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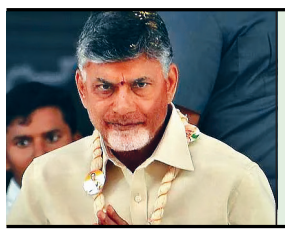
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Modi met Gujarat leaders at Lok Bhavan; his Ambaji temple visit was postponed to avoid disrupting devotees amid festive crowds. P4

Telangana Summit Highlights Social Justice and Equality

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar emphasised equal opportunities, BC welfare and inclusive development during the Bharat Summit panel discussion. P8

Henry's Six-Wicket Haul Crushes India

Matt Henry claimed 6-27 as New Zealand dismissed India for 89, securing a massive 244-run victory in the fourth ODI. P7

Assam Highway Crash Kills 26 Near Kaziranga

Guwahati: At least 26 people, including college students, were killed and 20 injured when a minibus collided head-on with a container truck near Kaziranga National Park in Assam's Golaghat district on Friday afternoon.



The accident occurred at Rangajan on National Highway 715, near Hathikuli Tea Estate.

Police suspected that the minibus was speeding despite restrictions along the highway. However, the exact cause remains under investigation.

A district transport official revealed that the vehicle had previously received multiple speeding fines, including a ₹4,000 penalty in March for travelling at 102 kmph. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced compensation of ₹2 lakh for each deceased person's family and ₹50,000 for each injured person.

Four Civilians Shot Dead on Manipur Highway

Imphal: Four civilians, including two women, were shot dead when suspected militants attacked two vehicles near New Heaven on the Imphal–Ukhrul road in Manipur's Ukhrul district on Friday.

Police said the victims were travelling towards Imphal in a Swift car and a Bolero pickup when gunmen opened fire around 1 pm. Bullet marks were found on both windshields.

The deceased included a mother and son from Shangshak village and two siblings from Tashar village.

Security personnel reached the scene and launched an investigation. However, the attackers' identities and motive remain unconfirmed.

Kuki-Zo organisations condemned the killings and called for an impartial, evidence-based investigation.

A separate Thursday gunfight near the Kangpokpi–Senapati border killed a woman and injured two men.



Türkiye, Qatar Sign New Mutual Defence Pact

Istanbul: Türkiye and Qatar signed a new mutual defence agreement on Friday during talks between President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Turkish presidency announced.

However, the agreement's terms were not disclosed, leaving unclear whether it includes a binding commitment to defend each other against military attacks.

Erdoğan said the accord would add a new dimension to bilateral relations. Both countries also pledged to prevent renewed conflict in the Gulf, promote dialogue, expand defence-industry cooperation and diversify energy ties.

The development follows an earlier defence pact between Türkiye, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, under which an attack on one member is considered an attack on all three.

No similar collective-defence provision has been confirmed in the new Türkiye–Qatar agreement.

The accord carries wider regional significance amid Gulf tensions, particularly for India, given its energy interests and large expatriate community in Qatar.

WHO: Gaza Respiratory Cases Rise by 33,000

Geneva: The World Health Organization (WHO) warned Friday that acute respiratory infections in Gaza had increased by 33,000 cases compared with the same period last year, raising serious concerns about worsening public health conditions.

WHO representative Dr Reinhilde Van De Weerdt said overcrowded displacement shelters, poor ventilation and winter rains were accelerating the spread of infections.

Respiratory illnesses now account for 11% of medical consultations.

Nearly one million displaced Palestinians live in flood-prone areas, including 400,000 facing extremely high risks. Recent heavy rains have flooded tens of thousands of tents.

The WHO warned that contaminated water, damp conditions and mould particularly threaten young children.



Telangana HC Seeks Report on Journalists' Accreditation

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Friday directed the Information and Public Relations Department to submit a compliance report by November 23 in a contempt case concerning journalists' accreditation cards.

A Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice P. Sam Koshy and Justice Narsing Rao Nandikonda heard the petition filed by the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists' Federation.

The government claimed compliance with an earlier order, but federation counsel Barkat Ali Khan questioned the absence of supporting documents.

He argued that a circular concerning journalists' bus passes did not establish accreditation renewal.

The court sought complete details and adjourned the matter to November 23.



Microsoft Outage Disrupts Global Services, Hits Indian Airlines

Santa Clara: N Microsoft services gradually recovered Friday after a global outage disrupted Outlook, Teams and Microsoft 365, with complaints spanning 74 countries.

In India, SpiceJet cancelled three Delhi flights and delayed two, though links to the outage remained unclear. IndiGo and Akasa reported email disruptions, while Air India rerouted customer messages without affecting flights. Microsoft blamed server failures, ruled out malicious activity and warned of continuing delays before full service restoration. P5

Eight Army Personnel Injured in Chevella Truck Crash

Trainee driver reportedly loses control during military training exercise near Allawada village.

Hyderabad: Eight Army personnel were injured when a military truck carrying 14 soldiers overturned near Allawada village in Rangareddy district on Friday morning.

The vehicle was travelling from Golconda Army Camp towards Shabad for driver training when a trainee reportedly struck a road median, lost control and crashed into a tree around 8 am.

Chevella ACP B. Kishan said the injured were shifted to the Army hospital at Golconda.

Police had received no formal complaint. The exact circumstances remain under examination.

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₹90 Crore Election Bills Remain Disputed in Telangana

Deputy collectors seek reimbursement as authorities question spending beyond sanctioned budgets.

Hyderabad: The Telangana Deputy Collectors' Association has sought reimbursement of approximately ₹90 crore in additional expenses incurred during the 2023 Assembly and 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Association representatives met Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy on November 5, claiming inadequate budgets forced election officials to borrow money.

Election authorities maintained that all bills within sanctioned allocations were cleared.

They have sought expenditure records from district collectors to establish who authorised additional spending and determine responsibility for settling outstanding claims.

Urdu Journalists' Union Honours Nizamabad Editor with Nishan-e-Sahafat award

Nizamabad, (Md. Baleegh Ahmed): Syed Usman Ali, Editor of Fikr-e-Jamhoor, received the Nishan-e-Sahafat award for his dedicated journalistic services at the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union's 10th annual general body meeting, held in Hyderabad on November 11.

Nampally MLA Mohammed Majid Hussain presented the honour in the presence of union president Dr Mohammed Shujauddin Iftikhari, general secretary Mufti Mohammed Raisuddin Qasmi, patron Dr Mohammed Sajid Meraj and Munsif Associate Editor Athar Moin.

Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, K. Kavitha and other dignitaries attended the programme, which honoured senior journalists from several districts.

Speakers emphasised the importance of Urdu journalism in protecting democratic values. Journalists from Nizamabad and other districts congratulated Usman Ali.



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Naidu Urges Corporates to Adopt Poor Families Under P4 Scheme

Munsif Desk,
Visakhapatnam:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday urged companies to quickly turn investment agreements signed at a business summit into operational projects and asked them to support his P4 (public-private-people partnership) programme through CSR spending aimed at the state's poorest households.



Addressing the second day of the CII Partnership Summit, Naidu said the government would clear approvals and allot land once an agreement was signed, but investors must commit to a date for inaugurating their projects.

"I am never interested in foundation stones or paper MoUs. I will be happy only when projects are inaugurated, so speed is very, very important," he said, urging companies to set a "speed record".

As many as 11 MoUs involving proposed investments of over Rs 1.40 lakh crore and an estimated employment potential of 10,472 jobs were signed in Naidu's presence on the second and concluding day of the 31st CII Partnership Summit here on Friday.

Emphasising the P4 programme, Naidu said the state's earlier focus on public-private partnerships in telecom, roads and power had created wealth, but the gap between the rich and the poor needed to be bridged.

"Without investment, we cannot create wealth, and without wealth we cannot empower people," he said, adding that P4 brought "people" into the framework.

Under the model, the top 10 per cent of society, called Margadarshis (guides), are expected to hand-hold the bottom 20 per cent, termed Bangaru Kutumbams (golden families), through education, guidance and timely support rather than one-time financial assistance.

Two commitments were announced at the summit. The Brijmohan Lall Munjal Foundation of the Hero Group will fund scholarships for about 1,120 students from 28 districts who have passed Class 10 and are joining premier engineering institutes, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

INTERSTATE ATM ROBBERY GANG BUSTED; TWO ARRESTED



Munsif Desk, Rajanna Sircilla:
The Yellareddypet Police of Rajanna Sircilla district have busted an interstate gang involved in a series of ATM thefts targeting ATM centres across several states. Sircilla DSP Nagendra Chary disclosed the details of the case on Friday.

According to the DSP, in the early hours of April 11 this year, unidentified persons broke into an SBI ATM centre located near an Indian Oil petrol pump in Yellareddypet.

The accused damaged the ATM machine, stole cash amounting to Rs. 6,06,100 and fled with the machine itself.

Following a complaint lodged by Daddigala Ramesh, Channel Manager of Hitachi Payment Services, the Yellareddypet Police registered a case and launched an investigation.

During the investigation, police analysed CCTV footage along with technical and scientific evidence to identify the accused.

