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Retail Inflation Hits 6.09%, Breaches RBI Ceiling

Food prices surge 8.94%; Telangana records 7.26% inflation, adding pressure on household budgets.

Munsif Desk, New Delhi:

India's retail inflation climbed to a two-year high of 6.09% in October from 5.54% in September, breaching the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance limit of 6%, according to government data released Thursday.



Food inflation rose to 8.94% from 7.74%, increasing pressure on household budgets, particularly among lower- and middle-income families. Onion prices recorded a sharp annual increase of 116.22%, while garlic prices climbed 60.74%.

Telangana recorded inflation of 7.26%, significantly above the national average. Rural inflation in the state reached 8.05%, compared with 6.68% in urban areas, highlighting the heavier price pressures outside cities.

Nationally, rural inflation stood at 6.63%, against 5.41% in urban areas.

The figures raise concerns about the effectiveness of food-supply measures and their ability to protect consumers from rising essential commodity prices.

The latest inflation reading also increases pressure on the RBI ahead of its December 2–4 monetary policy meeting. Economists expect another interest-rate increase after the central bank raised its benchmark rate to 5.50% in October.



Mosque Construction Demolished in UP

Sambhal: Authorities demolished newly constructed portions of a mosque in Qutubpur Satta village, Uttar Pradesh, on Thursday, citing unauthorised construction and lack of Waqf Board permission.

Officials said the demolition followed complaints about construction on land allegedly intended for public use.

Tehsildar Dhirendra Singh said the disputed construction covered approximately 150 square metres. Although the property was recognised as Waqf land, officials claimed permission for fresh construction had not been obtained.

Mosque caretaker Mohammed Irshad reportedly submitted land records and Waqf registration documents after receiving notices in October.

Heavy police security, including personnel from ten police stations, was deployed, while drones monitored the operation.

IN BRIEF

Cold Wave Grips Telangana, Temperatures Plunge

Kohir recorded 11.3°C, while Hyderabad's Rajendranagar dipped to 13.1°C. IMD forecasts below-normal temperatures and dry weather across Telangana.
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Six Reported Killed in Israeli Strike on Gaza Hospital

Surgeon & teenage boy among dead; surgical services suspended as 28 others are injured.

Gaza: C An Israeli airstrike on Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, southern Gaza, killed six Palestinians, including a surgeon and a 13-year-old boy, and injured 28 others on Thursday.

The strike severely damaged a five-storey surgical facility, forcing its closure and disrupting emergency medical services for thousands of patients.

The Israeli military claimed it targeted a Hamas commander and militants operating inside the hospital. Hamas denied the allegations.

The attack raised fresh concerns over civilian safety and Gaza's already weakened healthcare system.



Owaisi, Azad Form Alliance for 2027 UP Polls

Chandrashekhar Azad named chief ministerial candidate; new front plans to contest all 403 Assembly seats.

Lucknow: AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi and Azad Samaj Party chief Chandrashekhar Azad on Thursday announced the Samajik Parivartan Morcha alliance for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

Owaisi named Azad the alliance's chief ministerial candidate, with plans to contest all 403 Assembly seats.

The alliance aims to address unemployment, education, farmers' concerns and the welfare of marginalised communities.

Azad said the Samajwadi Party and Congress could also join the front. A public meeting is scheduled in Lucknow on November 26, while seat-sharing arrangements remain undecided.





Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang Resigns, Shares Plunge Amid Scrutiny

Santa Clara: Nvidia co-founder Jensen Huang resigned as chief executive, president and director after 33 years, the company confirmed Thursday. Chief Financial Officer Colette Kress was appointed interim CEO, while Harvey Jones became board chairman. Nvidia shares plunged nearly 13% in early US trading. The resignation follows reports concerning Huang's personal relationships and potential national-security concerns. Nvidia said it had no evidence that company secrets or US security were compromised, although an independent investigation remains underway. The company did not specify a reason for his departure.

Saudi Arabia Intercepts Missiles Near Mecca

Riyadh: Saudi Arabia confirmed Thursday that debris from two ballistic missiles intercepted on Wednesday fell in the Mecca region, including Sabuhah village and Wadi al-Maghmas.

The locations are approximately 35 km and 21 km from the Grand Mosque, respectively.

Saudi Civil Defence blamed Yemen's Houthi movement, saying air defences destroyed both missiles.

The Houthis, who previously denied targeting Mecca and Medina, had not commented on the incident.

The development raises fresh security concerns amid escalating regional hostilities.

Azharuddin Launches OFC Cards for Elderly Care

Western Hospital offers home healthcare and emergency support for NRIs' elderly relatives.

Hyd: Telangana Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin on Thursday unveiled Overseas Family Care (OFC) Cards at Western Hospital, Red Hills, emphasising that caring for elderly parents is an act of worship.

He said NRIs often struggle to arrange timely medical assistance for relatives living in India, particularly during emergencies.

He urged the hospital to promote the initiative internationally.

Hospital representatives said the cards facilitate home healthcare, medical monitoring and emergency assistance, including hospital transportation. Indian News Portal

Government adviser Mohammed Ali Shabbir welcomed the initiative and called for greater awareness. Iftikhar Shareef pledged support and suggested extending services to rural areas.

Several doctors and community representatives attended the programme.



Mahesh Bhagwat Appointed As Hyderabad Police Commissioner

Hyderabad: The Telangana government on Thursday appointed senior IPS officer Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat as Hyderabad Police Commissioner, replacing V.C. Sajjanar in a major reshuffle involving 21 officers.

The transfers were notified through G.O.Rt.No.1654. Bhagwat, a 1995-batch officer, previously served as Director General of Police (Law and Order).

Sajjanar has been appointed Director General of Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence, with additional charge of the Special Protection Force.

Other appointments include Soumya Mishra as DGP, Women and Safety, Swati Lakra as Prisons Director General, and Charu Sinha as Anti-Corruption Bureau chief.

The leadership changes place renewed focus on crime prevention, women's safety, cybercrime, traffic management and police response times across Hyderabad.

Telangana Orders Probe Against Agriculture University VC

Hyd: The Telangana government on Thursday constituted an inquiry committee to investigate sexual harassment allegations against Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor Aldas Janaiah, following directions from Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla.

The committee, headed by State Warehousing Corporation Managing Director K. Lakshmi, includes IAS officers Gopi and Rahul Raj and Prajwala representative Sunitha Krishnan. It must submit its report within 15 days.

The State Women's Commission separately summoned Janaiah following an assistant professor's complaint. Janaiah denied the allegations as baseless and sought an impartial police investigation.

The government also directed measures to protect the complainant during the inquiry. The allegations remain unproven, and the committee's findings are awaited.

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Kohir Records Season's Lowest Temperature at 11.3°C

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad:

Sharp early-morning and night-time cold has firmly tightened its grip across Telangana, with minimum temperatures dipping significantly below normal levels in the last 24 hours.

On Thursday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, forecast that dry weather was very likely to prevail across Telangana over the coming week, with minimum temperatures expected to remain 2 to 3 degrees Celsius below normal during the next couple of days.

In the last 24 hours, Kohir in Sangareddy district recorded the lowest minimum temperature at 11.3 degrees Celsius.

Close behind was Chandanvelly in Rangareddy at 11.4 degrees Celsius, while Rajapur in Mahabubnagar and Sirpur in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad recorded 12 and 12.2 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Sharp dip in Hyderabad

Cold wave-like conditions were equally pronounced within Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits and in the outer regions, where early risers felt the morning chill as brisk north-westerly and northerly winds swept through the region. Within the metropolitan area, Rajendranagar recorded the lowest minimum temperature at 13.1 degrees Celsius, followed closely by Moula Ali at 13.2 degrees Celsius.

Outer and suburban pockets also shivered under clear skies, as temperatures dropped to 14.3 degrees Celsius at Turkayamjal, 14.4 degrees Celsius at Devarayamjal, 14.5 degrees Celsius at HCU Serlingampally, 14.6 degrees Celsius at Patancheru, 14.8 degrees Celsius at Alwal and 14.9 degrees Celsius at BHEL.



Top 5 coldest locations in Telangana (in degrees Celsius)
- Kohir (Sangareddy): 11.3
- Chandanvelly (Rangareddy): 11.4
- Rajapur (Mahabubnagar): 12
- Sirpur (Kumuram Bheem Asifabad): 12.2
- Kalwakurthy (Nagarkurnool): 12.4

Top 5 coldest localities in Hyderabad (GHMC and peripheries)
- Rajendranagar: 13.1
- Moula Ali: 13.2
- Turkayamjal: 14.3
- Devarayamjal: 14.4
- HCU Serlingampally: 14.5

Tiger movement near Telangana-AP border triggers panic in Aswaraopet villages

Munsif Desk, Kothagudem:

Reported movement of a tiger in the forests along the Godavari river basin on the Telangana-Andhra Pradesh border has created panic among villagers in Aswaraopet mandal.

Speaking to Telangana Today, Aswaraopet Forest Range Officer Murali said that though the tiger, fitted with a tracker, was reportedly moving along the border areas, it had not been sighted in the local forest range and its pugmarks had not been found anywhere.

However, forest officials and staff were on high alert. Field-level forest staff had been creating awareness among residents of villages located near forest areas and advising them not to venture into the forests.

The tiger might have been sighted in the Kothuru area of Velerupadu mandal in Andhra Pradesh, where it reportedly killed four cows over the past few days.

It might have strayed into villages from Papikonda National Park, the Forest Range Officer said.

According to locals, the tiger was seen moving through the Kavadigundla and Kannayigudem areas of Aswaraopet mandal last year. At that time, a few cows were reportedly killed by the tiger.

Md Abdul Rafi Zaki Honoured with Best Journalist Award

Munsif Desk, Mehbobnagar:

Mohammed Abdul Rafi Zaki, Senior Journalist and Staff Reporter of the Urdu daily The Munsif, was honoured with the Best Journalist Award at the 10th Annual General Meeting and Nishan-e-Sahafat Awards Ceremony organised by the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union (TUWJU) on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and World Urdu Day.

The award was presented to him by Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi, Member of Parliament from Hyderabad, in recognition of his contributions to journalism. Former Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Saleem, TUWJU patron Sajid Meraj, Athar Moin, Shuja Iftikhar, Sadr Mufti Raees and other office-bearers of the organisation attended the programme.



A large number of journalists from various districts of Telangana were also present at the event.

