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Groundwater Falls Across 554 Telangana Mandals

Minister orders urgent conservation plan as rainfall deficit threatens drinking-water supplies and agricultural irrigation.

Hyderabad: With groundwater levels declining across 554 of Telangana's 621 mandals compared with the decadal October average, Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday ordered a special groundwater-conservation and drought-relief action plan.

The State Ground Water Department's October assessment placed average groundwater depth at 8.28 metres below ground level, against 7.52 metres in September. Greater Hyderabad recorded a 7.17-metre year-on-year decline, raising concerns over borewell availability and tanker dependence.

Telangana received 628 mm rainfall against the normal 831 mm between June and October, registering a 24% deficit. Only 11 of 33 districts received normal rainfall.

At a Secretariat review, the Minister directed officials to identify vulnerable areas, study groundwater restoration practices in Rajasthan and Maharashtra, and coordinate departmental interventions. He assured additional funding wherever necessary.

The immediate challenge is translating these directions into measurable recharge targets, emergency drinking-water arrangements and funded interventions before summer intensifies pressure on households and farmers.

Supreme Court Redefines 24-Hour Detention Rule

Judges must verify when custody actually began, preventing agencies from delaying constitutional safeguards through paperwork.

Munsif Desk, New Delhi:





S The Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that the 24-hour constitutional limit for producing a detained person before a magistrate begins when authorities actually restrict that person's liberty—not when they formally record an arrest.

A bench of Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and Atul S. Chandurkar held that investigating agencies cannot extend the deadline by treating interrogation, searches or seizures as an unrecorded period outside custody. Under Article 22(2), only necessary travel time to court may be excluded.

The judges directed magistrates to record the actual date and time detention began and independently examine compliance. A person held beyond the permissible period without judicial production must be released.

Even detention lasting less than 24 hours must be reasonable under Section 58 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. Magistrates may refuse remand where detention is excessive.

The judgment arose from a narcotics case in Tripura. The appellants were detained at 2 pm on September 29, 2025, but produced before a magistrate at 4.45 pm the following day.

Finding a constitutional violation, the court overturned the High Court's refusal of bail and directed their release subject to conditions fixed by the special court.

The ruling strengthens safeguards against informal detention that delays judicial scrutiny. Its effectiveness will depend on how magistrates establish when custody actually began, particularly where police records and detainees' accounts differ. Station registers, CCTV footage and other independent evidence could prove crucial in establishing the true detention timeline.

Two Killed in Delhi Collapse; Earlier Warning Under Scrutiny

Two municipal engineers suspended as questions emerge over alleged failure to prevent unauthorised construction.

New Delhi: Two construction workers were killed when a three-storey building under construction collapsed in Gali Sitara near Chawri Bazaar Metro station on Thursday. Early reports said four others were injured.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi suspended an assistant engineer and a junior engineer over suspected negligence, while an FIR was registered against the contractor.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta ordered an inquiry, medical assistance and compensation for affected families.

Police reportedly alerted municipal authorities on June 15 about unauthorised construction, raising questions about whether the tragedy could have been prevented. Municipal records have yet to establish what action followed the warning.

Rescue teams continued searching the rubble amid concerns that additional workers remained trapped. Narrow access lanes hampered heavy machinery. P4



Twin Projectile Strike on Tanker Alarms Gulf Shipping

Doha: A tanker was struck by two unidentified projectiles approximately 50 nautical miles north of Madinat ash Shamal, Qatar, raising fresh concerns over maritime security in the Persian Gulf.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency confirmed that the incident occurred at 11:20 PM GMT on Wednesday, November 4.

The vessel's condition, crew safety and possible environmental damage remained unconfirmed. Authorities launched an investigation and urged ships to report suspicious activity.

The incident highlights growing risks to commercial navigation and energy shipments. Any prolonged disruption could increase shipping insurance costs and pressure India's crude oil import bill.



Bombay High Court: SIR Cannot Override Voters' Rights

Six Goa electors to regain voting rights within 10 days; court rejects Election Commission's request for stay.

Panaji: The Bombay High Court's Goa bench on Thursday ordered restoration of six members of the Salgaonkar family's names to electoral rolls, ruling that statutory voter protections remain enforceable during Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Justices Valmiki Menezes and Amit Jamsandekar directed officials to verify their residence and restore their names within 10 days.

The family had shifted addresses within the Santa Cruz constituency and submitted Form 8, but their applications were rejected after their names disappeared from the rolls.

The court held that software restrictions cannot suspend statutory procedures or justify denying existing voters an opportunity to correct their records.

The Election Commission argued that SIR requires fresh enumeration. The bench rejected its request to stay the judgment pending a Supreme Court challenge.



Bank of England Raises Rates as Inflation Threat Deepens

London: The Bank of England on Thursday raised its benchmark interest rate from 3.75% to 4%, responding to mounting inflationary pressure caused by soaring energy prices amid the Middle East conflict. The Monetary Policy Committee voted 8–1 for the quarter-percentage-point increase, with one member favouring a larger rise to 4.25%.

The central bank warned that inflation could reach approximately 5% by mid-2027, substantially exceeding its 2% target.

Higher interest rates threaten to increase mortgage repayments and business borrowing costs, adding pressure on lower- and middle-income households already struggling with expensive energy and living costs. Indian residents and students in Britain could also face greater financial strain.

Bomb Hoaxes Disrupt 20 Flights Across Europe

Brussels: About 20 commercial flights across Europe faced bomb threats on Thursday, triggering emergency diversions, military escorts and extensive security inspections.

Aer Lingus diverted a Dublin–Rome flight to a French military base, while Italian fighter jets escorted a Finnair aircraft. Ryanair, Aegean and Wizz Air services were also affected.

Authorities reported no explosives or suspicious materials, describing the alerts as hoaxes.

European Union officials activated an aviation-security information-sharing mechanism as investigations continued.

EU officials said links between the threats remain unconfirmed. Suspects remain unidentified, while airlines face operational disruption and passenger delays. P5



Sensex Soars 2,009 Points in Spectacular Market Rally on 5th November

Mumbai: Indian stock markets witnessed a spectacular rally on Thursday, with the BSE Sensex surging 2,008.61 points, or 2.60%, to close at 79,310.01. The NSE Nifty climbed 576 points, or 2.40%, to settle at 24,536.60, marking the sixth consecutive session of gains. Falling crude oil prices, renewed foreign investment and hopes of easing tensions in West Asia boosted investor confidence

Automobile, banking and financial stocks led the broad-based advance.However, the market recovery does not guarantee immediate household relief. Sustained reductions in energy and transportation costs remain crucial for easing inflationary pressure on consumers.

SC Denies Azam Khan Immediate Relief

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday transferred Samajwadi Party leader Mohammad Azam Khan's petition challenging his Enforcement Directorate arrest to the Allahabad High Court, directing a hearing on November 16. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal questioned the arrest's timing, alleging persecution. The Supreme Court neither ruled on its legality nor granted immediate release, leaving the matter for High Court consideration. P4

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Governance, development, welfare and districts shaping the State

Heavy security deployed as AP votes in MPTC and ZPTC elections

Amaravati, Nov 5: NSS

Polling was underway for MPTC and ZPTC elections across Andhra Pradesh on Thursday amid tight security. Polling began at 7 a.m. at 31,460 polling centres for Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTCs) and Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTCs). Voters were seen lined up at polling centres since morning to cast their votes.

2.61 crore voters are eligible to participate in the polling process, which will continue till 5 a.m., the State Election Commission (SEC) officials said.

Polling is being held for 582 ZPTC and 7,767 MPTC seats. Out of the 663 ZPTCs, polling notification was issued for 659 ZPTCs. Similarly, the notification was issued for 9,829 MPTCs out of 9,858 ZPTCs in the state. Elections to 77 ZPTCs and 2,051 MPTC seats have been unanimous.

A total of 21,012 candidates are in the fray for these polls. According to the SEC, 2,169 candidates are contesting ZPTC seats while 18,843 are in fray for MPTC polls.

The SEC has deployed 2,01,116 polling officers and other staff for conducting the polling process.

In view of heavy rain, the SEC has postponed polling in five mandals in Eluru and East Godavari districts. Polling has also been postponed at two polling centres in another mandal. Polling in these mandals will be held on Friday. In view of the incidents of violence reported during the nomination process for urban local bodies and MPTC and ZPTC polls, and also during the polling for urban local bodies, the SEC has made elaborate arrangements for peaceful.

Cyclone Murasu: Rainfall eases, water levels stabilise across AP

Amaravati, Nov 5: NSS

Rainfall associated with Cyclone Murasu weakened considerably across Andhra Pradesh on Thursday, officials said.

Although the cyclone's impact has largely subsided, people in low-lying areas and those living near drains, canals and reservoirs have been advised to remain cautious and follow the instructions of the district administration. People have also been advised against crossing overflowing streams or causeways.

By Thursday morning, rainfall had largely stopped in most parts of the State, with only very light rain reported in a few places along the southern coastal belt.

According to the State Emergency Operations Centre of the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS), heavy rainfall on Wednesday was mainly concentrated in the Godavari belt, covering West Godavari, East Godavari, Kakinada, Eluru and Polavaram districts, where a few weather stations recorded very heavy rainfall.

On Thursday morning, rainfall activity shifted to Nellore district, but remained light to moderate. Most other districts, including those in the Rayalaseema region, recorded little or no rainfall.

Rainfall in urban areas has also eased, with no town reporting heavy rain or fresh waterlogging on Thursday morning.

The highest cumulative rainfall over the past two days was recorded in the Godavari region, particularly in Nidadavole, Kovvur and Kakinada, followed by Mummidivaram and Amalapuram in Konaseema.

Reservoirs and drains have stabilised, with all projects under watch recording steady or declining inflows. Prakasam Barrage is discharging water at the same rate as it is receiving it.

Thammileru and Budameru, which were rising on Wednesday night, are now witnessing falling water levels. Yerra Kalva, which had recorded a sharp rise on Wednesday night, has stabilised. The Kondaveeti Vagu pump house is being operated to keep water levels under control.

