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Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge criticised BJP opposition to Tipu Sultan commemorations, asserting his historical contributions cannot be erased.

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Night temperatures may fall to 12°C as cold conditions intensify across Telangana. Yellow alerts are reported in 29 districts, early morning fog affecting visibility.

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India's Unemployment Rate Falls to 5.1 Per Cent

Rural employment drives improvement, while urban joblessness remains largely unchanged at 6.8 per cent.

New Delhi: India's unemployment rate declined to 5.1 per cent during July–September 2026 from 5.4 per cent in the previous quarter, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey released by the Statistics Ministry on Tuesday.

The improvement was driven mainly by rural areas, where unemployment fell from 4.8 to 4.3 per cent. Urban joblessness, however, edged up from 6.7 to 6.8 per cent.

Labour-force participation among people aged 15 and above increased to 55.5 per cent, while the proportion actually employed rose to 52.7 per cent.

Women's labour-force participation improved from 33.2 to 34.7 per cent.

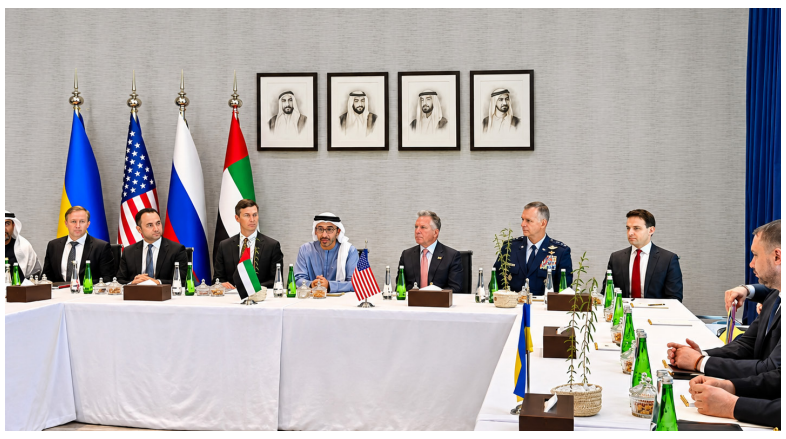
The share of rural workers engaged in agriculture increased to 56.7 per cent, while rural self-employment reached 62.7 per cent.

Although the figures indicate improving employment conditions, the growing dependence on agriculture and self-employment highlights the importance of assessing job quality, stable earnings and opportunities for urban youth.

Russia, Ukraine Resume Peace Talks After 9 Months

US-mediated negotiations in Abu Dhabi focus on security guarantees and humanitarian issues, but no ceasefire agreement reached.

Munsif Desk, Abu Dhabi:



Russia and Ukraine resumed direct peace negotiations in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday after a nine-month gap, reopening diplomatic efforts to end their four-and-a-half-year conflict. However, the first day concluded without a ceasefire agreement or major breakthrough.

The United States mediated the discussions, represented by special envoy Steve Witkoff and President Donald Trump's adviser Jared Kushner. Russian presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky led Moscow's delegation, while intelligence chief Rustem Umerov represented Ukraine.

The meeting lasted approximately four hours. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio described the discussions as productive but cautioned that considerable work remained before any settlement could be achieved.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called the talks constructive, saying negotiators discussed prisoner exchanges, humanitarian measures, de-escalation and long-term security guarantees to prevent renewed conflict.

Major disagreements persist over Russian-occupied Ukrainian territory, Kyiv's possible NATO membership and future security arrangements.

Moscow wants broader European security guarantees addressed before a settlement, while Ukraine and European governments have emphasised the need for a ceasefire and protection of Ukrainian sovereignty.

European representatives held separate consultations with Ukrainian and American officials, although Russia opposed their direct participation.

Meanwhile, continuing Russian strikes on Ukrainian energy infrastructure highlighted the urgency of civilian protection. The negotiations are scheduled to resume on Wednesday, Nov 11.

Despite renewed diplomatic engagement, any meaningful progress will depend on concrete agreements covering territorial disputes, enforceable security guarantees, humanitarian relief and a credible ceasefire mechanism.

11 Killed, 51 Hospitalised in Bulgaria Motorway Pile-Ups

Dense fog suspected as 86 vehicles collide in two massive crashes.

Sofia: At least 11 people were killed and 51 hospitalised, including 13 seriously injured, in two massive motorway pile-ups involving 86 vehicles near Yambol, Bulgaria, on Tuesday.

The Health Ministry revised the earlier death toll of 12, confirming 10 deaths at the scene and one in hospital.

The crashes occurred around 7 AM near the Zimnitsa junction on the Trakia motorway. Dense fog reportedly reduced visibility to just 10 metres, triggering chain-reaction collisions.

Emergency operations were hampered by blocked roads and poor visibility.

Authorities raised concerns over inadequate traffic warning systems, while investigators began examining the causes.

Prime Minister Rumen Radev announced November 11 as a national day of mourning following the tragedy.



Eight Hyderabad Food Outlets Shut, 700 Kg Spoiled Food Discarded

Hyderabad: The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG-SAFE) suspended the licences of eight cloud kitchens and restaurants on Tuesday following serious food safety violations.

Twenty-four enforcement teams inspected 23 establishments, discarded nearly 700 kg of spoiled and contaminated food and collected 25 samples for testing.

Affected outlets include Biryani By Kilo and ITC Aashirwad Soul Creations at Gachibowli, and Sodexo India Services at Kondapur.

Inspections revealed pest infestations, expired food, unhygienic kitchens and improper storage practices.

Authorities ordered the eight establishments to immediately stop operations.



Ten others received show-cause notices, while five were marked for improvement notices.

Officials said follow-up inspections would verify compliance, with further penalties possible. The findings raise serious concerns about food safety at online delivery kitchens.

Rahmani30 Announces Entrance Exam for 2027

HYD: Rahmani30 Hyderabad has invited applications for its 2027 entrance examination, scheduled for November 29, with registration closing on November 15.

Organised by Rahmani Foundation, Munger, under the patronage of Ameer-e-Shariat Maulana Ahmad Wali Faisal Rahmani, the programme supports talented and deserving students through quality education.

Students currently studying in Classes VII, VIII and X can apply, subject to eligibility conditions. Selected candidates receive free education under prescribed rules and coaching for competitive examinations.

According to the institution's published results, 335 of 337 students qualified in NEET 2026, while 25 cleared JEE Advanced.

Rahmani30 operates centres across India, including Hyderabad, Patna, Aligarh, Bengaluru and Pune.

Interested students can apply online at rahmanimission.info before November 15.

38 Women Islamic Scholars Honoured at JIH Ceremony

Chief Minister to distribute sanction letters in Kodangal on Sunday; payments to begin this month.

HYD: Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Greater Hyderabad, organised a District Aalima Awards Ceremony at its Islamic Centre in Chatta Bazar, recognising 38 women scholars for their performance in a research paper competition.

The initiative covered 25 Islamic institutions, with 11 participating. Ten senior scholars evaluated the papers, while cash prizes were awarded to top performers.

Addressing the gathering, Nasira Khanam urged Aalimas to use religious knowledge for social development and family welfare.

Speakers Atiya Rabbi Salehati, Zaheer Fatima and Khadija Tasneem emphasised individual reform, moral responsibility, family values and collective cooperation.



CISCE Releases 2027 Class 10, 12 Exam Timetables

ICSE exams begin February 15, ISC from February 9; nearly 3.8 lakh candidates to appear.

New Delhi: The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) on Tuesday released the 2027 examination schedules for Classes 10 and 12.

A total of 3,79,980 students are expected to appear nationwide and overseas.

ICSE examinations will run from February 15 to March 31, while ISC examinations are scheduled from February 9 to April 8.

For ICSE morning papers, students must be seated by 9:45 am, with reading beginning at 10 am.

Subject-wise timetables are available at cisce.org.



Religious Scholars Offer Prayers at Imam Anwarullah Farooqui's Mazar

HYDERABAD: Mufti Khaleel Ahmed, Chancellor of Jamia Nizamia, and Vice-Chancellor Maulana Dr. Prof. Mohammed Saifullah, along with religious scholars and dignitaries, offered prayers at the mazar of Hazrat Imam Hafiz Mohammed Anwarullah Farooqui on Tuesday.

The prayers marked the 112th Urs-e-Shareef of the distinguished Islamic scholar and founder of Jamia Nizamia.

The gathering paid tribute to his contributions to Islamic education, religious scholarship and spiritual guidance, remembering his enduring legacy and the institution's role in promoting religious learning in Hyderabad.

Telangana Land Resurvey Reaches 1,000 Villages

Hyderabad (NSS): Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that Telangana's land resurvey has commenced in over 1,000 villages, with work completed in 416.

Reviewing progress on Tuesday, he directed officials to ensure accurate measurements, transparent procedures and speedy allocation of Bhudhaar numbers to prevent future land disputes.

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Nizamabad Police Commissioner Unveils Cyber Awareness Posters for Students

P. Sai Chaitanya cautions students against online shopping scams, identity theft and fake investment schemes



Mohammed Baleegh Ahmed: (Nizamabad)

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, urged students to remain alert against cyber frauds and follow basic online safety measures. He was speaking at a cyber awareness seminar organised at the Government Polytechnic College auditorium under the aegis of the Nizamabad Police Commissionerate on Monday.

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has declared November as Cyber Awareness Month to educate the public about cybercrimes. As part of the initiative, the seminar was conducted under the Cyber Jagrukta Diwas programme.

Addressing around 400 students, the Commissioner explained three major forms of cyber fraud. He cautioned against fake advertisements offering huge discounts on social media, through which fraudsters collect advance payments and disappear without delivering goods or services. He advised students to purchase only from trusted platforms and verify sellers, reviews and ratings before making payments.

He also warned about identity theft and debit or credit card frauds, in which criminals use phishing links and fake applications to obtain card details, CVV, OTP and PIN. Students were advised never to share confidential banking information or install applications from unknown sources.

Explaining investment frauds, Sai Chaitanya said fraudsters lure people through promises of guaranteed profits and fake trading platforms, often circulated through social media and WhatsApp groups. He urged students to verify brokers and investment advisers through official sources, including SEBI, and avoid investing under pressure.

The Commissioner also cautioned against digital arrest scams, fake social media profiles, screen-sharing frauds and schemes in which fraudsters initially offer small payments to gain trust before demanding larger investments. He clarified that police never demand money over phone calls in the name of legal action and advised people not to share personal or banking details with unknown callers.