They subsequently detained and questioned Pratap Ram Bawari (36), a native of Kuliyana village in Parbatsar mandal of Didwana-Kuchaman district, Rajasthan, and Gopal Tejaram Bawari (34), a resident of Rahul Nivas in Degana mandal of Nagaur district, Rajasthan.

The investigation revealed that both accused had allegedly been involved in several ATM theft cases across Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The DSP said that the two accused were produced before a court on Friday and subsequently remanded to judicial custody. Commending the police officers and personnel for successfully cracking the case, the District Superintendent of Police congratulated the team for its efforts.

Heart Attack Deaths Rise in Godavarikhani

Godavarikhani: The increasing incidents of heart attacks and brain strokes in the Ramagundam region have triggered serious concern among the public. In view of the situation, TRS-D State Vice-President Edunuri Narsing has urged the state government to immediately appoint specialist doctors, including cardiologists and neurosurgeons, at the Government General Hospital in Godavarikhani.



In a statement issued on Wednesday, he expressed deep concern over the lack of emergency medical facilities for people belonging to poor and middle-income families. He said the Government General Hospital in Godavarikhani serves as a major healthcare centre for thousands of economically weaker and middle-class families. Families of Singareni employees, daily wage workers, underprivileged sections and patients from surrounding areas depend heavily on the hospital for medical treatment.

However, the absence of a cardiologist to treat heart-related ailments and a neurosurgeon to handle emergencies involving the brain and nervous system is a matter of serious concern, he said.

Who will protect patients' lives during medical emergencies?

Edunuri Narsing pointed out that patients suffering sudden heart attacks or brain strokes require immediate medical attention and treatment by specialists. However, due to the absence of the required specialists at the government hospital, patients are reportedly unable to receive timely treatment.

He also raised concerns that inadequate emergency services at private hospitals during night hours force patients to travel long distances, risking lives through treatment delays.

Free AI Training Centre for Rural Youth in Elanthakunta

Munsif Desk,
Karimnagar:

A free Artificial Intelligence (AI) training centre will be established in Elanthakunta of Karimnagar district to provide AI training to rural youth.

The initiative aims to equip young people from rural areas with modern technological skills, enabling them to strengthen their economic prospects and support their families through better livelihood opportunities.

Rajdhani Bus Alarm Triggers Panic Among Passengers

Munsif Desk,
Karimnagar:

Passengers travelling in a Rajdhani bus from Karimnagar Bus Stand to Shamshabad Airport were gripped by fear after a sudden alarm went off inside the bus near Thimapur at around 8 am on Thursday. Responding immediately, the driver stopped the bus and asked all passengers to get down as a precautionary measure. According to preliminary information, the incident occurred due to a technical malfunction.

Warangal Police Review Crime Cases, Order Faster Disposal



Munsif Desk, Warangal:

A monthly crime review meeting was held at the Warangal Police Commissionerate office with DCPs and ACP-rank officers to review crimes reported within the Commissionerate limits, progress in the investigation of pending cases, arrests of accused, collection of evidence and the status of cases under trial in courts. During the meeting, cases registered at various police stations under the Commissionerate were reviewed in detail. Special attention was given to long-pending cases, and officials were asked to provide updates on their investigation status and progress. Officers were directed to take immediate steps to arrest accused involved in pending cases.

In cases where the accused are absconding, special teams should be formed to trace them and ensure their early arrest by effectively utilising available modern technology. Police officials were instructed to focus on maintaining the quality of investigations while ensuring their speedy completion.

MLA, Collector Urge Protection of Govt Lands, Faster Revenue Services

Munsif Desk, Hanamkonda:



Parkal MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy and District Collector Chahat Bajpai have directed officials concerned to speed up the resolution of revenue-related petitions and ensure that no application is kept pending unnecessarily.

Last night, the MLA and District Collector held a review meeting with concerned officials at the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) office in Parkal to assess various revenue-related issues and review the progress made in resolving them.

On the occasion, they stressed the need for effective measures to protect government lands from illegal encroachments.

They also instructed officials to complete the land resurvey process at the earliest to facilitate the resolution of land-related disputes.

The MLA and Collector specifically directed revenue officials not to keep any public petition pending unnecessarily. They instructed officials to conduct immediate field-level enquiries into the concerned matters and complete the necessary action within the stipulated timeframe.

They also asked officials to promptly inform applicants about the current status of their petitions and the action taken on them.

RDO Venkanna, Tahsildars and other concerned officials attended the review meeting.

112 Kg Ganja Worth ₹25 Lakh Seized in Suryapet; Two Held



Munsif Desk, Suryapet:

As part of intensified surveillance and special search operations to curb the illegal transportation and sale of ganja in the district, Suryapet Town-II Police seized 112 kg of ganja and arrested two persons allegedly involved in the drug trafficking network. The seized contraband is estimated to be worth approximately Rs. 25 lakh.

Addressing a press conference at the District Police Office on Friday, District Superintendent of Police K. Narasimha, IPS, said that five persons from Maharashtra had allegedly planned to engage in ganja trafficking to earn easy money.

Each of them reportedly invested Rs. 50,000. They purchased 112 kg of ganja from unidentified persons in the Jagannath Puri region of Odisha at the rate of Rs. 2,000 per kg, paying a total of Rs. 2.24 lakh. The ganja was subsequently packed into 41 packets and loaded into an Innova car for transportation to Maharashtra. To evade police checks, the accused allegedly used another Ertiga car as an escort vehicle. The car travelled ahead of the Innova, monitored police movements and alerted those travelling in the vehicle carrying the contraband.

Meanwhile, on November 7, the Innova car developed a technical snag near Padmavathi Function Hall on NH-65, on the outskirts of Suryapet town. Following this, the accused abandoned the vehicle on the roadside and fled.

After receiving information about a suspiciously parked vehicle, Suryapet Town-II Sub-Inspectors K. Gopi Krishna and B. Ramachandram, along with police personnel, reached the spot and searched the car. They recovered 112 kg of ganja packed in 41 packets.

The police seized the contraband and the Innova car in the presence of independent witnesses and registered a case.



Police Conduct Surprise Raids on Highway Dhabas, Hotels

Munsif Desk,
Rajanna Sircilla:

As part of efforts to maintain law and order and prevent anti-social activities in Rajanna Sircilla district, police conducted surprise raids on Thursday night.

On the instructions of District Superintendent of Police Mahesh B. Githe, police teams simultaneously carried out surprise inspections at dhabas and hotels located along highways within the limits of all police stations across the district. During the inspections, police officials thoroughly checked the licences of hotel and dhaba operators as well as permissions obtained from other concerned departments.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP warned that strict action would be taken against those operating permit rooms without authorisation, illegally storing liquor or selling alcohol.

He made it clear that those using dhabas as centres for playing cards, betting, matka and other gambling activities would not be spared. The SP also instructed operators of hotels located along highways to keep a close watch on the movement of suspicious persons and vehicles and immediately inform the police about any suspicious activities.

He warned that cases would be registered against those violating the law or facilitating illegal activities.

He further stated that such surprise inspection drives would be intensified in the coming days.

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MP Ravichandra Attends Parliamentary Panel Meeting on Petroleum, Gas

Munsif Desk, New Delhi:

BRS Parliamentary Party Leader and Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra has urged the Central Government to take precautionary measures to ensure uninterrupted transportation, production and supply of crude oil, petroleum products and domestic cooking gas in view of the continuing tensions in West Asia. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas held a meeting on Friday at the Annexe Hall in the Parliament premises.

MP Ravichandra attended the meeting, chaired by Committee Chairman Sunil Dattatray Tatkare.

Speaking at the meeting, Ravichandra suggested that the Central Government make advance arrangements to ensure the uninterrupted supply of petrol, diesel and cooking gas across the country in view of the prevailing situation in West Asia.

RAILWAYS GO SMARTER: AI-POWERED BHOLU EXPANDS TO SEVEN STATIONS

(NSS), Hyderabad:

South Central Railway (SCR) has taken another major step towards smart passenger services with the introduction of YATRI LLM, an indigenous Large Language Model developed specifically to answer railway-related passenger queries through its AI-powered BHOLU assistance system.

Initially launched in May 2026 at Kacheguda and Malkajgiri stations, the upgraded BHOLU system has now been extended to five more stations – Kurnool City, Gadwal, Mahabubnagar, Kamareddi and Nizamabad – taking its coverage to seven stations. Passenger interactions have increased dramatically from around 200 during the initial phase to over 2,000 per day, marking a tenfold rise. SCR has also emerged as the first railway zone to introduce AI-enabled voice-based passenger assistance services. The new YATRI LLM transforms BHOLU from a conventional enquiry kiosk into an intelligent railway information platform.

Sridhar Babu assures full support to investors in Bharat Future City

(NSS) Hyderabad:

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.

Several other distinguished personalities from different fields were also honoured. TUWJU State President Dr. Shujauddin Iftikhari, General Secretary Mufti Raees Qasmi, Chief Patron Dr. Sajid Meraj and founder president Athar Moin, Associate Editor of The Munsif, along with other state-level office-bearers, participated in the programme and presented the awards.