Only isolated light to moderate rainfall is expected across Andhra Pradesh in the coming days. No heavy rainfall warning is currently in force for the State. Slightly higher rainfall activity is likely in the southern coastal districts of Nellore, Tirupati and Bapatla towards the weekend, but it is expected to remain moderate.

Robbers Attempt to Loot Axis Bank ATM in Armur; Machine Damaged

Armur, Nov 5: Munsif Desk



Two unidentified miscreants attempted to rob an Axis Bank ATM located opposite Yogeshwar Colony in Armur late on Tuesday night. The accused damaged the ATM using sticks and stones in an attempt to extract cash but fled after several unsuccessful attempts without taking any money. According to police, the incident occurred at around 12.40 am. The bank staff came to know about the incident at approximately 7 am and immediately alerted the police.

Acting on the information provided by the Axis Bank manager, Armur Circle Inspector Chandra Shekhar Reddy and Sub-Inspector Rajinikanth reached the spot and inspected the damaged ATM. They also questioned the bank manager regarding the incident.

The CCTV cameras installed at the ATM captured the two masked suspects entering the premises and attempting to break open the machine. The Circle Inspector examined the recorded footage as part of the investigation.

No grounds to transfer Tirupati laddu adulteration case outside Andhra: SC

New Delhi Nov 5: Munsif Desk

The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to transfer the trial in the alleged Tirupati laddu adulteration case outside Andhra Pradesh, holding that no case was made out for shifting the proceedings to another state at this stage.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi passed the order while hearing a criminal transfer petition filed by Machindra Shantaram Lanke and M/s Malganga Milk and Agro Products, seeking transfer of the trial from Andhra Pradesh. Appearing for the petitioners, senior advocate Siddharth Dave submitted that political statements were continuously being made by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Pawan Kalyan, raising concerns over the fairness of the prosecution.

"Prosecution has to be fair," Dave submitted, urging the top court to shift the trial to a neighbouring state where the matter would not carry the same emotive significance.

Responding to the submissions, the CJI Kant-led Bench observed that the Supreme Court had already "silenced them all with our order", adding that the petitioners could approach the apex court again if any such issue arose.

It accordingly declined to grant the relief, holding that no case had been made out for shifting the trial outside Andhra Pradesh.

The development comes amid the politically charged controversy surrounding allegations of adulteration of ghee used in the preparation of laddus offered as 'prasadam' at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Tirupati.

The controversy had erupted in September 2024 after Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu alleged that animal fat was used in the preparation of the temple's laddus during the previous YSRCP government. On September 30, 2024, the Supreme Court had admonished Chandrababu Naidu for making public statements on the alleged adulteration while an investigation was underway, observing that "we expect the Gods to be kept away from

Training Programme on Akshara Vikasam Reader Held for Akshara Volunteers

Nizamabad, Nov 5: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed

A one-day training programme on the Akshara Vikasam reader was organised at Govur village in Mosra mandal for Akshara Volunteers undergoing tailoring training under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Literacy Programme.

The programme was organised by the Adult Education Department in association with Sneha Society.

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Awareness was also created on financial literacy, savings, banking services and financial transactions. The participants were also briefed on the impact of El Niño and prevailing weather conditions. The organisers emphasised that women should develop literacy skills alongside vocational training in tailoring to achieve educational and financial self-reliance.

Ponguleti Praises Officials for Successful Flood Rescues

Khammam, Nov 5: Munsif Desk



State Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy congratulated officials for their coordinated efforts in carrying out rescue operations during the recent floods and safely rescuing all those stranded without any loss of life.

On Thursday, the Minister conducted a review meeting at the Singareni Collieries Guest House with the Collectors of the erstwhile Khammam district, MLAs of Sathupalli and Aswaraopet, and senior officials of various departments to review the flood situation at Bethupalli Tank, rescue operations and the damage caused by heavy rains and flooding.

The Minister said a detailed review was conducted of the flood situation and damage reported in Aswaraopet, Dammapeta and Mulakalapalli mandals of Aswaraopet constituency in Bhadradri Kothagudem district, as well as Sathupalli town and surrounding areas in Khammam district.

He appreciated the SDRF and NDRF personnel who risked their lives to rescue fishermen stranded in floodwaters during the night. Although reports of boats capsizing had circulated on social media, effective coordination among officials and public representatives from night until morning ensured that everyone was rescued safely without any casualties.

He said the Chief Minister had contacted officials twice during the night to enquire about the situation and directed them to immediately respond to rumours circulating on social media. Continuous monitoring by Collectors and other officials at the ground level helped avert a major tragedy.

Collector Sets December Deadline for Dharpally Hospital

Nizamabad, Nov 5: Mohd Baleegh Ahmed



Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi directed officials to expedite the final-phase construction works of the new Government Area Hospital at Dharpally mandal headquarters and complete them by the end of December without compromising on quality. The government has upgraded the existing 30-bed Community Health Centre at Dharpally into a 100-bed Area Hospital. A new hospital building equipped with modern facilities is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.33.15 crore.

On Thursday, Collector Ila Tripathi conducted a field-level inspection of the construction works and reviewed the progress. With nearly 90 per cent of the construction completed, she enquired about the remaining works and instructed officials to take them up on a war footing and complete them within the stipulated deadline.

During the inspection, she visited various departments, including the Mother and Child Care Unit, Paediatrics, Casualty, Radiology, Operation Theatres, AYUSH Block, Male and Female Wards, Ophthalmology, Dental, Diagnostic and other sections. She closely examined the quality of the completed works and reviewed the facilities being developed.

The Collector instructed engineering officials to maintain strict quality standards at every stage and said that no compromise would be tolerated. She asked them to bring any difficulties affecting the progress of the works to her notice immediately.

She also directed Medical and Health Department officials to regularly inspect the ongoing final-phase works and ensure effective supervision.

Toopran Police Seize 64 Vehicles in Cordon-and-Search

Medak, Nov 5: Munsif Desk

In a bid to curb crime and maintain law and order, police conducted a large-scale cordon-and-search operation and Community Contact Programme in the 2BHK Colony of Toopran town in Medak district.

Around 105 police personnel participated in the operation, during which more than 450 houses were thoroughly searched.

Medak Additional Superintendent of Police Vikrant Kumar Singh, IPS, said that 64 vehicles, including 61 two-wheelers and three three-wheelers, were seized for not having proper documentation.

During the search operation, narcotics detection dog Jooby was deployed to inspect houses and surrounding areas for the possible presence of drugs. Fingerprint devices were also used to collect and verify fingerprints to identify habitual offenders involved in previous criminal activities and check their records.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional SP Vikrant Kumar Singh said that people from different parts of the country reside in Toopran town and are engaged in various occupations.

However, the illegal activities of a few individuals could potentially affect public safety and law and order.

He clarified that the primary objective of the Community Contact Programme was to identify individuals involved in unlawful activities and take appropriate action against them rather than cause inconvenience to ordinary residents.



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People, civic issues, communities and developments from across Telangana

TTD REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS FOR VAIKUNTA EKADASI

Tirumala: Nov 5: NSS

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, along with CVSO Murali Krishna, on Thursday reviewed arrangements for the ten-day Vaikunta Dwara Darshan, scheduled from December 20 to 29, at the Sudharma Meeting Hall in Tirumala.

The Additional EO directed officials to make elaborate and well-planned arrangements towards the smooth conduct of the prestigious event.

Referring to last year's successful conduct, during which 7.83 lakh devotees had darshan, he asked officials to ensure similar arrangements this year.

He instructed officials to allot SSD tokens through online e-DIP for the first three days to facilitate darshan for ordinary devotees. Sarva Darshan will be provided for the remaining seven days.

Special arrangements will also be made for Sarva Darshan on December 25, during Srivari Abhishekam.

The Additional EO directed officials to continuously monitor queue lines through the Integrated Command Control Centre and ensure speedy darshan for common devotees.

NO ROHINGYA OR BANGLADESHI VOTERS IN HYD ROLLS: SAMEER CHALLENGES BJP

Hyderabad, Nov 5: NSS

Former DCC President Mohammed Waliullah Sameer has strongly criticised the BJP over its repeated allegations that Rohingya Muslims and illegal Bangladeshi immigrants had been enrolled as voters in Hyderabad's Old City.

Reacting to the clarification issued by Hyderabad District Election Officer and GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Sameer said the findings of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls had exposed as a politically motivated campaign to malign the predominantly Muslim neighbourhoods of Hyderabad. According to the clarification, no illegal Bangladeshi immigrants or Rohingya Muslims were detected on the electoral rolls of Hyderabad district's 15 Assembly constituencies. The only foreign nationals identified were around 10 to 12 Nepali citizens in Sanathnagar.

HYD SET TO HOST WORLD's LARGEST POULTRY INDIA EXPO; 51,000 VISITORS EXPECTED

Hyderabad, Nov 5: NSS



Hyderabad is gearing up to host the 18th edition of Poultry India Expo 2026, one of the world's largest poultry industry exhibitions, at the HITEX Exhibition Centre from November 25 to 27. The three-day international event is expected to attract more than 51,000 industry professionals and over 550 exhibitors representing nearly 120 countries.

Organised by the Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers' Association (IPEMA) under the banner of Poultry India, the exhibition will bring together poultry farmers, equipment manufacturers, feed producers, breeders, veterinarians, technology providers and industry experts on a common platform.

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel, is scheduled to inaugurate the exhibition. He will also inaugurate Poultry Knowledge Day, a specialised industry conference to be held on November 24 at HICC–Novotel, Hitech City. Spread across seven exhibition halls, the expo will showcase the latest equipment, products and technologies covering poultry breeding.

Osman Al Hajri Condemns Attack on Congress Leaders

Hyderabad: Nov 5: Munsif Desk



Contested MLA and Karwan Constituency In-charge Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri strongly condemned the stone-pelting attack on a bus carrying around 34 Congress leaders and party workers returning to Hyderabad after participating in the 'Desh Bachao March' at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on November 1.

Those travelling on the bus included TPCC OBC Observer Shrawan Kumar Goud, Khairatabad DCC Vice-President Masood Ahmed, Dattatreya Division President Mohammad Ghouse, Syed Ali, Mohammed Riyaz, Khaja Mohiuddin, Shahinsha and several other Congress leaders and workers. The incident occurred at around 12.30 am on November 4 near Tekriyal Bridge on National Highway-44 in Kamareddy district. An unidentified person allegedly hurled a stone at the moving bus, shattering its left-side window and damaging the vehicle.