He encouraged students to follow the principle of "Stop, Think and Take Action" before clicking links or transferring money. They were also asked to share cyber safety information with their parents, elderly family members and others.

People who fall victim to cyber fraud can immediately call the national cybercrime helpline 1930 or register a complaint at www.cybercrime.gov.in. They may also approach the nearest police station or Cyber Crime Police Station.

The Commissioner unveiled cyber awareness posters on the occasion. Nizamabad ACP Prakash, CCPS Inspector Mokheed Pasha, Three Town SHO Haribabu, Cyber Crime Police Station SI Ravikumar and Government Polytechnic College In-charge Principal Rajanna, along with faculty members and cybercrime police personnel, attended the programme.

Complete Drainage Culvert Works at Kakaji Colony Without Disrupting Traffic: MLA Naini Rajender Reddy

Warangal West MLA Lays Foundation Stone for Project, Directs Officials to Ensure Speedy Completion and Maintain Quality



Munsif Desk: (Hanamkonda)

Hanamkonda, November 10: Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for the construction of a drainage culvert at Kakaji Colony in the constituency's 7th Division, directing officials to complete the work expeditiously without causing inconvenience to the public.

The MLA performed the foundation-laying ceremony by breaking a coconut in the presence of local leaders and Congress party workers.

Speaking on the occasion, Naini Rajender Reddy instructed the officials concerned to ensure that the construction work was completed at the earliest while taking all necessary measures to avoid inconvenience to residents, patients and commuters.

He pointed out that Kakaji Colony has several hospitals and healthcare facilities, making it particularly important to ensure smooth traffic movement and uninterrupted access for patients, hospital visitors and the general public.

The MLA stressed that the culvert construction should be taken up at a rapid pace without compromising on quality. He directed the officials to complete the project within the stipulated time and make it available for public use as soon as possible.

He also called for necessary precautions and alternative traffic arrangements wherever required during the construction period to prevent disruption to vehicular movement and ensure that patients and visitors could reach hospitals without difficulty.

Naini Rajender Reddy said the development of basic infrastructure and provision of essential civic amenities remained among the government's priorities. He assured that development works would be undertaken keeping public needs and convenience in mind, with no compromise on construction quality.

Local division leaders, Congress party workers and officials concerned participated in the programme.

15-Day 'Interest-Free Our Society' Campaign Launched in Narayanpet



Munsif Desk: (Narayanpet)

A 15-day 'Interest-Free Our Society' campaign was inaugurated at the Bihasoodi Seva Micro Finance office in Narayanpet under the aegis of Interest-Free Micro Finance, Telangana Region.

The programme was presided over by Narayanpet Branch President Mujahid Siddiqui, while United Mahabubnagar District President Sheikh Shujaat Ali attended as chief guest. They explained that the society, which has completed ten years of service in Telangana, is providing interest-free loans to small and medium-scale businesses through 46 centres across the State, benefiting entrepreneurs from all communities.

Branch members and staff attended the programme.

Contaminated Water in RGUKT Basar Girls' Hostels Raises Health Concerns

Students Complain of Skin Problems and Poor Food Quality; Water Samples Sent for Laboratory Testing



Munsif Desk: (Mudhole)

Fresh concerns have emerged over students' health at Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar, following complaints of contaminated water being supplied to the Ganga and Yamuna girls' hostels. Students have alleged that dirty water has been flowing from taps for several days, with some girls reporting skin problems after using it.

The students claimed that repeated complaints to the authorities had not resulted in effective action. They also raised concerns over the quality of food served in the hostel mess.

The complaints come amid an earlier drinking water shortage at the university, which led to an extension of Dasara holidays and the introduction of online classes. District Collector Bhuvesh Mishra later sanctioned Rs. 8 lakh for installing motors to draw water from the Godavari River, following which offline classes resumed and students were asked to return to the campus.

Students and parents have now urged senior government officials to order a high-level inquiry into the water supply and food quality and take action against those responsible for negligence. Meanwhile, DEE Rajeshwar said officials had visited the hostels and collected water samples for laboratory testing. The report was expected on Tuesday, and further action would be taken based on the findings.

Complete Drinking Water Pipeline Repair Works on War Footing: GWMC Commissioner



Munsif Desk: (Warangal)

Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC) Commissioner T. Venkanna has directed officials to expedite the repair and replacement of a major drinking water pipeline supplying the MGM Hospital, Super Speciality Hospital, LB College, Warangal Dairy, Kakatiya Colony and other areas.

On Tuesday, the Commissioner inspected the ongoing pipeline replacement works on Mulugu Road along with engineering officials. He reviewed leakage problems in the old pipeline, which was laid during the Nizam era and had deteriorated due to prolonged use. He instructed officials to complete the replacement works within the stipulated time without any delay.

Venkanna particularly stressed that water supply to major healthcare facilities, including MGM Hospital and the Super Speciality Hospital, should not be disrupted. He also directed officials to take immediate steps to ensure an uninterrupted supply to other affected areas.

He instructed the engineering team to conduct necessary inspections immediately after completing the pipeline replacement and restore drinking water supply without delay.

Superintending Engineer Raj Kumar, Executive Engineer Ravi Kumar, other engineering officials and staff members were present during the inspection.

Adilabad SP Akhil Mahajan Directs Police to Treat Complainants with Respect



Munsif Desk: (Adilabad)

Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, IPS, instructed police officials to treat every complainant visiting police stations with respect and courtesy and ensure prompt, impartial investigations to strengthen public confidence in the police.

At a meeting with reception staff at the District Police Headquarters, attended by SHOs, Circle Inspectors and DSPs through video conference, the SP directed personnel to listen patiently to grievances, register every complaint and assign investigating officers without delay. He stressed completing investigations within the stipulated time and ensuring transparency and justice to victims.

He also called for improving the performance of the reception vertical, installing CCTV cameras in every police station under the 'Main Bhi' programme and carrying out duties with responsibility and dedication. DCRB Sub-Inspector Praveen, reception staff and other police officials attended.

Periodic Labour Force Survey-2026 to Begin in Ramagundam



Munsif Desk: (Ramagundam) , The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS-2026), conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO), is set to begin in Ramagundam city, according to Statistics Department official Gurram Srinivas Goud.

As part of the initiative, Srinivas Goud met Ramagundam Municipal Commissioner Aruna Sri and handed over pamphlets explaining the objectives and importance of the survey.

He said the survey aims to collect reliable data on employment, unemployment, labour force participation and self-employment across the country. Under the exercise, selected households will be visited every month for three consecutive months, and information will be collected using mobile tablets.

He clarified that all information gathered during the survey would be kept strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes. He appealed to the public to provide accurate details and extend their cooperation to ensure the successful completion of the survey.

Local Corporator Neelakanti Ramu, Ward Officer Sai Krishna, MEPMA staff, RPs Avunuri Swaroopa and Surya Kumari, along with other municipal staff, were present.

TMESA Koratla Unit Elects Mohammed Hameedullah Khan as President



Munsif Desk: (Koratla)

The Telangana Minority Employees Service Association (TMESA), Koratla unit, has unanimously elected its new office-bearers under the supervision of State Council Member Mohammed Faseehuddin Shakeel. Sheikh Mukhtar was elected Honorary President and Mohammed Hameedullah Khan, SA, as President. Mohammed Sirajuddin was elected Working President and Mohammed Aamir Suhail as General Secretary. Mohammed Faseehuddin Shakeel and Aasif Khan, AITA Koratla President, congratulated the new team.

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Free Face-to-Face Marriage Meeting Programme to Be Organised in Nizamabad

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Mohammed Baleegh Ahmed: (Nizamabad)

A free 'Face-to-Face Meeting Programme' will soon be organised in Nizamabad in collaboration with Daily Siasat and MPJ Nizamabad to help Muslim parents find suitable marriage alliances for their children and promote simple, dowry-free marriages.

Announcing the initiative at a press conference held at the MPJ office, Daily Siasat representative Mohammed Javed Ali and MPJ Nizamabad President Haleem Qamar said that unnecessary marriage expenses, dowry demands and social customs had made marriages difficult for many Muslim families. They stressed the need to follow the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by making Nikah simple and accessible.

They said Daily Siasat had been successfully organising face-to-face matrimonial meetings in Hyderabad for several years, providing thousands of families an opportunity to find suitable matches on a common platform. The initiative is now being extended to Nizamabad with MPJ's cooperation so that local parents need not travel to Hyderabad for this purpose.

The organisers said they had already received enquiries from Nizamabad, Armoor, Bodhan, Metpally, Nanded and other parts of Maharashtra, indicating considerable public interest. The programme will be completely free and aims to reduce the financial burden on parents while encouraging simple marriages and discouraging dowry.

Interested parents and guardians can contact the MPJ office at Qila Road, Yaqoob Plaza Complex, first floor of Marhaba Super Market, daily after Asr prayers. They may contact Haleem Qamar or Mohammed Javed Ali for details at 9494906666 and 9848218474.

Area-wise contacts include Syed Zafar for Armoor (9848617165, 7981175144), Abdul Rauf for Bodhan (9346258426), Abdul Shahid for Metpally (7396773959), Abdul Musawwir (9603754761) and Abdul Muqeet (9603650099) for Nizamabad, Syed Shamsuddin for Balkonda (8440888177) and Sheikh Ghouse for Nandipet (9848928433).

The organisers appealed to Muslim parents, Ulama, intellectuals and community leaders to support the initiative and spread awareness among families to promote easy Nikah and dowry-free marriages.

Revanth to launch family insurance, Indiramma saree distribution at Siddipet rally



Hyderabad: (NSS) Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will address a massive public meeting in Siddipet on November 19 to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Ministers Dr. Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy and Ponnam Prabhakar announced on Tuesday.

At the event, the Chief Minister will formally roll out the state-wide 'Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme' via a door-to-door drive and launch the distribution of Indiramma sarees to women.

The insurance scheme offers ₹5 lakh in life cover, targeting financial security for economically weaker families.

Inspecting the proposed venue in Siddipet, the Ministers reviewed logistics, traffic routing, parking, and public amenities in anticipation of a high turnout.

Minister Vivek Venkatswamy stated that the meeting aims to highlight the Congress government's progress on its six guarantees and welfare commitments made ahead of the assembly elections.

Nutritious Food at Anganwadi Centres Benefits Children and Pregnant Women: Collector

Rajanna Sircilla Collector Garima Agarwal Urges People to Make Full Use of Anganwadi Services



Munsif Desk: (Rajanna Sircilla)

District Collector Garima Agarwal has highlighted the benefits of nutritious food provided at Anganwadi centres for young children and pregnant women, urging people to make full use of the services available at these centres.