On the occasion, Urdu journalists congratulated Mohammed Abdul Rafi Zaki on receiving the award and extended their best wishes to him.

CPM Seeks CM's Intervention to End Osmania University Staff Strike

(NSS), Hyderabad:

CPM Telangana State Secretary John Wesley has urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to intervene immediately and resolve the long-pending issues of Osmania University non-teaching employees, who have been on strike for 24 days.

In an open letter to the Chief Minister, Wesley alleged that regular, timescale and contract employees had been subjected to exploitation and denied minimum wages, job security and pension benefits despite serving the university for decades. The CPM leader said contract employees were being paid only Rs.15,000 to Rs.20,000 per month and alleged that the proposed 15 per cent annual wage hike.

Collector Stresses Health and Nutritious Food for Gurukul Students



Munsif Desk, Warangal:

Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada on Thursday visited the Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Telangana Backward Classes Welfare Girls' Gurukul School and College at Urs Kareembad in Warangal and reviewed the healthcare, food and accommodation facilities being provided to students.

During the visit, the Collector inspected the healthcare services and enquired with officials about the health conditions of students, the quality of food served and the accommodation facilities available at the institution. Emphasising the importance of nutritious food for students' health and physical development, she directed officials to take special care in preparing and serving meals and ensure that prescribed quality standards are maintained.

Later, Dr. Satya Sharada interacted with the students and advised them to take necessary precautions to protect themselves from seasonal illnesses during winter. She stressed the importance of wearing warm clothes, maintaining personal hygiene and remaining vigilant about their health.

The Collector also highlighted the availability of a complaint box at the Gurukul, encouraging students to freely submit their grievances and bring their problems to the notice of the authorities. She assured them that appropriate action would be taken to resolve their concerns.

BC Welfare Department Officer Pushpalatha Reddy, Principal Anji Reddy and other officials were present during the visit.

Warangal CP N. Swetha Visits De-addiction Centre in Narsampet

Munsif Desk, Warangal:

Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha, IPS, on Thursday visited the De-addiction Centre functioning at the Government Medical College in Narsampet and reviewed the medical treatment, counselling and rehabilitation facilities being provided to people suffering from drug addiction. During her visit.

The Commissioner interacted with medical staff and enquired about the facilities available at the centre and the treatment being provided to patients.

She directed the medical personnel to ensure quality healthcare, continuous monitoring, appropriate medical treatment and regular counselling to help patients overcome drug addiction completely.

N. Swetha stressed that coordination between the Police and Medical Departments was essential to effectively eradicate the drug menace. She said that people suffering from drug addiction should be treated as victims rather than criminals and provided with necessary medical care.

Emotional support and encouragement to help them return to a dignified life in society.



Mulugu Collector Directs Speedy Implementation of V.B.G. Ram Ji Scheme



Munsif Desk, Mulugu:

District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadevara has directed officials to expedite works being undertaken under the V.B.G. Ram Ji scheme and achieve all prescribed targets within the stipulated timeframe.

On Thursday, the Collector conducted a review meeting with Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs) of all mandals at the Mini Conference Hall of the Integrated District Collectorate.

Additional Collector (Local Bodies) M. Sampath Rao also participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, the Collector reviewed the mandal-wise progress of employment guarantee works, including the construction of soak pits, borewell recharge structures, percolation tanks and farm ponds.

Emphasising the importance of water conservation and groundwater recharge in rural areas, he directed officials to accord priority to these works and expedite their execution.

He instructed MPDOs to take up works in accordance with the targets allocated to their respective mandals and regularly monitor progress at the village level. He also stressed the need for coordination among all concerned departments to prevent delays in implementation.

The Collector further directed officials to ensure effective execution of employment guarantee works without any negligence or laxity. He made it clear that all targets must be achieved within the prescribed deadlines.

Warangal Collector Reviews MGNREGS, Soak Pit Works

Munsif Desk, Warangal:

District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada on Thursday reviewed the progress of works being undertaken under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), with special emphasis on soak pit construction to promote water conservation and improve groundwater levels.The review meeting was held at the Conference Hall of the District Collectorate, with the participation of concerned Tahsildars and Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs). During the meeting, the Collector reviewed the progress of employment guarantee works and the status of soak pit construction across the district. She discussed the identification of suitable locations, mobilisation of labour and effective implementation of works at the field level. Dr. Satya Sharada stressed the need for close coordination between revenue and rural development officials to achieve the prescribed targets. She directed officials to ensure effective implementation of employment guarantee works while according special priority to soak pit construction, which plays a significant role in rainwater conservation and groundwater recharge.

She also reviewed the progress achieved by various mandals and emphasised the need for regular monitoring to ensure timely completion of works in accordance with the targets. The Collector instructed the concerned officials to accelerate ongoing works, strengthen inter-departmental coordination and take all necessary measures to achieve the objectives of the programme within the stipulated deadlines.

Speed Up Land Resurvey Process: Nizamabad Collector Ila Tripathi



Mod Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

District Collector Ila Tripathi has directed officials to expedite the land resurvey process, a prestigious government initiative aimed at benefiting farmers and landowners. On Thursday, the Collector, accompanied by Additional Collector Rajagoud, conducted a field-level inspection of the ongoing resurvey in Madapur village of Jakranpally mandal and Velgatoor village of Mendora mandal. She examined the survey process being carried out using modern rover technology and sought details from Survey and Land Records officials. She instructed officials to conduct the survey transparently, strictly in accordance with government guidelines and prescribed procedures, while taking all necessary precautions to prevent future disputes. The Collector stressed that farmers and pattadars should not face any inconvenience during the process.

She directed officials to complete the survey at an average rate of 30 acres per day and accelerate the overall process.

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People, civic issues, communities and developments from across Telangana.

Complete Development Works on Time: Sudarshan Reddy

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy, along with District Collector Ila Tripathi, on Thursday held a review meeting with officials at the RDO office to assess the progress of various development works in Bodhan town.

During the meeting, he enquired about measures being taken to improve drinking water supply and reviewed the works being undertaken under the AMRUT scheme and with TUFIDC funds.

Sudarshan Reddy directed officials to expedite development works aimed at providing better civic amenities to the public and ensure their timely completion with quality standards through regular monitoring.

He instructed officials to accord top priority to drinking water supply works and complete pipeline repairs, prevention of leakages and construction of water tanks on a war footing. Noting that water was being supplied on alternate days in Bodhan Municipal limits, he suggested maintaining the supply duration at one hour.

TNGO Membership Registration Drive Held at IDOC for 2026-27

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

As per the directions of TNGO Central Association President Maram Jagadeeshwar and State General Secretary S.M. Hussaini (Mujeeb), the annual TNGO Membership Registration Programme for 2026-27 was organised at the IDOC office under the aegis of the District Education and Agriculture Departments.

Employees JAC District Chairman and TNGO District President Nashetti Suman Kumar, along with TNGO District Secretary Nethikunta Shekhar, attended the programme as chief guests. During the programme, they discussed various issues and grievances faced by employees of the respective departments and distributed TNGO membership for the year 2026-27. They also explained the importance of association membership and discussed employee-related issues in detail.



Three Asifabad Urdu Journalists Receive Nishan-e-Sahafat Awards

Mohd Fayazuddin, Kagaznagar:

Three prominent Urdu journalists from Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district — Mirza Saleem Baig, Mohammed Abid Ahmed and Hafiz Mohammed Sajid Khan — have been honoured with the prestigious 'Nishan-e-Sahafat' Best Journalist Awards in recognition of their contributions to Urdu journalism.

The awards were presented at the 10th Annual General Body Meeting and Awards Ceremony organised by the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union (TUWJU) on the occasion of World Urdu Day and the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The awardees received mementos and certificates of appreciation for their valuable services to Urdu journalism. The programme was held at Vats Garden, Shanti Nagar, Masab Tank, Hyderabad. Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi, AIMIM President and Hyderabad MP; Nampally MLA Majid Hussain; Telangana Waqf Board Chairman Syed Azmatullah Hussaini; TMRIES Chairman Mohammed Faheemuddin Qureshi; TRS President K. Kavitha; and former Waqf Board Chairman Mohd Saleem attended the event as chief guests.

Minister Gives RTC Job to Late Driver's Son

(NSS) Hyderabad:

Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, along with TGSRTC Managing Director Y. Nagi Reddy, handed over an appointment letter to Hemanth Goud, son of late RTC driver Shankar Goud of Narsampet, fulfilling a promise made to the bereaved family.

The Minister said the State Government and RTC had extended financial assistance to the family on the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He appreciated RTC employees for voluntarily contributing nearly Rs.1 crore to support the family.

Describing the appointment letter as a lasting token of support, Ponnam said Hemanth had been offered a job in RTC as promised earlier.

He urged passengers to report any misconduct by RTC staff to higher authorities instead of resorting to physical attacks. Warning of stringent legal action against those assaulting employees.

Vivek interacts with gig workers, assures steps to address grievances

(NSS) Hyderabad:

Minister for Labour, Mines, and Geology Dr. Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy interacted with gig workers at UPZY in Kondapur on Thursday, sharing a meal with them to gain firsthand insight into their working conditions and daily challenges. During the session, workers flagged key concerns regarding work pressure, day-to-day operational hurdles, and social security.



Listening to their suggestions, Dr. Venkatswamy discussed potential policy measures the State government can introduce to safeguard their rights and improve working conditions. Reiterating that gig worker welfare remains a top priority for the administration, the Minister assured them that the government would thoroughly examine their grievances and take concrete steps to bring positive change to their lives.

Abhayahastam Helps 31 Aspirants Reach UPSC

(NSS) Hyderabad:

Thirty-one Civil Services aspirants from Telangana, supported under the State government's 'Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam' scheme, have cleared the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Mains examination and qualified for the final personality test.



Implemented with financial backing from Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), the initiative aims to boost representation from Telangana in the premier all-India services by easing the financial burden of examination preparation.

With the latest Mains results declared, the selected candidates will now advance to the interview round—the final stage of the selection process.

Meeseva to Deliver Government Services at Doorsteps

(NSS) Hyderabad:

The Telangana Government has launched an initiative to make government services more accessible to residents through MeeSeva Doorstep Delivery, enabling citizens to avail themselves of services from the comfort of their homes. The programme brought together the representatives of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) and gated communities to promote citizen-friendly services.