Among the awardees, senior journalist Mirza Saleem Baig serves as the Munsif correspondent for the Asifabad constituency and is President of the TUWJU Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District Unit.



All India Mahila Congress National Secretary Aditha Urges Faster Construction of Sirpur Bus Stand

Munsif Desk, Kagaznagar:

All India Mahila Congress National Secretary Aditha met State Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and urged him to expedite the long-pending construction of a modern bus stand in Sirpur.

During the meeting, Aditha brought to the minister's attention the difficulties faced by the public due to the absence of a modern bus stand in Sirpur.

Highlighting the importance of the facility for the local population and daily commuters, she appealed to the minister to take immediate steps to initiate the construction work.

She stated that the proposed modern bus stand would provide better travel facilities and improved amenities for passengers, while bringing considerable relief to people in the region.

Aditha further requested the Transport Minister to give special attention to this long-pending public demand and take the necessary measures to ensure that the construction work begins at the earliest.





Former Minister and BRSLP Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao, accompanied by party MLAs and MLCs, inspected the Truck Park land at Moosapet in the Kukatpally constituency on Friday morning to protest the State government's move to auction land earmarked for public utility.

BRS threatens agitation over proposed auction of Truck Park land

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Former Minister and BRSLP Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao, accompanied by party MLAs and MLCs, inspected the Truck Park land at Moosapet in the Kukatpally constituency on Friday morning to protest the State government's move to auction land earmarked for public utility.

During the visit, Harish Rao interacted with local residents, truck drivers, and workers who expressed distress over the proposed sale of public land. Assuring them of his party's full support, he stated that the BRS would block the auction.

Harish Rao subsequently joined a dharna organised jointly by the BRS, CPI, and CPM at the site. Addressing the media at the protest, he launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's administration, alleging widespread irregularities.

"There is no administration under Revanth Reddy's rule—only a land scam, a sand scam, and a coal scam. Government land worth ₹1 lakh crore has been put up for sale across the state, and land worth ₹26,000 crore has already been sold," Harish Rao alleged.

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.

SANITATION SYSTEM IN SURYAPET MUNICIPALITY IN DISARRAY

Munsif Desk, Suryapet:

The sanitation system in Suryapet Municipality has reportedly been severely affected due to the absence of a Sanitary Inspector for the past six months. Residents of several municipal wards are facing serious inconvenience as garbage heaps accumulate at various locations, spreading foul odour.

According to local residents, garbage collection workers are not visiting regularly, resulting in waste piling up along streets, near drainage channels and in vacant plots. The situation has reportedly led to an increase in mosquitoes and flies, raising the risk of dengue, malaria and other seasonal diseases.

Residents further complained that during rainfall, accumulated garbage blocks drainage channels, causing dirty water to overflow onto roads and creating severe inconvenience for pedestrians and local residents.

Citizens also expressed frustration over the lack of clarity regarding the officials responsible for addressing sanitation-related complaints. When they approach the municipal office, they are reportedly told either that the concerned officer is unavailable or that other officials are absent.

Collector Stresses Forest Conservation for Ecological Balance

Munsif Desk, Mulugu:

Mulugu District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadevara has stressed that environmental balance can be maintained only through the protection and conservation of forests.

He called upon all concerned departments to work in close coordination to safeguard forest resources and prevent illegal activities. A district-level Forest Protection Committee meeting was held on Friday at the meeting hall of the District Integrated Collectorate under the chairmanship of Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadevara.

The meeting was organised by the Forest Department in the presence of District Forest Officer Vikas Meena, District Superintendent of Police Sudheer Ramnath Kekkan and ITDA Project Officer Lenin Vatsal Topp.

The Collector said forests play a vital role in mitigating climate change, conserving biodiversity and water resources, and preventing soil erosion.

He directed the Revenue, Forest and Police Departments to undertake joint operations against encroachments on forest land, illegal felling of trees and timber smuggling.



BRS MLC SRAVAN SLAMS REVANTH GOVT OVER INTERMEDIATE

(NSS), Hyderabad:

BRS MLC Sravan Dasoju has strongly opposed the Telangana government's decision to abolish the Intermediate education system, alleging that the move favours corporate educational institutions at the cost of students and government colleges. In an open letter to Chief Minister and Education Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday, Sravan demanded immediate suspension of the November 11 order and called for a detailed discussion in the Legislative Assembly before taking any decision.

He questioned how a five-decade-old education system could be abolished without a Cabinet decision, legislative debate or consultations with stakeholders. "No cabinet decision. No Bill. No consultations. No discussion. The future of over 10 lakh students, around 1,750 junior colleges, and thousands of faculty members was decided in a single review room.



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Tamil Nadu man held over Bishnoi gang links

(IANS) Thrissur, Thrissur City police arrested 27-year-old Gurumurthy, a Tamil Nadu native, in Palakkad over suspected links with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, following central intelligence inputs.

Police said he was allegedly in contact with gang members on Telegram. They are probing possible links to the shooting targeting actor Tiger Shroff.

A case was registered by Thrissur City East police, and Gurumurthy was remanded to judicial custody. Police are probing his alleged links and any role in threats against film personalities in Kerala.

Centre announces major reshuffle of top IIS officers

(IANS) New Delhi, The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has now reshuffled six IIS Group A officers across PIB, CBC, the Publication Division and AIR.

R.K. Jain is DG (Coordination), PIB. Kanchan Prasad Mandlaus moves from CBC to head the Publication Division.

L. Madhu Nag becomes DG (News), AIR, holding charge as DG, AIR. Dhiraj M. Kakadia moves to DG (Media and Communication), PIB, and DG (Training), IIMC.

Mattu J.P. Singh retains his PIB role and becomes Press Council of India Secretary. Shubha Gupta continues as Additional DG, PIB.

Eight IIS Group B officers were reassigned to Doordarshan, AIR, regional news units and the Press Registrar General of India.

My phone is being tapped, alleges Rahul Gandhi



(IANS) New Delhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday hit back at the BJP's allegation that he was receiving help from foreign powers to create "anarchy" in the country, claiming that his phone was being tapped at the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a video posted on the Congress's official X account, Gandhi held up his phone and said, "The proof is here." He alleged that the Prime Minister knew what was on the device because his phone was being tapped.

Gandhi renewed his challenge to Modi for a one-on-one debate, saying it would reveal who was controlled by foreign powers and who was anti-national. He also claimed that such an exchange would end the Prime Minister's political career.

Taking a swipe at Modi over the debate challenge, Gandhi said the Prime Minister would have to "come out of his air chamber and breathe what everybody else breathes", referring to rising pollution levels in the Delhi-NCR region.

Responding to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's challenge for a debate in Parliament, Gandhi said he had tried to raise several issues in the House but was not allowed to speak. He cited the farm laws, alleged "vote chori", the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and China.

"I don't want a speech-based debate," he said, reiterating his demand for a direct exchange with the Prime Minister.

In a separate video message on his official X account, Gandhi again claimed that Modi's political career would be over if he debated him. He said the Prime Minister had repeatedly called him anti-national and that he wanted to show the country who was "controlled by whom and since when".

Gandhi also alleged that Modi was no longer making comments against him because he was being careful. "There is a reason for it," he said.

PM MODI ARRIVES IN GUJARAT; TO MEET CM, DY CM AND MINISTERS OVER DINNER



(IANS) Gandhinagar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at Lok Bhavan in Gandhinagar on Friday evening, where he was warmly received by Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat, ahead of a dinner meeting with Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi and state ministers.

PM Modi is on a two-day visit to Karnataka and Gujarat on November 13 and 14. Following his arrival in Gujarat, he proceeded to Lok Bhavan, where he is scheduled to stay overnight.

The Governor welcomed PM Modi and praised his leadership, commitment to national service and vision of building a developed and self-reliant India by 2047.

Devvrat said the Prime Minister's tireless efforts, far-sighted leadership and dedication to the nation are a source of inspiration. "India's standing and prestige across the world had reached new heights under PM Modi's leadership," he said.

Referring to Gujarat's development, Devvrat said: "Under the Prime Minister's guidance, the state had emerged as the country's growth engine and is setting new benchmarks in natural farming, industrial progress and public welfare."

PM Modi is scheduled to attend a dinner at Lok Bhavan with Patel, Sanghavi, Cabinet Ministers and Ministers of State. The dinner comes on the occasion of the Gujarati New Year.

Senior state BJP office-bearers are also expected to attend, according to sources.

The Prime Minister's Gujarat itinerary underwent a change after his scheduled visit to the Ambaji temple in Banaskantha district on Saturday was postponed.

PM Modi was originally scheduled to offer prayers at the temple on Labh Pancham, an auspicious occasion during the Gujarati festive calendar.

However, the visit was deferred in view of the large number of devotees visiting the shrine over the past few days and the possibility of a further increase in footfall on Labh Pancham.

Deputy Chief Minister Sanghavi said the Prime Minister had taken the decision in the interest of devotees, so that their darshan was not affected by the arrangements required for his visit.

"PM Modi would visit the temple on another occasion to seek the blessings of Maa Amba," he added.