She attended the 'Das Nimisham' programme held at the Anganwadi centre in Gajasangavaram village of Gambhiraopet mandal on Tuesday as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the event by lighting a lamp. She interacted with children and reviewed their attendance records, height and weight measurements, and health cards.

The Collector also inspected a medical camp organised by the Health Department and reviewed the availability of medicines. As part of the programme, a baby shower ceremony was conducted for pregnant women and Annaprasana (first-feeding ceremony) for children. She also inspected an exhibition of nutritious food items prepared using Balamrutham, green leafy vegetables, vegetables, jaggery and sesame seeds.

Garima Agarwal said the 'Das Nimisham' programme was being conducted every Tuesday to improve basic facilities at Anganwadi centres, promote nutritional awareness and protect children's rights. She urged pregnant women, lactating mothers and parents to utilise these services.

She advised parents to send children below six years of age to Anganwadi centres regularly and ensure that their height and weight were monitored. She also directed sarpanches and Anganwadi staff to give special attention to children identified with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).

Youth Must Stay Away from Drugs and Contribute to Nation's Development: MP G. Nagesh, MLA Payal Shankar

'Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament – Young Leaders Dialogue 2027' held at Government Arts and Commerce Degree College in Adilabad



Munsif Desk: (Adilabad)

MP G. Nagesh and MLA Payal Shankar urged youngsters to stay away from drugs and contribute to the country's development at the 'Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, Young Leaders Dialogue 2027 – Nasha Mukt Yuva Bharat' programme held at Government Arts and Commerce Degree College, Adilabad.

Addressing students, G. Nagesh said drug addiction among youth was a growing concern and called for collective efforts to tackle it. Citing Punjab and the increasing number of young addicts receiving treatment at AIIMS, Delhi, he urged students to remain alert to the dangers of substance abuse.

MLA Payal Shankar appealed to youngsters not to fall prey to drugs. He alleged that attempts were being made to lure youth into addiction by offering chocolates and biscuits, and said the Central Government was taking steps to build a drug-free India. College Principal Dr. Atiqa Begum, Vice-Principal Raghu Ganapathi and NSS Coordinators Yaqub Ali and Prithvi Raj attended the programme. Three students selected for a national-level tournament were felicitated.

As part of the campaign, 75 students registered for 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Bharat'. Three students who excel in the competitions will be awarded first, second and third prizes.

Students from various degree colleges, RIMS and nursing colleges, along with teaching and non-teaching staff members, also participated in the programme.

Nizamabad Collector Warns KGBV Staff Against Negligence During Surprise Inspection



Mohammed Baleegh Ahmed: (Nizamabad)

District Collector Ila Tripathi conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya at Mendora mandal headquarters on Tuesday and directed the management to ensure cleanliness and provide nutritious food to students as per the government-prescribed menu.

She inspected classrooms, toilets and school premises and checked the quality of fruits, vegetables and other food items in the store room. She also verified staff attendance through the FRS app and reviewed the daily meal menu. On noticing that potato curry was served instead of the prescribed carrot curry, she questioned the management and stressed that the scientifically designed menu must be followed without deviation.

The Collector directed officials to maintain cleanliness, remove unused materials from the premises and complete the ongoing compound wall construction with quality and without delay. She warned that negligence in duties would not be tolerated and said she would conduct another surprise inspection.

Later, she interacted with Class 6 students, assessed their learning abilities and encouraged them to study well. She distributed chocolates and gifts to the students. MPDO Laxman, MEO Srinivas, KGBV Special Officer Padma and others accompanied her.

Urdu Day Celebrated in Karimnagar; Students Honoured in Writing Competitions



Munsif Desk: (Karimangar)

The Association for the Advancement of Urdu, Karimnagar, organised a programme to mark World Urdu Day and distributed prizes to students who excelled in Urdu writing competitions conducted across schools and colleges.

District Minority Welfare Officer Jalaluddin Akbar, who attended the event as chief guest, appreciated the association for encouraging students through such competitions and awards. He urged parents to make use of government welfare schemes for minority students and seek admissions for their children in TMREIS educational institutions.

Satavahana University Dean Jafar Jari said that education through Urdu helps students learn more easily and urged them not to consider the language inferior. He stressed the need to pursue higher education and appreciated the association's efforts to promote and preserve Urdu.

Association Secretary Mohammed Siraj Masood, in his introductory remarks, explained that the organisation conducts World Urdu Day celebrations, all-India mushairas and merit award programmes for Urdu-medium Class 10 and Intermediate toppers every year. As part of this year's celebrations, writing competitions were organised three days earlier for students of Urdu-medium high schools, colleges and TMREIS institutions. The competitions were held in two categories: Group A for Classes 8, 9 and 10, and Group B for Intermediate first- and second-year students.

Association President Sarwar Shah Byabani presided over the programme and spoke about the importance of Urdu-medium education. The event began with a Quran recitation by executive committee member Hafiz Sadiq Ali, while Associate Secretary Abdul Majeed Ishtiaq conducted the proceedings.

Prizes were distributed to selected students by the chief guests and association office-bearers, including Sarwar Shah Byabani, Mohammed Siraj Masood, M.A. Asad, Abdul Majeed Ishtiaq and others. School and college principals, teachers, students and several association members attended the programme. Izhar Hussain Izhar proposed the vote of thanks.

Hanumakonda Police Recover Five Lost Mobile Phones Through CEIR Portal

DCP Dara Kavitha Hands Over Recovered Phones to Owners, Urges Public to Report Lost Devices Online



Munsif Desk: (Warangal)

Hanumakonda Police have traced and recovered five lost mobile phones through the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal and handed them over to their respective owners on Monday.

The recovered mobile phones were handed over to the owners by Central Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Dara Kavitha at a programme held at the Conference Hall of Hanumakonda Police Headquarters.

Speaking on the occasion, DCP Dara Kavitha urged people who lose their mobile phones to immediately register a complaint through the CEIR portal to facilitate the tracing and recovery of their devices. She advised the public to make effective use of the online facility, which enables police to track lost or stolen mobile phones and return them to their rightful owners.

She emphasised the importance of promptly reporting missing mobile phones through the portal to help police take necessary steps for their recovery. Hanumakonda ACP Narasimha Rao, Inspector Machha Shivakumar, CEIR portal operator and Police Constable Raghupathi, along with other police personnel, attended the programme.

Nizamabad CP Directs Police to Intensify Crime Control Measures

Mohammed Baleegh Ahmed: (Nizamabad)

Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya directed officers to step up action against drugs, cybercrime and other illegal activities. He stressed speedy investigations, women's safety, road safety and night patrolling.

He also instructed officials to ensure security for the State-level Games scheduled from November 25 to 28. Nizamabad CP directs police to strengthen crime control.

Interest-Free Society Is the Need of the Hour: 15-Day Campaign Launched in Mahabubabad

Munsif Desk: (Karimangar)

Building an interest-free society and strengthening the economic position of poor and middle-class entrepreneurs are among the pressing needs of the present times, said Iqbal.

He was speaking at the launch of a 15-day campaign titled 'Interest-Free Our Society', organised by Interest-Free Micro Finance, Telangana Region, at the Bihasoodi Seva Micro Finance office in Mahabubabad. The campaign poster was also released on the occasion. Mohammed Abdul Rahim presided over the programme, while Mohammed Abdul Sattar attended as chief guest.

Iqbal said Bihasoodi Seva Micro Finance was established in Mahabubabad in 2019 and currently serves around 1,400 members. The organisation has so far extended loans worth approximately Rs. 11 crore to people from different sections of society.

He said conventional financial institutions often impose high interest rates, placing an additional burden on poor families and small entrepreneurs. Interest-free microfinance, on the other hand, provides financial assistance without adding the burden of interest-based debt. He added that the Interest-Free Micro Finance Society had completed ten years of service in Telangana and was operating through 46 locations across the State, supporting small and medium-scale entrepreneurs. Its services are available to people of all communities without discrimination. Describing the campaign as a collective effort to promote economic self-reliance, Iqbal appealed to people to participate in the 15-day initiative and spread awareness about interest-free financial services.

Earlier, Branch Manager Mohammed Aqeel welcomed the guests and explained the organisation's activities and achievements. Mohammed Nisar, Mohammed Fazal, Mohammed Yusuf and other representatives and members attended the programme.

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At a Glance



Bengal: Rs 3.5 crore in foreign currency seized at Kolkata Airport, seven arrested

(IANS) Kolkata, The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized foreign currency worth Rs 3.5 crore and arrested seven passengers at Kolkata airport.

Acting on intelligence, officers searched their baggage before a flight to Bangkok and recovered undeclared US dollars and euros. The passengers allegedly lacked authorisation to take the currency out of India.

The seven were arrested under the Customs Act, 1962, and remanded to judicial custody. Officials suspect they were carriers for an international smuggling network.

The DRI is probing the source of the funds and seeking to identify others linked to the network further.

ICSE board exams for Class 12, Class 10 to begin on Feb 9 &15

(IANS) New Delhi, The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) will hold ISC Class 12 exams from February 9 to April 8, 2027, and ICSE Class 10 exams from February 15 to March 31.

Over 1.10 lakh candidates from 1,651 schools will take the ISC exams at 1,477 centres in India and abroad. The examination will cover 60 subjects. ICSE exams will be held at 2,835 centres.

CISCE Chief Executive and Secretary Joseph Emmanuel said Class 10 students must be seated by 9.45 am. Reading time begins at 10 am, followed by writing at 10.15 am.

Students can access results, marksheets and certificates through DigiLocker online.

Amit Shah Celebrates Bestu Varas with Gujarat BJP Leaders



(IANS) Ahmedabad, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi and state BJP president Jagdish Vishwakarma met Union Home Minister Amit Shah at his Ahmedabad residence on Tuesday and exchanged greetings on Bestu Varas, the Gujarati New Year.

Patel conveyed his wishes to Shah, describing him as the "popular Member of Parliament" from Gandhinagar. In a post on X, the Chief Minister said he had met the Union Home and Cooperation Minister and conveyed his heartfelt New Year greetings. He added that Shah's guidance would provide fresh energy to the state's development journey.

Sanghavi also paid a courtesy visit to Shah, wished him "Saal Mubarak" and received his blessings. State BJP president Jagdish Vishwakarma too met the Home Minister and exchanged festive greetings.