The initiative was jointly organised by the Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) department, Cyberabad Police, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation and Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate in Gachibowli.

Kishan Reddy Seeks Congress Govt's Explanation on Bharat Summit

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Union Minister Kishan Reddy on Thursday said that It was necessary to tell on what basis the Congress Party and the Telangana government were jointly organizing the 'Bharat Summit' to be held in Hyderabad on the 13th and 14th of this month? He demanded that the Congress Party and the Telangana government should tell the people of the state as to how they would organize the party's program with the state government funds.

"The Congress Party and the CM say that this summit is to put Rahul Gandhi, who has repeatedly failed in the country's politics, and his vision before the world. What is that vision?

It is unfortunate that Telangana is a platform for forces that are spewing poison on the country, and that all those forces are meeting in Hyderabad in the name of Bharat Summit.

This is an anti-India summit.

A summit that hinders the development of the country. It is a summit that defames the constitutional institutions of the country," he said.

Sekhar Master Escapes Unhurt in Shamshabad Accident

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Popular choreographer Sekhar Master escaped with minor injuries after the car in which he was travelling was hit by a fruit-laden lorry near Shamshabad on Wednesday night.

The accident occurred on November 11 while he was returning from a film song shoot. The impact damaged his car, but he and three others escaped with minor injuries.

Meanwhile, choreographer Johnny Master shared a health update, saying he had spoken to Sekhar Master and confirmed that he was safe. Johnny Master also said Sekhar Master would attend the shooting of his film Kaka in the evening.

Seminar Explores Contemporary Perspectives on British Romantic Poetry



(NSS), Raichur:

Students should cultivate a keen interest in literature, as reading literary works broadens their knowledge, enhances their outlook and helps them understand society, culture and human values, said Prof. Basavaraj P. Donur, senior professor at the Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi.

He was speaking after inaugurating a one-day seminar titled "RevisitingRomanticism: Contemporary Interpretation of British Romantic Poetry," organised by the Department of English and the English Literary Club of Adikavi Sri Maharshi Valmiki University, Raichur.

On the occasion, the book Academic English, authored by English lecturer Anil April, was released.

Four Get Life Term in 2018 Kalapathar Murder Case

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Four rowdy-sheeters were sentenced to life imprisonment by the 1st Additional Metropolitan Sessions Court, Nampally, on Thursday for murdering a water tanker driver in Kalapathar in 2018.

The court, presided over by Judge G. Venu, convicted Mohammed Ataullah (29), Sohail Ataullah (28), Syed Parvez Pasha (28) and Mirza Saif Taimoori (27) in the case. The convicts are rowdy-sheeters of Mailardevpally, Attapur and Bahadurpura police stations.

According to the prosecution, the accused murdered Mohd. Shareef, a water tanker driver, on December 12, 2018, at the premises of Mir Alam Water Filter. They allegedly threw chilli powder into his eyes before attacking him with knives. Shareef was rushed to Osmania General Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

The murder was reportedly motivated by previous enmity over the drowning death of Moiz, brother of A-1 and A-2, in a boating incident at Mir Alam Tank in July 2011. Suspecting Shareef's involvement in the incident, the brothers allegedly plotted revenge with the assistance of their associates.

Kalapathar police registered a case under Section 302 read with 34 IPC and investigated the offence. The prosecution presented medical and expert evidence during the trial.

GHMC chief directs officials to step up property tax drive

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R.V. Karnan on Thursday directed zonal and circle-level officials to intensify property tax collection, meet prescribed daily targets, and ensure timely resolution of tax-related grievances.

Chairing a review meeting on civic and administrative works alongside Additional Commissioner (Sports) P. Uday Kumar, Karnan instructed Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Municipal Commissioners (AMCs) to strictly adhere to stipulated timelines while addressing taxpayer complaints.

Focusing on urban poverty alleviation, the Commissioner asked Project Officers (POs) to accelerate the formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). He also ordered special drives to identify homeless and vulnerable individuals living on roadsides and shift them to designated shelter homes, emphasising coordinated departmental action to make Hyderabad a beggar-free city.



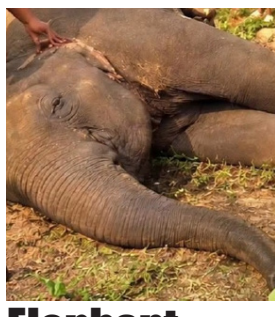
During the meeting, R.V. Karnan congratulated the sanitation wing—including the Additional Commissioner (Sanitation), Zonal Commissioners.



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At a Glance



Elephant dies of electrocution in Jharkhand

(IANS) Ranchi, An elephant died after touching a sagging 11,000-volt power line in Tetari village of Jharkhand's Khunti district around 5 a.m. on Thursday, officials said.

The animal was moving towards the village from the Koel River side. Its carcass was found near a government girls' middle school.

Forest, police and electricity department teams inspected the spot and began an investigation. Villagers said 12 elephants had roamed Rania block for two months, damaging crops and houses.

Seven elephants have died in Jharkhand in the past two months alone.

Three killed on Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

Three killed as speeding car runs over people on Rajasthan expressway.

(IANS) Jaipur, Three people, including a woman event manager and an NHAI employee, were killed when a speeding car hit all three as they changed a cab's punctured tyre on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway in Rajasthan's Alwar district on Wednesday night.

Victims were identified as Manisha Gupta (26), cab driver Azad (30) and NHAI employee Jagmohan (25). It happened near Gurjar Khora culvert.

Police said the cab driver had sought NHAI assistance. When Jagmohan arrived, a speeding car rammed into the three before overturning. Its driver fled. Police are examining CCTV footage to identify the driver.

PM Modi to visit Philippines next week for ASEAN-India Summit



(IANS) New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to travel to the Philippines next week to attend the 23rd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit and the 21st meeting of the ASEAN-led East Asia Summit process, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday.

The visit will take place from November 16 to 18, Rudrendra Tandon, Secretary (East) at the MEA, announced during a special media briefing in New Delhi on Thursday.

"In addition to a very active bilateral relationship with all 11 ASEAN member states, we see our engagement with the ASEAN regional platform also as a key element or building block of our Act East policy," Tandon said.

The Prime Minister's programme in Manila will include a dinner hosted by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr for the visiting dignitaries, followed by the ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit the next day, with bilateral meetings with other leaders in between.

"There is also a very strong demand from the Indian community to meet the Prime Minister, so we are trying to adjust that also in his schedule," he said.

Tandon said ASEAN has emerged as a major trading partner for India, with trade with the entire region at approximately 122 billion.

"We in India strongly believe that, as an Indian Ocean country that abuts this very important Southeast Asian maritime zone, a strong strategic relationship with the ASEAN member states, as a collective as well as individually, is good for both of us," he said.

Such a relationship, he said, will make both sides more resilient in handling rapid geopolitical changes and will contribute to peace and stability in Asia as a whole.

Describing the East Asia Summit as a very unique ASEAN-led grouping of eight leaders, Tandon said leaders of ASEAN and these countries discuss global security issues and issues of common concern in an informal setting.

"This year's East Asia Summit process is led by the ASEAN Chair, which is the Philippines. That's why it's happening in Manila. This, too, is a remarkable example of how successful ASEAN collective diplomacy has become," he said.

The theme of this year's ASEAN Summit and ASEAN processes has been 'Navigating the Future', and the leaders will focus on enhancing collaboration to become more resilient to the changes around them, the MEA Secretary added.

Mother has right to tell the truth: Priyanka Gandhi on Sonia's memoir



(IANS) Wayanad, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday strongly defended her mother, Sonia Gandhi's newly released memoir, accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party and RSS of spreading lies and fabricating stories about her for years, and said she was happy that the BJP was now reading her book.

Speaking to reporters during her visit to her Wayanad constituency, Priyanka Gandhi said her mother had remained silent for most of her adult life in India despite being subjected to sustained criticism and allegations by the BJP, RSS and others.

"For the whole of my mother's adult life in India, the BJP, RSS and many others have said whatever they wanted about my mother. They have lied, they have fabricated stories and also invented stories about her, and she has been quiet. Now, she is telling her story, and she has the right to do so. It is good that they are ready to read it. For so long, they (BJP) have been telling lies about my mother, and now she is telling the truth. I am happy they are reading her book," she said.

This was Priyanka Gandhi's first visit to Wayanad after the release of Sonia Gandhi's memoir,'Belonging: A Journey of Love', on November 10.

The book, which chronicles Sonia Gandhi's personal journey and her years in Indian politics, has triggered a political exchange between the Congress and the BJP.

The BJP has criticised the memoir, accusing Sonia Gandhi of attempting to whitewash controversial chapters of the Congress party's history, including the Emergency and the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

The Congress, however, has defended her right to present her own account of events.

Priyanka Gandhi's remarks came during a three-day visit to Wayanad, where she is scheduled to inaugurate development projects and review ongoing works in her constituency.

On Thursday, she visited the family of the late Padma Shri awardee and traditional seed conservationist Cheruvayal Raman in Mananthavady.

She was also scheduled to inaugurate two Smart Anganwadis at Kammana and Thrissillery.

Priyanka Gandhi represents Wayanad in the Lok Sabha, having won the constituency in the 2024 by-election after her brother Rahul Gandhi vacated the seat to retain Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh.

Punjab polls: AAP releases second list of 31 candidates; two sitting MPs to contest

(IANS) Chandigarh, The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday released its second list of 31 candidates for the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections, taking the total number of nominees announced so far to 71 for the state's 117 constituencies.

The list, issued by party national secretary Pankaj Kumar Gupta, includes two sitting MPs and four women candidates. The party has also replaced eight sitting MLAs.

MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer has been fielded from Barnala, while another MP, Raj Kumar Chabbewal, will contest from Phagwara.

Other prominent candidates include Raman Bahl from Gurdaspur, Karamjit Singh Rintu from Amritsar North, Nitin Kohli from Jalandhar Central, Pawan Kumar Tinu from Adampur and Jasvir Singh Garhi from Chamkaur Sahib.

The list gives considerable representation to the Doaba region, covering Kapurthala, Phagwara, Phillaur, Shahkot, Jalandhar Central, Jalandhar North, Jalandhar Cantonment, Adampur, Mukerian and Nawanshahr.

