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Fake Court Orders: PMO Summons Telecom Secretary

Blocking of 129 websites exposes serious gaps in judicial document verification and government oversight.

Munsif Desk, New Delhi:



The Prime Minister's Office has reportedly summoned Telecom Secretary Amit Agrawal to explain how government officials directed internet service providers to block 129 betting websites using forged High Court orders, raising serious questions about safeguards against misuse of official powers.

According to Reuters, two government officials confirmed Saturday's intervention, which reportedly forced Agrawal to cut short an official visit to another state. Neither the PMO nor the Department of Telecommunications publicly confirmed the summons.

The controversy emerged after an investigation revealed that blocking directions issued on July 21 and September 2 relied on fabricated orders attributed to the Rajasthan and Allahabad High Courts.

The documents, emailed by individuals impersonating lawyers, carried forged judicial seals, court logos and a misleading QR code. Court authorities subsequently established that the purported orders were not genuine.

The central concern extends beyond the legality of betting websites to whether officials verified judicial documents before restricting internet access.

Under India's 2009 Information Technology Blocking Rules, action on a court-directed blocking request requires a certified copy of the judicial order. The incident has exposed unanswered questions about compliance with this safeguard.

The telecom department has initiated an internal inquiry, while Uttar Pradesh police are investigating suspected forgery and cheating and have sought departmental records.

As of Saturday, one forged order remained accessible on the department's website, although another had been removed.

Authorities have yet to publicly clarify who authorised the restrictions, whether affected websites will be unblocked and what stronger verification procedures will be introduced.

Telangana Unveils Welfare Rules for Gig Workers

New framework promises insurance, fair payments and protection against arbitrary account blocking; workers seek effective implementation.

Hyderabad: The Telangana government on Saturday unveiled new welfare rules for gig workers, offering social security and stronger employment protections.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Rahul Gandhi launched the scheme and online registration process at Madhapur.

Benefits include ₹5 lakh accident insurance, ₹10 lakh healthcare coverage under Rajiv Aarogyasri and Wi-Fi-enabled rest facilities.

The rules provide worker ID cards, minimum remuneration safeguards, transparent payment calculations and protection against arbitrary account deactivation.

Workers can register online or through designated centres, while grievance mechanisms will address payment disputes.



Platform companies will contribute one per cent of worker-related transactions to a welfare fund.

Although the legislation took effect in June, Saturday's rules establish its implementation framework.

Union leader Shaik Salauddin welcomed the initiative but urged prompt activation of the Welfare Board. Eligibility, insurance activation and benefit delivery timelines require clarification.

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Pakistan Announces Ministerial Visit to India After Three Years

Climate Minister Musadik Malik to attend SCO dialogue in New Delhi from November 20–22.

New Delhi: Pakistan on Saturday confirmed that Climate Minister Musadik Masood Malik will visit New Delhi for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Civilisational Dialogue from November 20 to 22.

It would be the first visit by a Pakistani minister since Bilawal Bhutto Zardari attended an SCO meeting in Goa in May 2023.

India initially invited National Heritage Minister Aurungzeb Khan Khichi, but Pakistan nominated Malik instead.

The forum will discuss cultural cooperation and people-to-people ties among SCO countries.

The visit comes amid strained relations following the May 2025 military confrontation. However, neither country has announced plans to resume formal bilateral dialogue.



Driver Dies Inside Police Station; Three Suspended

Madurai: Three police personnel, including an inspector, were suspended Saturday after goods-vehicle driver R. Balakrishnan, 42, died at Chekkanurani police station in Tamil Nadu.

Balakrishnan, from Theni district, had remained overnight to assist an investigation into a November 3 vehicle fire involving his consignment. Police said he was found hanging in the station restroom around 6 am and declared dead at Government Rajaji Hospital.

Authorities transferred the case to the CB-CID, ordered a judicial inquest and preserved CCTV footage.

Police suspect suicide, while his wife alleged officers pressured him to accept responsibility for the fire. The allegation remains unproven.

Investigators must clarify his overnight stay and procedural compliance.

Italy Fines Meta €805 Million Over Photo Access

Privacy regulator orders Facebook to seek consent within 60 days; 20 million users affected.

Rome (Munsif Desk): Italy's privacy regulator on Saturday fined Meta €805 million for accessing Android users' photographs and videos without proper consent or adequate information.

The investigation found that Facebook's gallery suggestion feature, introduced in 2023, accessed personal media stored on smartphones.

The regulator said nearly 20 million Italian users were affected. It found that broad app permissions failed to clearly explain gallery access, while the feature remained enabled by default.



Meta must disable the feature by default and obtain separate, informed consent within 60 days.

