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SAUDI INTERCEPTS MISSILES

Aramco Tower Damaged in Riyadh

Falling debris damages corporate building in financial district; authorities confirm no casualties

Munsif News Desk, Riyadh:

Saudi Arabia intercepted several missiles targeting Riyadh and other regions on Sunday, as falling debris damaged an administrative building belonging to oil giant Saudi Aramco.

The Saudi Energy Ministry confirmed limited damage to the Aramco Tower in King Abdullah Financial District, with no injuries or fatalities.

Witnesses reported shattered windows across several floors. The Saudi-led coalition said its air defences intercepted ballistic and cruise missiles launched by Yemen's Houthis. The group



claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Authorities initiated emergency response measures. The incident raised fresh concerns over civilian infrastructure protection, regional aviation security and the safety of expatriate communities, including Indian workers living across the kingdom. Continuation on: P5

Israel's Eisenkot Receives Mandate to Form New Govt

Backing from 67 lawmakers leaves coalition negotiations uncertain; Arab parties could play crucial role

Munsif Desk, Jerusalem:

Israeli President Isaac Herzog formally tasked Yashar party leader Gadi Eisenkot with forming the next government on Sunday, following inconclusive parliamentary elections.

Eisenkot received recommendations from 67 members of the 120-seat Knesset, compared with 46 backing outgoing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. However, these recommendations do not guarantee a governing majority.

Eisenkot has 28 days to form a government, with a possible 14-day extension.

Arab-led parties, including Ra'am and the Joint List, supported his nomination, but their participation in or support for a future coalition remains uncertain. Some potential allies oppose relying on Arab parties.

Eisenkot pledged to seek a broad



government amid continuing regional security challenges.

Netanyahu will remain caretaker Prime Minister until a new government is formed. Coalition negotiations could influence Israel's policies towards Palestinians and the wider Middle East. Continuation on: P5

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Heavy Rain Forecast Across Tamil Nadu

RMC forecasts heavy rain in seven districts on Sunday, continuing Monday, with strong winds and possible waterlogging in Cauvery delta areas. P4

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New York, Washington and Toronto proclaimed Nov 8 as Diwali, honouring South Asian communities and their cultural and civic contributions. P5

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Telangana CM highlights ₹79,000 crore in bank-linked loans, promotes women's entrepreneurship and launches 4.5 lakh new Cheyutha pensions. P8

India A Dominate New Zealand A

India A declared at 464/5 before Prasidh Krishna's two wickets reduced New Zealand A to 36/2, trailing by 428 runs. P7



Jamia Nizamia Scholars Emphasise Importance of Social Reform

Hyd: The prestigious Islamic institution Jamia Nizamia organised an academic seminar on "Social Reform and Eradication of Social Evils" on Sunday.

Delivering the keynote address, **Ameer-e-Jamia Hazrat Maulana Mufti Khaleel Ahmed Sahib** emphasised that social reform was among the fundamental objectives of the institution's revered founder, **Shaikh-ul-Islam Hazrat Imam Muhammad Anwarullah Farooqui (RA)**. He stressed the importance of exemplary character and practical efforts.

Presiding over the seminar, **Shaikh-ul-Jamia Hazrat Maulana Dr. Mohammed Saifullah Sahib** highlighted the significance of righteous companionship, proper family upbringing and moral conduct.

Earlier, **Naib Shaikh-ul-Jamia Hazrat Maulana Dr. Mufti Hafiz Syed Ziauddin Naqshbandi Sahib** outlined Jamia Nizamia's educational and social reform initiatives.

Multiple Fires Across Hyderabad Kept Emergency Services on High Alert

Hyd: A series of fire incidents across Hyderabad and Secunderabad on Sunday kept emergency services on high alert amid Diwali celebrations.

A fire broke out at Balaji Medical Shop in Bandimet, Secunderabad, while another major blaze engulfed the third floor of a medical warehouse near Old Bowenpally airport. Firefighters rushed to both locations.

At Sithaphalmandi, a stray rocket reportedly entered a firecracker shop, triggering explosions as stored crackers caught fire. Emergency personnel subsequently brought the flames under control.

Meanwhile, a major fire at a plastic godown in Mailardevpally spread to an adjoining plywood godown, causing extensive property damage. Three fire engines were deployed, while police evacuated people from the premises.

Firefighters also attended smaller fires at garbage dumps. The Fire Department maintained special emergency arrangements, keeping personnel and response teams on alert. Firecrackers and suspected electrical short circuits were among the possible causes, although investigations were continuing.



Revanth Reddy Celebrates Birthday with Family in Kodangal

Prime Minister Modi and several prominent leaders extend birthday greetings.

Hyd: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy celebrated his birthday with family members in Kodangal on Sunday, cutting a cake at his residence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and several Chief Ministers extended greetings. Revanth Reddy also inaugurated an Indiramma house in Parsapur village.

Medicines Worth Rs. 7.89 Lakh Seized in Hanumakonda

TG SAFE finds 22 varieties of medicines stocked without licence; legal action to follow

Hanumakonda: The Drugs Wing of the Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) seized medicines worth Rs. 7,89,874 during a raid on an unlicensed godown at Srinivasa Nagar, near Kaloji Kalakshetram in Balasamudram, on November 6.

Acting on information, officials found that B. Srujan Reddy was allegedly operating the premises through his employee Hari Krishna without a valid drug licence.

The seized stock included 22 varieties of medicines, comprising antibiotics, anti-ulcer drugs, cough suppressants, painkillers and antihistamines. Samples were collected for laboratory analysis.

The operation was conducted by drug inspectors J. Kiran Kumar, V. Upender and P. Pavani under Assistant Director Dr. Rajyalakshmi.

Officials said investigations were continuing and action would follow under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

In February 2025, authorities similarly seized medicines worth Rs. 6.70 lakh from an unlicensed godown in Uppal Khalsa, including expired drugs. Such incidents underline the importance of strict licensing inspections to safeguard public health.

Three Family Members Found Dead in Gachibowli Apartment

Police suspect health-related and domestic problems; case registered and investigation underway

Hyderabad: A Three members of a family were found dead under suspicious circumstances at their apartment in Gowlidoddi, within Gachibowli police station limits, on Sunday.

The deceased were identified as Bathula Marreddy (65), his wife Bharathi (60) and their son Nishanth Reddy (38), a software employee. The family had been residing in Flat No. 702, C-Block, Jayabheri Nirvana Apartments, for the past year.

Gachibowli Inspector K. Saidulu said police received information around 8.40 a.m. after the family failed to respond to telephone calls or open the apartment door. Police rushed to the location, forced open the door and discovered the bodies.

Preliminary investigations suggested that health-related difficulties and family disputes might have contributed to the suspected suicides. However, police said the exact circumstances remained unclear.

The bodies were shifted to Osmania General Hospital for post-mortem examination. Police registered a case and launched a detailed investigation to establish the circumstances surrounding the deaths.

Police are awaiting post-mortem findings to determine the exact cause of death.

Every Eligible Poor Family Will Get Indiramma House: Mallu Bhatti

Hyd: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka assured that every eligible poor family in Telangana would receive an Indiramma house.

Addressing reporters in Khammam, he said eight lakh houses had been sanctioned, including 4.5 lakh in the first phase, 2.5 lakh in the second and one lakh urban houses.

He said 2.25 lakh houses had been completed, while another 1.75 lakh were under construction. Beneficiaries receive Rs. 5 lakh assistance, with instalments released every Monday.

Bhatti said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and local leaders celebrated Diwali with housing beneficiaries.

He announced that Indiramma Family Insurance would be launched on November 19. He added that 53 lakh families were receiving up to 200 units of free electricity, stressing welfare without discrimination.



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FREE STUDY MATERIAL FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

Munsif Desk, Karimnagar:
According to District Minority Welfare Officer Jalaluddin Akbar, the Telangana Minorities Study Circle and Career Counselling Centre, Hyderabad, functioning under the Telangana State Department of Minority Welfare, has decided to provide free study material and books to poor, deserving and needy minority students and youth preparing for various competitive examinations.

The main objective of the initiative is to provide deserving candidates from minority communities with better opportunities to prepare for competitive examinations and facilitate their access to government jobs.

Under this scheme, candidates preparing for the following examinations can avail themselves of the facility: - TGPSC Examinations: Police Constable and Sub-Inspector. - TGPSC Examinations: Group-I, Group-II, Group-III and Group-IV. Eligible candidates belonging to Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi minority communities can benefit from the scheme. Applicants must submit proof of minority community status, educational qualification certificates, proof of application or registration for the relevant competitive examination, Aadhaar card (where required), and a recent passport-size photograph along with their applications.

Application forms can be obtained from the District Minority Welfare Office, Karimnagar.The last date for submission of applications is November 12, 2026.

For further details, candidates may contact 9849152516.

JAGAN SLAMS APPI REDDY'S ARREST, ALLEGES POWER

Munsif Desk, Amravati:
Amaravati: YSRCP supremo Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday condemned the arrest of party MLC and general secretary L Appi Reddy, accusing the TDP-led NDA coalition government of "misusing its power" to suppress protests against alleged irregularities in the recently-held local body elections.

The former chief minister alleged that false cases were being foisted and arbitrary arrests made against YSRCP leaders, workers and members of the public who had peacefully protested alongside party candidates.

"I strongly condemn the illegal arrest and detention of YSRCP MLC and party General Secretary Lella Appi Reddy.

Filing false cases, making arbitrary arrests and detaining those who peacefully protested alongside our party candidates and the public against electoral irregularities is an outrageous abuse of power," Jagan said in a post on X.

Jagan claimed that party workers, leaders and members of the public caught the irregularity when ballot boxes meant for the strong room were found on the road at Nallapadu, and staged a peaceful protest.



The boxes were from Vengalayapalem village in Guntur Rural mandal, where polling for the Parishad elections ended on Thursday.

KTR DONATES LAPTOP TO NEEDY ENGINEERING STUDENT

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad : As part of the 'Gift a Smile' initiative launched by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), a laptop was donated to Mahesh, a needy student from the Devarakadra Assembly constituency. Mahesh, an engineering student, has completed his engineering degree and is preparing to pursue a course in Data Analytics related to Artificial Intelligence in the Computer Science department.

BRS state leader Harish Reddy brought to KTR's notice that Mahesh needed a laptop to continue his studies. Responding to the request, KTR personally handed over a laptop to Mahesh under the 'Gift a Smile' programme.





Ramagundam: Ramagundam Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha, IPS, instructed police officers and personnel to maintain cleanliness and discipline at police stations and remain vigilant at all times to prevent crime.

