of weight gain, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure.

Stress: The Silent Metabolic Burden

Then there is stress. Tight deadlines, long commutes, financial worries and constant digital connectivity can keep the body in a prolonged state of alertness. Stress hormones such as cortisol can raise blood sugar temporarily. Chronic stress may also encourage emotional eating, reduce physical activity and disrupt sleep, creating a cycle that is difficult to break.

The Reality of Urban Lifestyles

This matters particularly in urban India, where desk-based work, irregular shifts and family responsibilities often compete with healthy routines. Importantly, the solution is not to blame people who work nights or cannot control their schedules. It is to make healthier choices within the realities of everyday life.

Small Changes for Better Health

Start with small changes. Where possible, finish dinner two to three hours before bed and keep portions moderate. Choose balanced meals rather than frequent late-night takeaway food. Take a short walk after eating. Maintain consistent sleep and wake times, limit caffeine late in the day, and put screens away before bedtime. Build brief breaks, physical activity and simple relaxation into your schedule.

Who Should Consider Diabetes Screening?

Those with a family history of diabetes, abdominal obesity or high blood pressure should discuss appropriate screening with their doctor, even if they feel well.

Who Should Consider Diabetes Screening?

Good health depends not only on what we eat and how much we exercise, but also on when we eat, how well we sleep and how we manage stress. In the race to stay productive around the clock, protecting our biological clock may be one of the wisest decisions we make.

Diwali Shopping Festivities Begin at LuLu Mall, Kukatpally

Festive discounts of up to 70%, hourly gift card giveaways and special family entertainment offers attract shoppers.



LuLu Mall, a premier shopping and entertainment destination in Kukatpally, has officially launched its much-awaited Diwali shopping celebrations, bringing a vibrant festive atmosphere with attractive discounts, exciting rewards and special attractions for families.

The celebrations offer shoppers an opportunity to explore festive collections across LuLu Hypermarket, LuLu Fashion Store and LuLu Connect, with a chance to win a ₹1,000 gift card every hour.

LuLu Hypermarket has introduced special offers across household essentials, festive decorations and traditional delicacies.

Customers can enjoy discounts of up to 70% on kitchen essentials and home décor, making festive home makeovers more affordable.

A wide selection of diyas, decorative lights, rangoli essentials and traditional decorations is available at discounts of up to 60%.

One of the major attractions is the Grand Sweet Counter, featuring more than 50 varieties of traditional sweets, festive delicacies and premium dry fruit gift boxes, with discounts reaching 50%. The collection offers convenient and affordable gifting choices for the festive season.

LuLu Fashion Store is offering discounts of up to 70% across national and international fashion brands, lifestyle collections and apparel.

Shoppers can also avail discounts of up to 50% on beauty products and branded sunglasses, providing opportunities for festive wardrobe upgrades and gifting.

LuLu Connect has announced discounts of up to 50% on televisions, refrigerators and small household appliances.

Additional bank offers, cashback benefits and convenient EMI options provide customers with flexible purchasing opportunities during the festive season.

Adding to the celebrations, Funtura Kids Zone is offering a special 2X entertainment offer.

Visitors loading ₹2,000 or more onto their Funtura cards can enjoy double the loaded value, providing additional opportunities to experience exciting rides and arcade games.

The attraction offers families and children an entertaining break from their festive shopping.

With festive decorations, attractive shopping offers, traditional sweets, fashion collections, electronics and family entertainment, LuLu Mall aims to provide a complete Diwali celebration experience under one roof.

The mall invites Hyderabad residents to enjoy the festive atmosphere, explore special shopping offers and celebrate the spirit of Diwali with family and friends.

KIMS Hospitals Introduces Advanced TrueBeam Technology for Cancer Care

New radiation therapy system combines precision targeting, real-time patient monitoring and advanced motion management to enhance treatment accuracy and safety.



KIMS Hospitals, Secunderabad, has introduced advanced radiation oncology technologies, including the TrueBeam Linear Accelerator integrated with Brainlab Dynamic Surface Guided Radiation Therapy (SGRT), marking a significant development in cancer treatment facilities.