In the Malwa region, candidates have been announced for Chamkaur Sahib, Kharar, Dakha, Jagraon, Abohar, Balluana, Lambi, Bathinda Rural, Barnala and Shutrana. The list also covers constituencies in the Majha region, including Gurdaspur, Qadian, Fatehgarh Churian, Raja Sansi, Majitha and Amritsar North.

Among the notable changes, Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian has been replaced by his nephew, Randhir Singh Dhira Khuddian, in Lambi. Former Shiromani Akali Dal legislator Vaninder Kaur Loomba has been fielded from Shutrana, while Saravjit Kaur Manuke will contest from Jagraon.

The announcement comes after three AAP legislators -- Chetan Singh Jouramajra, Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra and Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh -- left the party and joined the BJP.

AAP had released its first list of 40 candidates on October 31, naming Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann as its candidate from Dhuri. In the 2022 Assembly elections, AAP won 92 of Punjab's 117 seats and formed the government under Bhagwant Mann.

Draft Electoral Roll for 117 Assembly seats in Punjab published

Punjab publishes draft electoral rolls for all 117 Assembly constituencies. Voters can submit claims and objections till December 11, with the final electoral roll scheduled for January 4, 2027.

(IANS) Chandigarh, The Draft Electoral Roll for all 117 Assembly constituencies in Punjab under the Special Summary Revision (SSR) was published on Thursday.

The publication marked the commencement of the claims and objections period, which will continue till December 11.

The disposal of claims and objections will be completed by December 28, and the Final Electoral Roll will be published on January 4, 2027, a statement said.

As part of the revision process, a meeting under the chairpersonship of Chief Electoral Officer Anindita Mitra was held with representatives of recognised political parties.

During the meeting, she handed over copies of the Integrated Draft Electoral Roll to representatives and apprised them of the key provisions and timelines of the revision exercise.

The representatives were also briefed about the prescribed forms for various electoral services, including Form 6 for inclusion of names in the electoral roll, Form 6-A for enrolment of overseas electors, Form 7 for deletion of names, and Form 8 for correction of entries or shifting of residence.

The CEO said those who attained the age of 18 years on or before January 1, 2027, are eligible to enrol as voters.

The representatives of political parties were also apprised of various digital platforms and facilities available to citizens, including the voters' service portal and the book a call request with BLO.



Mitra emphasised that special camps would be scheduled shortly across the state to facilitate electors in obtaining electoral services.

Help desks have been set up at the offices of District Election Officers (DEOs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) to assist people in accessing and checking the electoral rolls.

She said electors can verify their names and other particulars in the published Integrated Draft Electoral Roll through the official website of the CEO Punjab (**www.ceopunjab.gov.in**) and the Election Commission of India's Voters' Service Portal (**voters.eci.gov.in**).

TN govt announces interest relief for 6496 Housing Board allottees

(IANS) Chennai, The Tamil Nadu government has announced an interest relief scheme for 6,496 Housing Board allottees who have outstanding dues despite completing their instalment tenure. This will help them obtain sale deeds for their properties.

The scheme will cover beneficiaries under the Board's instalment purchase schemes whose repayment periods ended on or before March 31, 2026, according to an official statement. Eligible allottees must clear their dues in a single payment to receive concessions on specified interest charges. The scheme will remain in force for one year.

Chief Minister Joseph Vijay has ordered the scheme to reduce the financial burden on beneficiaries and facilitate the early issue of sale deeds, which have been held up because the full amount due has not been paid.

The concessions include relief on penal and capitalised interest. The government will also waive five months' interest for each year on the difference arising from the final determination of land cost.

The initiative follows an announcement by the Housing and Urban Development Minister during the Assembly debate on the department's demand for grants for 2026-27.

Around 6,496 allottees are yet to receive sale deeds although their instalment periods have expired. The government estimates that the scheme will bring in Rs 92.39 crore for the Housing Board, while beneficiaries will receive a combined interest concession of Rs 18.45 crore.

The one-time settlement links the relief to payment of outstanding amounts within the scheme's one-year period. The measure is expected to help the Board recover overdue dues and enable eligible allottees to obtain sale deeds.

Only those whose repayment tenure ended by March 31, 2026, and who still have dues pending will be eligible, subject to the payment conditions.

Akhilesh welcomes Azad-AIMIM alliance, calls for 'Rajnaitik Parivartan Morcha'

(IANS) Lucknow, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday welcomed the 'Samajik Parivartan Morcha' alliance formed by the Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) and the AIMIM for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, but said "true success" was possible only through a 'Rajnaitik Parivartan Morcha'.

The alliance, announced by Chandra Shekhar Aazad and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, has named Aazad as its chief ministerial candidate.

In a post on X, Akhilesh said social transformation was necessary, but a political transformation front was needed for "true success". He said the SP would support anyone who fought communal forces and raised the concerns of the PDA (Backward, Dalit and Minority) community.

Akhilesh said the alliance could benefit the Opposition by giving voters who had supported communal forces under the influence of "emotional slogans and false promises" another option. He claimed this could reduce the BJP's vote share by 2-3 per cent.

The SP chief said such fronts could strengthen democracy if they worked for their communities and were not driven by a "hidden agenda" of a third party. He cautioned that people would reject those who acted as "political puppets" and could even lose their election deposits.

Akhilesh said the long-awaited alliance showed that voters seeking change would gravitate towards the political force with the strongest core vote base. He asserted that the PDA had no alternative in this regard.

Meanwhile, Chandra Shekhar Aazad told IANS that the alliance had kept its doors open to the SP and the Congress if they wished to join the Samajik Parivartan Morcha. He made these remarks on X.

Bomb alert lifted at railway station in northern Franc



(IANS) Paris, A bomb alert at Calais-Frethun railway station in northern France was lifted on Thursday after security checks, the prefect of Pas-de-Calais said on X.

The prefect had warned that the alert could affect nearby traffic. After checks, road traffic resumed.

Regional operator TER Hauts-de-France suspended trains in both directions after unattended luggage was reported. Eurostar said some London-Paris services were disrupted, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The alert came a week after bomb threats affected more than a dozen passenger flights across Europe, forcing diversions and security checks.

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

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

In Poland, a Paris-bound LOT Polish Airlines flight was stopped at Warsaw Chopin Airport after a report of a potentially dangerous object. Flight LO331 was moved for inspection, and one runway was temporarily closed. No dangerous items were found, and operations returned to normal.

Trump seeks 'total victory' over Iran

Trump vows 'total victory' over Iran, says conflict could end soon.



(IANS) Washington, US President Donald Trump has said that the conflict with Iran would end soon but insisted Washington wanted "a total victory", offering no date for ending the campaign as he defended his administration's use of military force during a Veterans Day address.

Speaking at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday (local time), Trump claimed American forces had already won and portrayed the timing of an end to the conflict as a decision for Washington.

"We want to make sure we have a total victory, not a 93 per cent victory. It's going to be total," he said, according to a transcript circulated by the White House foreign press pool.

His remarks combined a prediction that the conflict would soon end with an insistence that the United States would not settle for an incomplete result.

He thanked American service members engaged in operations intended to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, presenting that objective as central to the campaign.

Trump also claimed Iran would need decades to recover from the destruction inflicted by American forces.

"It'll take them 25 years to rebuild back what we have destroyed, and hopefully, we won't have to destroy any more of that country," he said.

He offered no supporting assessment for that reconstruction estimate in the foreign-policy portion of the address. The remarks did not announce a negotiated settlement or a new timetable for withdrawing American forces.

The president defended the campaign as a response to decades of Iranian hostility, arguing that previous administrations should have confronted Tehran earlier.

"This should have been taken care of a long time ago," he said.

Trump compared the campaign with earlier American wars in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, emphasising their duration and human cost. He argued that those conflicts had delivered little in return for the United States.

Trump said the world would be safer once the conflict ended. He praised the bravery and skill of American forces while leaving unresolved when Washington would regard its objectives as fully achieved.

Trump recognised veterans from several generations and pledged continued support after their time in uniform.

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth received loud cheers when Trump introduced him. Trump praised his performance before continuing his tribute to those assembled at the cemetery.

Arab League warns of Yemen health crisis

(IANS) Cairo, Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Fahmy has warned of a health crisis in Yemen's Taiz province amid shortages of fuel, oxygen, medicines and medical supplies.

He said the shortages threatened hospital services, particularly incubators for premature babies. Fahmy urged the removal of the aid restrictions and safe passage for patients and medical staff.

He held the Houthis responsible and called for accountability. He urged agencies to ensure hospital supplies.

Separately, at least 11 people were killed in airstrikes on Ash Sharyah village near Sanaa on Saturday, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported, blaming Saudi warplanes. It said five houses were destroyed, with women and children among the dead. The toll was preliminary as rescue operations continued.

US university opposes visa extension rule change



(IANS) Washington, The University of Michigan has urged the US government to withdraw an immigration rule change, warning it could create uncertainty for visa extension applicants.

The university opposed the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) plan to remove a requirement that US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) defer to earlier approvals when facts remain unchanged.

DHS published the proposal on October 14, with comments due by November 13. The university said the change could allow USCIS to reverse earlier decisions without explaining why, increasing the burden on employers and applicants.

It said the change was unnecessary because USCIS had authority to address petitions approved in error.

The existing rule applies to Form I-129 petitions involving the same employer, beneficiary and facts. It covers temporary worker categories such as H-1B, L-1, O-1, E-3 and TN.

DHS says ending mandatory deference would strengthen scrutiny and reinforce applicants' duty to prove eligibility. It estimates 208,429 petitions annually qualified for deference in fiscal years 2022-25, about 30 per cent of Form I-129 petitions.

Indian-origin Mayors lead New York, Los Angeles



(IANS) Washington, Indian-origin leaders are set to head the two largest US cities, with Nithya Raman scheduled to take office as Los Angeles Mayor on December 14, joining New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani.

The cities have a combined population of about 12.5 million. Mamdani took office on January 1, while Karen Bass remains Los Angeles Mayor until the transition.

Raman was born in Kerala and moved to the US at six. Mamdani was born in Kampala, Uganda, to filmmaker Mira Nair and academic Mahmood Mamdani, and is of Indian origin.