The company had not immediately commented.

The investigation did not examine whether personal photographs were used for artificial intelligence training, which Meta denies.

Hyderabad Loses 35% of Treated Drinking Water

Ageing pipelines and illegal connections cause major losses as Water Board receives up to 600 leakage complaints daily.

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk):

Nearly 35% of Hyderabad's treated drinking water is lost through ageing pipelines, damaged valves and illegal connections, Water Board officials acknowledged Saturday.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) supplies approximately 580 million gallons daily through a 14,000-km network.

Officials said the Board receives 500–600 leakage complaints daily, with decades-old pipelines frequently damaged by roadworks and heavy vehicles.

These losses increase treatment and pumping costs while several neighbourhoods continue depending on water tankers.

With reservoir levels declining, reducing distribution losses could ease shortages without additional water withdrawals.

Four Indians Among 14 Killed in UAE Crash

Seven Indians injured; 23 vehicles involved in collisions under investigation.

Fujairah: UAE authorities confirmed Saturday that four Indians and ten Emiratis died in two successive road collisions in Fujairah on November 12.

The Ministry of Interior said 30 people were injured, including seven Indians, following formal identification of the victims.

The accidents occurred on Sheikh Khalifa Road, where a truck reportedly lost control and struck several vehicles, triggering a fire.

Federal prosecutors have ordered technical inspections, forensic examinations and laboratory tests to establish the cause and determine responsibility.

The Indian Consulate in Dubai said it was assisting bereaved families and coordinating with local authorities.

Authorities are continuing investigations and procedures concerning the victims, while medical assistance is being provided to those injured.

Madhya Pradesh Issues Alert Over Unsafe Cosmetics

Two whitening creams flagged for heavy metals; supply probe underway.

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh's Food and Drug Administration on Saturday warned consumers against using Goree Beauty Cream and Chandni Whitening Cream, citing serious health risks.

Earlier tests by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation found excessive heavy metals in both products, which lacked mandatory import registration.

Authorities seized stocks in Indore, while Bhopal police began investigating their supply network.

Consumers were advised against purchasing or using the creams and urged to check manufacturing licences, registration details and expiry dates before buying cosmetics.



Cold Weather conditions Intensifies Across Telangana and Hyderabad Regions

HYDERABAD: Cold conditions continued across Telangana on Saturday, with several districts recording minimum temperatures below 15°C.

Kumuram Bheem recorded the lowest temperature at 11.2°C, followed by Sangareddy at 11.3°C and Kamareddy at 11.4°C.

In Hyderabad, Kapra and Charminar recorded 14.1°C, while several other localities experienced chilly mornings. The India Meteorological Department forecast dry weather across Telangana until November 20, with little change in night temperatures.

Hyderabad is expected to experience partly cloudy skies and morning mist, with temperatures ranging between 18°C and 31°C.

Nearly Two Lakh JEE Main Applications Incomplete

New Delhi: Nearly 1.92 lakh JEE Main 2027 applications remain incomplete, according to Saturday's figures.

Of 7,86,687 applications submitted, only 5,94,259 candidates completed fee payments.

Candidates must verify payment and download their confirmation pages at jeemain.nta.nic.in.

The deadline is November 22 without a late fee and November 26 with additional charges.

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IMD Warns of Possible Cyclonic storm over bay of Bengal



Munsif Desk, Amravati:

The IMD on Saturday said the low-pressure formed over Southeast Bay of Bengal has intensified into a well-marked low pressure, which is likely to develop into a depression and a cyclonic storm around November 16.

The Met Department noted that the well-marked low pressure lay over the same Southeast Bay of Bengal around 5:30 am today in an official release. "Yesterday's low-pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal lay as a well-marked low-pressure area over the same region at 5:30 am today," it said. The weather system is very likely to move northwestwards and intensify into a depression over the same region during next 24 Hours. Thereafter, it is likely to move north to northwestwards and intensify further into a cyclonic storm over the central Bay of Bengal around November 16th evening, said the Met Department.

Under the influence of the system, squally weather is expected to prevail over Andaman Sea and Andaman and Nicobar Islands and a major part of the Bay of Bengal Sea with winds reaching up to 60 km per hour (kmph).

Squally winds are expected to reach up to 80 kmph from November 17 for the subsequent two days. Considering the rough sea conditions, the Met Department advised fishermen out at sea to return to the coasts by November 15 It also warned the fishermen against venturing into the sea during the period, the release added.

Children should be role models: collector



Munsif Desk, Hanumakonda:

Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai has called upon children to develop their talents, abilities and good values and grow into inspiring role models for others.