The technologies are designed to deliver highly precise and personalised radiation treatment, targeting tumours while minimising unnecessary exposure to surrounding healthy tissues.

Dr B. Bhaskar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, KIMS Group of Hospitals, inaugurated the new technologies. Speaking on the occasion, he said KIMS remained committed to introducing advanced medical technologies for patients in Telangana and neighbouring regions. He emphasised that combining modern medical equipment with the expertise of experienced healthcare professionals would help improve access to high-quality, patient-centric cancer treatmen.

Dr T. Pratap Reddy, Head of Radiation Oncology, KIMS Hospitals, Secunderabad, highlighted the clinical advantages of integrating Brainlab Dynamic SGRT with the TrueBeam Linear Accelerator. "The integration of Brainlab Dynamic SGRT technology with the TrueBeam Linear Accelerator marks a significant advancement in our radiation oncology services. Features such as real-time monitoring of patient movements, six-dimensional patient positioning corrections and respiratory motion management help enhance the accuracy and consistency of treatment. Our objective is to combine advanced technology with the expertise of our medical team to deliver personalised treatment while maintaining the highest standards of patient safety," he said.

The integrated Brainlab Dynamic SGRT technology provides real-time, non-contact monitoring of the patient's body surface and movements during radiation treatment. Combined with six-dimensional (6D) couch corrections and respiratory motion management, the system helps maintain accurate patient positioning throughout treatment. The technology is particularly useful for Deep Inspiration Breath Hold (DIBH), a technique commonly employed in breast cancer radiation therapy.

For appropriately selected patients, DIBH helps minimise radiation exposure to the heart, improving treatment safety.

The introduction of these systems is intended to strengthen KIMS Hospitals' radiation oncology services by combining advanced treatment techniques with clinical expertise.

Dr B. Abhinay, Chief Executive Officer, KIMS Group of Hospitals, and Dr Sambit Sahu, Medical Director, KIMS Group of Hospitals, were also present at the inauguration.

Botox: The Secret Behind Younger-Looking Skin?

Understanding the benefits, limitations, costs and potential risks of one of the most popular cosmetic treatments.

– Munsif Editorial Desk

Everyone desires healthy, youthful-looking skin. While creams, lotions and skincare products remain popular, modern cosmetic treatments have introduced new options for reducing visible signs of ageing. Among them, Botox has gained considerable attention among both women and men

Botox is an injectable treatment containing purified botulinum toxin. It temporarily relaxes selected facial muscles responsible for expression lines and wrinkles.

Dermatologists commonly use it to soften forehead lines, frown lines between the eyebrows and wrinkles around the eyes.

The procedure generally takes around 20–30 minutes and may involve applying a numbing cream before administering small injections.

Botox can give the face a smoother, more refreshed appearance without surgery. It is also used medically to manage certain conditions, including excessive sweating.

However, its effects are temporary. Improvements generally appear within several days and typically last three to four months, although individual results vary.

Botox does not permanently reverse ageing or reliably treat dark circles beneath the eyes.

Common side effects include temporary swelling, bruising, discomfort and headaches. Occasionally, eyelid drooping or facial asymmetry may occur.

Rare but serious complications include allergic reactions and difficulty swallowing or breathing, requiring immediate medical attention.

In India, cosmetic Botox treatment may cost approximately ₹15,000–₹36,000, depending on the clinic, treatment area and quantity used. Individual quotations can vary substantially.

Consulting a qualified dermatologist is essential before undergoing treatment.

Ultimately, Botox can reduce certain wrinkles, but informed decisions, realistic expectations and professional medical supervision remain more important than promises of youthful beauty.

Climate Change Becoming a Global Health Emergency, Warns Lancet

– Munsif Editorial Desk

Climate change is emerging as a global health emergency, with rising temperatures, extreme weather and environmental damage threatening millions of lives, according to the 2026 Lancet Countdown report.