KALWAKURTHY MLA EXTENDS DIWALI GREETINGS

Munsif Desk,Kalwakurthy:
Kalwakurthy MLA Kashi Reddy Narayana Reddy extended Diwali greetings to the people on the occasion of the festival.

Later, he met Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy, who was on a visit to Kodangal, and conveyed his birthday wishes and Diwali greetings.

Subsequently, along with Dr. MP Mallu Ravi, he visited newly constructed Indiramma houses in Kalwakurthy and Amangal towns of the Kalwakurthy Assembly constituency and celebrated Diwali with the families of the beneficiaries.

He later attended several ceremonial programmes and blessed the families.

Mandal presidents, public representatives, town presidents and other public representatives participated in these programmes.

Vinov kumar Urges urgent Kaleshwaram Barrage repairs

Munsif Desk, Karimnagar:
Former Karimnagar MP B. Vinod Kumar said that Telangana was severely affected by El Niño and that the state government must immediately undertake repairs to the Kaleshwaram, Annaram and Sundilla barrages to ensure irrigation facilities for farmers.

Addressing a press conference attended by a large gathering at the residence of G.V. Ramakrishna Rao in Manakondur, he alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had promised to complete repairs to the Medigadda barrage, along with the other barrages, within six months and make them operational for agricultural purposes. However, even after one year, the promise remained unfulfilled.



Taking the ruling government to task, Vinod Kumar alleged that it was adopting delaying tactics under the pretext of the report and recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA).

He further pointed out that the state was facing the impact of El Niño, resulting in drinking water shortages for the public and irrigation problems for farmers. He questioned what concrete measures the government had taken to address the situation and what its future action plan was.

He particularly noted that the erstwhile districts of Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Medak and Nizamabad were among the severely affected regions.

Vinod Kumar demanded the immediate construction of a coffer dam near the Kannepally pump house.

He also called for the effective utilisation of water resources from the Yellampally Project to Hyderabad through Mid Manair, Annapurna and Ranganayaka Sagar.

Recruitment of 54 Volunteer Home Guards in Raichur District; Applications Invited

Munsif Desk, Warangale:
Applications have been invited from eligible local candidates for the recruitment of 54 volunteer Home Guards (men and women) against vacancies arising due to various reasons in different Home Guard taluk units and sub-units across Raichur district.

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be residents of Raichur district and live near the respective unit. Candidates should be between 19 and 50 years of age, have passed at least Class 10, and be physically and medically fit. They must also fulfil the prescribed conditions under the Home Guards Rules.

Availability and Submission of Applications: Candidates can obtain application forms from the District Home Guards Office between November 6 and 13, 2026, excluding government holidays, from 11 am to 1.30 pm, by producing their Class 10 marks memo.

Applicants must attach details of their date of birth, educational qualifications, Aadhaar card, mobile number and two recent photographs. Completed applications should be submitted at the District Home Guards Office between November 16 and 30, 2026. Applications received after November 30 will not be accepted.

Important Clarification: Submission of an application does not guarantee selection.

The examination and decision of the selection committee will be final. Selected candidates must submit a medical certificate within one week. Home Guard membership is voluntary and does not constitute permanent employment. Allowances will be paid for the days of duty as per government orders.

Child labour banned in Firecracker Industry

Munsif Desk, Raichur: The employment of children below 18 years of age in the manufacturing, sale and other related activities involving firecrackers has been strictly prohibited in Raichur district and various taluk centres during the Diwali season.

Labour Officer and Member Secretary Aarti issued a warning in this regard.

According to the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, and its Amendment Act, 2016, employing children below 14 years of age in any occupation is prohibited.

Furthermore, employing adolescents below 18 years in hazardous industries, including firecracker manufacturing and sales, is a punishable offence.

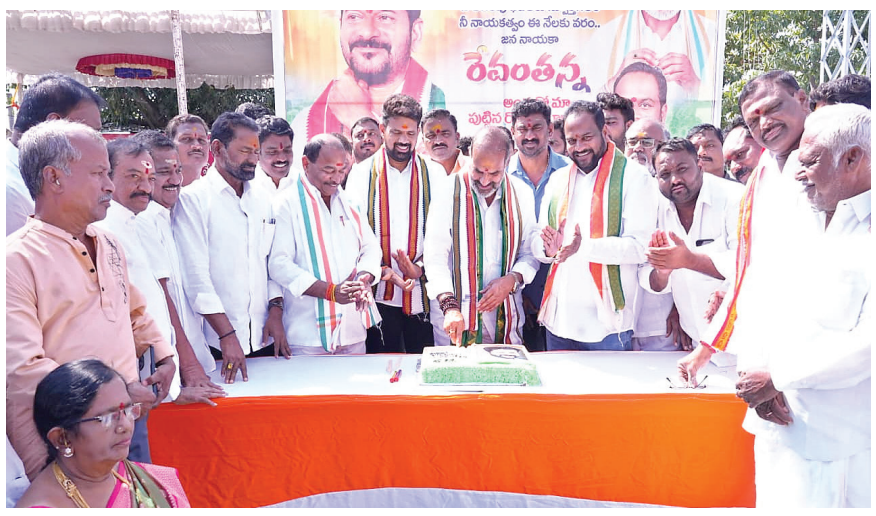
Telangana CM Revanth Reddy's Birthday Celebrated on a Grand Scale

Munsif Desk, Rajanna Sircilla:
The Vemulawada Town Congress organised grand celebrations on Sunday to mark the birthday of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Rajanna Sircilla district.

Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Aadi Srinivas attended the programme as the chief guest, cut the birthday cake and conveyed his greetings to the Chief Minister.\ Addressing the gathering, Aadi Srinivas said the Congress people's government was giving equal importance to welfare and development. He stated that schemes such as free bus travel for women, Gruha Jyothi and farmers' loan waivers were being successfully implemented.

He further said that Vemulawada Assembly constituency was witnessing rapid development through the expansion of the Vemulawada temple and the widening of the 80-foot road.

He also said prayers were offered to Lord Rajanna for the good health, well-being and long life of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Congress leaders and party workers participated in the celebrations.



Blue colts save man,Warangale CP rewards

Munsif Desk, Warangale :
The prompt response and timely intervention of Blue Colts personnel of the Warangal Police Commissionerate saved a man's life by preventing a suicide attempt. Appreciating their presence of mind, dedication and commitment to duty, Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha, IPS, felicitated the personnel and presented them with cash rewards.

According to details, a man from Gundla Singaram village, under the jurisdiction of Kakatiya University (KU) Police Station in Hanumakonda, was reportedly distressed due to financial difficulties. On Friday evening, he left his house without informing his family members. When he failed to return home for a considerable period, his wife became worried and immediately alerted the police by dialling 112. Responding swiftly, KU Police Station Inspector Ravi Kumar and Sub-Inspector Shravani alerted Blue Colts personnel Veeraswamy and Tarun Kumar and directed them to trace the missing man. Acting promptly, the Blue Colts personnel tracked his mobile phone location and found that he was near the railway track on the outskirts of Chinthagattu village. They immediately rushed to the spot and found him standing on the railway track, attempting to end his life. Displaying exceptional alertness, courage and presence of mind, the police personnel intervened at the right moment and rescued him from imminent danger.

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MLA REVOOR JOINS CM REVANTH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Munsif Desk, Adilabad: Warangal: Parakala MLA Revoor Prakash Reddy participated in the birthday celebrations of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, organised enthusiastically at the Sangem Mandal headquarters.

On the occasion, the MLA joined Congress leaders and party workers in cutting a birthday cake and conveying their warm wishes to the Chief Minister. Fruits were also distributed among the people as part of the celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, Revoor Prakash Reddy said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was committed to translating the aspirations and expectations of the people of Telangana into the government's priorities through effective governance.

He stated that the Chief Minister was continuously striving for the all-round development of the state by giving equal importance to development, public welfare and the upliftment of all sections of society.



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FARMERS BACK KCR'S RETURN TO POWER

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad: Farmers from Hathanura village in the rural areas of Medak district have expressed the view that K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) must return as Chief Minister for Telangana to achieve development.

They said that his return to the Chief Minister's post would bring improvement in the state and help resolve issues concerning agriculture and farmers.

The farmers, who had arrived at KCR's Erravelli residence to meet him, held a courtesy meeting with the BRS president.

DMHO URGES ACHIEVEMENT OF HEALTH PROGRAMME TARGETS

(NSS) Hanumkonda, A review meeting on the progress of various national health programmes being implemented in Hanumakonda district was held at the IDOC Conference Hall under the chairmanship of District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. Appaiah.

Programme officers of various national health programmes, medical officers and supervisory staff from across the district attended the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, DMHO Dr. Appaiah directed officials to ensure the effective implementation of all national health programmes and achieve the prescribed targets within the stipulated time. He stressed the importance of better coordination among all concerned departments to improve healthcare services and achieve the desired results.

He laid special emphasis on Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services and instructed officials to ensure early registration of pregnant women, identification of high-risk pregnancies and timely provision of appropriate medical care. He also stressed the need to promote normal deliveries and provide quality healthcare to expectant mothers. He further directed officials to regularly and compulsorily update details of routine immunisation administered to children on the U-WIN portal, emphasising that no eligible child should be left out of the immunisation programme.

Dr. Appaiah called for further improvement in the implementation of various national health programmes, including the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Prevention Programme, National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), HIV/AIDS Control Programme and National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC). Regarding the NCD programme, he instructed officials to conduct extensive health screenings among the public to detect hypertension, diabetes and cancer at an early stage. He stressed that patients diagnosed with these conditions must receive continuous treatment, regular medical monitoring and follow-up services.

He also directed officials to identify suspected tuberculosis patients at an early stage and conduct the necessary medical tests.

DIWALI JOY IN INDIRAMMA HOUSES

COLLECTOR SEEKS FASTER INDIRAMMA HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Mohd Baleeg Ahmed, Nizamabad

Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi, along with Additional Collector Bhujanga Rao, participated in the 'Maa Indiramma Intlo Diwali' programme organised on Sunday at Kurnapalli village in Edapally mandal. The Collector joined the Diwali celebrations with the family members of beneficiary L. Likitha, who had completed the construction of her house under the Indiramma Housing Scheme. She conveyed Diwali greetings to the beneficiary and her family.



The Indiramma houses, beautifully decorated with mango-leaf festoons, banana stems and marigold garlands, glowed with festive splendour. Colourful rangolis at the entrances added to the festive atmosphere. After performing traditional pujas along with officials, public representatives and beneficiaries, the Collector participated in the celebrations by bursting crackers.

The beneficiaries and their family members expressed immense happiness and gratitude to the government for enabling them to celebrate their first Diwali in their own homes. They said their long-cherished dream of owning a house had become a reality with government financial assistance and appreciated the participation of senior district officials and public representatives in their celebrations.