Immediately after the incident, Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri informed TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud about the attack. Responding promptly, Mahesh Kumar Goud contacted police authorities and lodged a complaint, seeking immediate action against the person responsible.

Medak District Administration Prepares Action Plan to Tackle Drinking Water

Nedak, Nov 5: Munsif Desk



In view of the possible impact of El Niño and the anticipated drinking water shortage in the coming days, the Medak district administration has initiated precautionary measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the public.

Medak District Collector Pratima Singh said a special action plan was being prepared to prevent drinking water problems in the future and stressed the need to conserve every drop of water. She directed officials of the concerned departments to continuously monitor water resources and storage levels and make advance arrangements to ensure adequate drinking water supply.

As part of these measures, the Collector inspected a check dam at Sardana village in Haveli Ghanpur mandal. Accompanied by Mission Bhagiratha Grid Executive Engineer Nagabhushanam, Tahsildar Sindhu Renuka, Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Vinod, Electricity DE Rameshwar Swamy, Mission Bhagiratha EE Sampath Kumar, Intra DE Naresh and local residents, she reviewed the available water resources and alternative supply arrangements.

The Collector examined a map prepared by the Mission Bhagiratha Grid staff for alternative water supply and issued necessary instructions. She said water supply from the Singur Project was likely to be discontinued after December. In view of this, the State Government had sanctioned Rs.42 crore for Medak district to address the anticipated shortage.

She further stated that a special grid would be established at the Sardana check dam, from where water would be supplied to Jaknapet village through a pipeline measuring approximately 3.5 kilometres. Under the proposed plan, 33 villages would be provided 55 litres of drinking water per person daily.

MLC Dande Vittal Inspects Ashram School at Somini; Reviews Facilities for Students

Kagaznagar, Nov 5: Munsif Desk

Adilabad erstwhile district MLC Dande Vittal visited the Ashram School at Somini village in Bejjur mandal of Asifabad district and reviewed the educational, residential and other basic facilities being provided to students.

During the visit, the MLC interacted directly with students and enquired about academic activities, teaching methods adopted by teachers, quality of food, availability of safe drinking water, hostel facilities and other basic amenities.

He also spoke to the students in a friendly atmosphere and gathered details about the problems and difficulties they were facing at the school.

Speaking on the occasion, Dande Vittal said students were the future of the nation and that ensuring their educational progress, good health and quality residential facilities was equally important.

He instructed the concerned officials to take special measures to provide quality education, a clean and hygienic environment, better accommodation and nutritious food to students.

Cong spreading false propaganda on sir to defame

Hyderabad, Nov 5: NSS

BJP National Vice-President Ram Madhav on Thursday accused the Congress and INDIA bloc of spreading false propaganda over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to undermine public faith in India's democratic institutions.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office here, he alleged that Rahul Gandhi was misleading people with claims of vote theft, EVM manipulation and electoral irregularities to cover up the Congress's electoral defeats.

Madhav said electoral roll revisions had been conducted 11 times since 1952, with the last exercise in 2004, and questioned the Congress's opposition to the ongoing process. He said removing the names of deceased persons, duplicate voters, relocated individuals and illegal immigrants was necessary to ensure clean electoral rolls.

Without naming BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao, Madhav ridiculed the Telangana opposition leadership, saying that leaders whom the former Chief Minister had approached during his attempts to build a Third Front, including Mamata Banerjee, Naveen Patnaik and YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, had subsequently suffered electoral setbacks.

Announcing nationwide "Save Democracy and Remove Anarchy" Maha Padayatras, he said the BJP would expose the Congress's misinformation campaign. He also criticised the Congress rally at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi, claiming it had received a poor public response.

"Why is the Congress party gripped by fear when the Election Commission undertakes the voter list revision process. There is a need to remove the names of over one crore illegal immigrants who came to India from other countries from the voter lists", he remarked.

ACB CATCHES DIST YOUTH & SPORTS OFFICER, TYPIST ACCEPTING Rs.1 LAKH BRIBE



Mahabubnagar: Nov 5: NSS

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials of Mahabubnagar Range on Thursday caught two employees of the District Youth and Sports Office red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs.1 lakh. The accused were identified as District Youth and Sports Officer Jakku Rajasekhar Reddy and contract-based typist Gore Umesh. They allegedly demanded the bribe for processing and approving pending catering bills and releasing a cheque of Rs.3.10 lakh towards food supplied to sportspersons at the Volleyball Hostel of SATG, Mahabubnagar, for August 2026. The ACB recovered the tainted amount of Rs.1 lakh from Rajasekhar Reddy. According to the ACB, he accepted the money on his own behalf and on behalf of the typist, as per their prior understanding to share the bribe. The accused allegedly misused their official positions to obtain undue financial advantage. Both are being arrested and will be produced before the Principal Special Judge for SPE and ACB Cases.

AIMIM Distributes SSC Model Papers to Medak Students

Medak, Nov 5: Munsif Desk

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), continuing its annual initiative, distributed SSC examination model papers among Urdu medium students of government boys' and girls' schools in Medak on Thursday.

Karwan MLA and erstwhile Medak district in-charge Kausar Mohiuddin personally distributed the model papers among the students.

Ensure No Household or Individual Is Left Out in 2027 Census: Additional DC

Bidar, Nov 5: Munsif Desk

Additional Deputy Commissioner Surekha has directed officials and staff to ensure that no household or individual is left out during the 2027 Census. She said necessary instructions had already been issued regarding preparations, monitoring and guidelines for the second phase of the upcoming census.

She was inaugurating a training workshop for officials and staff assigned to conduct the second phase of Census of India 2027 at the District Panchayat office hall on Thursday.

She said the house-listing blocks successfully covered during the first phase would now be taken forward for the second phase. Enumerators and monitors who had actively participated in the first phase would continue to discharge their responsibilities.

The primary objective of the second phase is to collect information covering every individual in every household.



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At a Glance



Mehbooba Mufti re-elected PDP chief for 5th term

Srinagar

Mehbooba Mufti was unanimously re-elected president of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for a fifth term on Thursday, the party said.

Senior leader Abdul Rehman Veeri moved the proposal, seconded by Mohammad Khursheed Aalam. Electoral college members from Jammu joined online and supported her candidature, the party said.

After her re-election, Mufti said people who had suffered needed healing rather than political victories. Thanking members for their trust, she said she remained mindful of the pain of people whose concerns had gone unheard.IANS

Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam move SC against bail denial

New Delhi

Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam moved the Supreme Court against the Delhi High Court's September 30 order rejecting their bail pleas in the 2020 north-east Delhi riots conspiracy case.

Their petitions were filed on November 4 and registered as Diary Nos. 70020/2026 and 70106/2026, the apex court website shows. Both remain under defects for 90 days.

The High Court had upheld the trial court's rejection of bail, saying it could not modify conditions imposed by the Supreme Court while denying them relief in January 2026.

The case concerns an alleged conspiracy behind the February 2020 violence, which killed 53 people. Both are booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

PM MODI SAYS INDIA'S METRO NETWORK EXPANDED FROM 248 KM IN 5 CITIES TO 1200 KM IN 26 CITIES

New Delhi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday highlighted the rapid expansion of India's Metro rail network, stating that its total length has grown from just 248 km across five cities in 2014 to nearly 1,200 km spanning 26 cities today.

He asserted that the accelerated expansion has transformed urban mobility and improved the quality of life for millions of commuters.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, "Let me ask you… If India's Metro network had continued expanding at the pace it did before 2014, how long would the wait be for cities like Pune to have a Metro? YEARS…. no…DECADES perhaps. And that was UNACCEPTABLE."

"In 2014, India had just 248 km of Metro lines across 5 cities. Today, we have nearly 1,200 km across 26 cities. Over 1 crore people travel by Metro every day," he stated.

The impact, according to the Prime Minister, goes "beyond statistics or numbers".

"It means less time in traffic, more family time, greater productivity and better opportunities. This is the transformation we are working towards for urban India!" he added.

Earlier on Tuesday (November 3), PM Modi virtually inaugurated the 23.2 km Pune Metro Line 3 (Pink Line) elevated corridor connecting Maan/Hinjewadi (the IT Hub) to Shivajinagar (District Court Metro station). Built under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model at a cost of over Rs 8,300 crore, it significantly reduces travel time and traffic congestion for tech workers and commuters.

Highlighting key operational milestones of the Pink Line, the Prime Minister emphasised that the line is operated entirely by women train operators. Approximately 30 per cent of its total power requirements are sourced from solar energy.

He also laid the foundation stone for the Pune Metro Phase-II expansion, valued at around Rs 13,500 crore. This phase covers key corridors connecting residential and business hubs, including Kharadi, Wagholi, Hadapsar, Swargate, and Khadakwasla.

The Prime Minister expressed delight at inaugurating another Pune Metro line, recalling that he had laid the foundation for the first phase about 10 years earlier. The Hinjewadi–Shivajinagar service will improve connectivity for a major IT hub; the new Phase-II lines will strengthen links between older and newer parts of Pune.

PM Modi highlighted how rapid urban expansion requires eco-friendly mass transit solutions. Expanding metro lines across tier-1 and tier-2 cities aims to boost ease of living, cut carbon footprints, and provide integrated multi-modal travel hubs, connecting metro stations, bus terminals, and railways.

He reiterated the Union government's commitment to building sustainable, modern mass transit systems across India. He emphasised that expanding metro networks cuts down road congestion, reduces vehicular emissions, and enables seamless multi-modal connectivity with intercity bus terminals and railway stations.IANS

ECI ANNOUNCES SSR TIMELINE, FINAL PUBLICATION OF ROLLS ON JANUARY 21, 2027

New Delhi



The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday announced the schedule for the Special Summary Revision (SSR) of electoral rolls to enrol eligible first-time voters and those left out of the electoral process. The final rolls will be published on January 21, 2027.

The integrated draft rolls will be prepared by November 30, allowing nearly two months for claims, objections and their disposal.