The Ambaji temple is one of the 51 revered Shakti Peeths and draws large numbers of devotees from Gujarat and neighbouring states, particularly during the festive season.

The Prime Minister's visit to Gujarat follows a series of programmes in Karnataka on Friday, where he participated in the golden jubilee celebrations of Prashanti Kutiram, inaugurated the Bengaluru Metro's Pink Line and launched development projects worth more than Rs 15,600 crore in Bengaluru, besides attending programmes in Mysuru.

Centre fixes sugar quota for sale by mills at 13 lakh metric tonnes for second fortnight of Nov



(IANS) New Delhi, The Centre's Department of Food and Public Distribution has fixed the fortnightly domestic sugar quota for the second fortnight of November at 13 lakh metric tonnes, according to an official statement issued on Friday.

In addition, sugar mills are permitted to sell, during this month, the sugar produced up to November 30, over and above their allocated sales quota for the second fortnight of November. This is applicable for the sugar mills, starting crushing in November or already started crushing in October, the statement said.

The sugar mills which have commenced crushing during October this year, are already permitted to sell the quantity of sugar produced during October in the month of November.

The government has replaced the old monthly quota system with a fortnightly allocation system starting September 2026 to curb artificial price fluctuations, short-selling, and end-of-month hoarding.

The government announced a change on mill-wise quota allocation system for sales in domestic market by introducing to issue it on a fortnightly basis from September.

Further, the government stipulated that every mill will have to sell at least 40 per cent of the fortnightly allocation in the first week and the remaining quantity in the following week.

This forms part of its initiatives to tame soaring sugar prices, which had topped Rs 70 a kg in retail outlets across the country at one point. Retail sugar prices across major Indian cities now range from Rs 61 to Rs 66 per kg (as of November 12), with an all-India average retail price of Rs 60.53 per kg.

Earlier, the government also extended the deadline for duty-free imports of 1 million tonnes of raw sugar under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) by two months to December 31 to ensure adequate supplies are available during the festive season at reasonable prices.

The Finance Ministry had, on August 20, allowed duty-free imports of 1 million tonnes of raw sugar until October 31. In the last week of October, it issued a fresh notification to extend the last date for duty-free imports to December 31, 2026.

Imports have remained low as sugar prices in the domestic market have also come down following the government's announcement to allow more imports. The extension is aimed at securing supplies whenever domestic prices go up so that imports help to cool down prices. Any permission to allow imports tames inflationary expectations which drive up prices and tend to lower prices in the domestic market to clear stocks even before the foreign consignments actually arrive.

Besides allowing imports, the government has taken a series of measures like imposing stockholding limits on traders to ensure adequate domestic supplies and tame the price spiral.

Tamil Nadu finalises free bicycle deal for 5.3 lakh students



(IANS) Chennai, The Tamil Nadu government has finalised a deal to distribute free bicycles to 5.3 lakh students of government and aided schools, with Hero Cycles emerging as the successful bidder after detailed price negotiations.

Under the agreement, Hero Cycles will supply 2.37 lakh bicycles for boys at Rs 5,260 each and 2.95 lakh bicycles for girls at Rs 5,130 each. The revised rates mark a significant reduction of 27-31 per cent from the company's initial quotes.

The total cost of the procurement now stands at approximately Rs 274 crore, remaining just under the Rs 277 crore budget allocated for the scheme.

The bicycles will meet updated safety standards and feature thicker frames, wider tyres and school maintenance kits.

The initiative is aimed at improving mobility for students, particularly those travelling longer distances, and is expected to support better school attendance and retention among Class 11 students in government and aided institutions.

Officials have highlighted the successful negotiations that enabled the inclusion of essential accessories while keeping the overall expenditure within the approved budget.

The competitive rates achieved through bargaining have been welcomed as a positive outcome that ensures quality without exceeding financial limits.

The free bicycle scheme continues to be an important welfare measure in Tamil Nadu, designed to ease the daily commute of students and encourage regular attendance, especially among girls and those from economically weaker sections.

With the deal now concluded, distribution is expected to begin in the coming months, benefiting over five lakh students across the state.

The revised pricing is being seen as a constructive result of intensive discussions, allowing the government to deliver improved-quality bicycles while remaining fiscally responsible.

The scheme shows the state's ongoing commitment to supporting school education through practical measures that enhance access and convenience for students.

Missing jewellery case takes new turn as ornaments traced to another bank locker



(IANS) Bhopal, Gold jewellery reported missing from a State Bank of India (SBI) locker belonging to former Madhya Pradesh RERA chairman A.P. Srivastava has taken a new turn, with his family informing police that some ornaments have been found in another locker at Punjab National Bank (PNB).

The development has raised questions about how much jewellery is missing from the SBI locker and how the ornaments came to be found elsewhere.

Kamla Nagar police station in-charge Nirupma Pandey told IANS that a written complaint had been received and an investigation was underway.

"Some of the jewellery that was not found in the SBI locker has reportedly been traced to another locker in Punjab National Bank (PNB). The family has informed us about this," Pandey said.

The matter came to light on Thursday when Srivastava visited the SBI branch on the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) campus in Bhopal with his daughter Surabhi, who had arrived from Dubai. They went to inspect the gold ornaments in their joint locker but could not open it easily as the key kept getting stuck.

With help from bank officials, they opened the locker but found the jewellery missing.

Locker number 502 was jointly held by Srivastava and his daughters, Surabhi and Shruti. It was taken on December 13, 2024, at an annual rent of Rs 2,380.

Police are probing the complaint and PNB locker information. Investigators are yet to establish the original quantity of jewellery and what remains unaccounted for.

Police continue to investigate the matter.

BJP seeks CBSE exam postponement on Attukal Pongala festival day



(IANS) Thiruvananthapuram, BJP's state president Rajeev Chandrasekhar has urged the Centre to reschedule the CBSE Class 10 Science examination scheduled for February 22, 2027, as it coincides with Attukal Pongala in the state capital.

In a letter to Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi, he said holding a major examination on the festival day would cause hardship to students, parents and school authorities.

Attukal Pongala, among the country's largest religious gatherings of women, draws lakhs of devotees to Thiruvananthapuram every year, with participants arriving from across Kerala and other states.

The festival involves traffic restrictions, road closures and diversions. Public transport and civic facilities are mobilised, and the day is observed as a local holiday.

Chandrasekhar said these arrangements could make it difficult for students, especially those travelling from the outskirts, to reach examination centres. School buses and examination staff could also face difficulties.

He said parents, students and school authorities had raised concerns over the date clash. Students appearing for a crucial public examination should not face avoidable travel difficulties and mental stress, he said.He requested the minister to direct the CBSE to shift the Science examination to another suitable date, protecting students' academic interests and ensuring the smooth conduct of the test.



Ebola cases top 11,000 at six-month mark, challenges remain: Africa CDC

(IANS) Addis Ababa, Confirmed cases in the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak have crossed 11,000, with 5,437 deaths, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said.

The agency reported 11,145 cases, 3,058 recoveries and a fatality rate of 48.8 per cent. Africa CDC official Wessam Mankoula said challenges remained, particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the outbreak's epicentre.

He cited rising community infections, insecurity and infections among healthcare workers. Only 11 per cent of cases were linked to known contacts, against a 95 per cent target, exposing gaps in contact tracing.

The outbreak is adding pressure to the DRC's health system, strained by conflict, Africa CDC said.

Kenya reported nine cases and two deaths after its first imported case on October 6. No new cases had been reported since October 19. The last patient was discharged and the final 11 contacts completed 21 days of monitoring.

In Nigeria, 59 of 62 identified contacts had completed monitoring, while three remained under observation.

Africa CDC declared the outbreak a public health emergency of continental security on May 18. The World Health Organisation declared an international public health emergency a day earlier.

Microsoft sees no cyberattack sign in outage



(IANS) Washington, Microsoft said Friday it had found no evidence of malicious activity behind an outage disrupting email and other services worldwide, as recovery efforts continued.

Microsoft on Friday reported broader improvements in North America, sustained recovery across much of Europe and encouraging signs in the Asia-Pacific region. But many users could still face intermittent access problems or delayed email, it said.

Microsoft's public service-health page continued to show service degradation in an update posted at 7:58 am EST Friday. The company said it was working to stabilise recovered infrastructure, restore the remaining affected systems and reduce email backlogs.

"At this time, we have no evidence of malicious activity associated with this incident," it said.

Microsoft said it would publish a full post-incident report explaining the cause and measures to strengthen its systems after mitigation was complete. Its statement did not establish a final cause or declare the disruption over.

Executive Vice President Charles Lamanna had said late Thursday that there was no indication the outage resulted from malicious or cyber activity.

"We regret that today's outages caused disruptions for our customers, and we are working to address the issue," Lamanna wrote on X.

Microsoft said features across its services that depended on Exchange Online and email could be affected, while functions that did not rely on those connections remained available.

Most core Teams functions, including calls, meetings, group chats and channel messages, were not affected, according to the service-health notice. Calendar-related functions and some other features could fail.