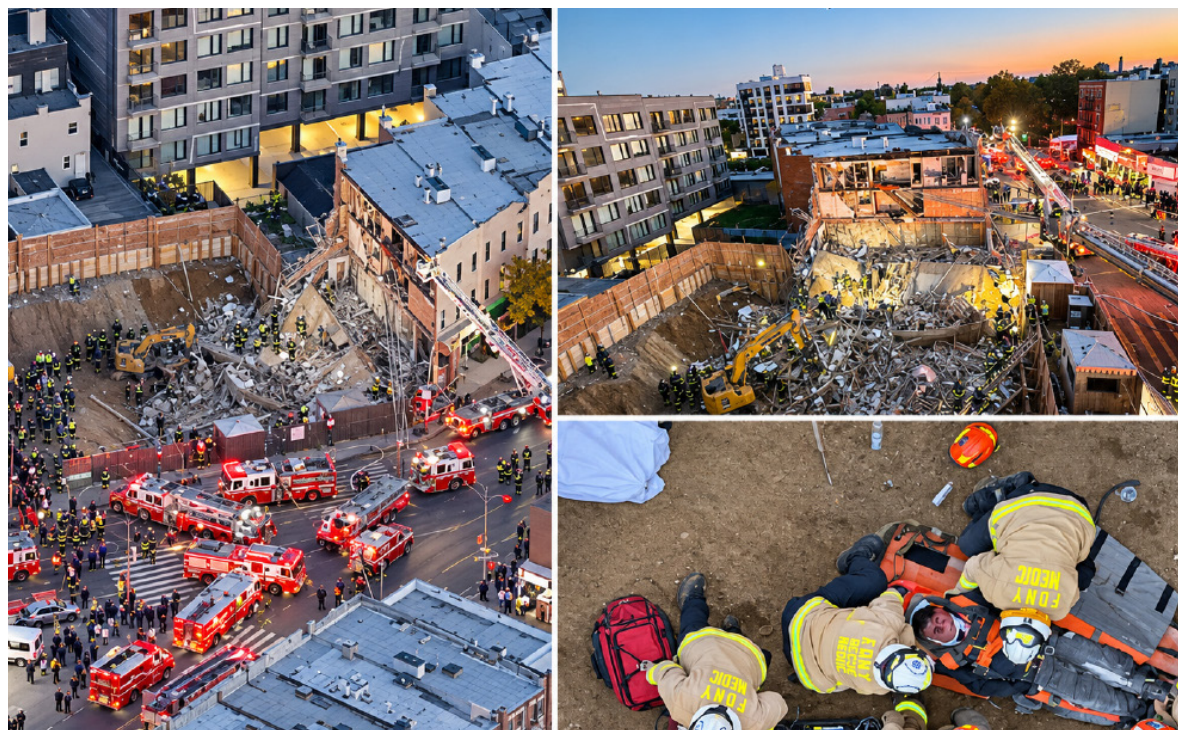
Other Indian-origin mayors include Aftab Pureval, serving his second term in Cincinnati, and Hyderabad-born Danny Avula, who became Richmond Mayor on January 1, 2025.

Raj Salwan became Fremont's first Indian American elected mayor in December 2024. New Jersey mayors include Samip Joshi, Pulkit Desai, Hemant Marathe and Neena Singh.

Others are Swarnjit Singh in Norwich, Connecticut; Sangeetha Rayapati in Moline, Illinois; Mihir 'Mark' Pankaj in Paris, Texas; and Saji P. George in Sunnyvale, Texas.

Former mayors include Arun Jhaveri, Upendra Chivukula and Satish Hiremath. Kerala-born Vini Samuel served as Montesano Mayor from 2015 to 2023.

One killed as three-storey building collapses in New York



(IANS) New York, At least one person was killed and 10 others injured after a three-storey building collapsed in Brooklyn, New York City, on Wednesday, authorities said.

One person was pronounced dead at the scene, while four others were taken to hospital in critical condition and six sustained minor injuries, according to the New York City Fire Department (FDNY).

The FDNY received reports of people trapped at around 4 p.m. local time after the building collapsed on the edge of a construction site in the Flatbush neighbourhood. Firefighters searched through the rubble and pulled at least one person out. They continued efforts to rescue another person believed to be trapped, with whom they remained in contact. Video footage showed firefighters digging through the rubble and pulling a person to safety as rescue efforts continued at the site, as crews searched.

Several injured construction workers were taken to Kings County Hospital. Their conditions were not immediately known.

Emergency teams rushed to the site following reports of a partial collapse at an apartment building. The New York Police Department (NYPD) urged residents and commuters to avoid the area around Bedford Avenue and Flatbush Avenue, warning of road closures and traffic delays.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul expressed condolences to the family of the person killed and said her administration had offered support as authorities investigated the incident.

Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani said Flatbush Avenue was closed between Clarendon Road and Bedford Avenue and urged people to stay away to allow rescue teams to work. He said the city would provide further details when officials were able to confirm them.

The cause of the collapse was not immediately known. Further details are awaited.

African American Democrat makes history elected from Mississippi to Senate; boosts party's ranks to 55

(IANS) New York, Scott Colom has become the first African American elected to the US Senate from Mississippi in 151 years, taking the Democratic Party's tally to 55.

Republican Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith conceded defeat on Wednesday after media outlets called the race for Colom. He led by 4,669 votes, or less than half a percentage point.

"I kept the faith," Colom told supporters in Jackson recalling that many had considered his chances slim in the Republican stronghold. "All I did was have the courage to imagine a night like this," he said.

Colom is also the first Democrat to win a statewide race in Mississippi in 44 years. Hyde-Smith said she respected voters' decision and congratulated him.

Counting continues in Alaska, the only Senate contest yet to be declared. Democrat Mary Peltola has a narrow lead over Republican Dan Sullivan. Republicans allege an independent candidate with a name similar to Sullivan's was fielded to confuse voters.

Colom, a former prosecutor, entered the race after Hyde-Smith blocked his appointment as a federal judge. He cited her remarks about beef prices — "You have so many proteins to choose from" — to argue that voters had a choice.

The last African American elected to the Senate from Mississippi was Hiram Revels in 1875, during Reconstruction itself.

Ten killed as passenger vehicle plunges off road in Nepal's Makawanpur

(IANS) Kathmandu, At least 10 people were killed and four injured when an electric passenger vehicle plunged 700 metres off a road in Nepal's Makawanpur district on Thursday morning, an Armed Police Force (APF) officer said.

The dead included five men, three women and two children, Superintendent of Police Niwan Kumar Khadka told IANS. The accident occurred at Chisapani Gadhi in Bhimphedi Rural Municipality-6.

The vehicle was carrying 15 people from Kathmandu to Malangawa, the district headquarters of Sarlahi, the APF said. Two injured people were in serious condition. Three were being treated at Hetauda Hospital, Khadka said.

Security personnel were deployed after receiving information about the accident. Khadka said 12 bodies were found scattered in the area, of which 10 were immediately confirmed dead. The cause had not been established.

Nepal Police recorded 2,707 road deaths in the 2025-26 fiscal year. Police data show an average of seven people are killed and 82 injured in road accidents daily.

A World Bank study found that the economic cost of road traffic injuries in Nepal had tripled since 2007, reaching 1.5 per cent of the country's gross national product. More than 70 per cent of road fatality victims are vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, the bank said.

Overspeeding is the most common traffic violation, followed by driver negligence and driving without a licence, according to Nepal Police records.

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Adult Vaccination: Why Protection Must Continue Beyond Childhood

Vaccination is not just for children. From influenza and pneumonia to hepatitis B and shingles, timely immunisation can protect adults against serious infections, complications and hospitalisation.





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Vaccination is commonly associated with infants and young children. However, one of the most overlooked aspects of preventive healthcare in India is adult immunisation.

Many adults believe that once childhood vaccinations are completed, no further vaccines are necessary. This misconception can leave millions vulnerable to infections that could otherwise be prevented.

As people grow older, their immune systems gradually become less effective. Chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, respiratory disorders and kidney disease further increase the risk of serious infections and complications.

Adult vaccination therefore plays an essential role in maintaining long-term health and preventing avoidable illness.

Important Vaccines for Adults

- **Influenza:** Protection against seasonal flu and complications.
- **Pneumococcal:** Reduces the risk of serious pneumococcal infections.
- **Hepatitis B:** Helps prevent chronic liver disease.
- **Shingles:** Protects against painful viral complications.
- **HPV:** Prevents certain HPV-related cancers.
- **Tdap:** Protection against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Influenza Vaccine: Protection Against Seasonal Flu

Influenza is not merely a common cold. It can cause severe respiratory illness, pneumonia and hospitalisation, particularly among older adults and individuals with chronic health conditions.

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended because circulating flu viruses continue to change, making updated protection important.

Vaccination is particularly valuable for elderly individuals, pregnant women, healthcare workers and people living with diabetes or chronic respiratory diseases.

Pneumococcal Vaccine: Preventing Serious Infections

Pneumococcal bacteria can cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections and meningitis, potentially resulting in serious complications.

The risk increases with advancing age and certain underlying medical conditions.

Pneumococcal vaccination is especially important for older adults and younger individuals with diabetes, chronic heart or lung disease, or weakened immunity.

The appropriate vaccine and number of doses depend on age, medical history and previous vaccination status.

Hepatitis B Vaccine: Protecting the Liver

Hepatitis B is a viral infection that can lead to chronic liver disease, cirrhosis and liver cancer. Adults who have never received hepatitis B vaccination should discuss their eligibility with a healthcare professional

This is particularly important for healthcare workers, people with diabetes and individuals at increased risk of exposure.

Completing the recommended vaccine series provides effective protection against hepatitis B infection and its potentially serious consequences.

Hepatitis B Vaccine: Protecting the Liver

Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, occurs when the virus responsible for chickenpox becomes reactivated in the body.

It can cause a painful skin rash and severe nerve pain that may persist for months after the rash disappears.

The recombinant shingles vaccine is generally recommended for adults aged 50 years and above, as well as certain younger adults with weakened immune systems.

The vaccine is usually administered in two doses and can substantially reduce the risk of shingles and its complications.

HPV Vaccine: Protection Against Cervical Cancer

Human papillomavirus (HPV) infection is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

HPV vaccination is most effective when administered before exposure to the virus, preferably during adolescence.

However, some young adults who have not previously been vaccinated may also benefit.

The vaccine can protect males against certain HPV-related diseases.

Importantly, HPV vaccination does not replace regular cervical cancer screening, including Pap smears or other recommended screening tests.

HPV Vaccine: Protection Against Cervical Cancer

The Tdap vaccine protects against three potentially serious infections: tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough.