The meetings took place as Shah celebrated Bestu Varas at his Ahmedabad residence. BJP leaders, party workers and well-wishers gathered there to greet him. Shah also wished people across Gujarat happiness, peace, prosperity and joy, invoking the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi for every family.

The celebrations coincided with Shah's visit to Gujarat for Diwali and the Gujarati New Year. On Monday, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for around 30 development projects worth approximately Rs 1,400 crore in Ahmedabad. The projects cover civic infrastructure, housing, education, water management and road connectivity.

Among the projects inaugurated was a four-km elevated corridor connecting Iskcon Crossroads to Sanand Chowkdi on the Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway.

Earlier, Shah chaired a high-level review meeting on Gujarat's law and order and internal security. Patel, Sanghavi and senior government officials attended the meeting, which reviewed the drought situation, farmers' concerns, economic offences and security in border districts.

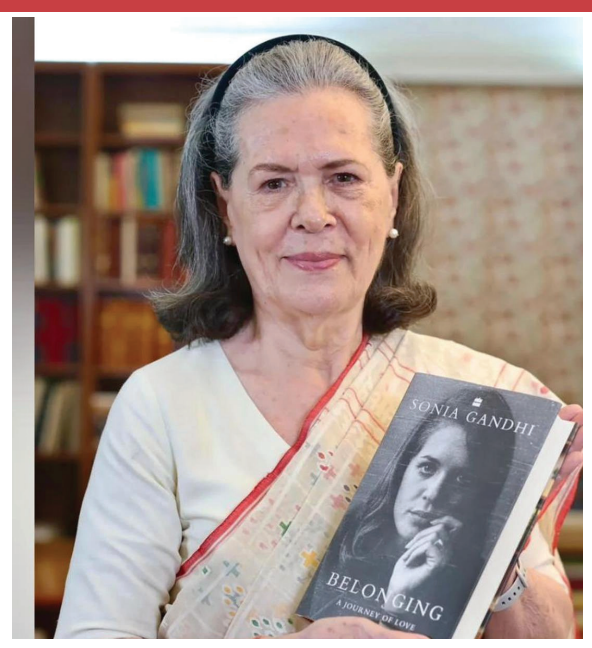
'HAVE NO REAL CONTACT WITH HIM': SONIA GANDHI ON PM MODI IN HER MEMOIR

(IANS) New Delhi, Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, reflecting on her equation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also her "biggest" political adversary, in her biography, said that there has been "no real contact with him".

"Narendra Modi has been the Prime Minister of India for more than twelve years as of this writing and is now in his third term in office. To this day, I've had practically no real contact with him," the former Congress President penned in the book.

The Congress leader goes on to say that they have met on multiple occasions, greeting each other with a formal "namaste", but the cordiality and bonhomie that existed in the political milieu all along remained missing among them because "he tends to look away".

The disclosures on their "uneasy" relationship came in "Belonging: A Journey of Love", Gandhi's 544-page memoir, which hit the shelves on Tuesday. The book has been published by HarperCollins India.



"We meet at semi-official gatherings -- for instance, at the end of every Parliament session. It's a very small room, and usually many people are present, but when he comes face-to-face with me, we greet each other with a formal namaste. This is different from the past, when leaders across party divides would treat one another with cordiality. He tends to look away, avoiding eye contact," she wrote.

Sonia Gandhi also highlights in the book that she and PM Modi hail from different ideological worlds, and the latter's idea of India was very different from hers.

"Apart from such brief exchanges, we have never really conversed, though we've exchanged formal birthday and New Year greetings over the years," she further wrote.

She has also documented the incidents when the Prime Minister enquired about her health after her discharge from hospital.

The book recalling one such moment says, PM Modi asked: "Theek hain aap? (Are you alright?)", to which she replied, "Ji, ab main theek hoon, shukriya (Yes, thank you... I am okay now)".

In her memoir, the veteran Congress leader has also objected to name-calling and coarse language used by no less than the serving Prime Minister against India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru, adding that this was the result of his "conditioning" by the RSS – BJP's ideological parent.

Drawing a sharp contrast in their style of functioning, she says that he was "fighting for his vision of India, and I for mine: an India against hegemony, an India that stands for inclusiveness, secularism, and social justice."

The memoirs by Sonia Gandhi, giving insight on many political issues, are set to create political ripple and uproar. The BJP has already mounted scathing criticism, calling it an attempt to "whitewash the history".

TN sets up new infrastructure corporation to execute projects above Rs 200 Cr

(IANS) Chennai, The Tamil Nadu government has established a public sector corporation to execute construction projects worth more than Rs 200 crore. The proposed Rs 1,200-crore Secretariat complex could potentially be assigned to it.

The Tamil Nadu Infrastructure and Construction Corporation (TNICC), a wholly state-owned enterprise, will handle major government construction works. It is expected to improve efficiency, accountability and project monitoring.

It will follow the model of NBCC (India) Limited, a central public sector enterprise. TNICC is expected to adopt centralised supervision, advanced construction technologies and professional consultancy practices.

The initiative follows an announcement by Public Works Minister Aadhav Arjuna during the Assembly discussion on departmental grants on August 18. The Public Works Department issued a Government Order on November 6, formally approving the corporation's establishment.



TNICC will undertake assignments from government departments and provide architectural design, project planning, engineering consultancy and quality-control services. Its mandate will also cover townships, industrial centres, technology parks, IT cities and commercial complexes.

The corporation may commercially develop unused government land to generate revenue and participate in private-sector construction tenders, subject to regulations. Construction work will be carried out by contractors selected through competitive bidding on the government's electronic procurement platform, in accordance with the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act.

Each project will have separate funding arrangements, with the department concerned paying a specified agency fee.

TNICC has an authorised share capital of Rs 15 lakh and an initial paid-up capital of Rs 10 lakh. A proposed Rs 1-crore corpus will be considered later, subject to an approved business plan and budgetary availability.

The government may entrust TNICC with constructing the proposed new Secretariat complex, estimated to cost Rs 1,200 crore. However, no formal decision assigning the project to the corporation has been announced.

ED attaches properties worth Rs 18.33 crore in Andhra bank loan fraud case

(IANS) Visakhapatnam, The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached properties worth Rs 18.33 crore belonging to Kallam Peri Reddy and his family members and associates in a bank loan fraud case involving Kallam Modern Rice Mills Pvt Ltd.

The ED's Visakhapatnam Sub-Zonal Office attached the properties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The agency initiated its investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the CBI's Economic Offences Wing in Chennai following a complaint by State Bank of India (erstwhile State Bank of Hyderabad), Guntur.

According to the ED, between 2010 and 2013, a group of entities, including Kallam Modern Rice Mills Pvt Ltd, Sri Ramabrahma Modern Rice Mills Pvt Ltd and Sri Vinayaka Traders, obtained credit facilities of Rs 24.57 crore from the bank's Arundelpet branch in Guntur by submitting allegedly forged title deeds for collateral properties. The funds were allegedly diverted, causing a loss of Rs 18.33 crore to the bank.

The investigation found that Peri Reddy managed around 26 entities registered in the names of relatives, employees and associates, including the three borrower concerns, the agency said.

An analysis of bank accounts showed that about Rs 23.81 crore was withdrawn in cash from the borrower companies' cash-credit accounts in the names of workers, accountants and Peri Reddy, according to the ED.

The agency alleged that several properties were purchased using the loan proceeds, including cash withdrawn from accounts controlled by Peri Reddy.

It said properties had been transferred to relatives and associates without sale consideration, while he allegedly remained their actual beneficial owner.

The ED said it had attached 50 immovable properties valued at Rs 16.88 crore and five flats worth Rs 1.45 crore in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The total provisional attachment is valued at Rs 18.33 crore.

Further investigation is in progress, the agency said. The ED probe continues.

Merchants await clarity on UPI MDR rollout after Diwali

(IANS) New Delhi, Merchants are awaiting clarity from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on the date for introducing Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges on select person-to-merchant (P2M) Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions.

NPCI had deferred the planned October 15 rollout to avoid additional transaction costs during the festive season. With Diwali over and Bhai Dooj scheduled for November 11, merchants and customers are waiting for the effective date. The UPI and Services Steering Committee had decided that the charges would take effect after Diwali, with the exact date to be notified separately.

According to NPCI's frequently asked questions, an MDR of 0.4 per cent will apply to eligible P2M UPI transactions above Rs 2,000. The charge will be capped at Rs 300 for transactions of Rs 75,000 and above.

For example, a merchant receiving Rs 1 lakh through UPI would pay Rs 400 at the 0.4 per cent rate. The cap limits the MDR to Rs 300.

Certain categories, including railways, telecom services, insurance and fuel, will attract a concessional flat MDR of Rs 5 per transaction for payments exceeding Rs 2,000, instead of the standard percentage-based rate.

Capital market transactions, including payments for mutual funds, securities, stockbrokers and dealers, will attract a concessional MDR of 0.02 per cent, subject to a maximum cap of Rs 300.

The MDR is a fee charged on the merchant receiving the payment. Customers making UPI payments will not bear the charge, NPCI has clarified. The levy will also not apply under the proposed rules to person-to-person (P2P) UPI transfers, which will remain free.

You cannot take away Tipu Sultan's contributions to K'taka: Priyank Kharge

(IANS) Bengaluru, Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge said Tipu Sultan's contributions to the state could not be erased, criticising the BJP over its opposition to his birth anniversary and textbook references.

Responding to a memorandum urging Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to restore Tipu Sultan Jayanti celebrations and textbook lessons, Kharge said the BJP should know its history. He noted that Tipu Sultan fought four Anglo-Mysore Wars and that the British feared him.

"You cannot take away Tipu Sultan's contributions to the state. You cannot simply erase history, whether you like it or not," he said.

Kharge recalled that the BJP opposed the Jayanti when B.S. Yediyurappa was Chief Minister, although Yediyurappa had praised Tipu Sultan. He cited Lalbagh, developed by Hyder Ali and nurtured by Tipu Sultan, and the fort at Nandi Hills.



Accusing the BJP of using minority issues for political gain, Kharge called its understanding of history "WhatsApp University history". He said it would decide.

On the seizure of 44,250 live cartridges in raids in Bihar and Haryana, Kharge questioned responsibility for their alleged diversion from a Pune ordnance factory. He claimed some arrested persons were associated with the RSS and renewed his demand for its registration.

Defending the state's defence training programme for minorities, Kharge said it prepared citizens for Army recruitment, not paramilitary forces or private organisations. He questioned the objection.