In a separate update at 7:09 am Friday, Microsoft said an extended 48-hour email timeout remained in place to help protect delayed messages while delivery caught up.

The US House of Representatives warned users Thursday that Microsoft was experiencing a global disruption to Outlook services. Its alert said House technology staff were working with the company but had no timetable for restoration.

New York City Emergency Management also warned that emails to city agencies and online services relying on Microsoft could be delayed or disrupted. It urged people with urgent requests to use another way to contact the relevant agency.

In India, IndiGo said the outage continued to affect email support, but its flights and other business functions were operating normally. Other customer-support channels remained available, including its digital assistant, 6E Skai.

Akasa Air warned of email-support delays and said it might be unable to receive customers' messages. It directed passengers needing immediate assistance to its care centre or social-media channels.

Air India said its flight operations and communication channels were unaffected. The airline said it had temporarily rerouted emails to ensure messages continued to arrive and was responding within its usual 24-hour timeline.

Microsoft 365 combines cloud-based email, collaboration and office applications. Exchange Online supports mail, calendars and contacts, meaning a disruption can affect features in other products that depend on those services.

Trump threatens to double Mexico tariffs



(IANS) Washington, President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to double tariffs on Mexico unless it stopped migrant caravans travelling towards the United States, linking trade penalties to his demand for tighter immigration enforcement.

In a Truth Social post, Trump said groups were forming and moving through Mexico. He warned that they would not be admitted to the United States and said Mexican authorities and US immigration agencies had been informed.

"Mexico must stop them, now, and if they do not do so, the Tariffs on Mexico will be immediately doubled," he wrote.

The post did not specify which tariffs would be increased, the goods they would cover or the legal authority for imposing them. It also did not provide an effective date beyond making the threatened increase conditional on Mexico failing to stop the migrants.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum responded that no migrant caravan had reached the US border since Trump returned to office in January 2025, Mexican daily Diario de Yucatan reported Thursday.

The newspaper reported that Sheinbaum described one group in Arriaga, in the southern state of Chiapas, as having dwindled from about 500–600 people to fewer than 100. She said authorities were explaining the difficulties of entering the United States and offering alternatives, including returning to their countries or remaining in Mexico under certain conditions.

Sheinbaum also said another group arriving from Honduras was receiving humanitarian assistance and information about its options, the newspaper reported. Her account concerned the groups' progress through Mexico, while Trump's post demanded that they be stopped before reaching the United States.

Trump tied his warning to the US midterm elections, suggesting the political outcome had encouraged renewed migration. His post offered no evidence establishing that connection.

"Here we go again! With the perceived loss by the Republicans in the Midterms - I was not on the ballot- the invasion of our Country is taking place again," he wrote.

Trump said Mexico, the Texas governor, the incoming Texas governor, Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement had been informed.

"There will be no leniency!" he wrote.

The Financial Times reported that the threat came while Washington and Mexico were negotiating reductions in US tariffs on steel, aluminium and automobiles. Those discussions concern existing trade measures; Trump's latest post tied the prospect of further penalties specifically to migration enforcement.

Mexico is both a destination for migrants and a transit country for people travelling north from Central America towards the United States. The two countries share a land border, making migration management a recurring subject of bilateral relations.

US revokes over 6,000 visas linked to birth tourism



(IANS) Washington, The US State Department has stated that it revoked more than 6,000 visas from people it said had engaged in or facilitated birth tourism, according to a post on its official X account.

"The Department of State's Birth Tourism Prevention Task Force has now revoked more than 6,000 visas from foreigners who engaged in or facilitated birth tourism," the department said on Thursday. "We are identifying and holding accountable everyone involved in this illicit practice."

The reported figure is higher than the more than 4,000 birth-tourism visa revocations the department announced in an October 31 thread. Because both figures were expressed as thresholds, they do not establish an exact increase.

In the October thread, the department said more than 700 of the visas revoked for birth tourism belonged to Chinese nationals. The latest statement did not provide a nationality breakdown.

The department's announcement concerns visa revocations; a revocation does not by itself establish that a person was deported or convicted of a crime.

A State Department rule established that travel "with the primary purpose of obtaining US citizenship for a child by giving birth in the United States is an impermissible basis for the issuance of a B nonimmigrant visa".

The rule created a rebuttable presumption concerning that purpose when a consular officer has reason to believe an applicant will give birth during her stay. It did not change how US citizenship is acquired.

The department established its Birth Tourism Prevention Task Force on August 12, saying it had already revoked more than 600 visas globally. On September 23, Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced visa restrictions targeting people who knowingly engage in or facilitate birth tourism, with certain family members also potentially covered.

The department also announced an online visa-fraud tip portal.



US: Fed's Barr warns AI could widen wealth gap

(IANS) Washington, US Federal Reserve Governor Michael Barr warned on Thursday that artificial intelligence could concentrate wealth among a few companies and their owners, urging society to prepare for possible job disruption.

Speaking at Yale University, Barr said AI's benefits would depend on competition, workers' bargaining power and whether the technology replaced employees or improved productivity.

Competition could make AI affordable and widely available, helping small businesses. But dominance by a few developers could direct returns to capital owners, increase market concentration and reduce labour's share of income, he said.

Worker displacement had so far been relatively limited. AI had improved productivity, increased demand in some sectors and created new occupations, Barr said. However, signs of substitution were emerging, particularly among younger and less-experienced workers.

Barr called for investment in training and new jobs, and support for workers changing occupations. He urged society to address potential challenges while AI adoption remained at an early stage.

Citing the Federal Reserve's Survey of Consumer Finances, Barr said the wealthiest 10 per cent of US households held three-quarters of country's wealth, while the bottom half held about 2 per cent.

Labour's share of national income fell to a record low of 52.8 per cent in the second quarter of 2026, he said. Measurement issues explained part of the decline, but the downward trend remained after adjustments.

Canada details PR route for existing workers



(IANS) Washington, Canada has outlined how provinces and territories can nominate up to 100,000 established workers and family members for permanent residence in 2027.

Immigration Minister Lena Metlege Diab announced details in Dieppe, New Brunswick. It offers allocations under the Provincial Nominee Program.

It does not create a new programme or reopen closed pathways. The 100,000 target includes workers and family members together.

Provinces and territories can nominate workers already established locally and meeting labour needs. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada said allocations are intended for use by March 31, 2027. This is not an individual application deadline.

Governments can identify workers awaiting decisions on federal applications, including those under the Atlantic Immigration Program and closed routes such as the Start-up Visa, Self-Employed Persons and Agri-Food pilots, and home-care worker programmes.

Diab said retaining established workers would support economic growth. The department said the measure would help employers retain skilled staff and address labour shortages without adding pressure on housing and infrastructure.

It is separate from the In-Canada Worker Initiative announced in Budget 2025. The department has not specified allocation distribution or provided a nationality-wise breakdown of beneficiaries.

US democrats probe Nvidia chip exports to China



(IANS) Washington, Two congressional Democrats have opened an inquiry into the Trump administration's approval of advanced Nvidia chip exports to China, questioning a tariff arrangement and asking Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick to preserve records.

Representative Richard Neal and Senator Ron Wyden said the arrangement raised national security, export licensing and tariff concerns.

Their letter said Taiwan-made Nvidia H200 AI chips would enter the US for security review and an export licence before shipment to China. A 25 per cent tariff would be collected on entry. The lawmakers argued this was an export tax disguised as an import tariff. They called it potentially unconstitutional; this is their interpretation, not a court ruling.

They questioned whether the Commerce Department had vetted Chinese buyers, citing reports of links between some companies and China's government or military. They also raised possible political influence. These remain allegations, not findings.

The lawmakers sought records on the department's semiconductor import investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, related tariffs and Nvidia export licences, plus communications involving Nvidia and Jensen Huang.

House Foreign Affairs Committee Democrats separately called for a briefing. The requests do not halt exports or compel document release now.

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The Supreme Court Of India Decoded
24 HOUR JARGON

The Supreme Court rules that the 24-hour deadline begins from actual detention, not formal arrest, strengthening safeguards against unlawful custody.



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The Supreme Court of India has delivered a significant judgment reaffirming that personal liberty cannot be compromised through procedural technicalities or delayed recording of arrests.

In its November 5, 2026, ruling in Sri Sujit Das and Others v. Union of India, a Bench comprising Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and Atul S. Chandurkar clarified the constitutional protection guaranteed under Article 22(2) of the Constitution of India.

The Court held that the mandatory 24-hour period for producing an arrested person before a magistrate begins from the moment the individual's liberty is actually curtailed by the investigating authority, irrespective of when a formal arrest memo is prepared.

The judgment, reported as 2026 INSC 1195, addresses an important question concerning the distinction between detention and formal arrest and its implications for constitutional rights.

KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE JUDGMENT

- **Actual detention counts:** The 24-hour period begins when personal liberty is curtailed.
- **Arrest memos cannot delay rights:** Formal documentation does not reset the constitutional deadline.
- **Travel time excluded:** Only necessary travel to the magistrate's court is exempted.
- **Judicial accountability:** Magistrates must examine the actual time of detention.
- **Unlawful custody:** Breach of the constitutional deadline requires immediate release.