The exercise will cover states and Union Territories where the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) has been completed or its third phase is underway. It will be conducted in phases, not as a nationwide exercise.

The ECI said the SSR schedule for Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Delhi, Tripura and Telangana would be announced separately. In Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the exercise will be taken up later, considering cold weather conditions.

Polling station rationalisation and rearrangement must be completed by November 20. The integrated draft rolls will be published on November 30.

Claims and objections can be filed from November 30 to December 12. Their disposal must be completed by January 16, 2027, ahead of the final publication on January 21.

The Commission has issued instructions to Booth Level Officers (BLOs), District Registration Officers (DROs), Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and other election officials.

Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) will issue press notes during the process and share weekly lists of claims and objections with political parties. Photographs of EROs handing over the lists will also be shared, the ECI said.

The CEOs will inform the public about the final rolls, provide a summary of elector details and explain the appeals process.

The ECI had issued instructions on September 29 for a special drive in at least 20 states and Union Territories to enrol eligible young and first-time voters who had been left out. The announced schedule marks the formal beginning of the enrolment exercise.

Eligible voters may submit claims and objections within the prescribed period for SSR.IANS

PUNJAB GOVT EMPLOYEES REJECT DA HIKE; AGITATION TO START FROM NOV 13

Chandigarh



Punjab government employees and pensioners have rejected the 3 per cent dearness allowance (DA) hike announced by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, calling it inadequate, and announced protests from November 13.

The Joint Coordination Committee of Employee and Pensioner Unions, representing four lakh employees and 3.5 lakh pensioners, will hold a sit-in in Sangrur from November 13 to 19.

The unions will demonstrate outside the homes of all 91 Aam Aadmi Party MLAs from December 1 to 5. On December 6, they plan to immerse effigy ashes in Ludhiana's Budha Nullah. The agitation will end with a proposed human chain from Shambhu to Amritsar on December 13.

Union leaders Sukhchain Khera and Gurnam Singh Virk said the hike failed to address demands for the Old Pension Scheme, pending DA arrears, Sixth Pay Commission recommendations and restoration of old pay scales and allowances.

Mann announced the 3 per cent increase on Wednesday as a Diwali gift, taking DA to 53 per cent. It is expected to benefit around four lakh employees and 3.5 lakh pensioners, with payment in December salaries and pensions.

The unions said protests would continue until their demands were met.IANS

CHAWRI BAZAAR BUILDING COLLAPSE: CM GUPTA SAYS RESCUE OPS UNDERWAY ON WAR FOOTING

New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday said rescue and relief operations were underway on a war footing after a three-storey under-construction building collapsed in Old Delhi's Chawri Bazaar, killing two people and injuring another.

In a post on X, Gupta said teams from Delhi Fire Services, Delhi Police, DDMA, MCD, CATS and NDRF had been deployed immediately. Every possible effort was being made to rescue those trapped under the debris and provide medical assistance to the injured, she said.

BJP MP from Chandni Chowk, Praveen Khandelwal, said he was on his way to the site after receiving information about the incident. BJP MP Kamaljeet Singh Sehrawat termed the incident deeply unfortunate and said action should be taken if negligence was established.

Police said the construction work was illegal and the building was unsafe. DCP (Central) Rohit Rajbir Singh said a slab was being cast on the third floor when the structure began collapsing. Some labourers and the contractor were present at the site.

Three people had been rescued, while two were declared dead and one injured person was out of danger, the DCP said, citing hospital information. Several people were still feared trapped.

The collapse was reported at 9.50 a.m. from Gali Sitara, near Chawri Bazaar Metro Station. Six fire units, including a water tender, were rushed to the spot.

The DCP said cracks had developed in adjacent buildings, which were being evacuated. Police were registering an FIR against the building owners and contractor, and action was being taken against them.IANS



Two killed as building collapses in Delhi's Chawri Bazaar

NEW DELHI: At least two people were killed and another was rescued after a three-storey under-construction building collapsed in Old Delhi's Chawri Bazaar on Thursday. Several others are feared trapped under the debris, officials said.

The collapse was reported at 9.50 a.m. from Gali Sitara, near Chawri Bazaar Metro Station. Six fire units, along with a water tender and other rescue vehicles, were rushed to the spot. Rescue operations are underway.

The incident occurred amid a festive rush in one of the national capital's busiest markets.

The collapse comes amid a series of similar incidents in Delhi. On October 7, four people were killed after a portion of a multi-storey building collapsed in Seemapuri.

On October 25, an under-construction structure in Milan Garden, Harsh Vihar, collapsed following an alleged illegal attempt to add an extra floor. A 60-year-old man, Chanderpal, and his 33-year-old son, Vijay Kumar, died in the incident.IANS

Kerala hit-and-run case: Judge's minor son gets relief as court refuses to cancel bail

Kochi

In another setback to the family of the 55-year-old man killed in a road accident involving a Mercedes-Benz car driven by a judge's minor son, a court in Kerala's Ernakulam on Thursday refused to cancel the anticipatory bail earlier granted to the juvenile.

The decision came despite strong objections from the prosecution and pleas by the deceased man's family, who had sought cancellation of the bail.

The court made it clear that the law relating to juveniles was unambiguous and that the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act had to be followed.

It also came down heavily on attempts to view the case without taking into account the special legal safeguards governing children in conflict with the law.

Before passing its order, the court asked the police to submit a report within an hour on whether similar charges had been invoked in other cases in the district.

When the court reassembled an hour later, the police informed it that there were nine such cases.

The victim's family had strongly opposed the continuation of accused's bail, hoping that the court would reconsider the relief granted to the juvenile.

However, the court declined to interfere with the earlier order.

The development came on a day when the father of the juvenile, a judicial officer, also secured anticipatory bail from another court in connection with the same accident case.

The 55-year-old roadside eatery owner was ran over by the Mercedes-Benz car in the early hours of the day while returning home after closing his eatery last month.

The deceased man's daughter expressed deep disappointment over Thursday's developments in both courts.

She said the family was at a loss to understand what was happening and felt that ordinary people were finding it increasingly difficult to get justice.

For the victim's family, the two court decisions on the same day have come as a major blow in its continuing fight for justice.IANS

SUPREME COURT REFUSES IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO AZAM KHAN IN ED ARREST CASE

New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to grant immediate relief to Samajwadi Party leader Mohammad Azam Khan in his plea challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case and directed him to approach the Allahabad High Court.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi directed the Supreme Court registry to transfer the case records to the High Court within two days. It requested the High Court to list the petition before an appropriate Division Bench on November 16. The Bench clarified that it had not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case and allowed Khan to amend his petition and submit additional documents.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Khan, alleged that the ED's action was mala fide and amounted to harassment. He said Khan had been arrested shortly after being released from jail on October 29.

Sibal submitted that 28 cases had been registered against the SP leader, apart from an Enforcement Case Information Report under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. He alleged that the latest arrest was aimed at keeping Khan behind bars during the forthcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

Khan had challenged his arrest, which allegedly took place around 40 minutes after his release on October 31 following bail in a dual PAN card case. His plea sought quashing of the arrest and the November 1 remand order passed by a special court in Ghaziabad.

The ED arrested Khan in connection with a money laundering investigation linked to the Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar University in Rampur. He was remanded to judicial custody until November 13 and lodged in Dasna jail.

The investigation relates to allegations of forcible acquisition of farmers' agricultural land for the university and diversion of government funds and resources. The ED has provisionally attached the university's land and buildings worth Rs 426.46 crore, claiming they represent proceeds of crime.IANS

EU sets out accession roadmaps, urges Ukraine to accelerate reforms



Brussels

The European Commission has presented accession roadmaps for Ukraine and three other EU membership candidates, urging Kyiv to accelerate reforms to conclude negotiations by the end of 2028.

Its annual enlargement package outlined milestones for Montenegro, Albania, Moldova and Ukraine, stressing that membership depends on reform progress.

Ukraine has opened four groups of negotiating chapters over the past year and meets conditions to open the remaining groups, the Commission said.

It urged Kyiv to focus on the rule of law, democratic institutions, public administration and national minorities. Anti-corruption institutions continued to operate overall independently and effectively, it said.

Montenegro, with 21 chapters provisionally closed, is closest to completing talks and could close the rest by year-end. Albania aims to conclude negotiations in 2027, while Moldova targets early 2028.

The Commission proposed integrating candidates into energy, transport, digital and defence sectors before membership.

Separately, EU-hosted talks focused on Ukraine's post-war recovery, with representatives from Ukraine, the EU, Germany, France, Britain, the US, NATO and the World Bank. The Commission said the EU had provided 231.5 billion euros in support since the conflict escalated in 2022.

Talks on security guarantees are scheduled at NATO headquarters on Thursday, with officials from France, Germany, Britain and the US due to meet NATO representatives. IANS

TRUMP SAYS IRAN WAR HURT REPUBLICANS AT POLLS

Washington



President Donald Trump acknowledged that the war with Iran hurt Republicans in Tuesday's elections, citing higher petrol prices, but said he would make the same military decision again.

Asked whether the conflict contributed to Republican losses, Trump told reporters Wednesday: "I think it's largely true." He said the war had pushed petrol prices up, but defended the operation, insisting Iran must not acquire nuclear weapons.

"If I had it to do again, I'd have to do it again," he said, claiming operations had damaged Iran's Navy, Air Force and air defences.

Trump claimed oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz had recovered and were higher than before the war, but provided no figures.

Asked whether the conflict was worth its political cost, he replied: "I do, yeah." He said the fighting would end when the right outcome was secured.

Trump said he had expected the war to affect the election and agreed with Vice-President J.D. Vance's assessment. He argued Republicans would have done better had he been on the ballot, saying his popularity had not transferred to other candidates.

He said he might work with Democrats but would veto measures he opposed. IANS



US Vice President Vance blames Iran war for Republican defeat

WASHINGTON: *US Vice President J.D. Vance blamed the war with Iran for the Republican defeat in Tuesday's midterm elections, saying many voters who backed Donald Trump in 2024 switched to Democrats.*

In a post on X, Vance said Republican supporters turned out, but many did not back the party. He cited the cost of living, inflation, the war and US policy towards Israel.