Children's Day celebrations were organised on a grand scale at Asuntha Nilayam Child Care Institution in Subedari, Hanumakonda, on Saturday under the aegis of the Child Protection Unit of the District Department of Women, Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare.

The Collector attended the programme as the chief guest, while District Welfare Officer M. Vishwaja presided over the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Chahat Bajpai appreciated the cultural performances presented by the children, observing that they conveyed meaningful messages on sensitive issues concerning children and created awareness about various social problems.

She advised children to give priority to their health, nutritious food and physical well-being. She expressed the hope that they would develop their abilities and become role models for others.

The Collector said officials regularly inspect child care institutions every week and advised children to consider visiting officials as their friends rather than merely government authorities. She encouraged them to freely share their problems and concerns without fear or hesitation, assuring that necessary measures were being taken to address their grievances.

She further stated that the Child Protection Unit and Child Helpline were actively working to prevent child marriages, eliminate child labour and provide care and support to children in need of protection.

Collector calls for protection of Children's rights



Munsif Desk, Warangal:

Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada has stressed that ensuring equal opportunities for all children and safeguarding their rights is the collective responsibility of every individual in society.

The week-long Children's Week celebrations, scheduled from November 14 to 20, commenced on a grand note at Sanjeevani Child Care Institution in Narsampet on Saturday. The programme was organised at Sanjeevani Ashram, run under the guidance of Dr. Mohan Rao and his wife Vinoda. District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada attended as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the celebrations by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Addressing the gathering at a meeting presided over by District Welfare Officer Rajamani, the Collector emphasised the need to ensure quality education, better healthcare facilities, nutritious food and adequate protection for every child. She also called for creating an environment that enables children to grow with confidence and realise their potential.

Observing that the future of the country is closely linked to the well-being of its children, she said government departments and voluntary organisations must work in coordination to ensure that every child enjoys a safe.

MLA, collector inspect fish products exhibition

Munsif Desk, Waramgal:

Parakala MLA Revoor Prakash Reddy and Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada participated in an exhibition organised at Gorrekunta in the 15th Division of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation. They visited various stalls showcasing organic fertilisers prepared from fish waste and different varieties of pickles made from fish. They appreciated the efforts of women Self-Help Groups in promoting value-added products and creating livelihood opportunities through innovative activities. Officials from the concerned departments and women members of Self-Help Groups participated in the programme.

40-gram gold bracelet recovered, returned

Munsif Desk, Tirumala:

A gold bracelet weighing about 40 grams, accidentally lost by Hyderabad devotee Sripada Raja Sruthi near the drinking water point close to the Prasadam Distribution Centre in Tirumala on Friday, was traced through CCTV footage and safely returned to her by TTD Vigilance and Security staff.

Some devotees walking behind her noticed the bracelet falling from her hand and picked it up.

Graduate vote can drive democratic change



Munsif Desk, Mahabubabad:

Telangana Rakshana Sena Party Mahabubabad District President Gandhasiri Venu has emphasised the importance of every graduate's vote in the Graduate MLC elections, stating that each vote plays a significant role in safeguarding democratic values and promoting social development.

Addressing a press conference at the Lions Club meeting hall in the Mahabubabad district headquarters, Venu said the party was taking the Graduate MLC elections seriously and had decided to undertake an extensive campaign across the district to ensure the victory of its candidate, Dr. Nalamasa Srikanth Goud.

He said coordinated efforts would be made under the leadership of Mohammed Ismail, incharge of the Warangal–Nalgonda–Khammam Graduate MLC elections, to secure the candidate's victory.

As part of the campaign, a comprehensive route map had been prepared covering colleges, temples, major junctions and various localities across the district.

CP INSPECTS POLICE SPORTS MEET ARRANGEMENTS



Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, inspected the arrangements for the closing ceremony of the 5th Telangana State Police Sports and Games Meet–2026, scheduled to be held in Nizamabad.

The Police Commissioner visited the Police Training Centre Ground at Janakampet and thoroughly reviewed the arrangements being made for the concluding ceremony. He inspected the stage arrangements at the parade ground, parade proceedings, facilities for sportspersons, police officers, distinguished guests and spectators, besides security measures and parking facilities. On the occasion, the Commissioner directed the officials concerned to ensure comprehensive arrangements to avoid inconvenience to senior police officers, guests and participating sportspersons.

He instructed officials of all departments to coordinate effectively, take advance measures and discharge their assigned responsibilities with proper planning to ensure that the closing ceremony is conducted in a grand, disciplined and flawless manner.

In view of Nizamabad hosting the prestigious state-level police sports competitions, P. Sai Chaitanya called upon officials from all departments to work collectively to make the concluding celebrations a success.