"The constitutional clock begins when liberty is curtailed, not when an arrest is formally recorded."

The Case That Led to the Landmark Ruling

The judgment arose from an NDPS investigation in Tripura on September 29, 2025, when Customs officials intercepted three individuals near Khowai and allegedly recovered Yaba tablets concealed among ginger sacks.

The accused — Sujit Das, Suman Das and Rupak Sarkar — challenged the Tripura High Court's rejection of their bail applications.

Records showed they were detained at approximately 2 PM on September 29, but formally arrested only the following morning. They were produced before a magistrate at 4:45 PM on September 30, exceeding the constitutional deadline.

Article 22(2): Protection Against Illegal Detention

Article 22(2) requires arrested persons to be produced before a magistrate within 24 hours, excluding necessary travel time.

The Supreme Court rejected the argument that searches, questioning or other procedures before formal arrest could be excluded from this period.

Constitutional protection begins when personal liberty is actually curtailed, not when an arrest is formally recorded.

No Room for Artificial Distinctions

The Court rejected attempts to distinguish actual detention from formal arrest to delay constitutional safeguards.

Investigating authorities cannot extend custody by postponing arrest documentation. The actual deprivation of liberty determines when the 24-hour period begins.

"A delayed arrest memo cannot reset a constitutional clock that has already begun."

Magistrates Must Verify Actual Detention Time

The Supreme Court directed magistrates to verify and record when an accused was actually detained, rather than relying solely on arrest memos.

The 24-hour period is a constitutional maximum, not an automatic entitlement to detention. Under Section 58 of the BNSS, custody must also be reasonable. Violations of the constitutional deadline require release, while unreasonable detention may justify refusal of remand even within 24 hours.

Magistrates Must Verify Actual Detention Time

The judgment reinforces protection against unlawful detention, custodial violence and misuse of investigative powers.

By making actual detention the starting point for constitutional safeguards, the Court strengthened judicial oversight while allowing lawful investigations to continue.

Investigative powers must operate within constitutional limits.

Supreme Court Orders Bail and Wider Circulation

Finding violations of Article 22(2) and Section 58 of the BNSS, the Supreme Court set aside the Tripura High Court's bail rejection order.

It directed the appellants' production before the Special Court within seven days, followed by release on conditional bail. The judgment was also ordered to be circulated among senior police authorities, High Courts and judicial academies.

Responsibility of Lawyers and Courts

Advocates must examine the actual circumstances and timing of detention and promptly raise constitutional violations.

Magistrates must independently scrutinise custody records to ensure that remand proceedings protect fundamental rights.

Constitutional Liberty Must Prevail

The judgment reinforces the principle that investigative authority remains subject to constitutional safeguards.

Personal liberty cannot be compromised through delayed arrest documentation or procedural manipulation.

The central message is clear: constitutional protection begins when liberty is curtailed, not when authorities formally record an arrest.

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Is the World Heading Towards an Economic Disaster?

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

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

The consequences of a severe economic crisis would extend far beyond stock markets, banks and multinational corporations.

Ordinary families could face soaring living costs, shrinking incomes, unemployment and mounting financial insecurity.

But is the world heading towards an unavoidable economic disaster?

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

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

Global inflation is projected to reach 4.7 per cent in 2026, reflecting persistent price pressures.

The IMF has cautioned that economic resilience remains under strain, with risks tilted towards weaker outcomes.

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

FIVE WARNING SIGNS

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

How Could an Economic Disaster Begin?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When Inflation Turns Into an Employment Crisis

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

The Hidden Danger of Mounting Debt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

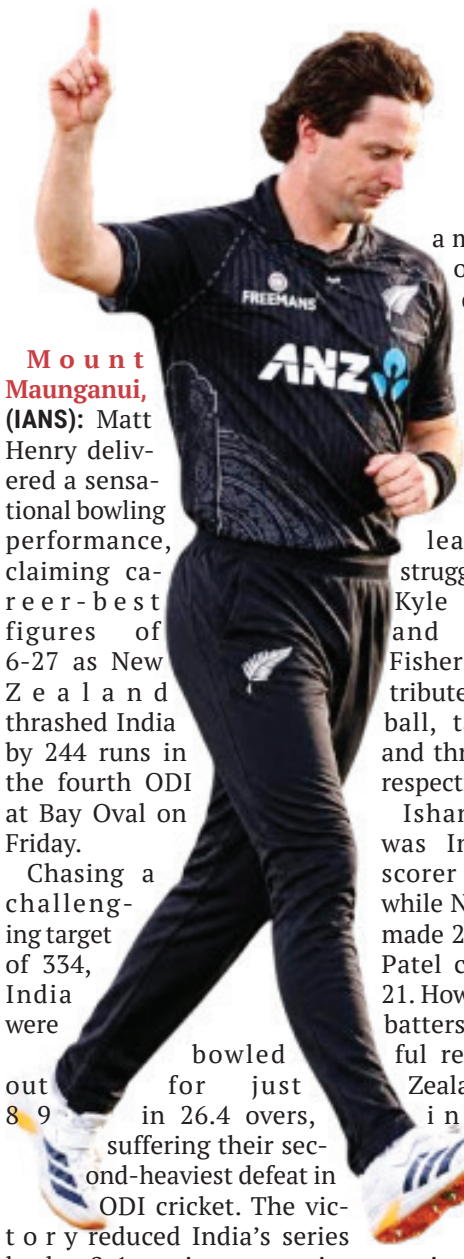
What Would Global Crisis Mean for India?

India's economy has strong domestic foundations but cannot remain fully insulated from a major global crisis. A sharp rise in crude oil prices could increase import costs, fuel inflation and affect transport, agriculture and manufacturing. Businesses dependent on imports, exports and global supply chains could face pressure, while weaker overseas demand may affect investment and jobs.

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4th ODI: Henry six-for, Young's century helps New Zealand thrash India by 244 runs





Mount Maunganui, (IANS): Matt Henry delivered a sensational bowling performance, claiming career-best figures of 6-27 as New Zealand thrashed India by 244 runs in the fourth ODI at Bay Oval on Friday.

Chasing a challenging target of 334, India were bowled out for just 89 in 26.4 overs, suffering their second-heaviest defeat in ODI cricket. The victory reduced India's series lead to 2-1, setting up a series decider at the same venue on Sunday.

Henry made an immediate impact, taking three wickets in a maiden first over. He dismissed Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer to leave India struggling at 0-3. Kyle Jamieson and Matthew Fisher also contributed with the ball, taking one and three wickets respectively.

Ishan Kishan was India's top scorer with 27, while Naman Dhir made 21 and Axar Patel contributed 21. However, none of the other batters could offer meaningful resistance against New Zealand's disciplined bowling attack.

Earlier, after being asked to bat first, New Zealand posted an impressive 333/8 in their allotted 50 overs. Will Young led the batting effort with a brilliant 125 off 108 balls, registering his fifth ODI century and first against India. Tim Seifert provided excellent support with an aggressive 58 off 48 deliveries, including six fours and three sixes.

For India, Axar Patel, Gurnoor Brar and Auqib Nabi picked up two wickets each, while Arshdeep Singh and Naman Dhir claimed one apiece. Kuldeep Yadav, playing his first match of the tour, went wicketless.

Henry, who returned to ODI cricket after an absence of nearly a year, proved too difficult for the Indian batters to handle. His outstanding spell earned him the Player of the Match award and put New Zealand firmly back in contention. With the series now standing at 2-1, both teams will meet again in the fifth and final ODI at Bay Oval on Sunday, with India aiming to seal the series and New Zealand looking to level the contest.

Marco Jansen named ICC Men's Player of the Month for October



Dubai, (IANS): South Africa all-rounder Marco Jansen has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October 2026 following his outstanding performances in the Proteas' 2-1 Test series victory over Australia.

The 26-year-old won his maiden Player of the Month award, beating Pakistan's Arafat Minhas and West Indies captain Shai Hope, who were also nominated for the honour.

Jansen played a key role in South Africa's comeback after losing the opening Test. His standout performance came in the second Test at Gqeberha, where he scored 85 runs and claimed six wickets to help South Africa secure an innings and 31-run victory, levelling the series.

He continued his impressive form in the deciding third Test, scoring another half-century and taking three wickets as South Africa sealed a memorable 2-1 series triumph.

Reacting to the award, Jansen described it as a great honour and credited his teammates and support staff for their contribution to the team's success.

The series victory also lifted South Africa to second place in the ICC World Test Championship standings, with 71.43 percentage points from seven Tests. The Proteas will now aim to maintain their momentum and secure a place in next year's WTC final.

James Anderson Picks Kohli, Babar, Root Among His Favourite Cricketers

Dubai, (IANS): Former England fast-bowling great James Anderson has named his favourite cricketers from some of the leading international teams, making interesting choices during an interview with TNT Sports.

When asked to pick his favourite Australian cricketer, Anderson chose legendary leg-spinner Shane Warne, overlooking several prominent names, including Ricky Ponting, Steve Smith and Adam Gilchrist.