"The reason we lost is the war. The president himself said so last night," Vance wrote. He said a pollster had warned Republicans could lose the congressional ballot by 13 percentage points, but did not identify the pollster or provide survey details.

Vance said Trump had acknowledged the conflict's impact while defending the military campaign. He rejected calls to blame the defeat on immigration or offer amnesty to people living unlawfully in the country.

He urged Republican supporters to channel disappointment into future elections. IANS

Bomb threats disrupt flights across Europe, forcing diversions and security checks



London

More than a dozen passenger flights across Europe received bomb threats on Thursday, prompting diversions and security checks in several countries, according to media reports and airline statements.

An Aer Lingus Airbus A320 flying from Dublin to Rome was diverted to a military airbase in Evreux, France. It landed safely, and all 151 passengers and six crew members were moved to safety while bomb disposal teams inspected the aircraft, the French Prime Minister's office said.

In Bulgaria, three Ryanair flights bound for Sofia received threats. Flights from Copenhagen and Madrid landed safely, while a London Stansted flight was diverted to Plovdiv. Checks found no dangerous objects, bTV reported.

At Warsaw Chopin Airport, a Paris-bound LOT Polish Airlines aircraft was stopped after a report of a potentially dangerous object. No dangerous item was found. A second LOT flight from Warsaw to Brussels also landed safely.

A Wizz Air flight from Milan to Warsaw was diverted to Vienna. Two Finnair flights from Helsinki, bound for Rome and Vienna, were also targeted; both landed safely.

In Romania, a Wizz Air flight from Milan landed in Bucharest, where 182 passengers and seven crew members were evacuated.

Czech police reported threats against four aircraft heading to Prague. They assessed the threats as having low credibility but arranged inspections.

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency said it was monitoring developments. Europol said it was ready to support national authorities in cases involving suspected serious crime or terrorism.

Similar alerts occurred on Tuesday, when at least seven passenger flights and a cruise ship received threats too. IANS

IRAN'S IRGC SAYS THREE VESSELS CAUGHT FIRE IN HORMUZ STRAIT'S 'ILLEGAL' ROUTE

Tehran



Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said on Thursday that three vessels, including two supertankers, caught fire in two separate incidents the previous night while crossing the Strait of Hormuz through an "illegal and unauthorised" route south of the waterway.

In a statement on its official media outlet Sepah News, the IRGC said that in one of the incidents, an oil tanker caught fire after hitting naval mines as it was passing through the "illegal" route.

In the other incident, another oil tanker, which was leaving the strait through the same route, was stopped after catching fire east of the waterway. A tugboat that had approached the oil tanker to help contain the blaze also caught fire, the statement said.

In a separate operation, members of its naval electronic warfare unit took control of two "invading" low-cost uncrewed combat attack system drones and landed them unharmed, the IRGC said.

It accused the US government of imposing "very heavy" insurance costs on American taxpayers and its allies in West Asia by enticing vessels into committing violations and passing through the mined route in the strait, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Meanwhile, US Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said on Wednesday that "we are going to end the war" with Iran, and that there will be support from some Senate Republicans.

"We are going to end the war. We have some Republicans already who have joined us in ending the war, and the Founding Fathers had the power of the purse as one of the ways of deterring a president who does war without the consent of the American people," Schumer said at a press conference at the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee headquarters in Washington, DC.

Schumer's remarks came a few hours after Election Day, when Democrats are projected to flip control of the House of Representatives and Senate in the midterm elections. IANS

France workers hold protest to demand higher wages

Paris



Hundreds of workers took part in the major protests in France on Thursday, as the nation braces for a strike involving the yellow vest movement, trade unions, students and workers from various sectors.

Trade unions took part in the protests in France on Thursday to demand higher wages and in support of the high school protest movement, France 24 reported. The protests on Thursday come after French lawmakers rejected the first part of the 2027 budget bill. The French government's original budget proposal will now be presented before the Senate, with a vote set to be held on December 9, Euro News reported.

A parliamentary committee will then try to broker a compromise before the legislation is again presented in the National Assembly.

France has witnessed protests for several weeks, triggered by student demonstrations which began in September against overcrowded classrooms, teacher shortages and problems they face in getting admission to universities.

The protests have since intensified as trade unions have expressed support for demands raised by the students and held marches against the cost of living crisis and increasing prices of fuel.

French Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said that over 70,000 law enforcement personnel will be deployed on Thursday. He said that the "primary mission" of security forces was to ensure that protests took place "peacefully" and without any incidents, Euro News reported.

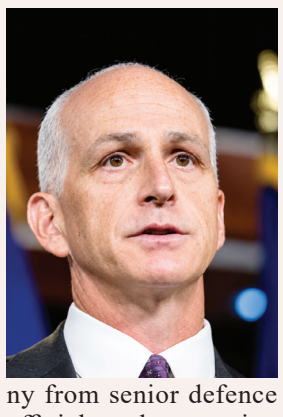
Nunez mentioned that intelligence services had found "considerable interest" from the far-left movement and violent protest groups with "several possible aims: taking part in them to provoke unrest; organising unauthorised marches; and carrying out looting and vandalism targeting businesses or public buildings."

French authorities imposed restrictions on the trade unions' proposed protest route in Paris and gave permission to hold protest on an alternative route. French authorities' decision comes amid security measures taken by the government after violent incidents occurred on October 17-18, where violence and looting took place during peaceful protests, according to the report.

Trade unions and rights groups have criticised what they termed excessive policing and authoritarian measures imposed to restrict protests. French police have also faced allegations of using excessive force against protesters. IANS

DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKER SEEKS PENTAGON SCRUTINY OVER IRAN WAR

Washington



Adam Smith, the top Democrat on the US House Armed Services Committee, has called for stronger Pentagon scrutiny, listing the Iran war, military operations in Latin America and private defence contracts as priorities for the next Congress.

Smith outlined the proposed agenda for committee Democrats in the 120th Congress on Wednesday. He called for more public testimony from senior defence officials and restoration of a subcommittee on oversight and investigations. He announced no specific probes or hearing dates.

Smith described the Iran conflict as an "illegal war", an assessment not substantiated in his statement. He also called for scrutiny of contracts and financial support to private companies, alleging possible waste, fraud and abuse without naming firms or deals.

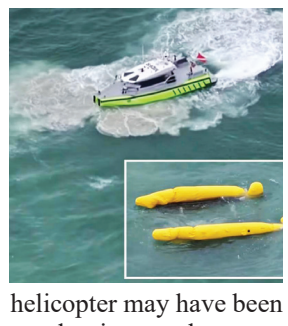
His agenda includes examining military strikes in the Caribbean and Latin America, deployments to US cities and what he called politicisation of the armed forces.

Smith opposed a defence budget exceeding $1 trillion and called for cost-effective weapons procurement, drawing lessons from recent conflicts. He also sought better support for service members, civilian staff and their families.

He said he hoped to work with lawmakers from both parties to strengthen the committee's oversight role. The proposals included no draft legislation. It oversees defence spending, policy and forces. IANS

ONE KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRAS H NEAR US' FLORIDA

Florida



One person was killed and two others injured when a helicopter carrying three people crashed into Biscayne Bay near Miami, authorities said.

The Robinson R44 II went down east of Miami Executive Airport on Wednesday morning, the US Coast Guard said. Coast Guard personnel, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and other agencies responded to the crash.

Preliminary information indicated that the helicopter may have been conducting a photography flight, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said. The agency said the investigation was continuing. Further details were awaited.

The incident comes days after a Learjet 60 crashed in a residential area of Palm Beach County, Florida, on November 1, killing all nine people on board.

The aircraft crashed near Cresthaven at 12.50 p.m. local time after departing Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in Texas for North Eleuthera Airport in the Bahamas, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

US Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy confirmed the nine deaths in a post on X, calling the crash a "horrific tragedy". He said the Federal Aviation Administration was sending personnel to assist the NTSB, which is leading the investigation.

The Learjet came down near Military Trail, between Cresthaven Boulevard and 10th Avenue North. The crash caused a fire and scattered debris in the residential area, while authorities arranged shelter for hundreds of residents.

Duffy urged the public to remember the victims' families. IANS

PERSPECTIVE | Beyond the Headlines. Context. Clarity. Consequence.

THE BIG PICTURE | GLOBAL ECONOMY | WARNING SIGNS OF A DEEPENING CRISIS

Is the World Heading Towards an Economic Disaster?

Rising prices, mounting debt and international conflicts threaten global economic stability, raising fears of a crisis that could push millions into severe financial hardship.

By Dr Shujath Ali Sufi
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The global economy is entering a period of growing uncertainty. Rising energy prices, international conflicts, mounting government debt and financial market instability are creating conditions that could threaten economic stability across the world.

The consequences of a severe economic crisis would extend far beyond stock markets, banks and multinational corporations. Ordinary families could face soaring living costs, shrinking incomes, unemployment and mounting financial insecurity.

But is the world heading towards an unavoidable economic disaster?

The answer is no. The danger is real, but economic collapse is not inevitable.

According to the International Monetary Fund's October 2026 World Economic Outlook, global economic growth is projected at 3.1 per cent in 2026, compared with 3.5 per cent in 2025, before recovering to 3.4 per cent in 2027.

Global inflation is projected to reach 4.7 per cent in 2026, reflecting persistent price pressures. The IMF has cautioned that economic resilience remains under strain, with risks tilted towards weaker outcomes.

These projections indicate that the world economy continues to expand, but the foundations of that growth face significant challenges.

FIVE WARNING SIGNS

- **Energy shocks**: Disruptions threaten fuel and transport affordability.
- **Inflation:** Rising living costs weaken household purchasing power.
- **Debt pressures:** High borrowing costs strain governments and businesses.
- **Financial instability:** Market shocks threaten credit and investment.
- **Employment risks:** Weaker demand could trigger job losses.

How Could an Economic Disaster Begin?

A major economic crisis does not necessarily begin with the collapse of a bank or a stock market. It can start with something as familiar as a sudden increase in the price of fuel.

Imagine international conflicts severely disrupting the global supply of oil and natural gas.

Energy prices would rise sharply, increasing the cost of transportation, electricity, manufacturing and agricultural production. Businesses facing higher operating expenses would eventually pass much of the burden on to consumers.