Bodhan ACP Srinivas, Bodhan Rural Inspector Vijay Babu, Edapalli SI Rama and other police personnel participated in the inspection

Collector inspects land resurvey



Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi has directed officials to complete the ongoing land resurvey process across the district transparently, accurately and in accordance with prescribed rules within the stipulated deadline.

The Collector inspected the ongoing resurvey operations in Koonipoor village of Varni mandal on Saturday.

She closely examined the measurement procedures being followed by survey teams, fixation of land boundaries, verification of records and other related aspects. She also offered suggestions to the officials concerned.

Stating that the government had accorded top priority to the resurvey programme, Ila Tripathi instructed officials to expedite the process. She directed them to undertake surveys of government lands simultaneously with the fixation of village boundaries and ensure the installation of permanent boundary markers. She also instructed that surveys of forest lands be conducted in the presence of Forest Department officials. Cash Rewards for Best-Performing Surveyors

To encourage efficient performance, the Collector announced cash incentives for surveyors who complete the resurvey work quickly and accurately without errors.

Surveyors who exceed their prescribed targets by the end of November will be eligible for the following rewards:

First Prize: Rs. 10,000
Second Prize: Rs. 5,000
Third Prize: Rs. 3,000
Fourth Prize: Rs. 2,000
Fifth Prize: Rs. 1,000

In view of the approaching deadline, she made it clear that the resurvey operations must continue even on holidays.

Land resurvey in farmers' presence: collector

Munsif Desk, Rajanna Sircilla:

Rajanna Sircilla District Collector Garima Agrawal has directed officials concerned to conduct the land resurvey process in the presence of farmers to ensure transparency and accuracy.

On Saturday, the Collector, along with officials, conducted a field-level inspection of the ongoing land resurvey operations in Jayavaram village of Vemulawada Rural mandal. She reviewed the survey being carried out using rover machines and digital equipment and issued necessary instructions to the officials. On the occasion, Garima Agrawal instructed GPOs, Panchayat Secretaries and Agriculture Department officials to inform farmers about the land resurvey programme and create awareness about the process in their respective villages.

She emphasised that the survey must be conducted in the presence of farmers. Officials should explain the details of their respective lands to them and obtain their signatures after verification.

The Collector further directed officials from the Agriculture, Revenue and Survey departments to work in close coordination and ensure the smooth and systematic completion of the resurvey process.



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Nagi Reddy takes charge as civil supplies commissioner

(NSS) Hyderabad:

Senior IPS officer Y. Nagi Reddy on Saturday assumed charge as Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation, and Controller of Legal Metrology.

After taking charge, he said ensuring uninterrupted paddy procurement across Telangana, protecting farmers' interests and ensuring timely payments would be his immediate priorities. He directed officials to closely monitor field-level operations, address bottlenecks and maintain transparency in weighing and documentation. Emphasising accountability in custom milling operations, Nagi Reddy said paddy handed over to rice mills was public property and every quantity must be properly accounted for. He warned that deliberate diversion, false declarations and repeated defaults by millers would invite appropriate legal action.

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.

Andhra Pradesh plans Visakhapatnam hub for films, gaming and digital content

Munsi Desk
Visakhapatnam:

Andhra Pradesh is looking to develop Visakhapatnam as a hub for films, digital content, gaming and other creative industries, with actor-producer Rana Daggubati committing to work with the state government to build an integrated entertainment and creator economy ecosystem.

The proposal was discussed during a live podcast featuring Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh and Rana Daggubati at the CII Partnership Summit 2026.

Lokesh called for moving beyond conventional film-production incentives to build an end-to-end ecosystem encompassing studios, production facilities, post-production infrastructure and allied creative businesses.

Identifying the creator economy as a potential new engine of economic growth, Lokesh said Andhra Pradesh should develop the infrastructure and institutional support needed to attract investment and nurture talent across the entertainment and digital content sectors.

Drawing parallels with Hyderabad's emergence as a major film-production centre through the development of studios and Film Nagar, Lokesh said Andhra Pradesh could replicate that model with government backing and active participation from industry stakeholders.

He also pointed to expanding opportunities in YouTube productions, digital media, gaming and other emerging creative formats. Smartphones and accessible technology, he noted, had lowered entry barriers for young creators and opened up new avenues for content production and monetisation. Responding to Lokesh's proposal, Rana pledged to collaborate with the Andhra Pradesh government and industry stakeholders to develop an entertainment ecosystem in Visakhapatnam, catering not only to the film industry but also to creators working across digital and other emerging formats.