DRIVER DIES ON RAILWAY TRACKS NEAR MEDCHAL

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad: A 39-year-old man allegedly died by suicide following a domestic dispute at Medchal on November 7.

The victim was identified as R Shekhar, a driver and resident of Medchal.

According to railway police, Shekhar reportedly left his house following an argument with his wife, allegedly triggered by his drinking habit.

He later went to the railway tracks between Gungulapochampally and Medchal. Around 11 pm, the loco pilot of the Nizamabad–Kacheguda Express noticed him lying on the tracks with his head placed on the rails.

REWARD ANNOUNCED FOR MISSING NAGOLE BROTHERS

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad, Nine days after two young brothers went missing in Nagole, police have announced a cash reward of Rs 20,000 for anyone providing information about their whereabouts.

Varun Tej (8) and Mahesh (6), residents of Sairam Nagar in Nagole, went missing on October 31 at around 8.30 am after leaving their house. Despite an extensive search, their whereabouts remain unknown, leaving their family deeply worried.

Following this, the Nagole police have formed five special teams to trace the children and are examining CCTV footage to track their movements. Searches are also being conducted in various areas.



Police have appealed to the public to share any information that could help trace the boys.

Anyone who spots them or knows their whereabouts can contact any of the following numbers: 8790968873 or 8712662723 or 7569078160 or 8185886495 or 9550497857.

TDP-led coalition sweeps Andhra Pradesh local body polls with massive majority

Munsif Desk, Amaravati: Continuing its impressive performance in local body elections, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led NDA in Andhra Pradesh has bagged 499 out of 582 Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTC) seats and 5,861 out of 7,768 Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTC) seats.

Opposition YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) emerged second biggest party after the TDP to wing 76 ZPTCs and 1,711 MPTCs.

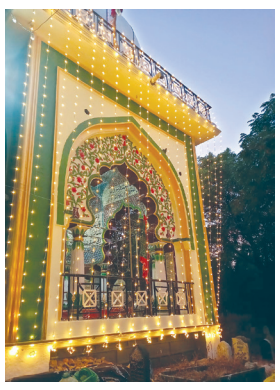
State Election Commission (SEC) on Sunday night released the final results of the counting.

Polling was conducted for 582 ZPTCs and 7,767 MPTCs in 28 districts on November 5 following the declaration of 77 and 2,051 ZPTCs and MPTCs respectively as unanimously elected.

The TDP and its allies, the Jana Sena Party (JSP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) captured majority of the seats. The TDP emerged as the largest party, winning 406 ZPTCs and 4,806 MPTCs.

Five-Day Urs-e-Kamali Shah Celebrations to Be Held in Nizamabad from November 11

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad :



According to Professor Dr. Shah Mazhar Pasha Qadri Al-Chishti Naqshbandi Akbari, the 50th Urs of Hazrat Al-Haj Shah Saadullah, popularly known as Kamali Shah Qadri Al-Chishti Naqshbandi Akbari, Khalifa of Kanz-ul-Irfan Abul Yaqeen Hazrat Peer Al-Haj Ghouse Shah, will be observed in Nizamabad. The following annual Fateha ceremonies will also be held: 41st Annual Fateha: Hazrat Al-Hajja Peerani Maa Syeda Khair-un-Nisa Begum, wife of Hazrat Kamali Shah and special disciple of Hazrat Peer Al-Haj Ghouse Shah. 32nd Annual Fateha: Hazrat Maulana Anwar Shah Qadri Chishti Naqshbandi Akbari, Khalaf Khalifa and successor of Hazrat Kamali Shah. 7th Annual Fateha: Hazrat Al-Haj Shah Nair Pasha Qadri Chishti Naqshbandi Akbari, Khalaf Khalifa Sani and Sajjada Nashin of Hazrat Kamali Shah.

Tuwju To Hold AGM & Awards Ceremony

Mohd Fayazuddin, Kagaznagar:

Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union (TUWJU) District President Mirza Saleem Baig has appealed to Urdu journalists across the district to actively participate in the Union's 10th Annual General Body Meeting and Awards Ceremony and make the programme a grand success.

He informed that the event would be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at Wats Garden, Shantinagar, Hyderabad, from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Addressing a media conference, Mirza Saleem Baig said that TUWJU had been consistently working for the unity, protection of rights, welfare and professional development of Urdu journalists across Telangana.

He said that taking journalists' issues to the notice of the government and concerned authorities, securing proper recognition and accreditation, facilitating healthcare services and obtaining fee concessions for journalists' children were among the Union's major objectives.

He further stated that awards would be presented to journalists in recognition of their outstanding contributions to print, electronic and digital media.

Shaheen Junior College, Warangal, Felicitates NEET and EAPCET Achievers

Munsif Desk, Hanamkonda: Shaheen Junior College, Warangal, organised a grand felicitation ceremony at its campus on Mulugu X Road, Hanamkonda, to honour students who excelled in the NEET and EAPCET examinations.

The programme celebrated the outstanding achievements of the college's first batch, which has brought laurels to the institution. The most notable accomplishment was securing three free MBBS seats through NEET, with students Manha Sabeen, Uzma Afreen and Sumama Shameem qualifying for admission to government medical colleges.

The college also recorded impressive results in EAPCET, with more than 20 students securing free seats. Over 50 students scored above 900 marks, while more than 30 secured over 400 marks. The institution recorded an overall pass percentage of more than 90 per cent. The ceremony was attended by distinguished personalities, including Dr. Mohd. Mateenuddin Quadri, former member of TGBSC and Executive Member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, and Dr. Anees Siddiqui, President of Shanti Sangham, as chief guests.

The guests of honour included Mirza Qamar Ali Baig, President, MMSA Warangal; Mohammed Abdul Qayyum, Secretary, MMSA Warangal; Mohd. Naseeruddin, Secretary, AIITA Warangal; Mufti Minhaj Qayyumi, Vice-President, MMSA Warangal; Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed, Treasurer, AIITA Warangal; M. Abdul Hannan, Joint Secretary, MMSA; Syed Sarfarazuddin, Organising Secretary.



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At a Glance

Speeding SUV rams into scooter, drags man to death, cops hunt for accused

(IANS) Kanpur, A 55-year-old scooterist, Santosh Singh Chouhan, was killed after a speeding SUV allegedly hit his two-wheeler and dragged it for nearly 20 metres in Kanpur on Saturday evening.

The accident occurred around 7.30 p.m. in Awas Vikas-3 under Kalyanpur police station limits. Chouhan was returning from Diwali shopping.

Police said the SUV crashed through a house boundary wall and entered a garden. The occupants allegedly abandoned the vehicle and fled in another car. The SUV has been seized and the victim's body sent for post-mortem.

DCP West Kasim Abdi said a case had been registered and teams were searching for the accused. Police are examining CCTV footage to identify the driver.

Over 30 hospitalised after consuming 'golgappas' in UP

(IANS) Siddharthnagar (UP), More than 150 people fell ill after eating golgappas bought from a vendor in Siddharthnagar district of Uttar Pradesh. Over 30, including children, were hospitalised.

The incident was reported in Kalanakhor Pedari village and two to three nearby villages under Khesraha police station limits. A doctor said 30-33 patients had been admitted, including around 18 children in the paediatric intensive care unit.

Patients developed vomiting and diarrhoea two days after consuming the food. Two to three were initially serious, but all those admitted are now stable, the doctor said. More patients were expected to arrive.

Last month, around 102 people fell ill after eating khasta at a fair in Amethi.

Previous govts constrained capabilities of forces, we powered them, says PM Modi



(IANS) Raipur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said his government had strengthened the fight against Maoist terrorism through political determination, effective policies and greater operational freedom for security forces, alleging that previous governments had restricted the capabilities of personnel on the ground.

Addressing soldiers at the CoBRA Operations Base at Karanpur in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district, Modi said the government's approach towards Naxalism underwent a decisive change after 2014.

"For the nation to move forward, its enemies must be crushed -- with unwavering resolve and a well-devised strategy. The political will that was lacking in our nation to do this was strengthened in 2014," he said.

The Prime Minister said the number of security personnel killed in anti-Naxal operations had earlier been higher than the number of Maoists eliminated. He cited last year's record of no CRPF personnel deployed on duty losing their lives, describing it as a significant achievement after 47 years.

Modi said the government had taken several policy decisions to weaken the financial and logistical networks of Naxalite and separatist groups. He claimed that the fake currency network had been dismantled, affecting their financial resources and supply lines.

"As a result, the weapon supply was stopped, and restrictions were imposed on the movement and recruitment of Naxalites," he said.

Targeting previous governments, Modi alleged that security personnel had often been denied the operational authority needed to respond effectively to Naxalite attacks. In contrast, he said, the NDA government had empowered them to take crucial decisions independently during operations.

"We empowered them to make crucial decisions independently," he said.

He also said the government had worked to eliminate support for Left-Wing Extremism from within administrative machinery and various institutions.

The Prime Minister stressed that the campaign against Naxalism was not confined to security operations but also involved improving living conditions in areas affected by extremism. He said the government had sought to ensure that innocent people did not lose their lives or have their futures destroyed because of Maoist violence.

Modi thanked security personnel and local residents who, he said, had supported the government's efforts to tackle Naxalism and improve conditions in affected areas.

Red hibiscus prices skyrocket in Kolkata on Kali Puja day



(IANS) Kolkata, Red hibiscus prices have surged more than five-fold in Kolkata's retail markets on Sunday, as demand for the flower, an essential offering during Kali Puja, peaked with the festival coinciding with Diwali.

A garland of 108 red hibiscus flowers was selling for Rs 150 to Rs 200, depending on the locality, compared with Rs 25 to Rs 30 a week ago.

A garland containing 1,008 flowers was selling for Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,200 on Sunday, against Rs 700 to Rs 800 during the previous year.

Flower retailers said demand for red hibiscus rises several times ahead of Kali Puja, although the flower is available at relatively low prices during the rest of the year. They said the increase begins at the farmers' level, where flowers are sold at premium rates, and is reflected in wholesale and retail markets.

"The increase in the price of red hibiscus starts from the point of farmers, who sell their products at premium prices," a retailer at Gariahat market in south Kolkata said.

Retailers in several parts of the city have stopped selling individual flowers on Sunday. A seller at Kasba market said selling single flowers would result in a loss compared with garlands, whose prices include the cost of flowers and the labour involved in weaving them.

Retailers said farmers' higher prices were passed on through wholesale markets to consumers in the city.

Lotus, which was selling for Rs 10 to Rs 15 a week ago, was priced at Rs 30 to Rs 35 on Sunday.

Saffron marigold was selling for Rs 180 to Rs 200 a kg, while yellow marigold was priced at Rs 210 to Rs 220 a kg.