Prepared by 146 researchers from more than 30 countries, the study calls for climate change to be formally recognised as a global health emergency ahead of the COP31 climate summit.

Researchers estimated that extreme heat contributed to approximately 710,000 deaths worldwide in 2023, with more than 70% attributable to human-induced climate change.

Between 2016 and 2023, nearly three million heat-related deaths were estimated to be attributable to climate change.

The report revealed that nearly 52% of the world's land experienced extreme drought for at least one month during 2025, raising concerns about food security, water availability and public health.

Extreme heat is also affecting productivity. Reduced working capacity resulted in an estimated $1.07 trillion in potential global earnings losses during 2025, particularly affecting agriculture and outdoor workers.

Despite growing investment in renewable energy, fossil fuels continue to supply more than 80% of global energy requirements.

Clean energy investment reached $2.1 trillion in 2025, exceeding fossil fuel investment by 82%.

Researchers highlighted that reducing fossil fuel pollution has already prevented thousands of premature deaths.

The report also highlighted inequalities in climate-related health research funding, with poorer countries facing greater risks despite receiving limited resources.

Experts urged governments to strengthen early warning systems, healthcare preparedness, clean energy adoption and long-term climate policies.

Protecting public health, they emphasised, must become central to international climate action.

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1st ODI: Kohli's 74 powers India to 5-wicket win over NZ

Auckland, Nov. 04:

Veteran batter Virat Kohli struck a commanding 74 off 51 balls after Arshdeep Singh, Gurnoor Brar and Anshul Kamboj's scintillating bowling show as India beat New Zealand by five wickets in a rain-affected first ODI here at Eden Park on Wednesday.

India's 'inexperienced' pace attack produced an impressive collective performance to bowl New Zealand out for 185 in 40.2 overs. In response, the visitors chased down a revised target of 143 in 22.4 overs to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

India's chase suffered an early setback when Rohit Sharma was dismissed for a six-ball duck by Kyle Jamieson in the opening over. However, Kohli joined skipper Shubman Gill to take control of the innings, with the pair building a match-defining partnership.

The chase was interrupted twice by rain, with the contest eventually reduced to 32 overs and India's target revised to 143 under the DLS method. Kohli brought up his half-century after the second resumption, reaching the milestone off 35 deliveries with a powerful pull through mid-wicket in the 16th over.a

The experienced batter continued to dominate New Zealand's short-ball approach, striking 13 fours and a six. His innings also saw him move past Sachin Tendulkar to become the highest run-scorer in ODI run chases, taking his tally to 8,741 runs, compared to Tendulkar's 8,720.

Gill provided steady support with 37 off 56 balls as the duo added a century partnership, their sixth 100-plus stand in 27 ODI innings together. New Zealand finally broke through when Nathan Smith had Gill caught behind for 37 in the 19th over.

Kohli, however, continued to keep India comfortably ahead of the required rate before Jacob Duffy dismissed him for 74, caught by Tim Seifert at deep backward square leg. Duffy struck again in the same over, removing Axar Patel for a duck, while Shreyas Iyer fell for 15 to give the hosts a late glimmer of hope.

But the result was never seriously in doubt. KL Rahul and Naman Dhir ensured there were no further complications, with the latter pulling Nathan Smith through mid-wicket for four to seal the win.

Earlier, Arshdeep Singh claimed four wickets, while Gurnoor Brar took three and Anshul Kamboj picked up two as India restricted New Zealand to 185. The hosts had no answers to the riddles and questions that India's pace attack threw at them, as they were held to a paltry total to make things a tad bit easier for the visitors.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 185/10 in 40.2 overs (Tim Seifert 38, Blair Tickner 34; Arshdeep Singh 4-70, Gurnoor Brar 3-44, Anshul Kamboj 2-22) lose to India 143/5 in 22.4 overs, via DLS method (Virat Kohli 74, Shubman Gill 37; Jacob Duffy 3-49, Nathan Smith 1-21) by five wickets.