Sabitha Reddy slams CM over musi source

(NSS) Hyderabad:

Former Minister and BRS MLA P Sabitha Indra Reddy on Saturday accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of neglecting the pollution problem at the source of the Musi river while making grand announcements about its beautification. Along with former MLA Methuku Anand and other BRS leaders, she visited Musi-affected areas in Vikarabad and expressed concern over untreated sewage entering the river. Speaking to the media, Sabitha said the state government has been talking about spending Rs.50,000 crore on Musi rejuvenation for the past two years but had failed to repair the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Vikarabad. "Whenever we talk about the polluted Musi, we must remember Vikarabad. Why are the authorities and the government not concerned about repairing the STP here? The Musi water eventually flows into Gandipet", she remarked.

Applications open for fatafat naukri courses

Munsif Desk,
Kagaznagar:

Hyderabad, Nov.14 (NSS): The State Institute of Vocational Education (SIVE), Telangana, has invited online applications from educational institutions for admissions, affiliation, extension of provisional affiliation and sanction of additional courses and sections for Short-Term Vocational Certificate Courses (Fatafat Naukri Courses) for the second spell covering January to June 2027.

Managements of Intermediate, Degree and Polytechnic colleges, NGOs and other private institutions offering vocational certificate courses in Telangana can submit applications through the official website - www.sive.telangana.gov.in.

Applications will be accepted from November 25, 2026, to February 14, 2027.

Institutions seeking approval for additional courses or sections beyond those originally sanctioned in the Letter of Intent or Provisional Permission and Affiliation Orders must adhere to the prescribed guidelines.

As per GOMs.No.33 dated April 7, 2004, and SIVE guidelines dated June 29, 2024, institutions can seek approval for a minimum of two and a maximum of nine courses, subject to the prescribed conditions.



Harish asks Rahul to question Revanth on pending manifesto promises

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Ahead of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's visit to Hyderabad, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao called on him to review the Revanth Reddy government's performance across its three annual Budgets and question the Chief Minister over pending manifesto promises.

In a post on X, Harish Rao stated that former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi commanded deep respect and should be honoured through meaningful public service rather than having their names attached to unimplemented welfare schemes.

"As you are in Hyderabad, this is the right time to review the Revanth Reddy government's performance across its three Budgets and demand accountability. These are not mere budget announcements; they are commitments made to the people through the Congress manifesto. Why have they not been fulfilled?" the BRS leader asked. Criticising the administration's fiscal approach, Harish Rao alleged that the State government was merely repackaging old announcements as fresh achievements while poor families. , landless agricultural labourers, and unemployed youth continued to wait for promised benefits.

"The Revanth Reddy government's three-Budget formula is simple: Announce, recycle, and never deliver," he said.



Red Cross must play active role in building drug-free Telangana: Governor

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Hyderabad, Nov.14 (NSS): The Indian Red Cross Society should play an active role in building a drug-free Telangana, Governor and President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Telangana State Branch, Shiv Pratap Shukla, said. He emphasised that youth participation would be crucial to realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat–2047.

Addressing a meeting with the newly elected chairpersons of 29 district branches and members of the State Managing Committee of the Indian Red Cross Society at Lok Bhavan on Saturday, the Governor outlined three key priorities for the organisation: youth engagement.

'Our World Institute' to be developed as global think tank: Sridhar Babu

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Saturday announced that 'Our World Institute' would be developed into a premier global think tank focused on international affairs, policy research, and solutions to global challenges.

Addressing the valedictory session of the 'Bharat Summit – 2026' at HITEX, the Minister said the institute was launched on the summit's platform to translate Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's vision and ideas into actionable policy.

Sridhar Babu noted that the summit hosted 12 international panel discussions at HICC alongside eight dedicated 'Telangana Rising' sessions at HITEX. Global delegates, intellectuals, and domain experts deliberated on artificial intelligence, global economic equity, climate change, world peace, the future of media, and the resilience of democratic institutions.

"Despite diverse perspectives, there was a shared consensus on building a more equitable world order that upholds democratic values and prioritises a human-centric approach," he said. Observing that hosting the summit brought both global recognition and responsibility to Telangana.

Eatala slams Rahul Gandhi, telangana govat

(NSS), Hyderabad:

BJP MP Eatala Rajender on Saturday launched a sharp attack on Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of undermining India's electoral system, the Supreme Court and the sacrifices of the country's soldiers through his remarks on foreign soil.

Rajender said India had been built on the sacrifices of its soldiers and citizens and maintained that no political leader should make statements that undermine the country's dignity. He also accused the Congress of presiding over corruption, bomb blasts and attempts to destabilise democratically elected governments during its rule.

Claiming that India was making rapid progress under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, he said the country was emerging as a major global power.