'Living example of putting nation first': HM Shah wishes LK Advani on 100th birthday



(IANS) New Delhi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday extended greetings to veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani on his 100th birthday, referring to the latter as a "living example of putting the nation first".

Taking to the social media platform 'X', HM Shah said: "Respected Shri Lal Krishna Advani Ji, a symbol of service to the nation, an architect of the BJP, and a principled statesman, completes 99 years today and steps into the 100th year of his life. On behalf of crores of BJP workers, I extend my heartfelt birthday wishes to him."

"From a humble family background to becoming a founding member of the BJP, its National President, and the Deputy Prime Minister of the country, Advani Ji's life in every role has been a living example of public service and putting the nation first," he added.

The Home Minister further said that through a life marked by struggle, sacrifice, and dedication, Advani has shown that "commitment to the motherland and ideology is the true identity of BJP workers".

"I pray to God for his good health and well-being," HM Shah said.

Earlier on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi penned a detailed article highlighting the life, political journey and enduring contribution of Lal Krishna Advani, as the senior leader entered his 100th year on November 8.

Describing Advani's journey as closely intertwined with several defining chapters of modern India, PM Modi recalled his experiences during Partition, his contribution to building the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the BJP, his role during the Emergency, the Somnath-to-Ayodhya Rath Yatra and his service to the country in various government positions.

Taking to the social media platform X, the Prime Minister announced the publication of his article and extended birthday greetings to Advani.

"Today, 8th November, is a landmark day. Respected L.K. Advani Ji enters his hundredth year. On this special occasion, my greetings to him," PM Modi wrote.

He said his article highlighted Advani's lasting contribution to India and recalled several aspects of his personality beyond politics, including his love for reading, culture and cinema, as well as his achievements as a writer.

INDIAN OIL TO BUY OWN SHIPS TO STRENGTHEN OIL, LPG IMPORT CHAIN



(IANS) New Delhi, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) plans to acquire ships of its own to strengthen the supply chain for crude oil and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) imports and reduce the risk of disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions, including the conflict in West Asia.

IOC Director (Finance) Anuj Jain said during the company's earnings call last week that tenders for the purchase of a few vessels had been issued some months ago. The company currently operates three crude oil tankers and nine LPG carriers on time charter. These arrangements have helped it manage shipping costs even as spot freight rates have risen sharply during the West Asia conflict.

Jain said on the October 31 call that IOC was working on three aspects of its shipping operations: managing its existing chartered fleet, purchasing vessels and exploring the possibility of building ships in India. The company is also considering placing orders with Indian shipyards under the government's Make in India policy.

IOC had earlier explored acquiring four medium-range vessels through an arrangement involving the Shipping Corporation of India and other state-run oil companies.

Long-term shipping contracts have cushioned the refiner from the steep rise in freight rates. IOC pays around $2 to $2.50 per barrel to transport crude under long-term charter arrangements, while spot-market rates have climbed to $8-$10 per barrel, according to the report.

Freight rates for LPG have also surged. Spot rates are now around $160-$180 per tonne, compared with normal levels of about $40 per tonne. The increase has come amid attacks on merchant ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz, through which around 20 per cent of global energy exports pass in normal circumstances. Senior officials also cited the worsening security situation around the Red Sea, where Houthi rebels have taken control of coastal areas in Yemen.

IOC has diversified its crude sourcing amid the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, increasing supplies from outside West Asia, including Russia, Venezuela, Brazil and African countries.

In the first half of FY27, around 87 per cent of IOC's crude purchases were made in the spot market, compared with about 50 per cent in the previous financial year. Russian crude accounted for around 55 per cent of purchases during the six-month period, while the share of West Asian supplies fell to about 24 per cent.

Jain said the Indian crude basket, which averaged around $65-$70 per barrel before the Iran war broke out in February, crossed $100 in March and averaged about $120 per barrel in October.

The company has also sought to lower costs by purchasing more Russian crude and buying cheaper heavy crude from Venezuela, which can be processed at its Paradip refinery on the Odisha coast. The purchase plan is intended to give IOC firmer control over shipping capacity at a time when disruptions to vital maritime routes and higher freight costs are affecting energy imports.

HEAVY RAIN, STRONG WINDS LIKELY IN SEVEN TAMIL NADU DISTRICTS

(IANS) Chennai, The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, has forecast heavy rain and strong winds in seven Tamil Nadu districts on Sunday, as an atmospheric circulation over the southeastern Arabian Sea and adjoining Kerala coast influences the weather.

Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram and Thoothukudi are likely to receive heavy rainfall, the weather department said.

Moderate showers are expected in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Kallakurichi, Tiruchirappalli, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Sivaganga, Erode, Tiruppur, Dindigul, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Theni, Tenkasi, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari. Other parts of the State may experience isolated light rain, thunderstorms and lightning.

The system is expected to remain active on Monday, with heavy rain forecast in Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Pudukkottai, Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram

The Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Virudhunagar, Dindigul, Madurai, Theni and Thoothukudi may receive moderate showers.

The forecast points to two consecutive days of significant rain in the Cauvery delta and southern districts. The showers could support paddy cultivation, which depends on seasonal water availability. However, prolonged heavy rain may cause waterlogging in low-lying fields and disrupt movement in coastal and interior areas.

The atmospheric circulation over the Arabian Sea and Kerala coast remains the key weather feature behind the current spell. Rainfall intensity is expected to vary across Tamil Nadu, with the heaviest showers likely in the delta and southern districts in the next two days.

AIR FORCE CHIEF VISITS FRONTLINE, CELEBRATES DIWALI WITH AIR WARRIORS



(IANS) New Delhi, Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit celebrated Diwali with Air Warriors and Agniveervayus at a forward-area air base on Sunday, meeting personnel deployed to protect the country's airspace.

Dixit distributed sweets and extended festive greetings. He commended the personnel for performing their duties while staying away from their families during the festival.

He said Air Warriors at frontline stations remain on alert while others celebrate Diwali with their families.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh celebrated Diwali with the armed forces at Sherathang in Sikkim, accompanied by Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth.

Singh paid tribute to fallen soldiers at the Sherathang War Memorial. He praised their professionalism, morale and commitment to guarding borders in difficult conditions.

Comparing soldiers to a Diwali lamp, he said: "Like a lamp which dispels darkness without seeking attention, soldiers perform their duties silently, ensuring that citizens can celebrate festivals with peace and security."

He said soldiers do not seek attention, but their presence gives the nation security.

At a Glance

200 nations to gather in Turkey's resort city to scale up clean energy, climate finance

(IANS) New Delhi, Nearly 200 countries, including India, will gather in Turkey's Antalya from Monday for the two-week COP31 climate summit to discuss clean energy, climate finance and climate resilience.

The conference comes amid warnings that global warming will exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius and adaptation funding remains far below developing countries' needs. The UN Environment Programme estimates annual adaptation finance requirements at $305 billion by 2035.

Turkey will hold the COP31 presidency, while Australia will oversee political negotiations. Discussions will focus on reducing fossil fuel dependence, expanding renewable energy, supporting vulnerable communities and mobilising climate finance.

South Korean PM vows to review support measures for firefighters

(IANS) Seoul, South Korean Prime Minister Han Seong-sook on Sunday pledged to review government support for firefighters, stressing that their safety and welfare must be ensured while protecting the public.

Speaking at a meeting with the ruling party ahead of the 64th anniversary of the Day of Firefighting, Han paid tribute to firefighter Kim Jin-seok, who died while responding to a factory fire in Bucheon last month.

She said the government would consider increasing funding for essential services and personnel expenses.

The move follows concerns over firefighting costs for regional governments. Budget Minister Park Hong-geun has also promised to examine funding gaps and improve support for firefighters.

NETANYAHU FACES MAJOR SETBACK AS HERZOG GIVES GADI EISENKOT MANDATE TO FORM ISRAEL GOVT



(IANS) Jerusalem, Israeli President Isaac Herzog has tasked opposition leader and former military chief Gadi Eisenkot with forming the next government, dealing a major setback to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's efforts to retain power after the October 27 general election.

Eisenkot secured the backing of 67 lawmakers during consultations with parliamentary factions, compared with 46 who recommended Netanyahu. Seven lawmakers declined to endorse either candidate.

Herzog announced his decision on Saturday, November 7, following consultations with political leaders. The formal handover of the mandate is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, at 5 pm local time at the President's Residence in Jerusalem.

Eisenkot will have 28 days to form a coalition, with a possible 14-day extension. The development gives him the first opportunity to replace Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving prime minister.

Of the 67 lawmakers backing Eisenkot, 48 belong to the Change Bloc, seven to the Arab party Ra'am and 12 to the Joint List. Netanyahu received 46 recommendations from his right-wing and religious allies, while seven members of United Torah Judaism (UTJ) remained neutral.

However, the backing does not guarantee a parliamentary majority in the 120-member Knesset, which requires 61 seats to form a government. Differences among the supporting parties could complicate coalition negotiations.

The Arab-led factions have indicated their willingness to support an alternative t

Netanyahu from outside the government. However, some parties in Eisenkot's camp remain reluctant to depend on their support.

Eisenkot, a former chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), entered politics in 2022. His Yashar party won 21 seats in the election, while the wider Change Bloc secured 48 seats.

He briefly served in Netanyahu's wartime cabinet following Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack before returning to the opposition. He has since criticised the government's handling of the Gaza war and ruled out joining a Netanyahu-led administration.

Netanyahu has not conceded defeat and continues to advocate a national unity government. He has strongly opposed any administration dependent on Arab-led parties.

Coalition negotiations are expected to face hurdles over the Gaza war, national security, military conscription and exemptions for ultra-Orthodox men.

If Eisenkot fails to form a government within the stipulated period, Herzog could grant an extension or invite another candidate to try. Continued failure could eventually lead to fresh elections.

NEW YORK, TORONTO RECOGNISE DIWALI



(IANS) Washington, New York state and Toronto have officially recognised November 8 as Diwali, honouring the contributions of South Asian communities, as political leaders across the US and Canada extended festive greetings.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed a proclamation on October 26, declaring November 8 as Diwali — "The Festival of Lights". The Indian Consulate in New York shared a photograph of the proclamation on Saturday, thanking her for recognising the contributions of Indian Americans.

The proclamation describes Diwali as a "deeply meaningful annual observance" celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists worldwide. It also acknowledges the leadership and civic contributions of South Asian and Indo-Caribbean communities.

In Toronto, Mayor Olivia Chow proclaimed November 8 as "Diwali Day" on behalf of the city council. The declaration recognises the cultural, social, economic and civic contributions of South Asian communities. The city has also designated November as Hindu Heritage Month.