North Korea rejects UN chief's call for inter-Korean dialogue after mine blast

(IANS) Seoul, North Korea on Tuesday rejected UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' call to resume inter-Korean dialogue after a border mine-blast, accusing him of being "prejudiced and irresponsible".

Kim Yo-jong, sister of leader Kim Jong-un, made the remarks in a statement carried by the Korean Central News Agency. Guterres had urged both Koreas to restore communication channels after a September 21 explosion inside the Demilitarised Zone wounded three South Korean soldiers, two seriously.

Kim accused Guterres of echoing South Korea's "provocative" claims and applying a double standard by criticising the North while remaining silent on the military activities of the U.S. and its allies.

A joint probe by South Korea's military and the UN Command concluded that North Korean antipersonnel mines caused the blast, Yonhap News Agency reported. Pyongyang denied responsibility, calling the findings fabricated.

South Korea urged the UN Security Council to press Pyongyang to apologise, remove the mines and prevent a recurrence. North Korea also accused Seoul of fabricating the incident.

Kim said the North's border fortification work was a legitimate exercise of its right to self-defence. She warned Guterres would share blame if South Korean military actions triggered another border incident.

Airstrikes hit gas facility, oil company building in Yemen's capital



(IANS) Sanaa, The Houthis have blamed Saudi Arabia for airstrikes on a gas facility and an oil company building in Yemen's capital, Sanaa, on Tuesday, igniting fires and partially damaging nearby homes and shops.

The Houthi-run al-Masirah TV said the Saudi strikes hit the Al-Mafzar gas station in the Bani al-Harith district, north of the Houthi-run capital, setting several gas tanker trailers ablaze. Civil defence teams were working to bring the fires under control, it said.

In a separate attack, warplanes struck a building belonging to the Yemen Petroleum Company, a state-owned firm operating under Houthi control that distributes and markets fuel, in the southern part of Sanaa. The airstrikes also damaged nearby homes and shops, the channel reported.

A local resident told Xinhua that the explosions shook nearby neighbourhoods, partially damaging several houses and prompting families to leave their homes as fires continued to rage.

The full extent of the damage remained unclear, with no immediate reports of casualties. Saudi authorities had not immediately commented on the reported strikes.

The development came amid escalating hostilities between the Houthis and Saudi Arabia, with Houthis claiming repeated missile and drone strikes on Saudi airports, oil installations and military facilities, while the Saudi-led coalition has intensified airstrikes on Houthi-held areas, Xinhua News Agency reported.

At least 11 people were killed Saturday in airstrikes on a village near Yemen's capital Sanaa, 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.

Trump says 'positive momentum' toward ending Iran war after talks with Qatari PM



(IANS) Washington, US President Donald Trump said that there was "positive momentum" toward ending the US-Iran conflict after meeting with Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani at the White House.

Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait and other regional countries favored maintaining the current US naval blockade of Iran alongside the newly launched Operation Iron Gate, which seeks to restrict Iran's land-based supply routes, Trump wrote in a post on his Truth Social platform.

All these countries "would prefer the status quo," Trump wrote, adding that they all agree that Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon, which he called "non-negotiable." Iran has repeatedly maintained that its nuclear program is solely for peaceful purposes.

Meanwhile, Trump warned that US forces remain ready for further military action though the possibility of renewed military strikes on Iran is low.

"Should there be any change with respect to developments in the Middle East, the United States of America is 'locked and loaded' and ready to go," Trump said. "At this point, however, that seems to be quite unlikely."

"We are seeing positive momentum toward an end to this Conflict," Trump said, offering no details.

In a White House press conference on Monday, Trump also said that "Iran, militarily, is effectively over. We're just keeping it the status quo."

"At this point, taking the military action doesn't seem to be a very necessary thing," he added.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Sunday that diplomatic efforts had made little progress and that a breakthrough was not imminent.

Speaking to reporters at Homestead Air Reserve Base in Homestead, Florida, before departing for a G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting in France, Rubio offered a sharper assessment of Iran diplomacy than he had given a week earlier, when he declined to characterise the progress of talks.

"I don't have any progress to report to you," he said.

"I think you see some of these things that are out there; you have a number of countries that continue to engage them with different ideas. But I wouldn't say we're on the verge of a breakthrough."

Rubio said President Trump preferred to resolve the confrontation and other problems through diplomacy when possible.

"The President would always prefer to solve this and every problem diplomatically. Sometimes that's not possible, unfortunately. But if there's a chance to do it, we'll explore it," he said.

DEATH SENTENCE CONTINUES TO HANG OVER SHEIKH HASINA ON RETURN TO BANGLADESH



(IANS) New Delhi, The death sentence imposed on former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina remains a concern as questions over her safety arise amid reports of a request for travel and identity documents to facilitate her return from India.

A day after the application was sent to the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi, International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Chief Prosecutor Md Shahriar Alam said there was no alternative to executing the sentence if Hasina returned, Bengali daily Prothom Alo reported on Tuesday.

Law Minister Md Asaduzzaman told Parliament that 1,883 cases had been filed across Bangladesh since the July 2024 protests, including 805 murder cases, The Daily Star reported. He said 79 cases had been filed or registered with the ICT against those accused of attacking participants in the student movement.

Eight cases have been disposed of through full verdicts, with 73 defendants sentenced. Of them, 24, including Hasina, received death sentences, while 49 were given prison terms, including life imprisonment, the report said.

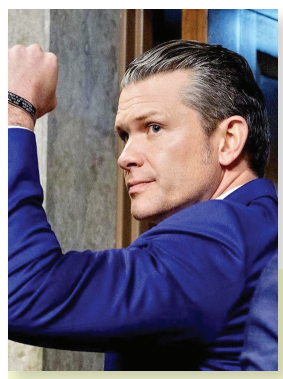
The ICT prosecutes serious crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Its proceedings against Hasina and former officials concern allegations linked to the 2024 crackdown on anti-government protests.

Bangladesh's government reportedly favours securing Hasina's return through extradition rather than issuing travel documents for a voluntary return. The Business Standard quoted Prime Minister Tariq Rahman's Information and Broadcasting Adviser Zahed Ur Rahman as saying Dhaka saw no legal obstacle to seeking her return under the extradition treaty with India.

Zahed said a legal challenge by the person facing extradition could complicate the process, but considered it unlikely if Hasina wanted to return. On reports of her passport and National Identity Card application, he said she had not personally submitted it. The High Commission's press minister had received a letter from a law firm seeking passport arrangements, he said.

The London-based legal firm sought a new Bangladeshi passport and National Identity Card after Hasina's existing documents were revoked. Her lawyers cited her continuing Bangladeshi nationality and legal obligations, linking the request to her stated intention to return and face the legal process.

Officials reportedly questioned whether the lawyers were authorised to act for Hasina, saying the email lacked documentary proof. The High Commission reportedly forwarded the correspondence to Dhaka for scrutiny there.



Hegseth to address reporters at Pentagon amid impeachment push over Iran war

(IANS) Washington, US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth will address reporters at the Pentagon on Tuesday as the GOP impeachment effort over the Iran war nears a House vote. Indian American lawmakers support his removal.

Republican Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky introduced an eight-article resolution on Monday, accusing Hegseth of unlawful military operations. The House could act as early as Wednesday, but an immediate vote is not guaranteed.

Hegseth dismissed concerns about Republican support, saying: "Oh, we're not worried about that."

Massie said Hegseth had engaged in hostilities in Iran for 90 days without congressional authorisation and urged President Donald Trump to replace him. The first three articles allege violations of the War Powers Resolution, saying the campaign began on February 28 without congressional approval.

A fourth article alleges failures to protect civilians, citing a strike on Shajarah Tayyebeh Elementary School in Minab, Iran, which the resolution says killed or injured more than 200 people. Other articles concern vessel strikes, alleged retaliation against Senator Mark Kelly, the operation to seize Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and military action in Yemen. Massie's office said strikes killed at least 243 people.

Indian American Representative Ro Khanna, a California Democrat, said he was working with Massie to impeach Hegseth. "The voters have spoken. They want us to end this war," Khanna wrote on X. Virginia Democrat Suhas Subramanyam backed removal.

Democratic leaders Hakeem Jeffries and Chuck Schumer backed the resolution and called for a Senate trial. Speaker Mike Johnson opposed impeachment.

Trump defended Hegseth, crediting him with directing the operations.

Wave of bomb blasts, arson attacks rocks Dhaka amid deteriorating security situation

(IANS) Dhaka, Bomb blasts and bus arson attacks struck Dhaka on Monday, targeting institutions, court premises and transport hubs, local media reported.

A bus was set ablaze beneath the Farmgate metro rail station. Tejgaon police chief Moniruzzaman said officers were working to identify those responsible, Dhaka Tribune reported.

Bombs exploded near Dhaka University's Teacher-Student Centre and outside the District Judge Court, where suspects were detained. Government Bangla College in Mirpur was targeted. Buses were torched in Pallabi, while a gas-cylinder van was set on fire on Postogola Bridge in South Keraniganj. Blasts were also reported in Shyampur and near universities.

Explosions were reported near Titumir College and in Rampura-Banasree.

The attacks followed Sunday's blasts at Dhaka University, near the Criminal Investigation Department headquarters in Malibagh and at Pallabi Police Station. A Special Response Battalion member was injured when a bomb was hurled into the station compound. Another person was injured in Mirpur-11.

At least eight buses have been set ablaze and more than 50 crude bomb explosions reported across the capital city, local media said.

Deputy Police Commissioner Md Akhtar Hossain said police were investigating the blasts and arson. Several suspects, including members of banned organisations, have been detained. Police suspect a group is orchestrating sabotage to spread panic, he said.

Five killed, over 50 injured in multiple-bus collision in Sri Lanka



(IANS) Colombo, At least five people were killed and more than 50 injured in a collision involving three buses on the A9 highway in Sri Lanka's North Central Province on Tuesday police said.

The accident occurred on the Medawachchiya-Rambewa section in Anuradhapura district. Two state-run Sri Lanka Transport Board buses collided head-on before a private bus hit the rear of one of them, Xinhua News Agency reported. The injured were taken to hospital. Police have launched an investigation.

The crash follows a road accident in Kandy district on October 19, in which at least four people were killed and several injured after a cement mixer truck collided with vehicles and pedestrians. Two injured people were reported to be in critical condition.

In September, police identified 712 accident-prone and hazardous locations nationwide following a survey, Inspector General of Police Priyantha Weerasooriya said. Data was shared with authorities to support safety measures.