Food prices could increase as farmers struggle with more expensive fuel, fertilisers and transportation. Essential commodities would become costlier, placing additional pressure on household budgets.

Families would be forced to reduce discretionary spending, postpone purchases and cut expenses wherever possible.

Workers might demand higher wages to compensate for rising living costs. But employers struggling with declining profits could freeze recruitment, reduce salaries or eliminate jobs.

What begins as an energy-price shock could gradually spread into almost every sector of the economy.

When Inflation Turns Into an Employment Crisis

The danger becomes more serious when rising prices are accompanied by falling employment and weakening consumer demand.

As households reduce spending, businesses experience declining sales. Companies may respond by reducing production, postponing expansion plans or laying off workers.

Unemployment would further weaken consumer purchasing power, creating a cycle in which falling demand leads to declining business revenues and additional job losses.

Governments would simultaneously face increasing pressure to support unemployed workers and financially vulnerable families.

However, weaker economic activity could reduce tax revenues, making it more difficult to finance public assistance programmes.

If these developments occur together on a large scale, an ordinary economic slowdown could turn into a prolonged and damaging crisis.

For low-income families, the consequences could be particularly severe, affecting access to nutritious food, healthcare, education and other basic necessities.

The Hidden Danger of Mounting Debt

Another major threat comes from the growing burden of debt carried by governments, businesses and households.

Borrowing is an essential part of economic activity. Governments borrow to finance infrastructure and public services, while businesses use credit to invest, expand and create employment.

However, excessive debt becomes dangerous when economic growth slows or interest rates remain elevated.

Governments may struggle to meet their repayment obligations without raising taxes or reducing public expenditure. Businesses carrying substantial debt could face financial distress, while households may find it increasingly difficult to repay loans.

If investors begin losing confidence in borrowers' ability to repay their debts, financial markets could experience severe volatility.

Banks and other financial institutions might tighten lending conditions, making credit more expensive or difficult to obtain.

Such a development would discourage investment, restrict business expansion and weaken economic recovery.

Developing countries would face particularly serious challenges because high borrowing costs and limited financial resources could constrain their ability to protect vulnerable populations.

What Would Global Crisis Mean for India?

India's economy has considerable strengths, but it cannot remain completely insulated from a major international economic crisis.

One immediate concern would be the country's dependence on imported crude oil.

A sharp increase in global oil prices could raise India's import bill, increase transportation costs and contribute to domestic inflation.

Higher fuel prices could also affect agriculture, manufacturing and essential commodity distribution.

Indian businesses dependent on imported raw materials, international supply chains or overseas markets could face additional financial pressure.

A prolonged global slowdown could reduce demand for Indian exports, discourage investment and adversely affect employment opportunities.

Financial market volatility could also influence capital flows and exchange-rate stability.

However, India possesses important economic advantages, including a large domestic market, diverse industries, expanding infrastructure and substantial long-term growth potential.

These strengths could provide a degree of protection against external economic shocks.

The extent of any damage would ultimately depend on the severity of the global crisis, its duration and the effectiveness of India's economic response.

The author, Dr Shujath Ali Sufi, examines economic challenges & their potential consequences for global stability & ordinary households.

COMMENTARY | CONSTITUTION DAY | A CALL FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Declare November 26 a National Public Holiday

An annual Constitutional Address in every public institution, coupled with nationwide civic participation, could strengthen constitutional awareness and accountability.

By: Advocate Kolla Rahul Sankrityayan

India celebrates Independence Day and Republic Day with great pride. These occasions remind us of our freedom and the birth of our Republic. There is another historic day that deserves equally meaningful recognition: November 26, Constitution Day.

On November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India. It was the result of years of discussion, debate and collective effort.

The Constitution gave our nation its democratic foundation and laid down the principles that guide our institutions and protect our citizens.

Constitution Day is observed every year. However, it should become more than a day of official ceremonies and speeches.

It should become a day when every Indian has an opportunity to understand, discuss and celebrate the Constitution.

The time has come to declare November 26 an annual public holiday throughout India.

A day for every citizen

A public holiday would give people an opportunity to participate in Constitution Day activities without the pressures of their daily work.

Students, teachers, advocates, employees, families and community organisations could come together to read the Preamble, discuss constitutional values and conduct educational programmes.

Schools, colleges, universities and Bar Associations could organise debates, lectures, essay competitions and public discussions. Such activities would help the younger generation understand the meaning of liberty, equality, justice and fraternity.

The purpose of a holiday is not simply to give people a day off. It is to give the Constitution a place in the everyday life of the nation.

Every public institution must reconnect with the Constitution

The Constitution is not merely a legal document. It is the foundation of public authority and the framework within which every public institution must function.

Every officer exercising public power has a responsibility to understand the constitutional principles governing that power. This applies equally to the highest administrative office and the smallest field-level establishment.

A simple annual programme can achieve this.

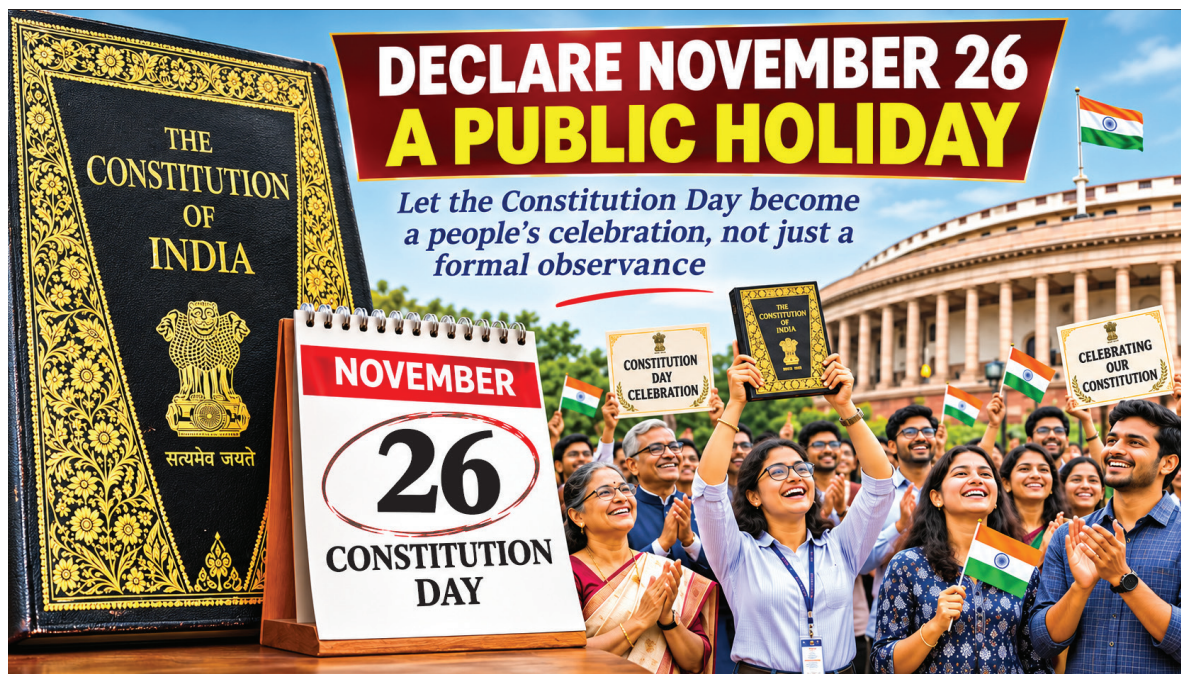
On November 26 every year, the Head of each public institution or administrative unit should deliver a short online Constitutional Address to officers and employees working under that institution.

This programme should extend to Government Departments, Secretariats, Police Headquarters, Police Commissionerates, District Police Offices and individual Police Stations. It should also cover Collectorates, Joint Collectorates, Revenue Divisional Offices, Tahsildar offices, Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and other public authorities.

The competent judicial authorities may independently consider suitable observance within the Supreme Court, High Courts and subordinate courts, consistent with judicial independence and their respective administrative powers.

What should the address contain?

The address need not be lengthy or ceremonial. It should explain the Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Duties.



Each institutional head should also explain how constitutional values apply to the work of that particular institution.

For example, a police officer should address the constitutional limits on the use of police power and the protection of individual liberty. A revenue official should explain fairness, equality and lawful exercise of authority. A municipal officer should address public accountability and equal treatment of citizens.

This would connect constitutional principles with the actual responsibilities of public servants.

No new administrative machinery is necessary. Existing video-conferencing facilities can be used. A common set of guidelines and educational material can be circulated in regional languages. The programme can be conducted with little additional expenditure.

A constitutional culture for future enerations

Article 51A(a) of the Constitution places a fundamental duty on every citizen to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions.

That duty becomes meaningful when people understand the document and the values it represents.

A public holiday, combined with an annual address in every public institution, can help develop that understanding. It can encourage respect for constitutional institutions, equality before law, individual dignity and fraternity.

The proposal is not intended to create another compulsory ceremony. It is an invitation to make constitutional awareness a regular part of public and civic life. No additional oath or affirmation is necessary.

A proposal for every Government

This initiative should not belong to any one political party or State. It should be considered by the Union Government and every State Government, irrespective of political affiliation.

The Union Government can take the lead by declaring November 26 an annual public holiday throughout the country and encouraging a common framework for institutional observance.

State Governments can implement the programme across their departments and field-level offices. The competent judicial authorities can consider arrangements for their respective institutions.

India has given the world one of the most significant democratic constitutional documents. We should give its adoption day the public recognition it deserves.

Let November 26 become a day when the nation does not merely remember its Constitution, but understands it, discusses it and lives by its values.

That would be a fitting tribute to the Constituent Assembly and to the generations of Indians who have placed their faith in the Constitution.

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

New Delhi, Nov. 05:



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to interact with the Indian contingent that participated in the Asian Para Games 2026 on Thursday.

The meeting will be held at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex here at around 4:30 p.m.

The Prime Minister will also address the gathering.

The programme will be attended by the athletes, coaches, officials from 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 registered its best-ever performance at the Asian Para Games held this year in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. A total of 97 Indian para-athletes won 114 medals, including 30 gold.