Bangladesh Coach Simmons Concerned Over Taijul's Poor



New Delhi, Nov. 04:

Bangladesh head coach Phil Simmons has expressed serious concern over left-arm spinner Taijul Islam's recent poor form ahead of the second and final Test against West Indies, beginning Thursday in Sylhet.

Bangladesh suffered an eight-wicket defeat in the opening Test and will look to level the series. Taijul, the country's leading Test wicket-taker, has managed just five wickets in his last four Tests, raising concerns over his contribution to the bowling attack.

Simmons said Taijul's form was a major concern for both the player and the team. However, he indicated that the spinner was not facing any major fitness issues and had been bowling at full intensity in practice.

The coach also admitted that Bangladesh's batting had been disappointing since the Darwin Test, despite players working hard to regain their earlier form.

Simmons expressed confidence that the team could improve its batting performance, saying the players were training hard and maintaining the same intensity as before the Darwin Test.

PV Sindhu qualifies for BWF World Tour Finals

New Delhi, Nov. 04:



India ace shuttler P.V. Sindhu has qualified for the BWF World Tour Finals, the Badminton World Federation confirmed on Wednesday.

The World Tour Finals will take place in Hangzhou, China, from December 9-13. Her familiar foes, An Se Young, Akane Yamaguchi, Wang Zhi Yi and Chen Yu Fei, are others to qualify for the year-ender tournament.

Held during non-Thomas Cup years, the tournament invited the top eight players/pairs on the year-end world rankings. With five women's singles players confirmed – Japan's Tomoka Miyazaki, Nozomi Okhuhara, Ratchanok Intanon and Putri Kusuma Wardani (Indonesia), Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong and Denmark's Line Christophersen – are the other shutters in the race for the three remaining spots.

This will be Sindhu's sixth career appearance in the World Tour Finals and her first since 2021. She had qualified for 2022 but withdrew due to an injury. She is the only Indian to win a BWF World Tour Finals women's singles title when she defeated Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in 2018.

The 2019 world champion's recent Hylo Open title win proved significant in Sindhu qualifying for the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals. The Super 500 title added 9,200 points to her tally, which took her two spots up to sixth in the latest update of the BWF World Rankings.

Hylo Open crown was Sindhu's second title on tour this year after the Japan Open Super 750 in July, which was her first individual crown since December 2024. Overall, she now has seven BWF World Tour titles to her name. She had also played the final at the French Open before the Hylo Open but lost to world No. 1 and reigning Olympic and World champion An Se-young of Korea.

This is the first season since 2022 in which Sindhu has won multiple BWF World Tour titles.

Days after her Hylo Open title run, Sindhu decided to skip the Korea Open and Japan Masters to relax and get fit for the BWF World Tour Final.

Gill, Kohli and Rohit receive special All Blacks jerseys from rugby legend Keven Mealamu

Auckland, Nov. 04:



A meeting between cricket and rugby royalty took place ahead of India's opening ODI against New Zealand, with captain Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma receiving personalised All Blacks jerseys from former New Zealand rugby great Keven Mealamu.

The trio were welcomed into the All Blacks family during a special interaction at Eden Park in Auckland, where Mealamu presented the cricketers with a black jersey featuring their respective cricket numbers. Gill received the number 77, Kohli was handed 18, while Rohit was presented with 45, their respective jersey numbers.

Mealamu, one of New Zealand rugby's most celebrated figures, represented the All Blacks in 132 Tests and was part of the teams that lifted the Rugby World Cup in 2011 and 2015. His meeting with the Indian stars offered a sporting crossover ahead of the five-match ODI series, which began at the iconic Auckland venue on November 4.

Eden Park holds a special place in New Zealand's sporting history, serving as one of the country's most renowned rugby venues. The stadium is also associated with the All Blacks' remarkable 54-match unbeaten home run, which began in 1994.

The Indian cricket team shared photographs of the interaction on social media, with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) describing it as a special moment involving the three Indian stars and a legendary figure in New Zealand rugby.