In Alberta, Premier Danielle Smith celebrated Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas with Hindu and Sikh communities in Calgary. She shared photographs of the celebrations on X and thanked the Hindu Society of Calgary and Dashmesh Culture Centre Calgary.

Canada's Treasury Board President Shafqat Ali also shared greetings after visiting Hindu Sabha Temple with Foreign Minister Anita Anand. He described the festival as a celebration of light, hope, unity and the triumph of good over evil.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford highlighted the importance of charitable giving while attending the Trillium Diwali Gala in support of Trillium Health Partners.

In the US, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro extended greetings to Hindu, Jain and Sikh communities celebrating Diwali, Tihar and Bandi Chhor Divas. Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin and Congressman Frank Pallone of New Jersey also conveyed their wishes.

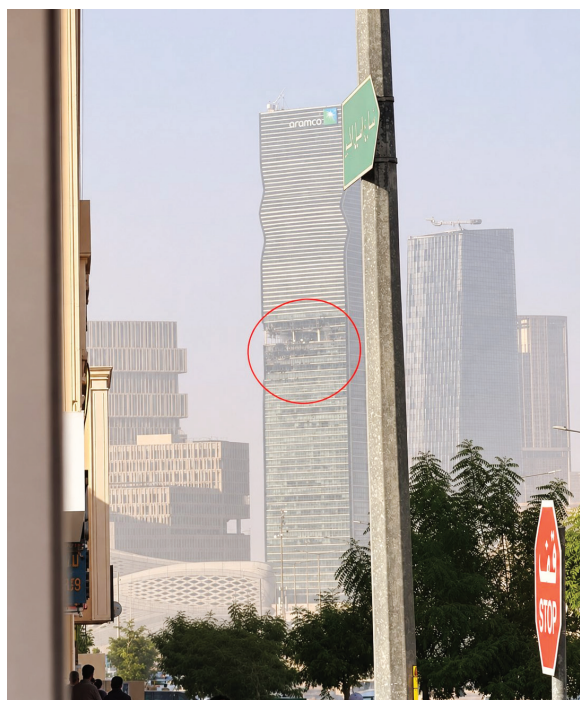
North Carolina Governor Josh Stein declared November 8 as Diwali and October as Hindu Heritage Month. His proclamation, signed on September 25, acknowledged the contributions of Indian Americans to the state's economy, history and culture.

Washington Governor Bob Ferguson also proclaimed November 8 as Diwali, while Monroe Mayor Patsy Cudaback issued a similar declaration.

Meanwhile, Calgary authorities reminded residents that personal fireworks are prohibited and urged them to celebrate safely.

Diwali is observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhist communities, with religious traditions varying across communities. Lighting lamps, exchanging sweets and celebrating with family and friends are among its common traditions.

Aramco building in Riyadh targeted in attempted attack



(IANS) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy said on Sunday that an administrative building belonging to Saudi Aramco here had been targeted in an attempted attack, causing minor damage but no casualties.

The ministry said in a statement posted on its X handle that falling shrapnel had caused limited damage to the building.

Relevant authorities had responded to the incident and taken the necessary measures, it added.

The statement came after the Saudi-led coalition said earlier on Sunday that it had intercepted two cruise missiles over Riyadh and southern regions, as well as two ballistic missiles launched by the Houthi group toward Riyadh, Xinhua News Agency reported.

At least 11 people were killed Saturday in airstrikes on a village near Yemen's capital Sanaa, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported, blaming Saudi warplanes for the attacks amid escalating hostilities in the war-torn country.

The airstrikes destroyed five residential houses in Ash Sharyah village in Bani Hushaysh district, east of Sanaa, with women and children among the dead, according to the channel.

The head of the district's health office told al-Masirah that rescue teams had recovered 11 bodies from the rubble, adding that the death toll remained preliminary as search and recovery operations continued.

The channel also reported that Saudi warplanes launched two additional airstrikes targeting rescue workers and struck roads leading to the village, while military aircraft continued to fly over the area.

The reported attacks could not be independently verified, and there was no immediate comment from the Saudi Arabia-led coalition.

A local resident told Xinhua that warplanes had been circling over Sanaa earlier in the day before a series of airstrikes rocked the capital.

The strikes came a day after an attack on a crowded market in Yemen's southwestern Taiz province killed at least 30 people and wounded eight others, with the Houthis and government authorities trading accusations over responsibility.

101 MIGRANTS RESCUED AFTER BOAT FIRE IN GAMBIA



(IANS) Banjul, A total of 101 migrants were rescued off Sika and Albreda in The Gambia after their boat caught fire, the Gambia Immigration Department (GID) said in a statement.

The rescue operation involved GID's migration management and border patrol units in Barra, the Gambia Red Cross Society, the Gambia Fire and Rescue Services, and the Gambia Navy.

The rescued migrants comprised 72 Senegalese, 27 Gambians and two Guineans. All were male, including five minors, according to the statement, Xinhua News Agency reported.

14 of those rescued were receiving treatment at Essau Health Center at the time of the statement, while two others had been treated and discharged from Albreda Health Center and were assisting investigators, GID said.

On September 28, three migrants died after a taxi-boat sank off northern France, local media reported.

According to French broadcaster France Info, 105 people were aboard the taxi-boat off Wissant in the department of Pas-de-Calais when the incident occurred. A provisional toll showed that three people died and four others were slightly injured.

Boats used by migrant smugglers to cross the English Channel have become larger in recent years, with their average capacity increasing from 26 people in 2021 to 65 since the beginning of 2026, France Info reported, citing the maritime prefecture.

Small-boat crossings by illegal migrants across the channel have emerged as a major issue in relations between Britain and France.

A total of 781 migrants arrived in Britain after crossing the channel in small boats on September 23, marking the highest number of such arrivals in a single day so far this year, according to Sky News.

In August, 50 migrants were rescued and the bodies of seven others were discovered by a humanitarian vessel operated by Italian non-governmental organization Emergency in international waters off the Libyan coast, the organisation said.

The organisation said its vessel found the migrants aboard a two-deck wooden boat and carried out the rescue operation, transferring the survivors onto its vessel.

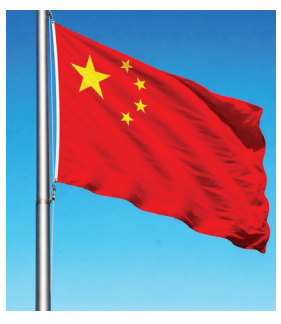
It did not provide the nationalities of the migrants or further details about the circumstances of the incident.

Libya is a major departure point for migrants seeking to cross the Mediterranean to Europe. Migrant boat accidents frequently occur off its coast, resulting in deaths and disappearances.

China Accused of Expanding Military Footprint in Southeast Asia

(IANS) Beijing, China has been accused of using allegations of Japanese remilitarisation to conceal its own military expansion and neo-colonial ambitions, according to a report in Japan Forward.

The report said China had established a military facility at Ban Keun in Laos, officially called the China-Laos Joint Support and Training Centre, along with the China-Laos Friendship Aviation Academy.



Located near Vientiane, the facility is intended to train Laotian Air Force pilots and support defence logistics cooperation. Beijing has maintained that it is not directed against any third country.

However, the report by Pema Gyalpo raised concerns that the facility could eventually support Chinese military deployments, surveillance and intelligence operations.

It also drew parallels with China's military presence at Cambodia's Ream facility, warning that such developments could affect ASEAN's strategic balance and increase regional dependence on Beijing.

Cargo ship catches fire in Oman Sea, all 22 aboard rescued

(IANS) Abu Dhabi, All 22 crew members of a cargo ship that caught fire in the Sea of Oman were rescued by the UAE Coast Guard, the Emirates News Agency reported on Sunday.

The crew, all of Arab nationality, were stable after receiving first aid and were handed over to the authorities, the UAE National Guard said. The rescue followed a distress call.

The cause of the fire remains unknown.

Separately, Iran's IRGC Navy claimed that two oil tankers caught fire after hitting naval mines near the Strait of Hormuz. Meanwhile, US Central Command said it disabled the St Kitts-flagged M/V Huda after its crew allegedly ignored warnings and attempted to breach the naval blockade against Iran.

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A Tribute to an Eminent Islamic Scholar & Visionary

Hazrat Imam Anwarullah Farooqi (RA)

A **heartfelt tributes** to the revered **founder of Jamia Nizamia**, recalling his **extraordinary contributions** to **Islamic scholarship**, **moral education** and the **intellectual heritage** of Hyderabad Deccan.

By: Maulvi Syed Afsar Nizami

The illustrious life, exceptional scholarly contributions and enduring educational legacy of **Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam Imam Muhammad Anwarullah Farooqui (Rahmatullahi Alaih)**, the revered founder of Jamia Nizamia, Hyderabad, were recalled with profound reverence during an enlightening Friday address delivered by Hazrat Maulvi Syed Afsar Nizami at Masjid Mahmood.

Paying heartfelt tributes to the distinguished Islamic scholar, Hazrat Maulvi Syed Afsar Nizami highlighted his invaluable services to Islamic learning, religious scholarship, intellectual advancement and the moral upliftment of society.

He emphasised that the remarkable life of Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam continues to serve as an enduring source of inspiration for successive generations, particularly students, teachers, scholars and sincere seekers of knowledge.

His message underscored an important responsibility facing the present generation: to safeguard the scholarly heritage of our revered predecessors and carry forward their noble educational mission with sincerity, dedication and exemplary conduct.

An Illustrious Luminary in the History of Hyderabad Deccan

History is enriched by the lives of extraordinary personalities whose contributions transcend the limitations of time and place. While countless individuals pass through this world and gradually disappear from public memory, certain distinguished personalities leave behind achievements that continue to enlighten generations.

Their greatness lies not merely in personal accomplishments but in the lasting benefits their knowledge, wisdom and service bring to society.

Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam Imam Muhammad Anwarullah Farooqui (RA) occupies an exceptionally honoured position among such illustrious figures in the religious, intellectual and educational history of Hyderabad Deccan.

He dedicated his life to the noble cause of disseminating Islamic knowledge, strengthening religious understanding and nurturing generations capable of combining scholarship with upright moral character.

At a time when the community required educational institutions capable of providing intellectual guidance alongside religious and ethical instruction, he recognised the necessity of establishing a strong foundation for future generations.

His vision was rooted in the understanding that the advancement of a community depends not merely upon the acquisition of knowledge, but upon the cultivation of wisdom, righteousness and moral responsibility.

Jamia Nizamia: A Monument to Scholarly Vision

Among the most distinguished achievements of Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam was the establishment of Jamia Nizamia in 1872, a historic institution that has earned an esteemed place in the educational and religious heritage of Hyderabad Deccan.