India concluded their campaign with 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze medals, surpassing its previous best of 108 medals, including 27 gold, achieved at the 2023 edition in Hangzhou, China.

The contingent also crossed the 100-medal mark for the second consecutive edition, underlining India's growing presence in para-sports.

Para-athletics proved to be India's biggest medal contributor, accounting for 65 medals, including 22 gold, 19 silver and 24 bronze. Para-badminton followed with 16 medals, comprising three gold, five silver and eight bronze, while para-swimming athletes secured 11 medals, including three silver and eight bronze.

India also made a strong impact in para-archery, winning six medals, including three gold, while shooting contributed five medals, with two gold, two silver and one bronze.

The contingent further added seven bronze medals in para-table tennis, two silver in powerlifting and two medals in judo, comprising 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 and was part of a podium sweep, highlighting India's strength in the discipline.

Sprinter Simran Sharma delivered another memorable performance, winning gold in both the women's 100m and 200m T12 events. She also set Games records in both events, establishing herself as one of the leading performers of India's campaign.

Shooting also emerged as an important contributor to the medal tally, with Mona Agarwal winning gold in the women's 50m rifle three positions SH1 event with record scores. India additionally secured two quotas in shooting for the 2028 Summer Paralympics.

The campaign also featured achievements across age groups. Jehan Dorab Madan, aged 50, became India's oldest medallist at the Games after securing bronze in para-table tennis, adding another notable milestone to the country's record-breaking outing.

Brar Credits Length Change and Gill's Advice for Three Wickets

New Delhi, Nov. 05:

India pacer Gurnoor Brar credited a change in bowling length and advice from captain Shubman Gill and fellow pacers for his three-wicket haul against New Zealand in the first ODI at Eden Park.

Brar claimed 3-44 as India bowled out New Zealand for 185 before winning by five wickets under the DLS method. After conceding a six in his opening over, he adjusted his length and focused on hard deliveries to extract extra bounce, following suggestions from Gill, Arshdeep Singh and Anshul Kamboj.

Brar praised the collective effort of India's pace attack, while Player of the Match Kamboj said he focused on the pitch conditions and executing the right lengths rather than dwelling on his previous poor ODI debut.

India chased 143 in 22.4 overs, with Kohli scoring 74 off 51 balls to seal a five-wicket win and take a 1-0 series lead.

IPL 2027: Livingstone, Edwards move to CSK as Khaleel, Ellis head to SRH in massive trade

New Delhi, Nov. 05:



Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) have struck one of the biggest deals of the IPL 2027 trading window. As per the massive trade deal, England all-rounder Liam Livingstone and Australia all-rounder Jack Edwards will move to CSK, while India left-arm fast bowler Khaleel Ahmed and Australia pacer Nathan Ellis are set to join SRH.

The trade is a reshuffle for both teams' combinations. CSK have added two overseas all-rounders to their ranks, while SRH strengthened their pace attack with a left-armer in Khaleel and a death-overs specialist in Ellis.

The headline move is of Livingstone, who was bought by SRH for Rs 13 crore, and an official statement by the tournament says he now joins CSK at less than half that price – Rs 6 crore. Livingstone didn't have a memorable IPL 2026 - scoring only 15 runs in two games before losing his spot in the playing eleven.

Edwards follows him to Chennai on his existing fee of Rs 3 crore. The Australian all-rounder was picked up by SRH before he had played international cricket, but a foot injury kept him out of IPL 2026 altogether. SRH, in turn, welcome back an old face in Khaleel, who played for the franchise from 2018 to 2021. He returns to SRH on his current fee of Rs 4.8 crore. Khaleel was one of CSK's most reliable bowlers in IPL 2025, picking 15 wickets from 14 matches. His 2026 season was cut short after five games due to a right hamstring injury needing surgery.

The deal is completed by Ellis, who joins SRH on his existing fee of Rs 2 crore after missing IPL 2026 due to aggravating an old hamstring injury. The Australian right-arm pacer is known for his variations and ability to hold his own in the death overs.

His addition gives SRH another experienced T20 option in their pace bowling attack. Interestingly, Ellis was a member of the Sunrisers Leeds in this year's The Hundred competition in England.

The CSK-SRH deal comes after previous high-profile moves being made in the ongoing trading window. Delhi Capitals brought back former captain Rishabh Pant from Lucknow Super Giants in exchange for left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav. DC also sent left-arm fast bowler T Natarajan back to SRH, with leg-spinner Zeeshan Ansari coming to them in return.

'Toxic and uneducated': Azam Khan hits out at Babar Azam's fanbase

New Delhi, Nov. 05:



Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Azam Khan has criticised the toxic behaviour of some Pakistani cricket fans on social media, revealing the abusive messages he received from Babar Azam's supporters after an international match against Ireland.

Speaking on the Backward Point Cricket Podcast, Azam said a fan threatened his family with death and illness for allegedly preventing Babar from scoring a century. He described such behaviour as unacceptable and said some cricketers have toxic fan bases.

Azam also recalled facing criticism over his fitness after Pakistan's defeat to India in the 2024 T20 World Cup. He questioned why he was blamed for the team's overall failure despite playing only one match and facing just one delivery.

Pakistan suffered a group-stage exit after losing to India and the USA. Azam has not represented Pakistan since the tournament, with his last appearance coming against the USA.

Virat Kohli Celebrates 38th Birthday, BCCI Extends Wishes



New Delhi, Nov. 05:

Former India captain Virat Kohli is celebrating his 38th birthday today. One of the finest batters in world cricket, Kohli has continued to maintain his form and has been serving Indian cricket for nearly two decades. On the occasion, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) extended birthday wishes through a post on its official X account.

The BCCI highlighted Kohli's remarkable international record, stating that he has played 566 matches and scored 28,601 runs, including 86 centuries. The board also recalled his contribution to India's triumphs in the 2011 ODI World Cup, Champions Trophy in 2013 and 2025, and the 2024 T20 World Cup, wishing the star batter continued success.

'Time to give it to the future': Ronaldo announces retirement from international football



Cristiano Ronaldo has announced his retirement from international football, bringing an end to an illustrious 23-year career with Portugal, during which he became the highest goalscorer and most-capped player in men's international football.

The 41-year-old forward confirmed his decision through an emotional video posted on social media, reflecting on his journey since making his senior debut for Portugal in August 2003. Ronaldo finished his international career with an extraordinary record of 146 goals in 234 appearances.

In his farewell message, Ronaldo described representing Portugal as the greatest privilege of his career and said the time had come to hand over the iconic number seven jersey to the next generation.

"For 23 years, I had the privilege and responsibility of wearing and defending this jersey. Today, the time has come to give it to the future," he said in the video posted on X.

Reflecting on his international journey, Ronaldo recalled unforgettable victories as well as difficult defeats, admitting that there were moments when he could not deliver what Portuguese fans expected. However, he insisted that he never gave up and never stopped feeling proud of representing his country.

He also expressed gratitude to his teammates, coaches, medical staff, support personnel and family members for standing by him throughout his career. Ronaldo acknowledged their sacrifices and contributions, saying his journey would not have been possible without their support.

Ronaldo said he was leaving the national team with his head held high, proud of the path he had taken and everything he had given to Portugal. However, he made it clear that his connection with the country would remain unchanged despite stepping away from international football.

"Today I finish my journey on the pitch with the national team, but I will never stop being one of you. Thank you for these 23 years. Thank you for believing in me," he concluded.

Ronaldo's retirement brings an end to a glorious 23-year international career, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy as Portugal's all-time leading goalscorer and most-capped player.

Deepti, Sutherland, Sobhana nominated for ICC Women's Player of the Month award

New Delhi, Nov. 05:



India's Deepti Sharma, Australia's Annabel Sutherland and Bangladesh's Sobhana Mostary have been nominated for the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for October 2026.

Deepti impressed in India's 3-0 ODI and T20I series wins over Zimbabwe, scoring an unbeaten 106 and taking seven wickets across both formats.

Sobhana scored a record 118 against Australia, the highest ODI score by a Bangladesh woman, and finished the series with 129 runs.

Sutherland contributed 99 runs and six wickets in Australia's 3-0 ODI series victory over Bangladesh, including an unbeaten 74 in the final match.

Women's ODI World Cup win turned us into household names, says Smriti Mandhana

New Delhi, Nov. 05:



India captain Smriti Mandhana said the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup victory has brought greater respect and recognition to women's cricket, with players now becoming household names across the country.

Speaking to JioStar, Mandhana said the growing public interest in women's cricket over the past year has been particularly encouraging. She recalled how around 1,000 fans gathered outside the team hotel despite heavy rain to cheer the players before the World Cup final against South Africa, giving the team a huge boost.

Opener Shafali Verma, who was named Player of the Match in the final for scoring 87 runs and taking two wickets, praised her partnership with Mandhana. She said that having played together since 2019, the duo understand each other so well that they can now communicate through eye contact, helping them respond to the team's needs.

Mandhana said the World Cup victory has not only boosted the team's confidence but also strengthened the bond between players and fans. She believes the growing recognition of women's cricket will inspire more young girls to take up the sport.

'If Hardik wants to stay at MI, he should not be the captain': Rayudu

New Delhi, Nov. 05:



Former India batter Ambati Rayudu has advised Hardik Pandya to step down as Mumbai Indians captain, saying the all-rounder should focus on his cricket rather than carry the pressure of leadership. His remarks come amid speculation over Pandya's future at the franchise ahead of the next IPL season.

Speaking on Cricbuzz, Rayudu said Pandya appeared to feel cornered during his captaincy stint, which may have affected his behaviour and performance. He believes giving up the leadership role could help Pandya regain his confidence and emerge as a match-winner for Mumbai.

Rayudu suggested that if Pandya leaves Mumbai, Punjab Kings or Chennai Super Kings could provide him with a better environment to focus on his game. However, he stressed that Pandya should not take up captaincy for at least one season, adding that leading Kolkata Knight Riders would also be a challenging responsibility.

Telangana Power Employees' DA Hiked to 21.815%; JAC Thanks Bhatti Vikramarka

Munsif News Desk
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:

Leaders of the Telangana Power Employees Joint Action Committee (TGPEJAC) have thanked Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka for approving an increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for power employees and responding positively to their long-pending demands.