The meeting also carried significance beyond the two sporting disciplines, coming during the centenary celebrations of sporting ties between India and New Zealand. The relationship dates back to 1926, when an Indian Army hockey team, featuring legendary player Dhyan Chand, undertook a historic tour of New Zealand.

The ongoing all-format cricket tour is part of the celebrations marking 100 years of sporting exchanges between the two nations. India have already completed the five-match T20I series, winning 3-2, while the ODI leg features five matches across New Zealand.

The hosts are also wearing a special limited-edition Kotahitanga ODI jersey to commemorate the shared sporting and cultural heritage. Two Test matches in Wellington and Christchurch are scheduled to follow the white-ball fixtures.

Dhinidhi Desinghu Wins India's First Youth Olympics Swimming Medal



Bengaluru, Nov. 04:

Bengaluru, Nov 4: India's 16-year-old swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu has scripted history by winning the country's first-ever swimming medal at the Youth Olympic Games. The Bengaluru-based swimmer clinched bronze in the women's 100m freestyle event at Dakar, Senegal, clocking 56.27 seconds and setting a new national record.

Dhinidhi's achievement marks a major milestone in Indian swimming and has brought pride to the nation. Her performance also highlights the growing potential of young Indian swimmers on the international stage.

Bajaj Finserv, which announced its support for Dhinidhi earlier this year, congratulated her on the historic achievement. Manav Mianwal, Group Chief Marketing Officer of Bajaj Finserv Ltd and President of Digital Platforms at Bajaj Finance Ltd, said her success would inspire young athletes to dream big and compete with the best in the world. He added that timely support for talented sportspersons could reduce the financial burden on their families and allow them to concentrate on training and development. Bajaj Finserv said its support was aimed at helping promising athletes pursue their sporting ambitions.

PM Modi to interact with Asian Para Games' Indian contingent tomorrow

New Delhi, Nov. 04:



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with the Indian contingent that participated in the Asian Para Games 2026 at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex here at around 4.30 p.m. on Thursday. He will also address the gathering, which will include athletes, coaches, officials of the Paralympic Committee of India and the Indian Olympic Association, representatives of National Sports Federations and officials from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

India recorded its best-ever performance at the Games held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with 97 para-athletes winning 114 medals, including 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze. The country surpassed its previous record of 108 medals, including 27 gold, achieved at the 2023 edition in Hangzhou, China. India also crossed the 100-medal mark for the second consecutive edition.

Para-athletics emerged as the biggest contributor with 65 medals, comprising 22 gold, 19 silver and 24 bronze. Para-badminton followed with 16 medals, including three gold, five silver and eight bronze, while para-swimming contributed 11 medals, comprising three silver and eight bronze. India also secured six medals in para-archery, including three gold, and five in shooting, comprising two gold, two silver and one bronze. The contingent further won seven bronze medals in para-table tennis, two silver in powerlifting and two medals in judo, including one silver and one bronze. Among the standout performers, javelin thrower Sumit Antil successfully defended his gold medal in the men's F42-F44/F61-F64 category. India also achieved a podium sweep in the event, with its athletes claiming all three medals.

Labuschagne's slump is in the mind, break from Tests unavoidable: Greg Chappell

New Delhi, Nov. 04:

Former Australia captain Greg Chappell believes Marnus Labuschagne's poor form is mainly a mental issue and says a break from Test cricket is necessary.

Labuschagne has gone 26 Tests and 49 innings without a century since the 2023 Ashes, scoring 1,094 runs at an average of 24.31. He managed just 131 runs in Australia's recent series defeat against South Africa.

Chappell said Labuschagne needed to regain his confidence and attacking mindset, advising him to take a few days away from cricket before returning to first-class action. He also suggested revisiting footage of his 215-run innings against New Zealand in 2020 for inspiration.

Chappell also warned that returning to competitive cricket without addressing the mental pressure could prolong Labuschagne's struggles, stressing the need for a fresh mindset before his comeback.