Adults should ensure that their tetanus-containing booster vaccinations remain up to date, generally at ten-year intervals, with the choice of Td or Tdap depending on vaccination history and medical guidance.

Tdap vaccination is particularly important during every pregnancy, as maternal antibodies help protect newborn babies against whooping cough during their earliest months.

Prevention Is Better Than Hospitalisation

Adult vaccination is essential throughout life, with recommendations depending on age, pregnancy, medical conditions, immunity and vaccination history.

> **"Vaccines are not just for children. Protecting your health remains important at every age."**

Even healthy adults should review their vaccination status with a doctor. Timely immunisation can prevent serious infections, hospitalisation and life-threatening complications.

Prevention today protects health and saves lives tomorrow.

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Allama Iqbal's Poetry: An Elegy for Islamic History or a Call for Revival?

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Allama Muhammad Iqbal (Rahmatullahi Alaih) occupies an honoured position among the greatest philosophers, thinkers and poets of the Indian subcontinent. Through his remarkable poetry, he awakened among Muslims a renewed consciousness of faith, dignity, self-respect and intellectual independence while reminding them of their glorious historical heritage.

Iqbal's poetry is not merely an expression of literary brilliance; it is a powerful intellectual movement and a call for spiritual and social awakening.

His verses reflect the rise and decline of Muslim civilisation, the magnificence of its past, the challenges of its present and the possibilities of its future.

This raises a profound question: **Is Iqbal's poetry an elegy for the lost glory of Islamic history, or a manifesto for its revival?**

Remembering the Glory of Islamic Civilisation

Iqbal possessed a deep understanding of Islamic history and the remarkable contributions Muslims made to science, medicine, mathematics, astronomy, philosophy and literature.

From Baghdad's celebrated centres of learning to the magnificent cultural heritage of Andalusia, Muslim scholars enriched human civilisation through knowledge, research and intellectual achievement.

However, when Iqbal compared this glorious past with the political decline, intellectual stagnation and internal divisions of Muslim societies, his heart was filled with sorrow. His celebrated poem **Masjid-e-Qurtaba** portrays the historic Mosque of Córdoba as a symbol of Islamic faith, spiritual devotion, artistic excellence and civilisational achievement.

For Iqbal, the strength of Muslim civilisation rested not merely upon political authority but upon **faith, knowledge, moral character, unity and purposeful action**.

Shikwa and Jawab-e-Shikwa: The Voice of the Ummah

Among Iqbal's greatest literary achievements are **Shikwa** (The Complaint) and *Jawab-e-Shikwa* (The Answer to the Complaint).

In **Shikwa**, he expresses the anguish of the Muslim Ummah over its declining fortunes despite its distinguished historical achievements and sacrifices.

Through **Jawab-e-Shikwa**, he reminds Muslims that past greatness cannot substitute for present responsibilities.

The path towards renewal demands sincere faith, moral discipline, unity, sacrifice and determined effort.

Iqbal firmly believed that the destiny of individuals and nations is shaped by their actions.

Civilisational revival cannot be achieved through nostalgia alone; it requires intellectual awakening and practical transformation.

Khudi, the Shaheen and the Spirit of Independence

At the heart of Iqbal's philosophy lies **Khudi**, the concept of selfhood, representing self-awareness, dignity, confidence and moral strength.

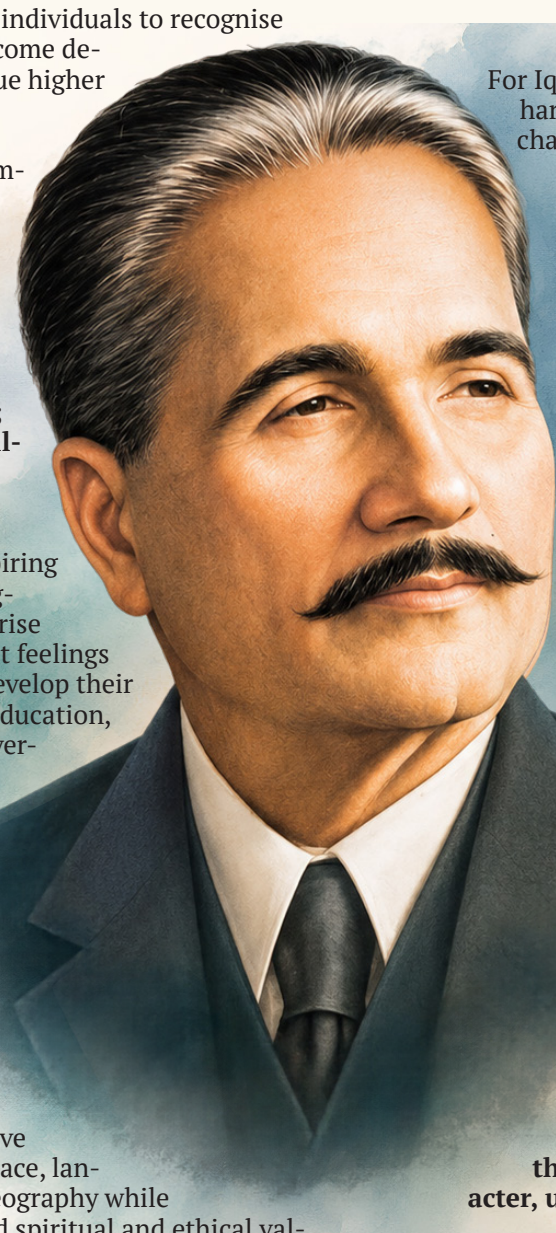
Iqbal encouraged individuals to recognise their abilities, overcome dependence and pursue higher purposes.

His celebrated symbol of the Shaheen, or eagle, represents independence, courage, ambition and intellectual excellence.

"You are an eagle; soaring is your calling. Before you lie still more skies."

Through this inspiring metaphor, Iqbal urges young people to rise above despair, reject feelings of inferiority and develop their potential through education, research and perseverance.

He also emphasised the unity of the Muslim Ummah, encouraging Muslims to rise above divisions of race, language and geography while upholding shared spiritual and ethical values.



Iqbal's Message for Today's Generation

Iqbal placed extraordinary confidence in young people, regarding them as the architects of a nation's future.

His message remains relevant amid educational disadvantages, economic difficulties, social divisions and rapid technological change.

He encouraged intellectual independence, scientific advancement and modern education without abandoning religious identity, moral principles or cultural heritage.

For Iqbal, genuine progress required harmony between knowledge and character, ambition and responsibility, and faith and action.

Not Merely an Elegy, but a Call for Revival

To describe Iqbal's poetry merely as an elegy for Islamic history would diminish the extraordinary breadth of his philosophical vision.

He mourned the decline of Muslim civilisation but refused to surrender to despair. Instead, he offered hope, confidence and a powerful message of renewal.

Iqbal's enduring lesson is that nations do not achieve greatness merely by remembering their past. They advance through knowledge, character, unity and determined action.

His poetry is therefore an elegy for lost glory, a voice of the Muslim conscience and, above all, a call to build a brighter future.

The true tribute to Allama Iqbal lies not merely in reciting his verses, but in transforming his timeless ideals into meaningful action.

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Ian Healy Hits Back at Khawaja Over Injury Claims

New Delhi, (IANS): Former Australian cricketer Ian Healy has criticised Usman Khawaja for leaving out key details of an injury-related controversy in his autobiography Sabr.

Khawaja had recalled Healy's criticism in 2024 for attending the Australian Grand Prix instead of playing a match for Queensland, saying he was unfairly targeted and accused of not supporting his team. However, Healy has disputed Khawaja's account, claiming medical staff found no hamstring injury and cleared him to play. He also alleged that Khawaja refused to undergo a scan to confirm his condition.

Khawaja's memoir has also revived the 2018 ball-tampering debate, claiming the entire Australian team knew about the sandpaper use, a version backed by David Warner.

4th ODI: Iyer takes charge as India eye series seal against reshuffled New Zealand

Mount Maunganui, (IANS): Mount Maunganui, Nov 12: Shreyas Iyer will begin his stint as India's ODI captain when the visitors take on New Zealand in the fourth match of the five-game series at Bay Oval on Friday.

India lead the series 2-0 after winning the first two matches in Auckland and Wellington, while the third ODI in Hamilton was abandoned due to rain. A victory in the fourth match will seal the series for India, whereas New Zealand must win both remaining games to level it.

Regular captain Shubman Gill and wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul are unavailable as they prepare for the Test series, leaving Iyer to lead a side featuring senior players Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. Ishan Kishan has been named vice-captain, while Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Naman Dhir and Nitish Kumar Reddy offer additional batting options.

India will look to maintain their bowling discipline, which was evident in the second ODI when Gurnoor Brar claimed four wickets to help dismiss New Zealand for 134. However, the batting unit will face a fresh challenge without Gill and Rahul.

New Zealand have also made several changes to their squad. Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls, Glenn Phillips and Nathan Smith have moved on to Test preparations, while Lockie Ferguson is unavailable due to a calf injury. Blair Tickner has also been ruled out under concussion replacement protocols.

Matt Henry is expected to return, while Finn Allen has joined the squad for the final two matches. Uncapped fast bowler Brett Randell has received his maiden call-up and could make his international debut.

Mitchell Santner's side will rely on Will Young, Tim Seifert, Nick Kelly and Allen to strengthen the batting, while Jacob Duffy, Kyle Jamieson and Henry will lead the bowling attack.

Match Details:

Match: Fourth ODI, India vs New Zealand
Date: Friday, November 13
Time: 7:30 AM IST
Venue: Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui
Live Telecast: Sony Sports Network
Live Streaming: Sony LIV app and website

Squads

India: Shreyas Iyer (c), Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan (vc, wk), Axar Patel, Naman Dhir, Auqib Nabi, Gurnoor Brar, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Arshdeep Singh, Kumar Kushagra (wk), Mohammed Siraj, Yash Thakur and Kuldeep Yadav.

New Zealand: Mitchell Santner (c), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Kristian Clarke, Jacob Duffy, Matt Fisher, Dean Foxcroft, Mitch Hay, Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson, Nick Kelly, Brett Randell, Tim Seifert and Will Young.

Andreeva routs Sabalenka to reach first WTA Finals semis



Indian Wells, (IANS): Mirra Andreeva turned a 4-1 first-set deficit into a dominant 6-4, 6-0 win over Aryna Sabalenka in 62 minutes to reach her first WTA Finals semifinal.