Its establishment represented far more than the creation of another religious seminary. It marked the beginning of an enduring scholarly tradition devoted to preserving and transmitting Islamic knowledge.

Hazrat Imam Anwarullah Farooqui (RA) envisioned an institution that would nurture scholars deeply grounded in the teachings of the Holy Quran and Sunnah, distinguished by piety in character, wisdom in speech and sincerity in service.

He understood that genuine scholarship must extend beyond intellectual achievement. It must also inspire humility, discipline, compassion and responsibility towards fellow human beings.

The institution founded through his farsighted vision gradually developed into a respected centre of Islamic learning, nurturing generations of scholars, researchers and learned individuals.

Through their educational and religious services, these generations contributed to the preservation, advancement and dissemination of Islamic scholarship.

The continued existence and scholarly contributions of Jamia Nizamia bear testimony to the sincerity, foresight and extraordinary dedication of its revered founder.

> **"Jamia Nizamia stands as an enduring beacon of Islamic scholarship, faith and noble character."**

Great Personalities Build History, Not Merely Institutions

The greatness of Hazrat Imam Anwarullah Farooqui (RA) becomes particularly evident when one considers how the modest educational initiative established through his efforts developed into a flourishing centre of learning.

Like a sapling planted with care and nurtured through unwavering dedication, his scholarly mission grew into a strong and deeply rooted educational tradition.

The enduring influence of such an institution cannot be measured solely by its buildings, classrooms or number of students.

Its true value lies in the knowledge it transmits, the scholars it nurtures, the moral principles it upholds and the positive contributions its students make to society.

Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam's enduring achievement was therefore not merely institutional. It was the establishment of a scholarly legacy capable of serving successive generations.

His vision reminds us that an educational institution becomes truly distinguished when its benefits continue to reach people long after its founder has departed from this world.

An Invaluable Legacy of Research and Authorship

Beyond his remarkable contribution to institutional education, Hazrat Imam Anwarullah Farooqui (RA) distinguished himself through profound scholarship, intellectual inquiry and authorship.

His devotion to Islamic learning was reflected in scholarly writings that provided valuable resources for students, researchers and people of knowledge.

He contributed to different branches of religious scholarship, seeking to preserve and communicate knowledge for the benefit of the wider community.

Among his notable literary contributions, Anwar-e-Ahmadi occupies an important place, reflecting his scholarly insight and dedication to religious learning.

His intellectual achievements demonstrate the importance of preserving knowledge through careful study, research, reflection and written scholarship.



The value of such contributions extends beyond the author's lifetime, enabling subsequent generations to benefit from the intellectual labour and dedication of earlier scholars.

In this respect, his literary heritage remains an important part of his wider educational mission.

The True Purpose of Education: Knowledge With Character

Reflecting upon contemporary educational challenges, Hazrat Maulvi Syed Afsar Nizami raised a thought-provoking question concerning the direction of modern education.

Today, considerable emphasis is placed upon technological advancement, academic qualifications, professional achievement and material progress.

These developments undoubtedly have their importance. However, an equally significant question deserves attention: Are we preparing younger generations to become individuals of noble character, sound judgment and social responsibility?

Are educational institutions giving sufficient importance to morality, good manners, cultural values, respect for teachers and compassion towards others?

The life and educational vision of Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam provide valuable guidance in addressing these concerns.

He understood that education should not remain confined to the pursuit of qualifications or worldly success.

Rather, it should refine an individual's character, strengthen ethical conduct and encourage the responsible use of knowledge.

When knowledge becomes separated from moral values, its beneficial influence may remain limited. However, when learning is accompanied by righteousness, humility and sincere action, it becomes a powerful instrument for individual and social transformation.

This timeless principle remains especially relevant in an age when educational progress is often measured primarily through academic achievement and professional success.

Preserving the Sacred Trust of Education

Hazrat Maulvi Syed Afsar Nizami emphasised that the noble services of Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam should not be confined to ceremonial tributes, commemorative gatherings or expressions of admiration.

The most meaningful tribute lies in translating his educational ideals into practical action.

There is a pressing need to cultivate a genuine love for reading and learning among students, encourage respect for teachers and strengthen the moral foundations of educational institutions.

Positive harmony between religious and contemporary education should also be encouraged so that younger generations can pursue knowledge while remaining conscious of their ethical responsibilities.

Parents, teachers, scholars and community institutions share a collective responsibility to nurture individuals distinguished not only by academic competence but also by humility, discipline and service.

Preserving the heritage of revered scholars requires more than remembering their names. It demands a sincere commitment to the principles and educational objectives for which they dedicated their lives.

Such dedication would ensure that their invaluable contributions continue to benefit future generations.

An Everlasting Light for Future Generations

Although Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam Imam Muhammad Anwarullah Farooqui (Rahmatullahi Alaih) is no longer physically among us, his scholarly mission remains alive through Jamia Nizamia, his literary contributions and the generations inspired by his educational vision.

His extraordinary life stands as a reminder that genuine greatness is measured not by the length of one's existence, but by the intellectual, moral and spiritual legacy left behind.

The lamp of knowledge kindled through his sincere efforts continues to illuminate the path of scholars, students and seekers of wisdom.

> **To preserve this precious inheritance, uphold the dignity of education and transmit the values of faith, wisdom and exemplary conduct to coming generations would be the most sincere and meaningful tribute to the revered founder of Jamia Nizamia.**

May Almighty Allah grant Hazrat Sheikh-ul-Islam (RA) the highest ranks in Jannat-ul-Firdous and preserve his noble legacy.

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3rd Unofficial Test: Jurel, Tilak and Washington power India A to 464 as NZ A struggle

Lincoln, (IANS): India A tightened their grip on the third unofficial Test against New Zealand A after declaring at 464/5 on the second day, with Dhruv Jurel, Tilak Varma and Washington Sundar contributing half-centuries at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval here on Sunday.

The visitors, who had resumed at 227/2, added another 237 runs to their overnight total before declaring with roughly an hour remaining in the day's play. New Zealand A, in reply, were reduced to 36/2 at stumps, leaving them trailing by 428 runs.

Jurel provided the early impetus after India A resumed, taking particular liking to the short-pitched bowling and finding the boundary regularly. At the other end, Sai Sudharsan continued to build his innings with patience before his knock ended at 88, 12 runs short of a deserved century. Zak Gibson produced a delivery that pitched full, moved back into the batter and breached his defences.

Jurel brought up his fifty with a clip down the leg side for four and continued to attack, including with a couple of well-timed cuts. However, his stay ended when he pulled a short delivery from Darun Ferns towards deep backward square leg, departing for 71.

The Indian middle order then shifted gears, with Tilak Varma and Washington Sundar opting for a more measured approach rather than pursuing quick runs. Ravindra Jadeja joined the pair but could manage only 25 before edging a delivery to first slip.

Tilak and Washington subsequently took charge, putting together an unbeaten 114-run partnership that further stretched the visitors' advantage. Tilak finished on 81 not out, while Washington reached his half-century as India A declared at 464/5.

New Zealand A's bowling resources were stretched during the innings, with Ferns experiencing back trouble and Jarrod McKay, who was dealing with a side strain, unable to bowl. The hosts consequently turned to nine different bowling options but managed just one wicket after Jurel's dismissal.

Their batting innings got off to a disastrous start as Prasidh Krishna struck twice to leave the hosts reeling. Rhys Mariu was bowled for a duck before Curtis Heaphy was trapped leg-before for 19, giving India A an immediate breakthrough.

Dean Foxcroft and Zak Gibson negotiated the remaining 26 deliveries without further damage, taking New Zealand A to 36/2 at the close of play. However, with a deficit of 428 runs still to overcome, the hosts face a daunting task heading into the third day.

Brief Scores: India A 464/5 declared (Yashasvi Jaiswal 102, Sai Sudharsan 88, Tilak Varma 81 not out, Dhruv Jurel 71, Washington Sundar 50 not out; Zak Gibson 2/73) lead New Zealand A 36/2 (Curtis Heaphy 19, Dean Foxcroft 10*; Prasidh Krishna 2/12) by 428 runs.

Khawaja Reveals Truth Behind Ball-Tampering Scandal

New Delhi, (IANS): Usman Khawaja said a promise to childhood friend David Warner prompted him to reveal his account of Australia's 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

Ahead of his autobiography Sabr, he maintained that Steven Smith, Warner and Cameron Bancroft were unfairly made to bear the blame for an incident involving the entire team.

Khawaja said he had remained silent while playing for Australia to avoid affecting team unity but now wanted collective responsibility to be acknowledged.

He added that he was now speaking independently, without affecting the team, and wanted all those involved to share responsibility so the three players could move beyond the controversy.

Deepak Chahar to lead Rajasthan in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, Manav Suthar named vice-captain



Jaipur, (IANS): India seamer Deepak Chahar will lead Rajasthan in the 2026/27 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, with left-arm spinner Manav Suthar named as the vice-captain in the 15-member squad announced by the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA).

Rajasthan are drawn in Elite Group A and will play all seven of their league matches in Mumbai, starting with a clash against Uttar Pradesh on November 14. Apart from Deepak, who has played 13 ODIs and 25 T20Is for India and didn't feature in the first half of the Ranji Trophy, his younger brother, leg-spinner Rahul Chahar, also finds a place in the team.

Rahul, who has played an ODI and six T20Is for India, was initially rumoured to join another team for the ongoing domestic season, but will now continue to play for Rajasthan. Just like Deepak, he didn't feature in the first half of the Ranji Trophy.

There's still no place for left-arm pacer Khaleel Ahmed, who has been recovering from hamstring surgery sustained while playing for his former team, Chennai Super Kings (CSK). Khaleel, who has played 11 ODIs and 18 T20Is for India, was recently traded to Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) for his existing fee of Rs 4.8 crore.

The squad features seasoned left-handed batting all-rounder Mahipal Lomror, young wicketkeeper-batters Kartik Sharma and Mukul Choudhary, all of whom were part of IPL 2026. Other team members include Abhijeet Tomar, Ajay Raj Singh, Kunal Singh Rathore, Honey Pratap Singh and Himanshu Singh Rana.

Ramniwas Golada, Rohan Rajbahar, Himanshu Nehra and Abhishek Mund complete the group picked for the competition. After their opening game against Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan will take on Jharkhand on November 16 before meeting Chandigarh on November 18. A day-night fixture against Baroda follows on November 20, before Rajasthan return to action against Mizoram on November 22. Rajasthan will complete their group-stage commitments after taking on Karnataka on November 24 and facing off against Bengal on November 26.