Anderson also selected Joe Root from England, Virat Kohli from India, Tim Southee from New Zealand, Babar Azam from Pakistan, AB de Villiers from South Africa and Sanath Jayasuriya from Sri Lanka.

Anderson, who retired from international cricket in July 2024 after playing his final Test against the West Indies at Lord's, remains England's highest wicket-taker in Test cricket.

Mahli Beardman creates history, achieves best figures for Australia on ODI debut

Perth, (IANS): South Africa all-rounder Marco Jansen has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October 2026 following his outstanding performances in the Proteas' 2-1 Test series victory over Australia.

The 26-year-old won his maiden Player of the Month award, beating Pakistan's Arafat Minhas and West Indies captain Shai Hope, who were also nominated for the honour.

Jansen played a key role in South Africa's comeback after losing the opening Test. His standout performance came in the second Test at Gqeberha, where he scored 85 runs and claimed six wickets to help South Africa secure an innings and 31-run victory, levelling the series.

He continued his impressive form in the deciding third Test, scoring another half-century and taking three wickets as South Africa sealed a memorable 2-1 series triumph.

Reacting to the award, Jansen described it as a great honour and credited his teammates and support staff for their contribution to the team's success.

The series victory also lifted South Africa to second place in the ICC World Test Championship standings, with 71.43 percentage points from seven Tests. The Proteas will now aim to maintain their momentum and secure a place in next year's WTC final.

If KKR can't find anyone else at auction, will go towards Rinku as captain: Aakash Chopra

New Delhi, (IANS): Former India batter Aakash Chopra has suggested that Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) appoint Rinku Singh as captain if they fail to find a suitable candidate at the IPL 2027 auction. The leadership issue has emerged following Ajinkya Rahane's retirement, with KKR set to finalise their retention list by November 17. Chopra said Rinku, who has served as vice-captain and leads a team in the UPT20, deserves an opportunity to lead KKR, preferably over an overseas player.

He also suggested releasing expensive players Cameron Green (Rs 25.2 crore) and Matheesha Pathirana (Rs 18 crore) to strengthen the team's auction purse. Chopra raised concerns over the availability of Mustafizur Rahman and the limited opportunities given to Ramandeep Singh and Umran Malik.

Meanwhile, former India opener Abhinav Mukund recommended retaining young wicketkeeper-batter Tejasvi Singh Dahiya, citing the demand for uncapped Indian wicketkeeper-batters at the previous auction. Aakash Chopra backs Rinku Singh to lead KKR if no suitable captain is found at the auction.

Deepti Sharma named ICC Women's Player of the Month for October



New Delhi, (IANS): India all-rounder Deepti Sharma has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October 2026 for her impressive performances against Zimbabwe. She beat Bangladesh's Sobhana Mostary and Australia's Annabel Sutherland to win the award.

Deepti played a key role in India's unbeaten campaign across six T20I and ODI matches. She scored 155 runs and claimed seven wickets in the two formats.

She started the T20I series with a quickfire 49 in the opening match and took two wickets as India completed a clean sweep. In the ODI series, she scored her second century and picked up five wickets, helping India take a 2-0 lead.

Expressing happiness over the recognition, Deepti thanked her teammates, coaches, voting panel and fans. She described her century as a special moment, as it contributed to the team's victory.

The honour comes a year after Deepti played a key role in India's ICC Women's Cricket World Cup triumph in October 2025.

Very disappointed that Cummins has thrown Khawaja 'under the bus,' says Warner

Syedney, (IANS): Former Australia opener David Warner has expressed disappointment with Test captain Pat Cummins, accusing him of throwing former teammate Usman Khawaja "under the bus" after his autobiography Sabr revived the 2018 Sandpapergate controversy.

Cummins denied any knowledge of or involvement in the ball-tampering plan during the Cape Town Test at a press conference on Friday. However, Warner backed Khawaja's account, saying he believed it was the truth and expressing sympathy for the former batter. Khawaja recently reopened the debate through his autobiography and social media comments, suggesting that everyone knew about the plan. Cricket Australia's investigation had identified Warner, Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft as involved. Warner and Smith were banned for 12 months, while Bancroft received a nine-month suspension.

Warner said the three players had paid a heavy price and continued to face abuse. He also revealed that the controversy had deeply affected his family, claiming that he and his wife lost a baby during that period. Questioning the original investigation, Warner described it as rushed and poorly handled, adding that the players had no further opportunity to present their case.



Sania Mirza Opens Up About Relationship Status, Says She Is Not Dating Anyone

New Delhi, (Munsif Desk): Former Indian tennis star Sania Mirza has clarified her relationship status, putting an end to speculation surrounding her personal life. The 39-year-old revealed that she is currently not dating anyone and there is no special person in her life.

Sania made the revelation during an appearance on the talk show Double Date, hosted by actors Neha Dhupia and Angad Bedi, alongside filmmaker Farah Khan.



During the conversation, she was asked whether anyone had recently invited her for a coffee date. Sania said that her male friends often invite her on trips, but they mostly treat her like one of the boys rather than showing any romantic interest.

When Angad Bedi asked whether she ever wished to share special moments with a man, Sania made it clear that she currently has no man in her life. Sania married former Pakistan cricket captain Shoaib Malik in 2010, and the couple welcomed their son, Izhaan, in 2018. However, their marriage ended in 2024. Malik later married Pakistani actress Sana Javed.

Sania announced her retirement from professional tennis in 2023. Since then, she has remained associated with the sport as a tennis expert and commentator, while also focusing on raising her son.

Virat Kohli gifts Indian jersey to Matt Henry after Kiwi pacer's carnage leads NZ to win



Tairamga, (IANS): Indian cricket star Virat Kohli gifted his jersey to New Zealand fast bowler Matt Henry after the latter delivered a sensational performance to guide his team to a massive 244-run victory in the fourth ODI of the ongoing series at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui on Friday.

Kohli met Player of the Match Henry after the game. The Kiwi pacer recorded the best ODI bowling figures of his career, taking 6-27 and triggering a dramatic collapse in the Indian innings. He dismissed Rohit Sharma, Kohli and stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer for ducks in the opening over, leaving India at 0/3. It was the first time in ODI cricket that India had lost their first three wickets without scoring a run.

Despite being dismissed by Henry for a four-ball duck, Kohli displayed a sporting gesture by presenting his jersey to the New Zealand pacer. The two players exchanged smiles and briefly discussed the match, reflecting the spirit of the game. Henry bowled an outstanding opening over, first dismissing Rohit Sharma before removing Kohli on the fifth delivery. After initially relying on deliveries moving away from the right-hander, he brought one back sharply. The ball stayed low and sneaked through the gap between Kohli's bat and pads to crash into the stumps.

The New Zealand pacer then dismissed Shreyas Iyer for a golden duck, trapping him leg-before-wicket after a successful review. The early blows virtually ended India's hopes of chasing the challenging target.

Although Ishan Kishan scored 27, while Axar Patel and Naman Dhir contributed 21 runs each, India failed to recover from the disastrous start and were eventually bowled out for a low total. Henry returned to the attack to claim three more wickets, dismissing Kishan, Kuldeep Yadav and Gurnoor Brar, and finished with impressive figures of 6-27 to play a decisive role in New Zealand's emphatic victory. Henry credited the strong wind and a simple bowling plan for his impressive performance, while Kohli's gesture of gifting him a jersey highlighted the spirit of sportsmanship despite being dismissed by the Kiwi pacer.

Bharat Summit Panel Discusses Social Justice and Inclusive Development in Telangana



Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Social justice, equal rights and inclusive development came into focus at a panel discussion held as part of the Bharat Summit 2026 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC).

The session, titled "Rising Telangana – Telangana Rising Panel-C", was attended by State Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Seethakka, Justice Sudarshan Reddy, Professor Kancha Ilaiah, Professor Bhangya Bhukya, Professor Sujatha Surepally and All India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba.

Speaking at the discussion, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar shared his views on social justice, public governance, equal rights and the overall development of all sections of society. He outlined the initiatives being undertaken by the State government to promote social justice, support backward communities and bring disadvantaged and weaker sections into the mainstream of development.

The Minister said the true meaning of social justice was to ensure equal opportunities, rights, dignity and avenues for progress for every section of society. He also highlighted the government's policies and welfare measures aimed at the educational, economic and social advancement of Backward Classes (BCs).

Prabhakar said the concept of people-centric governance was not limited to administrative functions but involved understanding public needs and ensuring that the benefits of development reached every section of society. He emphasised that genuine social justice could not be achieved without providing adequate opportunities to backward communities, weaker social groups and economically disadvantaged people.

He further said the government was taking various measures to promote the welfare of BC communities, improve their access to education, strengthen their economic self-reliance and enhance their social dignity. These efforts, he noted, were aimed at enabling them to progress on an equal footing with other sections of society.

Other panellists also shared their perspectives on social justice, equality, public rights and representation of different sections of society.

The session highlighted social justice as an important pillar of Telangana's development and people-centric governance, with particular emphasis on the advancement of disadvantaged communities, BC welfare and equal opportunities for all citizens.