Andreeva won the final 11 games and 45 of the last 55 points to become the youngest player to advance to the WTA Finals semifinals since Caroline Wozniacki in 2009.

She is the fifth teenager to reach the semifinals since the current round-robin format was introduced in 2003, joining Maria Sharapova, Ana Ivanovic, Wozniacki and Coco Gauff.

The victory also produced another milestone. After beating Elina Svitolina 6-4, 6-0 in her opening round-robin match, Andreeva became the first player in tournament history to win a 6-0 set in each of her first two WTA Finals matches.

After entering the WTA Finals with one Top 10 win in 2026, Andreeva has added two more this week. She will seek a third against Karolina Muchova, whom she leads 1-0 at the WTA Tour level.

Andreeva has claimed multiple Top 10 wins at a single event for the third time in her career, after Dubai and Indian Wells in 2025. She won the title at both tournaments.

Despite the defeat, Sabalenka remains alive in the semifinal race. She and Svitolina will play for the second semifinal spot on Friday after Svitolina rallied from a set down to defeat Muchova earlier Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Elina Svitolina edged Karolina Muchova 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 and will have a chance to compete for a semifinal spot in Friday's group stage finale against Sabalenka.

Svitolina has now earned her 11th win at the FAGE WTA Finals and her first since 2019. She's also 6-1 at the WTA Finals in three-set matches.



India head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Shreyas Iyer during a training session ahead of the fourth ODI against New Zealand.

Cummins to address media after Khawaja's bombshell tampering claims on Friday

New Delhi, (IANS): Australia Test captain Pat Cummins will address the media in Sydney on Friday, breaking his silence over former teammate Usman Khawaja's explosive claims about the 2018 ball-tampering scandal in South Africa.

In his memoir Sabr, Khawaja alleged that the entire Australian team was aware of the sandpaper plot during the Cape Town Test and claimed that the sandpaper had also been used in the previous Test.

Facing criticism for his silence, Cummins announced on X that he would speak to the media at 9.30 am on Friday at Cricket Central in Sydney. He said he had taken time to understand the full extent of Khawaja's allegations before responding. Meanwhile, David Warner, who received a 12-month ban for his role in the scandal, has backed Khawaja's account.



Cummins' announcement came a day after Khawaja cancelled his book tour following an awkward television interview in which he declined to comment on whether Australia's bowlers were involved in the 2018 ball-tampering plot.

'Hardik Brings Championship Mindset': Ness Wadia Backs PBKS' New Recruit After Arshdeep Trade



New Delhi, (IANS): Punjab Kings chairman Ness Wadia has described new recruit Hardik Pandya as a proven match-winner who can strengthen the franchise's title ambitions. His remarks came after the trade deal that saw Indian pacer Arshdeep Singh move to Mumbai Indians.

Wadia praised Pandya's versatility and impressive record in international cricket and the IPL, saying his experience would be valuable to Punjab Kings as they aim for their maiden title.

"Hardik is a proven match-winner. His ability to contribute across different roles makes him a valuable addition to the Punjab Kings squad. With three ICC trophies and five IPL titles to his name, he brings a premium level of experience and a championship mindset as we work towards our goal of becoming champions," Wadia said. The chairman also expressed pride in Arshdeep's journey with Punjab Kings, acknowledging his contribution to the franchise and Indian cricket. While expressing sadness over his departure, Wadia wished the pacer success with his new team and extended his best wishes to Arshdeep and his wife Samreen.

Pandya's trade marks the end of his second stint with Mumbai Indians, with whom he won four IPL titles. After joining MI in 2015, he established himself as one of the league's leading all-rounders, playing a key role in the team's title-winning campaigns in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020. Pandya has joined Punjab Kings for Rs 18 crore, up from his previous fee of Rs 16.35 crore, while Arshdeep has moved to Mumbai Indians at his existing fee of Rs 18 crore.

Brett Randell earns maiden NZ call-up for India ODIs

Wellington, (IANS): Pace bowler Brett Randell has earned his maiden international call-up to the New Zealand squad for the fourth and fifth ODIs against India, the New Zealand Cricket said on Thursday.

The 31-year-old right-arm bowler has 145 professional caps to his name, including five appearances for New Zealand A, and recently returned from a County Championship stint with Derbyshire.

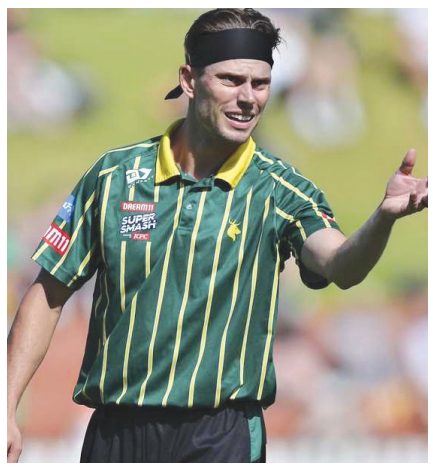
Head coach Rob Walter congratulated Randell on his international selection.

"It's always a special time when a player earns their first international call up," said Walter. "We're very pleased for Brett; he's been a consistent performer in domestic cricket for some time now and has earned this opportunity.

Meanwhile, New Zealand have also recalled Josh Clarkson, who has represented New Zealand in six ODIs, last featured for the national team in April this year, against Bangladesh, for the fifth and final match of the series.

"There have been a few movements throughout the series, so we're fortunate to be able to bring in Brett and Josh," Walter added.

Moreover, Mitch Renwick and strength and conditioning (S&C) coach Corey Mileys join Walter and Martin Guptill for ODIs four and five, while New Zealand bowling coach Jacob Oram, batting coach Luke Ronchi, and



S&C coach Chris Donaldson have departed to Wellington for Test series preparation.

India is currently leading the five-match series 2-0 with the fourth being abandoned without a ball being bowled. The fourth ODI is scheduled for Friday at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui, while the final match of the series will be held on Sunday at the same venue.

Updated New Zealand ODI squads

Fourth ODI: Mitchell Santner (c), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Kristian Clarke, Jacob Duffy, Matt Fisher, Dean Foxcroft, Mitch Hay, Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson, Nick Kelly, Brett Randell, Tim Seifert, Will Young

Fifth ODI: Mitchell Santner (c), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Kristian Clarke, Josh Clarkson, Jacob Duffy, Matt Fisher, Dean Foxcroft, Mitch Hay, Nick Kelly, Brett Randell, Tim Seifert, Blair Tickner, Will Young

'Rely on seam, not swing,' Nabi reveals Rohit, Kohli's advice in NZ

Mount Maunganui, (IANS): India pacer Auqib Nabi has revealed that senior players Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill advised him to focus on seam movement rather than swing while bowling with the white ball in New Zealand.

Nabi said top-level batters are capable of handling swing, while scrambled-seam deliveries and hitting the deck could bring better results. The 30-year-old has taken two wickets in four ODIs, both coming in India's rain-affected win over New Zealand in Wellington.

Making his first tour of New Zealand, Nabi said the conditions were similar to those in Jammu and Kashmir, where he has played domestic cricket. He credited the high standard of domestic cricket for helping him adapt to international cricket.

The pacer also expressed confidence in his skills, saying that although extra pace is an advantage, disciplined bowling and consistently hitting the right areas remain essential on every surface.

Nabi said Indian bowlers regularly share their experiences and discuss



strategies for bowling on New Zealand's drop-in pitches. He also described representing India as a lifelong dream and said the ongoing series offers newcomers an opportunity to prove themselves for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

He encouraged young cricketers from regions with limited facilities to work hard and remain focused on their goal of representing the country. Nabi will also remain with the Indian squad for the two-Test series against New Zealand, beginning November 19.

Anderson signs for Surrey after Lancashire exit

Surrey, (IANS): England fast-bowling great James Anderson has signed for Surrey for the 2027 County Championship season, bringing an end to his long association with Lancashire.

Anderson, who made his Lancashire debut in 2001, captained the county during the 2026 season and claimed 50 wickets at an average of just under 18. He was also named Lancashire's Championship Player of the Year. However, the club decided not to offer him a new contract after the season.

The 44-year-old said he was delighted to join Surrey and excited to begin a new chapter in his career. He added that he still had plenty to offer on the field and hoped to help young players develop their skills and progress to international cricket.

Anderson has taken 443 first-class wickets in 112 appearances for Lancashire, along with 83 wickets in List A cricket and 50 in T20 matches. He retired from international cricket in 2024 after a 21-year career, finishing with 911 international wickets, including a record 704 in Tests by an English fast bowler. He was knighted in 2025 for his services to cricket.

Surrey Director of Men's Cricket Alec Stewart welcomed the signing, saying Anderson's experience and outstanding



performances would benefit the squad, particularly its young players.

Anderson also has special memories of Surrey's home ground, the Kia Oval, where he surpassed Glenn McGrath's record for the most Test wickets by a fast bowler in 2018.

Coach allegedly told Smith and Bancroft to lie about using sandpaper in the presser.

New Delhi, (IANS): Fresh allegations have emerged in the 2018 Australian ball-tampering scandal, with former bowling coach David Saker accused of asking Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft not to reveal the use of sandpaper during a press conference in South Africa.

The controversy resurfaced after Usman Khawaja claimed in his memoir Sabr that the entire Australian team knew about the ball-tampering plan and questioned why Smith, Bancroft and David Warner were punished alone.

According to a report in the Sydney Morning Herald, Saker was the unnamed coach mentioned in Khawaja's book. The report alleged that he repeatedly told Smith and Bancroft, "You can't say sandpaper," before their press conference following the incident at Newlands.

Bancroft initially claimed that the object was adhesive tape, which he had used to collect rough particles from the pitch. The use of sandpaper was admitted publicly only after Cricket Australia announced sanctions against the three players.

Cummins is set to address the media on Friday over the allegations, while T20I captain Mitchell Marsh has said he has moved on and does not wish to revisit the controversy.

GCCs to drive Telangana's economic growth: Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad (NSS) : Global Capability Centres (GCCs) will play a key role in driving Telangana's economic growth, with the State government seeking to expand their scope beyond conventional IT services to include technology development, research and development, data analytics, product design, engineering and innovation, IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said.