Sri Lanka recorded 1,849 fatal road accidents in 2026 so far, eight more than in the corresponding period last year. Road deaths rose by 16, Weerasooriya said, adding that pedestrians and motorcyclists remained the groups most affected. Many pedestrian deaths involved people walking or standing beside roads, while motorcycle fatalities often resulted from collisions with fixed objects or roadside obstacles.

Police recorded 2,562 fatal road accidents in 2025.

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THE BIG PICTURE | US MIDTERM ELECTIONS 2026 | GLOBAL POLITICAL ANALYSIS

The American Senate Verdict: Political Consequences for Washington and the World

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The November 2026 United States midterm elections have delivered a significant shift in American politics, with consequences extending far beyond Washington. The Democratic Party's victory in both the Senate and House of Representatives has altered the balance of power, creating a new political environment for President Donald Trump's administration.

According to the Associated Press, Democrats secured control of the Senate on November 3 and the House early on November 4. Their victories included remarkable gains in traditionally Republican states such as Texas, Kansas, South Carolina and Iowa.

By November 10, Democrats and their aligned independents had secured at least 54 Senate seats, while two contests remained unresolved.

The results represent more than a change in congressional leadership. They raise fundamental questions about economic management, institutional accountability, presidential authority and the future direction of American foreign policy.

A Verdict on Governance, Not Merely Congressional Seats

The American Senate occupies a central position in the country's constitutional framework. Its responsibilities extend beyond ordinary legislation to presidential appointments, federal judicial confirmations and the consideration of international treaties.

Consequently, a change in Senate control has substantial implications for the functioning of government.

The 2026 election results emerged against a background of growing public concern over inflation, fuel prices, household expenses, international conflicts and government accountability.

Election reporting and voter surveys indicated that economic insecurity played a major role in shaping public opinion.

For many Americans, the immediate concerns of daily life appeared more important than traditional partisan loyalties.

The outcome suggests that a significant section of the electorate used the midterm elections to express dissatisfaction with the direction of national governance.

Nevertheless, election results rarely reflect a single issue. Economic pressures, foreign policy disagreements, institutional concerns and local political circumstances collectively influenced voter behaviour.

A Changed Political Landscape for President Trump

For President Donald Trump, the emergence of an opposition-controlled Congress creates a fundamentally different political environment

The administration will face greater challenges in securing legislative approval for major policy initiatives.

With Democrats controlling the Senate, congressional committees will have increased opportunities to scrutinise executive actions, examine government expenditure and question administration officials.

Judicial appointments and senior executive nominations requiring Senate confirmation will also face a different political equation.

However, the President retains substantial constitutional authority, including executive responsibilities and the power to veto legislation.

Therefore, Democratic control of Congress does not automatically mean that the administration's policies will be reversed.

The more realistic expectation is a period of intensified negotiations, legislative disagreements and institutional oversight.

The effectiveness of American governance will depend significantly on whether the White House and congressional leadership can identify areas of cooperation despite their political differences.

Economic Anxiety at the Centre of the Electoral Message

One of the clearest lessons of the midterm elections concerns the political significance of economic conditions.

American households have faced mounting concerns over the cost of living, energy prices and broader economic uncertainty.

According to election-related surveys reported by Reuters, nearly nine in ten voters considered living costs a major or crucial factor in their electoral decisions.

The administration's tariff policies and the economic consequences of the conflict with Iran also featured prominently in political debate.

A Reuters/Ipsos survey released on November 10 found that 62 per cent of respondents supported repealing the administration's import tariffs, while nine in ten wanted Congress to prioritise living costs during its first 100 days.

These findings indicate that economic affordability will remain a central challenge for the incoming congressional leadership.

The new Congress may seek closer scrutiny of taxation, trade policies, federal expenditure and economic assistance.

However, delivering substantial policy changes will require negotiations with the administration and sufficient legislative support.

For international financial markets, uncertainty surrounding tariffs, government spending and fiscal policy could influence investor confidence and business decisions.

Democracy, Accountability and Constitutional Responsibility

The American constitutional system is founded upon the separation of powers and institutional checks and balances.

The election outcome provides a renewed opportunity to examine how these principles function when different political parties control the executive and legislative branches.

Congress possesses important powers to investigate government programmes, scrutinise public expenditure and demand explanations from federal officials.

Democratic lawmakers could consequently pursue closer examination of immigration enforcement, executive authority, government transparency and other contested policies.

Yet congressional oversight must remain grounded in constitutional principles, factual evidence and due process.

Political accountability should strengthen public confidence in democratic institutions rather than become an instrument of retaliation.

Equally, the administration retains the responsibility to engage with Congress through established constitutional procedures.

A Democratic Message With Global Consequences

The November 2026 American midterm elections demonstrate that political authority remains subject to public scrutiny and electoral accountability.

The electorate has significantly altered the balance of power in Washington, creating a new institutional relationship between President Trump and Congress.

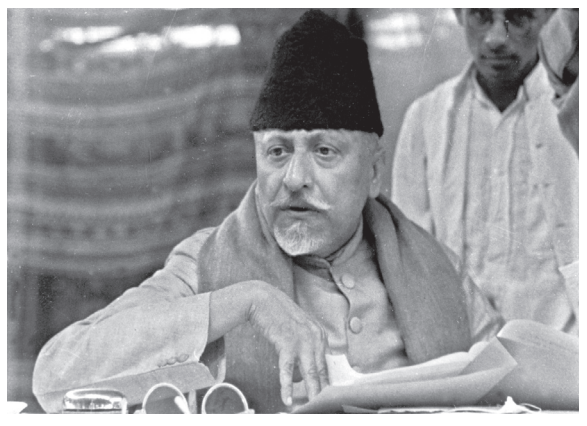
Its consequences will extend into economic policymaking, domestic governance, international diplomacy and America's relations with strategic partners.

For India and the wider world, the immediate concern is whether this changing political environment will strengthen institutional accountability while preserving continuity in vital international commitments.

Beyond Washington, democracy demands accountability, integrity and public trust.

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Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: The Power of the Pen and Education



A visionary thinker, journalist and educationist who awakened minds through his words and dreamed of transforming India through education

By: Arshiya Rafiq Shaikh, Akola

History remembers certain individuals not merely as prominent personalities but as symbols of the intellectual, educational and cultural spirit of their times. Their lives reflect the aspirations, struggles and collective consciousness of an entire era. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was one such extraordinary personality whose contributions left an enduring mark on several fields. He was a distinguished writer, an inspiring orator, an eminent journalist, a Quranic scholar, a leader of India's freedom movement and the country's first Education Minister after Independence.

One of the most remarkable aspects of his personality was the way he brought together words and action, thought and character, knowledge and public service. For him, the purpose of writing was not simply to produce elegant sentences but to awaken a society from intellectual slumber. Similarly, education was not merely about awarding degrees; it was about developing awareness, self-confidence and the ability to lead a meaningful life.

A Distinctive Voice in Urdu Literature

Maulana Azad occupies a unique position in the history of Urdu prose. Although Urdu had produced several distinguished prose writers before him, Azad gave the language a new intellectual depth and a remarkable rhetorical quality. His writing brought together the richness of Arabic and Persian, the depth of Quranic thought, philosophical reasoning and powerful emotional expression.

His prose does more than communicate information. It engages the reader's mind and heart. His writings reflect intellectual depth, literary elegance and a flow that draws readers into his world of ideas.

Maulana Azad transformed Urdu prose into an instrument of intellectual awakening, cultural awareness and national self-respect. His contribution established him among the most influential prose stylists in Urdu literature.

Al-Hilal: A Newspaper That Became a Movement for Awakening

One of the most significant chapters in Maulana Azad's journalistic career began in 1912, when he launched the weekly newspaper Al-Hilal from Calcutta. India was then under British rule, and the country was facing political subjugation, intellectual uncertainty and social challenges. Azad viewed journalism as much more than a means of reporting news. He saw it as a powerful instrument for awakening national consciousness.

Through Al-Hilal, he sought to inspire Muslims with political awareness, self-confidence, a spirit of freedom and a sense of national responsibility. His writings challenged British policies while also addressing the intellectual weaknesses and social stagnation within the community.

When the British government imposed restrictions on Al-Hilal, Azad launched another publication, Al-Balagh, in 1915. His determination demonstrated that journalism was not a commercial pursuit for him but a mission guided by principles and conviction. His fundamental objective was to encourage people to develop the confidence to shape their own history rather than remain passive readers of a history written by others.

His Books: A Lasting Treasure of Knowledge and Thought

The depth of Maulana Azad's literary and intellectual personality can be understood through his important works, which continue to hold a special place in Urdu literature and scholarship.

Ghubar-e-Khatir: This celebrated collection of letters is regarded as a distinctive contribution to Urdu literature. Through reflections on philosophy, religion, music, nature, human psychology, culture and life, Azad presented complex ideas in an exceptionally engaging literary style. The book remains admired for its intellectual richness and literary beauty.

Tarjuman-ul-Quran: One of his major scholarly works, this Quranic commentary seeks to explain the message of the Holy Quran through an intellectual and reform-oriented approach. Azad regarded the Quran as a comprehensive source of guidance for human life.

Tazkirah: In this work, he discusses his family background, intellectual environment and the lives and thoughts of his elders. It offers valuable insight into his upbringing and the influences that shaped his intellectual outlook.

India Wins Freedom: This important account presents Azad's perspective on major political developments, the freedom struggle and the circumstances surrounding India's Independence. It offers an insight into his political vision and understanding of the country's modern history.

The significance of these works lies not only in their literary excellence but also in the ideas they present and the questions they encourage readers to explore.

After Independence, the Greater Challenge Was Freedom from Ignorance

India attained Independence on August 15, 1947. Although the chains of colonial rule had been broken, the newly independent nation faced enormous challenges, including poverty, illiteracy, social inequality and educational backwardness.

At this crucial juncture, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad became India's first Education Minister. It was not merely a ministerial position but a responsibility of immense national importance. He understood that political freedom would remain incomplete without intellectual and educational progress.

For Azad, securing freedom from British rule was only one stage of the struggle. The greater challenge was to free society from ignorance, superstition, poverty and intellectual backwardness. His educational philosophy was based on a fundamental principle: education was not the privilege of any individual or social class but a basic right that should be accessible to everyone.

His Vision and Contributions as India's First Education Minister

1. Education for Every Child

Maulana Azad strongly believed that no child should be deprived of education because of poverty or social circumstances. He advocated free and compulsory education for children between the ages of six and fourteen. He believed that no society could achieve meaningful progress if a large section of its children remained outside the school system.