Targeting the Congress government in Telangana, Rajender alleged that it had failed to fulfil its electoral promises. He said farmers were yet to receive adequate benefits under farmer insurance schemes and college students were facing delays in fee reimbursement.

He further alleged that employees were being asked to pay a 15 per cent commission to secure their retirement benefits. Questioning the expenditure on summits amid drought conditions in the State, he urged Rahul Gandhi to understand the ground realities in Telangana.



Consent must be free and continuous: DG Charu Sinha

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Consent must be freely expressed, clearly communicated and respected at every stage, senior IPS officer Charu Sinha said at the ninth edition of the "#StandWithHer" panel discussion series held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, on Saturday.

Speaking on the theme "Everyday Consent, Desire and Mutual Decision-Making", Sinha, DG (ACB, CID & WSW), observed that consent is specific and that agreement to one thing does not imply agreement to everything else.

"A yes to one thing does not mean yes to everything else", she said, stressing that silence, familiarity or past interactions should never be mistaken for consent.

The discussion brought together representatives from public administration, cinema, journalism and academia to examine personal boundaries, individual autonomy and the influence of social conditioning on everyday choices.



Writer and film director Hasith Goli stressed the need to move beyond the social conditioning that often leads people to interpret silence as agreement.

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At a Glance



Man shot dead in Bhagalpur land dispute incident

(IANS) Patna, A 36-year-old man was allegedly shot dead by his younger brother and three associates over a financial and ancestral land dispute in Bihar's Bhagalpur district on Saturday, police said.

The deceased, Nandlal Yadav, was shot multiple times near an old-age home in Aliganj under Babarganj police station limits. His family accused his brother, Shambhu Yadav, and three others of the murder.

According to the family, the dispute involved Rs 7 lakh borrowed by Shambhu and their share of ancestral property. The accused fled after the shooting.

Police reached the spot, and an FSL team was called to collect evidence. An investigation is underway, DSP Mohammad Ayub said.

BJP challenges Rahul Gandhi to prove phone-tapping claim

(IANS) Ahmedabad, Gujarat BJP chief spokesperson Anil Patel on Saturday challenged Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to file a police complaint or approach the Lok Sabha Speaker to substantiate his allegation that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was tapping his phone.

Referring to the 2021 Pegasus controversy, Patel alleged that Gandhi had failed to provide evidence despite earlier opportunities for investigation. He accused the Congress leader of repeatedly making unsubstantiated allegations against the government.

Gandhi had claimed during an Instagram interaction on Friday that evidence supporting his allegations was stored on his phone, which was being tapped.

Patel also rejected Congress leader B.K. Hariprasad's surveillance allegations, urging Congress leaders to pursue official channels and provide evidence.

CM Vijay likely to meet PM Modi on Nov 16 over Mekedatu dam dispute



(IANS) Chennai, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay is expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on November 16 to raise the state's objections to Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu dam across the Cauvery river.

The proposed meeting follows Vijay's November 7 letter to Modi, urging the Centre not to grant permission for the project without Tamil Nadu's consent. He highlighted its potential impact on the state's water availability.

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar maintained that his government did not require another state's permission to construct a dam within its territory. He said the Supreme Court had permitted Karnataka to proceed, subject to fulfilling its water-sharing obligations, including the annual release of 177 tmc of water to Tamil Nadu.

Shivakumar argued that the reservoir would benefit Tamil Nadu by storing water for use during droughts. He said Karnataka's BJP and National Democratic Alliance leaders supported the project.

According to him, an additional 5,400 hectares had been identified to compensate for the forest land required for the dam, and related work was progressing.

Calling for cooperation instead of confrontation, Shivakumar said he would invite Vijay to send a delegation to Karnataka to examine the project.

Tamil Nadu Rural Development and Water Resources Minister N. Anand rejected Karnataka's position, asserting that the state would oppose the dam under all circumstances.

The dispute intensified during Modi's visit to Karnataka to inaugurate projects worth Rs 15,600 crore. In the Prime Minister's presence, Shivakumar sought the Centre's support and requested environmental and forest clearances for the project.

Vijay's proposed Delhi visit is expected to provide Tamil Nadu an opportunity to present its concerns directly to the Prime Minister.

PM MODI PAYS TRIBUTE TO PANDIT NEHRU ON BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



(IANS) New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid homage to India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, on his birth anniversary, which is observed across the country as Children's Day.

Taking to social media platform X, PM Modi posted a brief message paying tribute to the late Prime Minister. "Paying tribute to late PM Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary," he said.

November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was popularly known as 'Chacha Nehru' because of his affection for children.

He strongly believed that children were the foundation of the nation's future and that their education, upbringing and overall development were essential for the country's progress.