Bhatti, Ponnam and Seethakka Inaugurate Photo Exhibition at Bharat Summit 2026

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Seethakka, inaugurated a special photo exhibition at the ongoing Bharat Summit 2026 in Hyderabad, highlighting India's historical ties and diplomatic relations with various countries.

The exhibition features photographs showcasing India's long-standing relations with different nations, including the friendly ties and diplomatic engagements established by former Indian Prime Ministers with countries across the world.

The Deputy Chief Minister and the Ministers took a keen interest in the photographs depicting India's diplomatic relations during the tenure of Congress-led governments.



They went through the images highlighting important international engagements and developments in India's diplomatic history and exchanged views on the historical events and significant aspects captured in them.

Later, they visited the book stall set up at the exhibition venue and viewed the autobiography of senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, titled Belonging: A Journey of Love.

Komatireddy Directs Officials to Complete Paddy Procurement Within 10 Days

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) :

Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has directed officials to ensure smooth and hassle-free paddy procurement, instructing them to complete the process within 10 days by implementing a proper action plan.

The Minister said procurement centres should be increased wherever necessary to ensure that farmers do not have to wait or face difficulties while selling their produce. He issued the directions during a review meeting with officials of various departments at the Nalgonda District Collectorate on Friday to assess arrangements for paddy procurement.

Miryalaguda MLA B.L.R., MLC Shankar Naik, Nalgonda Municipal Corporation Mayor Buri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy, District Collector Chandrashekhar and officials from various departments attended the meeting.

During the review, officials informed the Minister that Nalgonda district had recorded the highest paddy production in the State. Taking note of the situation, Venkat Reddy instructed the departments concerned to accelerate procurement operations and make adequate arrangements to enable farmers to sell their produce without any inconvenience.



He stressed the need for effective coordination among departments and directed officials to ensure that farmers were not subjected to unnecessary delays during the procurement process.

The Minister also asked officials to create awareness among farmers about the prospects for the next crop season in view of the prevailing drought conditions. He called for proper guidance to help farmers make informed decisions regarding future cultivation.

Venkat Reddy reiterated that farmers' welfare remained the top priority of the people's government and said every effort should be made to extend necessary facilities and support to the farming community.

Revanth, Uttam to meet Modi on Nov 15 to seek central aid for drought-hit Telangana

Hyderabad (NSS) : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Irrigation & Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15 to seek Central financial assistance to tackle drought conditions triggered by El Niño across the state.

During the meeting, the state leadership will brief the Prime Minister on the prevailing rainfall deficit and its severe impact on agriculture, standing crops, and rural livelihoods. They will press for an adequate financial package and timely intervention from the Centre to ease farmer distress and accelerate relief work in drought-affected mandals.

The discussions are expected to centre on coordinated Centre-State action to protect farming communities from adverse climatic conditions and strengthen ongoing drought-mitigation measures across Telangana.

Azharuddin Distributes Rs 15 Lakh in CMRF Assistance to Beneficiaries

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Telangana Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin has reiterated the State government's commitment to providing timely financial assistance to people facing medical emergencies and financial difficulties through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).

The Minister distributed assistance cheques worth a total of Rs 15 lakh to eligible beneficiaries at his chamber in the Telangana Secretariat on Friday. The financial assistance was extended to individuals in need of support to meet medical expenses and overcome financial hardships.

Speaking on the occasion, Azharuddin said the government was committed to standing by people during difficult times and ensuring that those facing medical emergencies or financial distress received timely assistance. He said the CMRF initiative reflected the government's concern for the welfare of distressed individuals and its efforts to provide relief to families struggling with financial challenges.

The Minister said the objective of the scheme was to extend financial support to deserving people when they needed it most, particularly to help them manage medical expenditure and other pressing financial obligations. He emphasised that the government wanted to ensure that needy families were not left without support during challenging circumstances.

Azharuddin also conveyed his best wishes to the beneficiaries, wishing them good health and a bright future. The beneficiaries, in turn, expressed their gratitude to the Minister for facilitating financial assistance through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Squadron Leader Harish Chander Appointed Governor's ADC

Hyderabad (NSS) :

Indian Air Force Squadron Leader Harish Chander has assumed charge as the new Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan in Hyderabad.

He succeeds Major Aman Kundu of the Indian Army, who previously served as the Governor's ADC.

On the occasion, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla adorned Squadron Leader Harish Chander with the ADC insignia and conveyed his best wishes on his new assignment.

Hyd's new police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat vows tough action against organised crime

Hyderabad (NSS) : Dr. Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat on Friday assumed charge as the new Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TG ICCC) here in Banjara Hills.



Addressing the media after taking charge, Bhagwat identified law and order, women's safety, cybercrime control, road safety and effective policing as his top priorities. He said maintaining Hyderabad's reputation as a safe city would be the collective responsibility of the police force.

Announcing a crackdown on organised crime, gangs and habitual offenders, he said a special 'Jail Release Watch' would monitor individuals released from prisons through integration of jail records with T-SPARK and CCTNS. The Preventive Detention (PD) Act would be strictly invoked against habitual offenders and those involved in commercial-quantity drug offences.

He also promised intensified night patrolling, improved investigations, faster trials in drug cases and strict action against land-grabbing gangs, document forgery networks and hired criminals. Corruption and illegal settlements by police personnel would attract zero tolerance, he warned.

Road safety would receive special attention, with emphasis on emergency response during the Golden Hour. The newly established T-MARS wing would further strengthen traffic management.

Bhagwat said he would visit police stations, interact with field-level officers and address staff shortages. He also assured that citizen-friendly initiatives and community policing programmes would continue.

This is Bhagwat's third stint in Hyderabad, having earlier served in various capacities, including DCP (South Zone), Joint Commissioner and Commissioner of Rachakonda.

Senior police officers, including Additional Commissioners M. Srinivasulu and Tafseer Iqbal, and Joint Commissioners D. Joel Davis and S.M. Vijay Kumar, attended the charge-taking ceremony.

Six injured as lorry rams MLC Teenmar Mallanna's convoy vehicle

Hyderabad (NSS) :

Six people, including a two-year-old boy, were injured when a speeding lorry rammed into a vehicle in MLC Teenmar Mallanna's convoy near Anajipuram village in Mothkur mandal on Friday. Mallanna escaped unhurt as he was not travelling in the vehicle.

The accident occurred during his padayatra from Mothkur towards Tirumalagiri. Police said the lorry hit a convoy car from behind, causing it to collide head-on with an oncoming vehicle. Four occupants of the oncoming car, including Tirumalagiri residents Medaboyina Srinath, his wife Chandana, their two-year-old son and driver Suresh, suffered serious injuries. They were shifted to Kamineni Hospital, Narketpally, where Srinath and Chandana are stated to be critical. Two occupants of the convoy vehicle were also injured.

Police reached the spot, cleared traffic and launched an investigation.

Govt plans state-wide action to tackle El Niño, groundwater stress: Uttam

Hyderabad (NSS) : With an El Niño threat and possible groundwater stress looming, the Telangana government is preparing a State-wide action plan to boost groundwater recharge, regulate extraction and ensure sustainable water management, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Friday.

Ahead of the Rabi season, the initiative will focus on assessing groundwater availability, strengthening recharge measures and encouraging farmers to adopt water-efficient crops. At a review meeting with officials and experts at the Secretariat, attended by Animal Husbandry Minister Vakiti Srihari, Uttam Kumar Reddy said a comprehensive report on the State's groundwater status would be prepared to finalise the action plan.

Prof. Virendra Tiwari of CSIR-North East Institute of Science and Technology recommended assessing rainfall and groundwater storage, mapping water availability against irrigation needs and setting up a task force to monitor the situation.

Kaloji's Literary Legacy Continues to Inspire Generations: Ponnam Prabhakar

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has paid rich tributes to renowned people's poet and Padma Vibhushan awardee Kaloji Narayana Rao on his death anniversary, recalling his invaluable contribution to Telugu literature and social awareness. The Minister said Kaloji's ideals and literary works continued to guide society and inspire future generations. Describing him as a prominent voice of the people of Telangana, Prabhakar said Kaloji used his writings to highlight social injustices, irregularities and inequalities, while consistently standing for truth and justice.

He said Kaloji brought the hardships of ordinary people and pressing social issues to the forefront through his powerful writings, earning widespread recognition as a people's poet. His literary works reflected the concerns of society and gave expression to the aspirations and struggles of the common people. Prabhakar observed that Kaloji's notable works, including Na Godava, Jeevana Geetha and Kaloji Kathalu, would remain an integral part of Telugu literature. His writings not only created awareness among the people but also promoted social consciousness and a sense of responsibility, he added.

The Minister further said the Telangana government observes September 9, the birth anniversary of Kaloji Narayana Rao, as Telangana Language Day in recognition of his contribution to Telugu language and literature.

Recalling Kaloji's lifelong commitment to public causes, Prabhakar said the poet dedicated his life to raising public awareness and speaking up for the rights of ordinary people. His life, ideals and literary contributions would continue to serve as an inspiration and guiding force for generations to come, he added.

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