ICC Rankings: Starc reclaims top spot in Test, Iyer moves to seventh in T20Is



Dubai, Nov. 04:

Australia pacer Mitchell Starc reclaimed the top spot in the ICC Test Bowling Rankings after taking nine wickets in the final Test against South Africa in Cape Town. He achieved a career-best rating of 881, moving ahead of South Africa's Marco Jansen.

South Africa's Simon Harmer climbed nine places to seventh after taking six wickets in Australia's second innings. Jansen retained the top position in the Test all-rounders' rankings, while Wiaan Mulder moved to third.

In Test batting, Ryan Rickelton jumped 25 places to 23rd, while Aiden Markram and Mulder rose to 11th and 17th respectively.

In the ODI rankings, Pakistan's Shaheen Afridi moved to fifth among bowlers, while Haris Rauf climbed to 24th. Fakhar Zaman advanced to 37th among batters.

Meanwhile, India captain Shreyas Iyer gained two places to reach seventh in the T20I batting rankings following the series victory over New Zealand. Afghanistan's Azmatullah Omarzai climbed to third among T20I all-rounders.

West Indies batter Justin Greaves also improved 12 places to joint 38th in the Test batting rankings after his team's eight-wicket victory over Bangladesh. Meanwhile, New Zealand bowlers Mitchell Santner and Jacob Duffy climbed to fifth and 23rd respectively in the T20I bowling rankings.

New Zealand's Jacob Duffy climbed 23 places to 23rd in the T20I bowling rankings, while Mitchell Santner moved to fifth.



Telangana aims to emerge as global DeepTech, innovation hub: Sridhar Babu

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Hyderabad, Nov, 04:



Telangana is positioning itself as a global hub for DeepTech and innovation, with a strong focus on emerging technologies, advanced manufacturing and research, Minister for IT and Industries D. Sridhar Babu said.

Addressing the FICCI@100 celebrations and Telangana Deep-Tech Leadership Summit at ITC Kakatiya in Begumpet, which was also attended by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Sridhar Babu said the State government was building the necessary infrastructure to promote research, innovation and skill development in emerging fields.

These include artificial intelligence, quantum technology, robotics, cybersecurity, semiconductors and advanced manufacturing, he said.

Referring to FICCI's centenary celebrations, the Minister said the organisation had played a significant role in India's industrial development over the past 100 years.

Highlighting Telangana's industrial performance, he said the sector registered a growth of 8.1 per cent in 2025-26, with its Gross State Value Added (GSVA) reaching ₹3.04 lakh crore. The State's merchandise exports also recorded a growth of 39.3 per cent in 2024-25, he said.

Sridhar Babu said the government was according priority to emerging technologies, industrial expansion and manufacturing as part of its efforts to strengthen Telangana's industrial and innovation ecosystem. Emphasising the need for greater collaboration, the Minister said sustainable economic growth depended on close coordination among the government, industry and academic and research institutions.

He invited industry leaders, entrepreneurs, experts and innovators to partner with the State government in realising Telangana's technology and industrial ambitions.

Rig Owners Seek Borewell Drilling Limit of 300 Metres in Telangana

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 04:



The Rig Owners Association has urged the Telangana government to increase the permissible borewell drilling depth from the existing 120 metres to 250–300 metres, citing declining groundwater levels and practical difficulties faced by farmers and households.

In a representation to the government, the Association sought amendments to GO 259, stating that the existing depth restriction was inadequate in several areas where groundwater was available only at greater depths. Restricting drilling to 120 metres could result in failed borewells and financial losses to farmers, household owners and others dependent on groundwater, it noted and urged the government to grant permissions based on local groundwater conditions and recommendations of qualified geologists.

The Association also opposed additional fees, penalties and restrictions on rig owners, pointing out that the sector already contributes significantly to government revenue through various taxes and statutory payments.

Highlighting the importance of borewell water to the construction industry, it said drilling operations supported several infrastructure projects, including residential buildings, roads, bridges, hospitals and educational institutions, besides providing employment to thousands of workers.