A TGPEJAC delegation met the Deputy Chief Minister at Praja Bhavan and expressed gratitude for the 2.543 per cent DA hike, effective from July 1, 2026. With this revision, the DA has increased from 19.272 per cent to 21.815 per cent.

The delegation also thanked Bhatti Vikramarka for taking up the long-pending issues of artisans working in the power sector. These include leave facilities, gratuity, promotions and other service-related benefits that have remained unresolved for nearly a decade. The Deputy Chief Minister has directed TGTRANSCO, TGGENCO and the two power distribution companies to examine these issues and take necessary action. He assured the delegation that appropriate steps would be taken after reviewing their demands.



During the meeting, Bhatti Vikramarka appreciated the efforts of engineers, employees and technical staff of TGTRANSCO, TGGENCO and the DISCOMs in maintaining uninterrupted power supply despite a sharp rise in electricity demand. He said the state's peak power demand had crossed 20,018 MW due to increased consumption and the impact of El Niño conditions. Despite the pressure, power sector personnel ensured uninterrupted supply to farmers, domestic consumers and industries through their dedication and coordination. The JAC leaders also urged the Deputy Chief Minister to expedite the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) 2026 process to address employees' pending service-related demands. He responded positively and assured them of appropriate action.

TGPEJAC Coordinator Pareki Sadanandam said the employees would continue to work with commitment to ensure uninterrupted power supply to farmers during the upcoming Rabi season.

The delegation included TGPEJAC Convener Ratnakar Rao, General Secretary Sridhar, 1104 President Venkateshwarlu, Vice-Chairman Vazeer, Sadanandam and Srikanth.

Ponnam hands over GOs for 38 BC self-respect buildings

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:

The Telangana government has sanctioned ₹88.50 crore for the construction of 'Self-Respect' buildings for 38 BC community associations across the state. BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar handed over the Government Orders to association representatives in Hyderabad on Thursday. He said the allotted plots were ready for construction and urged community leaders to complete the projects within a year. A single-window system involving HMDA and the Engineering Department will speed up the approval process, while monthly reviews will be held to monitor construction progress. The minister also assured that the allotted plots would remain protected assets of weaker sections and urged community associations to complete the works on time.

Revanth Reddy Wants Students to Have a Say in School Uniform Designs

Munsif News Desk
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has directed officials to improve the quality, colours and designs of uniforms supplied to students in government schools, hostels and residential educational institutions, stressing that students' preferences should be given priority while finalising the designs.

During a review meeting held on Thursday, the Chief Minister instructed officials to directly seek students' opinions and select uniform colours and designs based on the majority preference. He said uniforms should not only meet quality standards but also appeal to the children wearing them.

Officials informed the meeting that the distribution of student kits, including uniforms, ties, belts, identity cards, shoes, socks, plates, glasses, bowls, mats and school bags, was almost complete. In some institutions, distribution had reached 95 per cent. Revanth Reddy directed officials to speed up the process and ensure that all remaining items reach students without further delay.

Emphasising the need for better planning, he said the distribution of uniforms and educational essentials should not be treated as a routine formality. He directed officials to prepare clear quality guidelines for the next academic year and establish timelines for finalising item lists, inviting tenders, procurement, supply and distribution.

The Chief Minister called for a comprehensive action plan to ensure that every student receives uniforms, shoes, school bags and other essential items on the very first day of the next academic year when schools reopen. He stressed that providing quality facilities to children studying in government institutions was an important responsibility of the government.

MP Vem Narendra Reddy, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary N Sridhar, Special Chief Secretary of the Welfare Department Sabya Sachi Ghosh, Principal Secretary of Tribal and Backward Classes Welfare Rahul Bojja and other senior officials attended the meeting.

Centre assures review of crude palm oil import duty: Tummala

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:



The Union government will evaluate the Telangana state government's request to raise the import duty on crude palm oil back to 44%, aimed at safeguarding the interests of domestic growers.

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi gave this assurance in a written response to Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao. The State Minister had urged the Centre to restore the tariff to ensure remunerative prices for local oil palm farmers.

In a statement on Thursday, Tummala Nageswara Rao noted that he had repeatedly petitioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Nirmala Sitharaman, alongside Telangana MPs, advocating for price support.

The Minister said that Union Minister Pralhad Joshi affirmed that edible oil import duties are reviewed periodically, balancing international market dynamics with the needs of farmers, refiners, and consumers.

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy Lauds SDRF, NDRF Personnel for Flood Rescue Operations

Minister Praises Their Courage and Dedication in Saving Lives During Floods in Bhadradri Kothagudem District

Munsif News Desk
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:



State Housing and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has praised the courage and dedication of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel for risking their lives to carry out rescue and relief operations during the recent heavy rains and floods.

The Minister said the personnel worked under extremely difficult conditions, including at night, to save people trapped in flood-hit areas. He described their services as invaluable and commended their commitment to protecting human lives.

On Wednesday, Srinivas Reddy, accompanied by Sathupalli MLA Dr Matta Ragamayi, Aswaraopeta MLA Jare Adinarayana and Bhadradri Kothagudem District Collector Ankit, inspected Peddabettu Lake in Sathupalli mandal.

He later visited flood-affected areas around Mallapolu Vagu and Mosali Bandham Lake in Dammapeta mandal to assess the situation.

He said the overflowing Peddabettu Lake had posed a flood threat to several villages in Dammapeta mandal. However, SDRF and NDRF teams promptly carried out rescue and relief operations in the affected areas. On behalf of the state government, the Minister saluted the personnel for their bravery, dedication and efforts to save lives.

Hyderabad Collector Calls for Successful Children's Rights Week

Special 'Children's Prajavani' on November 16 to Address Issues Related to Education, Health, Safety and Welfare

Munsif News Desk
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:



Hyderabad District Collector Dr Priyanka Ala has called for the successful organisation of Children's Rights Week in the district from November 14 to 20, with a focus on creating awareness about children's rights and promoting collective responsibility towards addressing their concerns.

As part of the week-long initiative, a special 'Children's Prajavani' programme will be held on November 16, 2026. The programme is being organised under the supervision of the Department of Women and Child Welfare, in collaboration with UNICEF-supported Alliance for Child Rights (ACR) and the State Nodal Agency Mahita.

A special desk for children will be set up at the venue of the regular Prajavani programme, where they can directly submit petitions to officials regarding issues related to education, health, nutrition, safety, basic facilities and access to welfare schemes. Complaints concerning child labour, child marriage, harassment and exploitation can also be brought to the notice of the authorities. The petitions received during the programme will be taken up with the concerned departments for necessary action.

The Department of Women and Child Welfare is implementing various schemes and initiatives for the care, welfare and overall development of children. The programme also aims to create awareness about these services, give importance to children's opinions and encourage community participation in protecting their rights. The department has appealed to children, parents, teachers and voluntary organisations to make use of the opportunity and help ensure the success of the programme.

Invest Telangana Summit to be country's largest industrial expo: CS

NSS
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:



Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said the Telangana government was making elaborate arrangements for the Invest Telangana Global Summit–2026, scheduled to be held from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City, Hyderabad, with the objective of making it the country's largest industrial expo.

He reviewed the preparations and progress of various activities at a high-level meeting held at the Secretariat on Thursday. Special Chief Secretary Naveen Mittal, Secretaries Ilambarthi, Harichandana, Gaurav Uppal, Divya Devarajan, Shashanka and Anudeep, along with other senior officials, attended the meeting.

Sanjay Jaju said leading national and international companies and organisations had been invited to participate, with many already expressing their willingness to attend. He noted that the response to the Summit had been significantly higher than initially expected.

The three-day event will feature several major exhibitions and thematic programmes, including the Raksha Expo, Startup Pavilion, Creation Corner, Pharma and Life Sciences Expo, Telangana Pavilion, Industrial Expo, Telangana Climate Conclave, Education Summit, and an Aerobatic and Air Show.

He particularly highlighted the Startup Pavilion and Creation Corner as platforms for young entrepreneurs, especially Gen Z, to showcase their creativity, innovative ideas and emerging technologies.

Komatireddy Venkata Reddy Calls for Farmer-Friendly Agricultural Markets

Newly Elected Nalgonda Market Committee Members Urged to Ensure Transparency, Better Facilities and Timely Redressal of Farmers' Issues

Munsif News Desk
Hyderabad, Nov, 05:



Telangana Minister for Roads and Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkata Reddy has said that farmers' welfare, ensuring remunerative prices for their agricultural produce and transforming agricultural markets into farmer-friendly centres are among the top priorities of the State government.

Addressing the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected governing body of the Nalgonda Agricultural Market Committee as the chief guest, the minister said agricultural market committees serve as an important link between farmers and the government. He stressed that the newly elected representatives have a major responsibility to address farmers' grievances on priority and take effective steps to resolve the difficulties they face in markets.

Komatireddy congratulated the newly elected chairperson, Beereddy Hemalatha Venkata Reddy, vice-chairman Sriramulu Goud and other governing body members. He expressed confidence that they would discharge their responsibilities with integrity, commitment and a spirit of public service.

The minister emphasised the need to ensure transparency in the purchase and sale of agricultural produce, provide basic amenities to farmers, improve market yards and address their problems without delay. He said the government was taking several measures to increase farmers' income and strengthen the agriculture sector, and called upon market committee representatives to play an active role in these efforts.

He conveyed his best wishes to the newly elected office-bearers and members for their successful tenure.

MGIT Students Explore Advanced Defence Technologies at DRDL

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Hyderabad, Nov, 05:

Forty third-year engineering students from Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Technology (MGIT), accompanied by four faculty members, visited the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) in Hyderabad on November 5 to explore India's defence technologies.

Students from CSE and Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering departments visited advanced laboratories and learnt about CNC machines, 3D printing and water jet cutting systems.

MGIT Principal Prof. G. Chandramohan Reddy encouraged students to pursue industrial visits, internships and industry-oriented learning. CSE HoD Prof. T. V. Rajinikanth coordinated the visit, while Dr. N. Eswara Prasad, Director–Research and Development, showed them the Kalam residences and shared his experiences at DRDL. The visit provided practical exposure and encouraged students to pursue research and innovation in advanced engineering and defence technologies.

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