The Minister was speaking after inaugurating Mars' new 60,000 sq. ft. Global Capability Centre at Gachibowli Financial District here on Thursday. The facility has been established in collaboration with Genpact. Mars is globally renowned for brands such as Snickers, Pedigree and Royal Canin.

Sridhar Babu said the government was committed to transforming Hyderabad from a traditional IT services destination into a global hub for technology, innovation and a knowledge-driven economy.

The Minister said the State was leveraging Hyderabad's strengths in the IT and IT-enabled services sectors while building stronger links with other industries to attract investments in emerging areas and generate new employment opportunities. This approach would enable technology to drive innovation, improve productivity and accelerate industrial growth across sectors, he added.

The Minister said technology, industrial development and skill development were key priorities under the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, recognising their crucial role in shaping the State's future economy.

The new centre is expected to employ more than 400 people initially, with its workforce projected to grow to 1,000 in the coming years. It will enhance the digital, data and artificial intelligence capabilities supporting Mars' global operations.

Tummala directs officials to fast-track Kohda fruit market works

Hyderabad (NSS) : Minister for Agriculture, Marketing and Cooperation Tummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday directed officials to expedite the construction of the Kohda Integrated Fruit Market, setting a deadline of June 2, 2028, to make the facility fully operational for farmers.

Reviewing the project's progress with senior officials at the Secretariat, Tummala Nageswara Rao instructed the department to complete the first phase of construction by March 2027 and open it for immediate use. He also asked officials to chalk out a comprehensive action plan to finish all remaining works within the stipulated timeline. During the meeting, the Minister assessed the pace of ongoing works and discussed measures required to eliminate execution bottlenecks. He directed officials to maintain continuous oversight of the site to ensure there are no delays. Stating that the State government aims to build the Kohda facility to international standards, the Minister noted that the market will be equipped with modern technology and comprehensive infrastructure to serve fruit growers across Telangana.

He emphasised the need for robust storage and logistics facilities to prevent post-harvest quality loss and streamline transportation to both domestic and international markets.



Ponguleti orders war-footing clearance of 22-A land applications



Hyderabad (NSS) : Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Thursday directed District Collectors to clear all pending land-related applications under Section 22-A on a war footing, asserting that no application should remain unresolved.

Chairing a review meeting at the Secretariat with Collectors and District Registrars from Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Sangareddy, and Medchal-Malkajgiri, the Minister evaluated field-level challenges and the execution of recent State government orders aimed at delivering permanent relief to applicants.

"The objective of the people's government is to resolve Section 22-A land disputes that have lingered for years," Srinivasa Reddy said, holding District Collectors directly accountable for ensuring foolproof implementation at the grassroots level without further delay.

Recalling Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's assurances in the State Legislative Assembly, the Minister noted that the government has already issued clear directives to streamline the resolution process.

HYD housing market sees 3% growth in transaction value despite flat registrations

Hyderabad (NSS) : Hyderabad's residential property market remained largely stable during January–October 2026, with registration volumes declining marginally by 1% year-on-year (YoY), even as transaction value increased by 3% to Rs.44,305 crore, according to Knight Frank India's latest assessment.

The city recorded 61,033 residential property registrations during the first 10 months of 2026. However, October witnessed 5,318 registrations, marking a 14% YoY and 5% month-on-month decline. The slowdown coincided with the Pitru Paksha period, when some buyers traditionally defer property transactions.

Premium housing continued to drive market value growth. Homes priced above Rs.1 crore accounted for 51% of the total transaction value during January–October, compared with 50% a year ago, while contributing 20% of registrations.

In October, premium properties accounted for 59% of transaction value despite representing just 25% of registrations. The weighted average residential property price rose 10% YoY to Rs.5,184 per sq. ft., with Sangareddy recording the highest price appreciation at 25%.

Rangareddy district dominated registrations with a 52% share, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri at 29%, Hyderabad at 18% and Sangareddy at 1%.

Shishir Baijal, Chairman and Managing Director of Knight Frank India, said the growth in transaction value reflected the increasing contribution of higher-ticket housing, indicating a gradual shift towards premium properties in Hyderabad's residential market.

Hyderabad Set to Host Global Progressive Leaders at Bharat Summit 2026

Hyderabad (NSS) : Hyderabad is gearing up to host nearly 1,000 delegates from India and around 70 countries for the second Bharat Summit 2026, positioning the city as a major international platform for progressive political forces to discuss alternatives to right-wing policies and shape a new global order.

The two-day summit will be held at the HICC and Novotel Hotel on November 13 and 14 under the aegis of the Telangana Government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Policymakers, political leaders, intellectuals and changemakers from across the world are expected to participate.

The summit will commemorate the 80th year of India's Independence and the 137th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. It seeks to revive the spirit of Afro-Asian solidarity and the Non-Aligned Movement while strengthening cooperation between the Global South and Global North.

Prominent international participants include former Netherlands Foreign Minister Bert Koenders, former Portuguese Minister Maria João Rodrigues, former Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan, former Côte d'Ivoire Prime Minister Pascal Affi N'Guessan, former South Korean Foreign Affairs Minister Chung Eui-yong and Brazil's Workers' Party president Edinho Silva.

Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, will attend the valedictory session on November 14 and present his vision for India's foreign policy, focusing on multilateralism, strategic autonomy, peaceful coexistence and democratic values.

Congress leaders Gaurav Gogoi, Shashi Tharoor, Salman Khurshid, Sachin Pilot, Manish Tewari and others will moderate international discussions on artificial intelligence, the global economy, climate change, youth leadership, gender justice, media and reforms in multilateral institutions.

The summit will also feature nine sessions under the theme Telangana Rising, covering urbanisation, economic and social justice, welfare, cooperative federalism, culture, youth, sports and electoral integrity.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu and other State ministers will participate alongside intellectuals and policymakers.

The event will feature plenary sessions, international panel discussions, an exhibition and a valedictory programme.

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Income Tax Department holds FAST DS-2026 outreach programme in Hyderabad

Hyderabad (Syed Iftequar) : The Income Tax Department's Andhra Pradesh and Telangana region organised an outreach programme on FAST DS-2026 at Mehdi Manzil, Banjara Hills, on Thursday, with around 200 members of the Tax Bar Association and tax professionals participating.



The programme, organised by the Office of the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, aimed to explain the initiative and encourage wider participation.

Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Hyderabad, Sunita Billa, Principal Commissioner Prabhat Kumar Gupta and Commissioner Sarish Kumar Irrikula attended the event along with Tax Bar Association president A.P. Dahima and secretary P.V. Narayana Rao.

During an interactive session, officials addressed queries on foreign income and assets, the benefits of FAST DS-2026 and other provisions of the initiative. The programme also aimed to improve coordination between the department and tax professionals and create greater awareness about the scheme.

KAVITHA TO LAY FOUNDATION STONE FOR TRS OFFICE IN SIDDIPET TODAY

Hyderabad (NSS) : Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) president Kalvakuntla Kavitha will visit Siddipet on Friday to lay the foundation stone for the party's district office at Rangadhampally Chowrasta, near the Telangana Martyrs' Stupa. Siddipet will be the third location after Hyderabad and Nizamabad where the party is setting up its office.

Kavitha will leave her Banjara Hills residence at 7 am and reach Siddipet around 9 am. She will offer special prayers at Sri Uma Parthiva Kotilingeswara Swamy Temple and later offer a chadar at Janulla Shah Dargah near Siddipet Minar.

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MEESEVA DOORSTEP DELIVERY SERVICE TO BRING GOVT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS

Hyderabad (NSS) : The Telangana Government has launched MeeSeva Doorstep Delivery to make government services easily accessible to citizens from their homes. The initiative was introduced at a programme organised jointly by the Electronic Service Delivery Department, Cyberabad Police, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation and Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate in Gachibowli.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr M. Ramesh, Municipal Commissioner Dr G. Srijana and ESD Commissioner T. Ravi Kiran attended the event.

Under the service, trained and verified agents will deliver government services at citizens' doorsteps, particularly benefiting senior citizens, persons with disabilities and working professionals. Residents can avail the facility by calling 1100 and pressing 1, or through the portal: https://dsd.meeseva.telangana.gov.in.

The programme also introduced the MeeTicket app, which enables users to book city bus and Metro tickets, renew bus passes and purchase entry tickets for zoos and parks. Resident Welfare Associations were urged to create awareness about these services among residents.

Telangana has launched MeeSeva Doorstep Delivery, allowing citizens to access government services at home by calling 1100.

TGPCB cracks down on sweet units for pollution violations

Hyderabad (NSS) : The Telangana Pollution Control Board (TGPCB) has initiated strict action against major sweet manufacturing units in the city and surrounding areas for violating environmental regulations, including discharging untreated effluents into public sewers and using banned Single-Use Plastics (SUPs).

Following public complaints, the Board formed Rolling Task Force Teams to inspect seven prominent sweet manufacturing units. During the raids, officials uncovered widespread non-compliance, including units operating without mandatory Consent for Establishment (CFE) and Consent for Operation (CFO), alongside violations of the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021.

Representatives of all seven units were summoned for a hearing before the Task Force Committees at the Hyderabad and R.C. Puram zonal offices on November 5. While four units were found to hold valid operational consents, the remaining three were operating without mandatory



clearances or Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs), releasing untreated wastewater directly into public drains.

Reiterating a zero-tolerance stance on industrial pollution, the TGPCB has directed all sweet manufacturers to treat wastewater strictly according to prescribed norms and completely eliminate prohibited single-use plastics from their packaging.

Green SM AIMS to mislead auto, cab drivers like Jio did, alleges BRS Praveen Kumar



Hyderabad (NSS) : BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar on Thursday accused Green SM company of attempting to mislead auto-rickshaw and cab drivers through its proposed low-fare model, alleging that the company was following a strategy similar to that adopted by Jio firm.

Addressing a media conference at Telangana Bhavan, the BRS leader said Jio had initially attracted customers with free data and calls before gradually increasing tariffs, forcing several telecom companies out of the market or into mergers.

Praveen Kumar alleged that Green SM was indirectly encouraging drivers to abandon their existing vehicles and services by promoting a fare of Rs.8 per kilometre. He claimed the company's primary objective was to popularise and sell its cars rather than protect the livelihoods of auto and cab drivers.

Demanding government's intervention, he called for a clear rate card to safeguard drivers' interests. He said companies were free to sell vehicles but should not do so at the cost of the livelihoods of thousands of transport workers.

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