The Association called for consultations with rig owners before introducing changes to drilling regulations, proposing a joint committee of government officials and industry representatives to address issues.

It clarified that it supported groundwater conservation and was willing to cooperate with the government in maintaining borewell records, following geological recommendations, promoting rainwater harvesting and establishing recharge pits.

Association President Musku Anjireddy and T. Venkatesh, along with General Secretaries G. Narsireddy and Oruganti Lakshminarayana, appealed to the government to amend GO 259 at the earliest.

BJP Backs OU Staff Protest, Demands Immediate Resolution: NRR

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 04:



BJP State President N. Ramachandar Rao has demanded that the Congress government and Osmania University authorities immediately hold talks with the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of striking non-teaching employees and resolve their long-pending issues.

Visiting the protest camp outside the OU Administrative Building, Rao expressed solidarity with non-teaching, technical, time-scale and contractual staff demanding the restoration of pension benefits, regularisation of services, better wages and healthcare facilities.

He criticised the university administration for neglecting employees who had served the institution for decades on meagre salaries without job security or adequate retirement benefits. He particularly questioned the failure to implement equal pay for equal work and regularise contractual and time-scale employees despite their 25 - 30 years of service.

Rao demanded restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for employees appointed between 2001 and 2004, implementation of CPS for those appointed after 2004, cancellation of the LIC-linked pension system, enhancement of medical reimbursement from Rs.10,000 to Rs.30,000 and clearance of pending promotions and departmental notifications.

The BJP leader condemned disciplinary action against protesting employees and cited the suspension of former association president Professor Manohar as an example of the administration's high-handedness.

Recalling his association with OU, where he pursued MA and LLB and where his father served as a professor, Rao said he had a responsibility to protect the university's dignity. He warned that the BJP would intensify its support for the employees' agitation if their demands were not addressed immediately.

BJP State General Secretary Gautam Rao, former professors, student leaders, university employees' association representatives and OU JAC leaders accompanied him.

Alwal Rythu Bazaar farmers seek relief from displacement

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 04:

Around 1,500 farming families depending on the historic Alwal Rythu Bazaar have appealed to Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender to safeguard their livelihoods following proposals to clear the market for an elevated corridor project.

A delegation of farmers met the MP on Wednesday, submitting a representation requesting his urgent intervention. Established on January 26, 1999, the 26-year-old market serves as a vital direct-to-consumer hub for farmers traveling daily from Medchal, Siddipet, Medak, and Nalgonda districts.

The farmers urged the authorities to reconsider the removal, emphasising that if relocation is unavoidable, an alternative site must be allocated within the immediate Alwal vicinity to prevent severe economic distress for hundreds of agricultural families.

Harish Rao slams Cong over Maheswaram medical college crisis

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 04:



Former Minister and BRS Legislature Party Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao has strongly criticised the Congress government over the lack of basic infrastructure at Maheswaram Government Medical College and demanded immediate steps to protect students' academic future.

Harish Rao, along with former Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy, former MLA Manchireddy Kishan Reddy and BRS General Secretary Kyama Mallesh, visited the students' protest camp at Mangalpally in Ibrahimpatnam constituency and interacted with students and parents.

The BRS leader alleged that students had been suffering due to the non-payment of building rent, electricity and water bills for 26 months, besides the absence of drinking water, toilets, laboratories, library and hostel facilities. He also flagged the lack of occupancy, fire safety and Pollution Control Board clearances, claiming that snakes, pigs, dogs and monkeys were roaming around the premises.

Questioning the government's priorities, Harish Rao asked how it could announce massive spending on projects such as Musi beautification and Future City while failing to provide basic facilities to medical students.

He recalled that the previous BRS government had allocated 25 acres for the college, sanctioned Rs.182 crore for buildings and hostels and laid the foundation stone for a 400-bed hospital. He alleged that construction had remained stalled for three years since the Congress government assumed office.