Rajasthan squad: Deepak Chahar (c), Manav Suthar (vc), Ajay Raj Singh, Kartik Sharma, Rahul Chahar, Ramniwas Golada, Rohan Rajbahar, Abhijeet Tomar, Himanshu Singh Rana, Honey Pratap Singh, Kunal Singh Rathore, Mahipal Lomror, Mukul Choudhary, Himanshu Nehra and Abhishek Mund

'I will learn from him': Babar responds to Mohammad Yousuf's coaching suggestion



New Delhi, (IANS): Pakistan's Test captain Babar Azam has expressed his willingness to take batting advice from former teammate Mohammad Yousuf after the latter called for specialised coaching overseas to help the struggling batter overcome technical problems.

Yousuf had recently urged the Pakistan Cricket Board to consider sending Babar to a cricket academy in England or Australia, believing that working with specialised coaches could help him rediscover his form. He also felt that the former Pakistan captain should temporarily avoid first-class cricket until he resolves the technical flaws in his batting.

"I don't think Babar Azam should be playing first-class cricket until he fixes his technical issues through specialised coaching. Struggling in domestic cricket could further harm his confidence and career," Yousuf wrote on X.

"Send him to an academy in England or Australia. He is still Pakistan's top player, and with the right guidance and a little effort, he can return to his best. I said this four years ago, and nobody listened. Please listen now," he added.

Babar was asked about the former cricketer's recommendations during a press conference ahead of Pakistan's opening Test against Sri Lanka. The right-handed batter welcomed the opportunity to learn from Yousuf, while revealing that the former Pakistan batter had not approached him directly so far.

"As you said, the process of learning never ends. I haven't contacted him yet. I believe he has reached out to people on social media, but not to me. If he contacts me, God willing, I will learn from him. He is a legend and Pakistan's greatest batter," Babar was quoted as saying by Geo Super.

The Pakistan batter also addressed questions about his recent dismissals, explaining that being dismissed in different ways was an inherent part of the game. He indicated that a batter could lose his wicket under varying circumstances rather than repeatedly falling to the same weakness.

"You can get out at any time and in different ways. It is not necessary that you will always get out in the same pattern or in the same manner. There can be different reasons, but that is part of the game," he stated. "In my case, whenever I get out, I consider it my fault. It is my responsibility and my shortcomings. Everyone has their own perspective and way of thinking," he added.

'Game is evenly poised': Sammy backs WI to do well in 2nd innings against BAN



Sylhet (IANS): West Indies coach Darren Sammy hoped his team would do well in the second innings of the second Test match against Bangladesh at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium here after the hosts took a slender 30-run lead in the first innings.

Towhid Hridoy's historic and unbeaten 242 powered Bangladesh to 386 in reply to the Windies' 356 as the hosts look to bounce back from the first Test defeat in Dhaka.

Sammy heaped praise on Hridoy's performance and noted that the match remains open, with both teams still in contention.

"I mean, it's a great game of Test cricket, you know. As I said in my press conference, Bangladesh, I expected them to come out harder. He played really well. Could we have done things differently? I'm pretty sure when we reflect, there's always room for improvement. But, you know, credit must be given to him for the way he played.

"I think it's the highest Test score by a Bangladeshi. You know, he played well. But there's still a lot of time left in the game, and that's the beauty of Test cricket. The game is evenly poised, and we've got to bat well today and put ourselves in a good position," Sammy said on Sunday ahead of the start of Day 4 in the match.

Amir Jangoo's 133 powered the Windies to a strong total of 356, and they will eye another strong batting performance to push for a result in their favour. "Let's just stay in the present, you know. Obviously, they've got some really good new-ball bowlers. The ball is fairly new. They're asking questions of our batsmen's technique. So we just have to make sure we don't let them have early inroads, you know, especially on Day 4.

"King and Da Silva have got to give us a really good start. And the way these guys have batted this year, you know, we've got some really good batters in form. So once we negate that new ball, I think we could put ourselves in a good position at the end of this play," he added.

West Indies were in a strong position at 259/2 at tea break on Day 4, with a lead of 229 and four sessions remaining in the Test match.

Messi creates MLS history with back-to-back Golden Boot awards



New Delhi (IANS): Inter Miami captain Lionel Messi has continued his remarkable scoring exploits in Major League Soccer (MLS), winning the 2026 Golden Boot after finishing the regular season with 26 goals. With this achievement, the Argentine superstar has become the first player in MLS history to win the award in consecutive seasons.

Messi finished four goals ahead of FC Dallas forward Petar Musa, who scored 22 goals, while Vancouver Whitecaps FC's Brian White secured third place with 20 goals. The latest honour also made Messi only the sixth player in MLS history to win the Golden Boot more than once.

Despite featuring in just 31 regular-season matches, the 39-year-old topped the scoring charts. Apart from his 26 goals, he contributed 17 assists, taking his total goal contributions to 43, the third-highest tally recorded in a single MLS season. He also led the league in goals per game with an average of 0.87 and shared the top spot for most multi-goal performances with six.

One of the highlights of Messi's campaign was his scoring from open play. Only one of his 26 goals came from the penalty spot, giving him 25 non-penalty goals, the second-highest single-season tally in MLS history. Messi holds the record himself, having scored 28 non-penalty goals in 2025.

After scoring 29 goals last season, Messi has become only the second player in MLS history to score at least 25 goals in consecutive regular seasons. Across the last three campaigns, he has netted 75 regular-season goals, the second-highest tally by any player over a three-season period.

His overall contribution has been equally impressive. Messi recorded 127 goals and assists between 2024 and 2026, which is 28 more than the 98 registered by the next-best player, Evander.

With another Golden Boot added to his collection, Messi has further strengthened his remarkable record in MLS, continuing to influence Inter Miami through both goals and assists.

Rybakina withdraws from WTA Finals with viral illness

New Delhi, (IANS): World No. 1 Elena Rybakina has withdrawn from the 2026 WTA Finals at Indian Wells, citing a viral illness.

"I am really sad to inform all my fans and supporters that I unfortunately have to withdraw from the WTA Finals this year," Rybakina said in a statement.

"I've had an incredible season but my body is just not physically ready to compete. I'm going to spend some time resting and recovering at home and getting myself ready for the 2027 season. The WTA Finals is a very special tournament and I wish everyone the best of luck this week. Can't wait to be back in Indian Wells in March!" she added.

Marta Kostyuk will assume Rybakina's spot in Group 1, and will face Linda Noskova in the tournament's opening match on Sunday, in addition to Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula in subsequent round robin matches, WTA reports.

Rybakina entered the year ender event as the defending champion, going undefeated at the 2025 edition in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as the last qualifier.

This season, she was the first singles qualifier after winning her third Grand Slam at the US Open, where she also took the No. 1 ranking.

Rybakina finishes her 2026 season on the WTA with a 54-14 record and four titles -- Australian Open, Stuttgart, US Open and Ningbo. Despite the withdrawal, she earned the WTA year-end No. 1 singles ranking presented by PIF while in Tokyo.

Following World No. 1 and defending champion's withdrawal, Kostyuk enters the competition as first alternate.

For the fourth time this season, Noskova and Kostyuk will go toe-to-toe to kick off the tournament. They've played each other on all three surfaces, with Noskova edging out Kostyuk 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 in their lone hard-court meeting at the US Open fourth round.

En route her Wimbledon championship, Noskova took the grass meeting in the semifinals, while Kostyuk won the battle on clay on her way to taking the Madrid title. Both of those matches were in straight sets.

'No doubt in my batting line-up': Mendis backs SL's experienced batters ahead of Pakistan Test

New Delhi, (IANS): Sri Lanka Test captain Kusal Mendis has expressed confidence in his experienced batting line-up ahead of the opening Test against Pakistan in Rawalpindi, beginning Monday. He said his players have the technical ability and experience to tackle the expected green pitch, which could offer assistance to fast bowlers.

Mendis said the team was prepared for different playing conditions and drew confidence from its performance during last summer's tour of England. He particularly highlighted the experience of senior batters Dinesh Chandimal and Dhananjaya de Silva, besides himself.

"We know they will be giving a slightly different wicket. The batters have to manage their skills and preparation well. We have a very good batting line-up with some very senior players. Everyone knows how to play on a green wicket. We played really well in England, so I have no doubt in my batting line-up," Mendis told reporters, as quoted by ESPNcricinfo.

The two-match series will mark Mendis' first Test assignment as captain since taking over the leadership from Dhananjaya de Silva in early October. The 31-year-old said he was happy to return to Test cricket, although the team's extended stay in Pakistan for more than a month due to the preceding limited-overs fixtures had been challenging. He admitted that spending long periods in hotels was not easy, but said the players kept themselves occupied through team activities and individual pursuits. Mendis added that playing Test cricket away from home required special preparation and that Sri Lanka had a clear plan for the Pakistan challenge. Although Sri Lanka are yet to register a Test victory in their two series against West Indies and India this year, Mendis expressed satisfaction with the progress of the bowling unit. He described the side as balanced, with experienced players in both batting and bowling departments.

Mendis praised Pakistan's security and hospitality arrangements, saying the Sri Lankan team had enjoyed a comfortable stay.

Revanth Reddy Vows to Turn One Crore Women into Millionaires by 2034

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has reiterated his commitment to making one crore women in Telangana millionaires, stating that the government is working towards empowering women through self-help groups, entrepreneurship and financial independence.

Addressing a meeting with members of women's self-help groups on the occasion of his birthday, the Chief Minister said nearly 70 lakh women were already members of self-help groups in the State. The government aims to increase this number to one crore by 2034 and make one crore women financially prosperous.

He said a woman takes care of the entire family without expecting anything in return and observed that families progress when women are entrusted with responsibility and decision-making powers.

Thanking the women who attended the programme to extend birthday greetings despite Diwali celebrations, Revanth Reddy said, "You are my family and my true relatives." He attributed his rise to the highest position in the State to the blessings and affection of women, adding that the love and respect they had

hown him were beyond his expectations. The Chief Minister said the government was creating new livelihood opportunities for women beyond conventional employment. As part of this initiative, the task of stitching uniforms for students of government schools had been entrusted to women's groups, enabling them to generate annual business worth Rs. 15 crore to Rs. 20 crore.

Women were also being encouraged to participate in petrol pump operations and solar power generation. The responsibility of running Indiramma Canteens in the Secretariat and other government offices had also been entrusted to women's groups.

He said that during the last 34 months, women had received loans worth Rs. 79,000 crore through bank linkage programmes.

Revanth Reddy also appreciated the services of Minister Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka) in promoting women's welfare and empowerment.

The Chief Minister announced that 4.5 lakh new pensions had been sanctioned in the State, of which 3.5 lakh were earmarked for single women and widows. New pensions had also been sanctioned on a saturation basis for weavers and toddy tappers.