Pandit Nehru consistently emphasised the importance of nurturing young minds and providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and contribute to society. His vision for a progressive India placed considerable importance on children's welfare and education.

Before Pandit Nehru's death in 1964, Children's Day in India was observed on November 20, coinciding with the date recognised internationally as World Children's Day by the United Nations.

Following Pandit Nehru's demise, Parliament adopted a resolution to commemorate his birth anniversary as Children's Day in recognition of his affection for children and his contributions to their welfare.

Since then, November 14 has been celebrated annually as Children's Day, also known as 'Bal Diwas', across the country.

The occasion serves as a reminder of the need to safeguard children's rights and ensure access to quality education, healthcare and opportunities for overall development.

It also highlights the responsibility of families, educational institutions and society to create a secure and encouraging environment for children.

Schools and educational institutions mark the occasion with enthusiasm through cultural programmes and recreational activities.

Teachers often speak about Pandit Nehru's vision and his emphasis on education during morning assemblies.

Students participate in dance performances, songs, skits, fancy dress competitions, storytelling sessions and poetry recitations. Several schools also organise sports competitions, games and other activities to encourage creativity, teamwork and physical fitness.

The celebrations provide children with an opportunity to showcase their abilities while enjoying a break from their regular academic routine. Through these activities, Children's Day reinforces the importance of a happy, healthy and enriching childhood.

FIR against Kangana Ranaut in Shimla over social media posts on Gandhi family



(IANS) Shimla, The Himachal Pradesh Police registered an FIR against BJP MP Kangana Ranaut in Shimla over her social media posts targeting the Gandhi family, following a complaint alleging that her remarks were "inflammatory" and had the potential to disturb public peace.

The case was registered on Friday, November 13, on the basis of a complaint filed by retired Captain Atul Sharma, a resident of Shimla. The FIR has been lodged under Sections 196(1)(b), 353(2) and 356(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

In his complaint, Sharma stated that Ranaut had shared a series of posts through her verified social media account on November 10, containing what he described as "highly inflammatory insinuations" regarding the deaths of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her sons, Sanjay Gandhi and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The complainant also objected to references made to Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, who was allegedly described in the posts as a "mysterious foreign national".

According to Sharma, the posts insinuated that Sonia Gandhi had entered the Gandhi family before members of the ruling family were killed one after another, eventually paving the way for her to take 'charge' of the government. The posts allegedly accompanied this narrative with the remark, "How convenient."

The complaint further cited Ranaut's claim regarding the events following the death of Sanjay Gandhi, alleging that his wife, Maneka Gandhi, was "thrown out" of the family residence.

Sharma contended that the social media posts went beyond the scope of political criticism and represented a calculated attempt to circulate "inflammatory" narratives. He stated that such content could trigger public hostility, disrupt peace and encourage enmity between different groups.

The complainant also stated that the posts contained misleading information. Following the registration of the FIR, the Himachal Pradesh Police has initiated an investigation into the allegations levelled against the BJP MP.

The claims made in the complaint are being examined as part of the ongoing probe.

This came as Ranaut, earlier this week, questioned the timing of Sonia Gandhi acquiring Indian citizenship, pointing to her marriage and her decision to become an Indian citizen in 1983. She made a series of accusations against Sonia Gandhi. In an Instagram Story, she questioned the political rise of 'mysterious foreign national' Sonia Gandhi.

No merger, no NDA: Supriya Sule

(IANS) Mumbai, Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) Working President and MP Supriya Sule on Saturday ruled out any possibility of a merger with the Ajit Pawar-led NCP or joining the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), putting an end to speculation over the two factions coming together.

"There is no discussion about joining the NDA. When there is no discussion, questions of commas or full stops do not arise. If the essay itself hasn't been written, why talk about it?" Sule told reporters.

Expressing frustration over repeated questions, she said merger discussions had ended with the death of her brother, Ajit Pawar. She maintained that the issue had been discussed only when he was alive and that a date for the proposed merger had also been fixed.

"The day my brother passed away, a full stop was put on the merger in my mind and in my party," she said, adding that she would not speak on the subject again.

Sule acknowledged that Ajit Pawar and senior leaders of both factions had discussed a merger. She said videos of those discussions had also surfaced and leaders from both sides had confirmed them.

However, she categorically denied receiving any communication from the Ajit Pawar faction regarding a merger. "I haven't received any phone call, WhatsApp message or letter from anyone. Nobody has met me regarding this," she said.

Sule also rejected speculation about her party joining the ruling coalition, reiterating that no such proposal or discussion existed.

Appealing to the media to stop repeatedly raising the issue, she said her party had nothing to do with discussions taking place within the rival NCP faction.