Demanding urgent intervention, he called for immediate bus facilities, drinking water and toilets, besides allowing students' vehicles onto the campus. He also demanded that the District Collector and Director of Medical Education visit the protest camp and hold discussions with students.

Harish Rao further sought relocation of the college within two months to a government or rented building with adequate facilities in Vanasthalipuram or near the LB Nagar TIMS vicinity. He demanded a written assurance from the government and pledged continued BRS support until a permanent solution was found.

Special Trains Between Charlapalli and Chennai for Diwali Rush

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Hyderabad, Nov, 04:

To accommodate the additional rush of passengers during the Diwali festival, special trains will be operated between Charlapalli and Chennai Central, according to a notification issued by Southern Railway.

Train No. 07059, Charlapalli–Chennai Central Special, will depart from Charlapalli at 9.30 pm on November 6 and reach Chennai Central at 11.15 am the following day. In the return direction, Train No. 07060, Chennai Central–Charlapalli Special, will leave Chennai at 12.40 pm on November 7 and arrive at Charlapalli at 4.30 am the next day. The special trains will run via Nellore, Ongole, Chirala, Bapatla, Tenali, Guntur, Miryalaguda and Nalgonda. Reservations for these services will commence on Wednesday, Southern Railway said.

The special services are being arranged to ensure smooth travel for passengers heading to Chennai and Telangana during the festive rush, Southern Railway said.

Cyberabad Police Launch Month-Long Cyber Safety Awareness Campaign

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Hyderabad, Nov, 04:



Cyberabad Police on Wednesday launched a month-long cybercrime awareness campaign as part of Cyber Crime Awareness Month – November 2026, urging students and citizens to adopt safe digital practices.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh unveiled awareness posters at a programme held at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate auditorium in the presence of Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sunpreet Singh and DCP (Cyber Crimes) Pushpa. Around 200 students participated in the event.

Addressing the gathering, the Commissioner highlighted the growing threat of cybercrime and urged students to safeguard their personal and financial information while using digital platforms. He stressed the need to spread cyber safety awareness across society.

Police advised citizens against sharing OTPs, UPI PINs, passwords and banking details, clicking suspicious links, downloading unknown APK files and falling prey to fake investment offers, job scams and digital arrest frauds. They also urged people to enable two-factor authentication and educate children about cyberbullying, online gaming frauds and fake profiles.

Victims of cyber financial fraud have been advised to immediately contact the cybercrime helpline 1930 or lodge complaints through www.cybercrime.gov.in. Timely reporting can help prevent further financial losses and facilitate police action.

The Commissioner appealed to citizens to remain vigilant and cooperate with the police in preventing cybercrime.

Ambedkar's Life and Struggle Must Reach Younger Generation: Telangana Minister

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 04:

Telangana Minister for Energy and Mines Vivek Venkataswamy stressed the need to take Dr B.R. Ambedkar's ideals and contributions towards social justice to the younger generation.

He made the remarks after watching the play Sangham Sharanam Gachhami at Ravindra Bharathi on Wednesday. MP Mallu Ravi and Bellampalli MLA Gaddam Vinod were also present. The minister assured support for staging the play in Chennur and Bellampalli.

Golconda Zone Police Warn Firecracker Traders Against Safety Violations

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 04:



Golconda Zone Police on Wednesday held a coordination meeting with temporary and permanent firecracker traders at Exhibition Grounds, Nampally, to ensure safety measures ahead of the festive season.

The meeting, chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Golconda Zone Krishna Goud, was attended by ACPs of Goshamahal, Kulsumpura, Tolichowki and Asif Nagar divisions, inspectors from the zone, fire department officials, GST and Commercial Taxes officials, and firecracker vendors.

Officials directed the traders to obtain valid licences and necessary clearances from all concerned departments before setting up shops. They were also instructed to install functional fire-fighting equipment, strictly adhere to prescribed storage limits and maintain all safety standards.

The police warned that negligence or violations would invite stringent legal action. Stressing that public safety was the top priority, officials urged traders to ensure that firecracker sales did not endanger lives or property.

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