He described Indiramma housing and free electricity supply up to 200 units as measures providing security and confidence to women.

Highlighting the impact of the free bus travel scheme, he said around 37 lakh women were travelling free of cost in RTC buses every day. He claimed that while the government had extended the benefit to women, it had also helped put the RTC back on the path to profitability through financial reimbursements.

Questioning the previous government, he asked whether any former Chief Minister had ever thought of providing fine rice to poor families.

Revanth Reddy said women's happiness was his happiness and that he was working for their welfare. He added that the government was not limiting its efforts to free bus travel but was taking further steps to make women economically independent through various opportunities.

The Chief Minister urged women not to restrict themselves to employment opportunities but to enter business, industry and entrepreneurship. He said his dream, as long as he remained Chief Minister, was to make one crore women millionaires and that achieving this goal would give his life a greater purpose.

He also presented sarees to women as birthday gifts. Taking a political swipe at BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, the Chief Minister alleged that he had driven his own sister out of the house, while now speaking about women's welfare. Referring to KTR's ongoing village visits, Revanth Reddy said his sister herself was speaking about his conduct and performance.

He urged women to question the BRS over what it had done for them during its 10-year rule and what benefits it had provided.

Describing himself as a brother to women, Revanth Reddy said he considered it a privilege given by the Almighty to



serve them. He appealed to women to move forward with confidence, become self-reliant, take up entrepreneurship and ensure quality education for their children.

He particularly stressed the importance of higher education for girls, saying education had the power to transform lives. He urged women to ensure that their daughters received better educational opportunities and did not face the hardships that their mothers had experienced.

On his birthday, the Chief Minister called upon women to pledge to provide higher education to their daughters and assured them that the government would stand firmly by their side.

Revanth Reddy said he was dedicating his birthday to all the women of Telangana.

CM Launches Distribution of 4.5 Lakh New Cheyutha Pensions

Later, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy formally launched the distribution of 4.5 lakh newly sanctioned Cheyutha pensions across the State.

The initiative aims to provide financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries and further strengthen the State's social security system. The Chief Minister distributed new pension cards and financial assistance to beneficiaries.

The government stated that all eligible poor and needy people would receive their pension benefits regularly without unnecessary delays.

CID Arrests Four in Dharani Land Records Irregularities Case

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk): The Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) has arrested at least four persons in connection with alleged irregularities in the Dharani land records portal, following searches at the residences and offices of several suspects.

The arrested persons have been identified as D. Shiva, M. Rajender, D. Pavan Kalyan and A. Mahender.

A seven-member Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by Charu Sinha, is conducting a detailed probe into the selection of private contractors, tendering procedures, portal design and alleged lapses in data security.

A forensic audit covering the period from the launch of the Dharani portal in October 2020 to December 2024 reportedly detected more than 10,000 suspicious transactions and alleged manipulation of records relating to Bhoodan lands in several districts, including Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Siddipet, Rajanna Sircilla, Sangareddy and Warangal.

Following the controversy, the State government replaced the Dharani portal, introduced during the previous BRS regime, with a new land records management system, 'Bhu Bharati', which was launched on April 14, 2025.

The investigation is continuing to establish the extent of the alleged irregularities and identify those responsible.

Telangana Prisons Department Launches Open Schooling Programme for Inmates

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk): The Telangana Prisons Department, in collaboration with the Telangana Open School Society (TOSS), has launched an open schooling programme to provide educational opportunities to prison inmates and help them rebuild their lives with dignity after release. Under the initiative, inmates can pursue Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Intermediate courses while serving their sentences, with no upper age limit for enrolment.

The department will provide textbooks, academic guidance and regular classes on Sundays and the second Saturday of every month. During the current academic year, 70 prisoners have expressed interest in SSC courses and another 15 in Intermediate courses, taking the initial number of prospective students to 85. Addressing the programme, Education Department Principal Secretary Yogita Rana said the initiative was aimed at building self-confidence and self-respect among inmates. She announced a special fee concession of Rs. 1,250 for enrolled prisoners and offered financial assistance to establish prison libraries and promote reading habits.

The programme will also enable inmates who complete their Intermediate education to pursue higher studies, subject to the prescribed admission requirements. It is expected to equip prisoners with better educational qualifications and skills, helping them rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society with dignity after their release. The initiative is open to inmates across different age groups, ensuring that lack of access to education does not become a barrier to their future. Regular academic support and access to learning resources are expected to encourage more prisoners to continue their studies and make constructive use of their time in prison.

Azharuddin Hails Revanth Reddy's Commitment to Public Welfare on His Birthday

Hyderabad (NSS) : State Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin has extended birthday greetings to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, stating that his vision, commitment and dedication to public service were driving Telangana's development and welfare initiatives.

He said the people's government, under the leadership of Revanth Reddy, was committed to the comprehensive development of all sections of society and was extending support to people through various welfare schemes, giving due importance to every community.

Azharuddin described Revanth Reddy's leadership as a matter of good fortune for the people of Telangana, stating that the Chief Minister was actively committed to public service.

The Minister also extended Diwali greetings to the people of the State and wished them happiness, prosperity and well-being. He was speaking at a birthday celebration organised for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy near the statue of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in Hyderabad on Sunday. The programme was held under the supervision of Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender.



Azharuddin said this year's Diwali had Azharuddin also distributed sarees to women in the Assembly constituency as part of the celebrations.

Several prominent leaders attended the programme, including government advisers Mohammed Ali Shabbir and V. Hanumantha Rao, TMREIS Vice-Chairman and President Faheem Qureshi, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav, State Planning Board Vice-Chairperson Gadwal Vijayalakshmi and Christian Minorities Finance Corporation Chairman Deepak John. Senior Congress leaders and party representatives also participated in the event.

People's Aspirations Remain Top Priority of Congress Government: Ponguleti

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has said that the Congress government is according top priority to the aspirations and expectations of the people, with development and public welfare forming the core of its governance agenda.

He said the government was committed to ensuring justice for deprived and disadvantaged sections of society through people-oriented administration.

Under the vision of 'Rising Telangana', the government was working round the clock to achieve comprehensive development across the State, he added.

The Minister also extended birthday greetings to Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy and conveyed his best wishes on the occasion. He expressed the hope that the Chief Minister would continue working towards fulfilling the aspirations of the people and taking Telangana forward on the path of development and welfare.



Telangana Introduces Three New Online Vehicle Services Through Vahan Portal

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Vehicle owners in Telangana can now apply online for transfer of vehicle ownership, obtain No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for shifting vehicles to other States and update e-KYC details through the Vahan Citizen Services Portal. According to the Transport Department, all three services are available through Aadhaar-based OTP authentication, reducing the need to visit Regional Transport Authority (RTA) offices.

For ownership transfer, both the seller and buyer must complete their procedures online, submit the required details, verify the NCRB report and pay the prescribed fee. After Aadhaar OTP authentication, the application will be approved and the RTO will issue the Registration Certificate (RC).

Those shifting vehicles to another State can apply for an NOC online by selecting the destination State and RTO, uploading Form 28 and the NCRB report, and paying the prescribed fee. The application will be forwarded to the concerned RTO for approval. The e-KYC facility allows vehicle owners to update their details through OTP verification by uploading copies of their Aadhaar card and original RC.

The department advised applicants to verify details carefully, as errors in e-KYC applications cannot be corrected and the fee will not be refunded.

Over 12.54 Lakh Notices Issued During SIR 2026 in Hyderabad; Final Voter List on November 11

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk): District Electoral Officer R.V. Karnan reviewed SIR progress across 15 Assembly constituencies on Saturday.

Of 12,54,917 notices generated, 12,54,400 were delivered, while 517 remained pending. Officials identified 5,82,217 unmapped voters and 6,72,700 anomaly cases.

Hearings were completed for 12,33,841 electors, leaving 20,559 pending. Of approximately 3.9 lakh claims and objections received, 321 awaited disposal.

Under the Election Commission's revised schedule, claims disposal continues until November 26, with final electoral rolls due November 30.

Rocket Enters Firecracker Shop, Triggers Major Fire in Secunderabad

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk): A firecracker shop in Sitaphalmandi, under Secunderabad limits, caught fire after a rocket lit during Diwali celebrations flew into the shop, triggering a series of explosions. The incident caused panic among residents and passers-by as flames spread rapidly and firecrackers stored inside the shop began exploding.

Fire personnel rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control. The extent of property damage is yet to be ascertained.

Telangana HC Suspends Four-Week Jail Sentence Imposed on Miyapur Circle Inspector

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) :

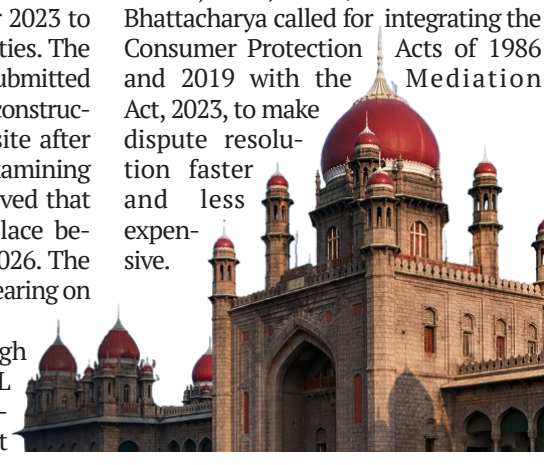
The Telangana High Court has suspended the four-week simple imprisonment imposed on Miyapur Circle Inspector M. Prem Kumar in a contempt of court case over the alleged failure to provide police protection in a property dispute.

A division bench comprising Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya and Justice Renuka Yara passed the interim order on an appeal filed by the Circle Inspector. The single judge had also imposed a fine of Rs. 2,000, with an additional two weeks of imprisonment in case of default.

The contempt case arose from court directions issued in November 2023 to protect the petitioners' properties. The Additional Advocate General submitted that Prem Kumar had stopped construction activity at the disputed site after receiving a complaint. After examining photographs, the bench observed that no construction had taken place between 2023 and October 28, 2026. The appeal was posted for further hearing on December 3.

In another matter, the High Court reserved its verdict on a PIL seeking construction of an integrated district court complex at Podoor in Jogulamba Gadwal district. The petitioner said that although 10 acres had been allotted for the project, construction was yet to begin. He pointed out that courts functioning from four different locations were causing inconvenience to litigants and advocates, particularly women due to inadequate toilet facilities.

Meanwhile, the Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission organised an awareness programme on mediation in association with its Bar Association. Acting Chief Justice P. Sam Koshy stressed the need to promote mediation for timely consumer justice, while Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya called for integrating the Consumer Protection Acts of 1986 and 2019 with the Mediation Act, 2023, to make dispute resolution faster and less expensive.



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