2. Higher Education and Scientific Advancement

Azad understood that a modern India needed to become self-reliant in science, technology and research. He supported the expansion of higher technical education and the development of institutions capable of preparing skilled professionals. The establishment of the first Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Kharagpur in 1951 was an important milestone during his tenure.

3. The University Grants Commission

He also played an important role in strengthening the framework for higher education in India. The University Grants Commission (UGC) was formally inaugurated in 1953 and received statutory status in 1956. It became a key institution for supporting universities, improving academic standards and promoting the development of higher education across the country.

4. Preservation of Literature, Art and Culture

Maulana Azad believed that a nation that forgets its languages, literature, arts and cultural heritage risks losing an important part of its identity. During his tenure, several important cultural institutions were established, including the Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1953, the Sahitya Akademi in 1954 and the Lalit Kala Akademi in 1954.

These institutions were created to preserve, promote and strengthen India's rich traditions of literature, music, theatre and visual arts.

5. Women's Education and Social Progress

Azad was a strong advocate of women's education. He believed that no society could achieve complete development while denying women access to knowledge and opportunities. He wanted women to have equal opportunities in higher education, vocational training and professional life.

6. Adult Education and the Fight Against Illiteracy

He also attached great importance to adult education and social learning. He recognised that millions of people in India had been denied educational opportunities during their childhood. Creating learning opportunities for adults was, in his view, equally important for national development.

7. Mother Tongue and National Unity

Maulana Azad respected India's linguistic and cultural diversity. He understood the importance of the mother tongue in early education and believed that language should never become a barrier to learning. For him, India's many languages and cultures were not weaknesses but valuable elements of its national identity.

'I promised my dad a big hundred': Aaryavir Sehwag after 160 powers India U19 into Asia Cup SF

(IANS) Al Amerat, Young India batter Aaryavir Sehwag revealed that he had promised his father and former India opener Virender Sehwag a big hundred ahead of his match-winning 160 against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the U19 Asia Cup, which helped the team secure a 70-run victory and a place in the semifinals.



Aaryavir, who struck 17 fours and seven sixes in his 168-ball knock, said he was determined to bat deep and make a substantial contribution despite the challenges posed by the turning wicket at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground on Tuesday.

"I started and decided to play long and bat for 40-odd overs. There were challenges on the wicket. I didn't get bothered about the dot balls. I knew I would catch up. And I wanted to make a big score," Aaryavir said after the match.

The 18-year-old also disclosed that he had made a promise to his father, who is known for his aggressive batting and appetite for big scores during his illustrious international career. "I had promised someone to make a big score today, and thankfully I made it. And that person is my dad. I told my dad I would get a big hundred. I have a legacy to live up to as he only likes big hundreds," he added.

Aaryavir's knock anchored India's innings as the visitors posted 309/7 in their 50 overs. He shared a massive 193-run partnership for the third wicket with VK Vineeth, who contributed 67 off 69 deliveries.

India were well-placed at 255/1 after 44.1 overs but lost momentum in the closing stages, managing only 54 runs while losing six wickets to finish at 309/7. UAE medium-pacer Naseem Khan was the standout bowler with figures of 4-48 in his 10 overs.

In reply, UAE were bowled out for 239, with Ishan Sood leading India's bowling effort with four wickets for 37 runs in seven overs.

Ahmed Khudadad top-scored for UAE with 74 off 74 balls, while Noorullah Ayobi provided a late flourish with a 25-ball 39. However, their efforts were not enough to prevent India from registering their second victory in three group matches.

The win confirmed India's place in the semifinals, where the eight-time champions will face Afghanistan on Thursday. Defending champions Pakistan will take on Bangladesh in the other semifinal.

Chris Gayle joins Venice Livewires in Italia T10 League

(IANS) Venice, Nov 10 (IANS) The West Indies legend and former cricketer Chris Gayle has joined Venice Livewires in the Italia T10 League, giving the franchise a major shot in the arm.

Gayle, also known as 'Universe boss', is excited to have joined the franchise for the inaugural Italia T10 League. "I'm excited to be part of Venice Livewires for the Italia T10 League. It's always great to be involved in new cricketing opportunities and connect with fans around the world.

"T10 cricket is exciting, fast-paced and full of entertainment, and I'm looking forward to being part of this journey with Venice Livewires. Let's bring some entertainment and big energy to Italy!" Gayle said.

Former Indian cricketer and ex-chief selector MSK Prasad is the Team Director of the franchise. He was pleased to have Gayle with the franchise. "Chris Gayle's arrival is a massive boost for Venice Livewires. His experience of playing at the highest level and across some of the biggest franchise leagues in the world brings tremendous value to our setup.

"Beyond his explosive batting, he brings an understanding of high-pressure situations and the ability to inspire teammates. His presence will strengthen our cricketing environment, and we are delighted to welcome a player of his stature to the franchise," Prasad said.

Chairman of Venice Livewires, Mohit, stated that bringing Gayle into the team was a proud moment. "Bringing Chris Gayle on board is a proud moment for Venice Livewires. Chris is a global cricketing icon whose contribution to the game goes far beyond statistics and records. His personality, experience and ability to entertain millions make him a tremendous addition to our franchise," he said.



The chairman added that the franchise is working towards building the identity and mindset of a winning team. "We are building a team with a strong international identity and a winning mindset, and Chris's association reflects our ambition to make Venice Livewires a major force in the Italia T10 League," Mohit added.

Gayle has played cricket even after his international retirement in 2021, as he has been seen in T20 leagues and exhibition cricket around the world. He was recently seen in action during the World Championship of Legends 2026, where his team won the tournament by beating England in the final.

Gayle has played 103 Tests, 301 ODIs and 79 T20Is for the West Indies. He also played in 142 IPL matches and still holds the all-time record for the highest individual score in the Indian cash-rich league of 175 not out.

INDIA TO BEGIN AFC U17 ASIAN CUP QUALIFIERS AGAINST SINGAPORE IN A BID TO SECURE BACK-TO-BACK APPEARANCES

(IANS) Kuala Lumpur, India will begin their AFC U17 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2027 qualifying campaign against Singapore on Wednesday, aiming to secure consecutive appearances in the continental tournament.



The Group E match will be played at the Kuala Lumpur Football Stadium. Hosts Malaysia, Palestine and Guam are the other teams in the group, with only group winners advancing to the tournament in Uzbekistan from May 12 to 29, 2027. India are targeting their 11th appearance and are the only Group E side to have qualified for the 2026 edition, where they exited in the group stage after losses to Australia and Uzbekistan.

The team, coached by newly appointed Mehrajuddin Wadoo, began preparations in Goa in September. More than 100 players were assessed during a month-long selection process before the final 23-member squad was named.

India played two friendlies in Myanmar in early October, drawing 1-1 before winning 4-0. They then faced the United Arab Emirates earlier this month, drawing the first match goalless and winning the second 4-1.

Wadoo said the friendlies had provided valuable experience and praised the players' progress. He described the UAE as a tougher opponent but said the team had shown character, determination and fighting spirit, giving them confidence ahead of the qualifiers.

India arrived in Kuala Lumpur on November 5. Singapore began its campaign on Tuesday with a 6-0 win over Guam, while Palestine beat Malaysia 2-0.

Wadoo said India had watched Singapore's match and considered them a strong side, but stressed that his team would focus on its own game plan and strengths. He also underlined the importance of mental strength and self-belief, saying talent and hard work alone were not enough at this level. He urged players to trust the process and believe in their daily work.

The qualifiers mark Wadoo's first campaign as national team coach after representing India as a player. He called the coaching role an honour and said the team's goal was to compete with confidence and qualify for the Asian Cup, and do the nation proud.

After Singapore, India will play Guam on November 14, Palestine on November 17 and hosts Malaysia on November 20.

World Athletics announces two-way qualification system for LA28 Olympics

(IANS) New Delhi, World Athletics has announced a two-way qualification system for the athletics events at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, with 40 per cent of places expected to be filled through entry standards and the remaining 60 per cent through world rankings.

The qualification framework, approved by the World Athletics Council, sets out entry standards, qualification periods and quota places for athletes. The athletics competitions will be held from July 15 to 30, 2028. The programme will feature 48 events — 23 each for men and women, and two mixed events. The mixed 4x100m relay will make its Olympic debut alongside the mixed 4x400m relay.

World Athletics said meeting an entry standard would not guarantee qualification. If more athletes achieve the required mark than there are available places, the best performances during the qualification period will determine entry, with no additional places awarded through rankings.

Qualification windows will differ by event. The marathon period runs from November 1, 2026, to April 30, 2028. For the 10,000m, combined events, race walks and relays, it runs from December 19, 2026, to June 18, 2028. All other track and field events will have a window from June 19, 2027, to June 18, 2028.

The entry standards include 9.93 seconds for the men's 100m and 10.96 seconds for the women's event. The men's and women's 200m standards are 19.95 and 22.25 seconds, respectively. The marathon qualifying marks are 2:05:00 for men and 2:22:20 for women.

For the marathon, the top 56 athletes on the filtered qualification list as of March 19, 2028, will be considered qualified. In the half marathon race walk events, the first 12 finishers at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships in China on April 9, 2028, will earn automatic places.

In relays, the first 14 national Olympic committees at the World Athletics Relays in The Bahamas on April 22 and 23, 2028, will qualify. Teams will have two opportunities: those who fail to qualify on the first day can try again on the second. The system combines qualifying marks and world rankings to allocate available Olympic places across the 48 athletics events in Los Angeles.

Subhash Ghai shares how AR Rahman changed Mumbai's music culture with 'Lagaan' and 'Rang De Basanti'

(IANS) Mumbai, Filmmaker Subhash Ghai has praised A R Rahman's contribution to Indian music, recalling how the composer changed Mumbai's music culture with films such as 'Lagaan' and 'Rang De Basanti'.



Taking to Instagram, the 'Taal' director described Rahman as a "blessed talent" and recalled approaching him for his 1999 film. Ghai said he was initially nervous because Rahman was not very familiar with Hindi lyrics or films. However, the composer told him that he used to play the hero flute, putting the filmmaker at ease.

Ghai said he then embraced Rahman's distinctive musical style. Sharing a photograph with the composer, he wrote that Rahman had transformed Mumbai's music culture through 'Lagaan' and 'Rang De Basanti'. He also cited the Oscar-winning song 'Jai Ho' and praised Rahman's ability to absorb musical sounds and influences from different cultures.

"He can learn and turn any sound of any land and culture into music. He responds to every kind of film and director anywhere," Ghai wrote, adding that Rahman would continue to surprise music lovers. He also wished the composer happiness and continued success.

Ghai and Rahman have worked together on three feature films: 'Taal' (1999), 'Kisna: The Warrior Poet' (2005) and 'Yuvvraaj' (2008). Their association began with 'Taal', which featured Anil Kapoor, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Akshaye Khanna and was well-remembered for its music. Ghai shared tribute online.

Pawan Kalyan's ex-wife Renu Desai's cryptic post urging people to be kind draws netizens' attention

(IANS) Hyderabad, Actress Renu Desai, former wife of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, urged people to be kind in an Instagram post.

"If a person is facing a difficult time, it is not morally right to abuse them. It is inhuman to trample on someone who has already fallen," she wrote. She said people should remember that everyone is human, irrespective of their position, and may be someone's child, parent or sibling.

Desai cautioned against judging others while overlooking one's own shortcomings. "Please don't throw stones at other people's houses when we ourselves live in imperfect glass houses," she wrote.

She further said empathy and kindness were fundamental to being human and urged users not to speculate about her post, adding that she believed society could do better.

The post drew attention on social media as it came shortly after Pawan Kalyan and his third wife, Anna Konidela, announced their decision to part ways.

In a joint statement, the couple said they had decided to separate after sharing a significant part of their lives. They added that they would remain friends and devoted parents, with their children's happiness and well-being their priority. They also sought privacy during the transition.



Pawan Kalyan married Anna Lezhneva, a Russian citizen, in September 2013 under the Special Marriage

ED Attaches ₹18.33 Crore Assets in Rice-Mill Loan Fraud Case

Agency alleges forged collateral documents were used to secure ₹24.57 crore in bank loans.

Highlights:
- 55 properties attached across two states
- ₹23.81 crore cash withdrawals traced
- Around 26 linked entities identified
- Investigation into fund diversion continues

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad:

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday disclosed the provisional attachment of 55 properties worth ₱18.33 crore in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in an alleged bank-loan fraud involving Kallam Modern Rice Mills.

According to the agency, the group obtained ₱24.57 crore in loans from State Bank of Hyderabad's Guntur branch between 2010 and 2013 using allegedly forged property documents, causing losses of ₱18.33 crore.

The investigation, based on a CBI case, revealed that Kallam Peri Reddy allegedly controlled around 26 entities registered under relatives, employees and associates.

Investigators traced ₱23.81 crore in cash withdrawals from three borrower accounts. The ED alleged that diverted funds financed property purchases and transfers to relatives without payment.



The attached assets include 50 properties valued at ₱16.88 crore and five flats worth ₱1.45 crore.

The case raises questions about banks' collateral-verification procedures and lending safeguards.

The ED said further investigation was underway. The attachments, made under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, are provisional and do not establish criminal guilt.

TELANGANA WEATHER ALERT

Yellow Alert Reported in 29 Telangana Districts as Cold Intensifies

Night temperatures may fall to 12°C in seven districts; early morning fog likely.

Highlights
- Colder nights for three days
- Most districts may fall below 15°C
- Daytime temperatures remain above normal
- Motorists advised to exercise caution

Munsif Bureau, Hyderabad:

Telangana is expected to experience colder nights over the next three days, with reports of yellow alerts covering 29 districts.

According to Hyderabad Meteorological Centre forecasts, minimum temperatures may fall below 15°C across most districts, except Jogulamba Gadwal, Khammam, Suryapet and Jangaon.

Sangareddy, Medak, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Nirmal and Wanaparthy could record temperatures around 12°C.

Meteorologists attributed the falling temperatures to low-level northeasterly winds. Daytime temperatures, however, remain 2–4°C above normal in several areas.



Early morning fog may reduce road visibility, prompting motorists to drive cautiously. Residents have also been advised to take precautions against nighttime cold.

Bhatti Urges Banks to Ease Drought-Hit Farmers' Loan Burden

Telangana seeks loan restructuring and fresh agricultural credit under RBI guidelines.

Hyderabad (NSS): Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday urged banks to restructure crop loans and consider interest concessions for farmers facing financial difficulties due to El Niño-related drought.

Addressing a State Level Bankers' Committee meeting at Praja Bhavan, he said 365 mandals across 31 districts had been declared drought-affected, including 111 severely affected.

He cited Telangana's record electricity demand of 20,018 MW on October 16 as evidence of farmers' efforts to protect standing crops.

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao urged banks to expedite ₱38,268 crore in Rabi crop loans, noting that only 53 per cent of the ₱96,943-crore agricultural credit target had been achieved by September.

Bhatti also sought greater banking support for education loans, women's self-help groups, MSMEs and unemployed youth under the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam programme, scheduled for November 19. He stressed timely assistance to protect agricultural livelihoods and prevent further financial distress.



Kishan Reddy Inaugurates Three Major Facilities at GSI Institute

Hyderabad: Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy, accompanied by Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender, inaugurated three major facilities at the Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI), Bandlaguda-Nagole, on Tuesday.

The facilities include an International Hostel costing ₱4.27 crore, an Advanced Geophysical Data Processing Laboratory worth ₱4.55 crore and a Digital Studio established at ₱30 lakh.

Highlighting GSI's 176-year legacy, Kishan Reddy called for accelerated exploration of critical minerals and rare-earth elements to strengthen India's mineral security and reduce import dependence.

He urged dedicated exploration teams, faster identification of mineral deposits, timely auctions, advanced technologies and stronger international research partnerships.

The hostel provides accommodation for international trainees, while the laboratory supports mineral exploration through specialised software. The



Digital Studio will produce video lectures, podcasts and webinars for the iGOT Karmayogi portal.

Kishan Reddy also emphasised adequate coal production for energy security and wider public access to geological data.

Rajender stressed scientific innovation and efficient mineral utilisation for national development.

GSI Director General Dinesh V. Ganvir, Ministry of Mines Joint Secretary Farida M. Naik and senior officials attended the programme.

HRC Seeks Probe Into Alleged Police Custodial Assault

Medical records confirm injuries, Rights panel questions police explanation, seeks action-taken report within six months.

Hyd: The Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) has recommended an enquiry into allegations of illegal detention and physical assault by a Golconda police Sub-Inspector.

The complaint, filed by Shaik Sajid Ahmed, alleged that he was illegally detained and assaulted on October 31, 2025.

The Commission noted medical records confirming injuries and found police explanations unsatisfactory. It also observed that a criminal case against the complainant appeared retaliatory.

In its October 30, 2026 order, the Commission, headed by Justice Shameem Akther, recommended that the Hyderabad Police Commissioner conduct a lawful enquiry and submit an action-taken report within six months.

The recommendation was issued under Section 18 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

'Service to Humanity Is Service to God': Governor Shukla Lauds Amma

Hyd (NSS): Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Tuesday praised Mata Amritanandamayi (Amma) for promoting compassion and selfless service, saying serving humanity was the highest form of service.

Addressing the silver jubilee celebrations of Mata Amritanandamayi Math and Amrita Vidyalayam at East Marredpally, Secunderabad, he highlighted the organisation's 25 years of work in education, healthcare and disaster relief.

He recalled the Math's ₱100-crore contribution to the Namami Gange and Swachh Bharat initiatives and commended its assistance to poor families through pensions, village adoption and essential supplies.

Shukla urged public representatives to prioritise social service and students to develop discipline and responsibility.

Amma, Shukla and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy distributed sarees and cheques to women from adopted villages, besides wheelchairs to persons with disabilities.

TGHRC Seeks Clearance of Seven-Month Salary Dues to Bhubharati Operators

Rights panel says prolonged non-payment violates employees' right to livelihood and dignity under Article 21.

Hyderabad: The Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) has recommended that the State Government clear seven months of pending salaries owed to Bhubharati operators working across Telangana.

Acting on a complaint filed by P. Lingam of Kondapur in Kamareddy district, the Commission observed that prolonged non-payment of salaries adversely affects employees' livelihood and dignity.

In its November 6 order, the Commission, headed by Chairperson Dr. Justice Shameem Akther, held that such delays infringed upon the right to life with dignity guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

It recommended that the Revenue Department Secretary ensure clearance of all outstanding salary dues.

TGSRTC to Upgrade 86 Major Bus Stations Into Model Facilities

Hyderabad: The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has decided to develop 86 major bus stations across the State into model facilities with improved passenger amenities, safety and crowd management.



The identified stations handle over 5,000 passengers daily. Dedicated controllers and enquiry contact numbers have been provided to assist commuters with bus schedules and service information.

New timetable boards will be installed shortly, while public address systems have been introduced to announce bus timings, particularly first and last services.

TGSRTC also plans to install CCTV cameras at these stations, linked to regional offices and headquarters for continuous monitoring of passenger movement, congestion and operations.

Managing Director Y. Nagi Reddy said the corporation was committed to providing safer, more comfortable travel and strengthening public transport services across Telangana.

Dattatreya Announces Statewide Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign

Steering committee to lead grassroots anti-drug programmes across Telangana.

HYD: Former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on Tuesday announced plans to intensify the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan across Telangana to combat drug abuse, particularly among students and youth.

At a meeting organised by the Alai Balai Foundation and V-Net at Andhra Mahila Sabha Women's College, Osmania University, participants decided to establish a steering committee to coordinate statewide programmes.

Expressing concern over substance abuse spreading from educational institutions to rural areas, Dattatreya stressed practical intervention beyond awareness meetings.

The campaign will identify severely affected villages, engage directly with communities and support people struggling with addiction.

Organisers will also visit rehabilitation centres to provide guidance, encouragement and psychological support.

Former IAS officer Dr. D. Chakrapani, academics and voluntary organisation representatives attended the meeting.

Nizam's Museum to Hold Children's Day Drawing Contest

Contest on November 14 to promote Hyderabad's heritage among students.

Hyderabad: H.E.H. The Nizam's Museum at Purani Haveli will organise a drawing competition on November 14 to mark Children's Day and promote awareness of Hyderabad's cultural heritage.

The competition, themed "The Nizam of Hyderabad and Their Heritage", is open to students from Classes V to X, divided into Junior (V–VII) and Senior (VIII–X) categories.

Museum Curator Dr. P. Suresh said A3 drawing sheets, fruit juice and biscuits would be provided, while participants must bring their own colours and drawing materials.

Selected artworks will be displayed at the museum for a week. Entry will be free for schoolchildren up to Class X on November 14.

Schools must register by November 11, providing students' names and classes, through 9299653666 or curatorhehnm@gmail.com.

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