She added that her personal bond with her late brother would remain unchanged, despite the political developments.

False cases registered daily to harass me: Abhishek Banerjee

(IANS) Kolkata, Trinamool Congress (TMC) National General Secretary and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee on Saturday accused the West Bengal Police of registering false cases against him daily to harass him.

He made the allegation after emerging from Bhabanipur Police Station in South Kolkata, where he was questioned for nearly five hours in connection with an FIR over a controversial social media post targeting Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and the Gujarati community.

Banerjee said he had cooperated with the investigation whenever summoned and would continue to do so. "I never avoided questioning or ran away. I am being called in various false cases. I am appearing on the orders of the Calcutta High Court. I will go if called in the future too," he told reporters.

The case relates to a social media post published by Banerjee on May 2. Following a complaint by Bhabanipur resident Arnabkanti Das, police registered an FIR on May 27.

The complainant objected to Banerjee allegedly describing the CEC as a "puppet of an anti-Bengali Gujarati gang", claiming that the remark promoted hatred against the Gujarati community.

Explaining the context of his remark, Banerjee said he had referred to a statement by BJP leader Amit Malviya, who had allegedly described Bengali as a Bangladeshi language. He said he had clarified the context to the investigating officer.

In a separate development, another FIR was registered against Banerjee at Girish Park Police Station on Friday over alleged derogatory remarks and threats against a serving IPS officer.

A notice was subsequently served at his Kalighat residence, directing him to appear at the police station by noon on November 20 for questioning.

Fake cigarette manufacturing racket busted in Noida

(IANS) Noida, Police in Uttar Pradesh's Noida have busted a racket involved in repackaging and selling counterfeit cigarettes and arrested two persons, officials said on Saturday.

The accused allegedly used machines to refill and rewrap empty cigarette packets, making them resemble genuine branded products before supplying them to small retailers.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Phase-2 police station, assisted by local intelligence units, raided a location near Pusta Road in Kakrala and arrested the suspects, identified as Sandeep, son of Dharamveer Singh, and Sandeep alias Sanjeev alias Sunny, son of Mahavir Singh. Both belong to Bulandshahr district.

During questioning, the accused reportedly admitted to filling tobacco into empty packets of brands such as Gold Flake and Capstan and using machines to replicate their original packaging. They allegedly sold the counterfeit cigarettes to shopkeepers as genuine products to make illegal profits.

Police seized 4,940 empty cigarette packets, including 3,500 Gold Flake and 1,440 Capstan packets, along with 700 grams of loose tobacco, 128 Gold Flake cigarettes and 57 Capstan cigarettes.

Three packaging machines and a car allegedly used to transport and distribute the counterfeit products were also recovered.

According to investigators, the second accused already has three criminal cases registered against him at Pahasu police station in Bulandshahr.

An FIR has been registered under Sections 318(4) and 349 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 104 of the Trade Marks Act.

Police are investigating the network's operations, identifying retailers who received the counterfeit products and tracing other individuals allegedly involved. Separate teams have been formed to track down the suspected key accused.



Brazil's grain output forecast to fall 2.6% in 2027

(IANS) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, one of the world's leading food producers, is expected to harvest 346.6 million tonnes of grain in 2027, down 2.6 per cent, or 9.2 million tonnes, from 2026, according to a forecast released by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE).

The area planted with grain crops is projected to reach 83.2 million hectares in 2027, a slight decrease of 78,500 hectares from 2026, the IBGE projected on Friday (local time).

The forecast marks a reversal from 2026, when grain production is estimated to reach a record 355.8 million tonnes, up 2.8 per cent from 346.1 million tonnes in 2025, reports Xinhua news agency.

Soybeans remain Brazil's leading crop, with output expected to reach 175 million tonnes in 2026.

Corn ranks second, with estimated output of 145.5 million tonnes. It is a key ingredient in animal feed and a feedstock for ethanol production.

Rice and wheat output in 2026 are estimated at 11.3 million tonnes and 5.3 million tonnes, respectively.

Favourable weather conditions across most of Brazil's major grain-producing states supported the harvest in 2026.

However, the El Nino climate phenomenon is expected to affect growing conditions in key producing regions in 2027, with changes in rainfall patterns potentially weighing on crop yields.

Higher oil prices are adding to these challenges by pushing up farm production costs and affecting the prices of energy, fertilisers, crop protection products and fuel.

Brazil is one of the world's largest agricultural producers and exporters. Soybeans and corn account for most of its grain output and are among its main agricultural exports.

Trump plans nuclear talks with Xi and Putin



(IANS) Washington, US President Donald Trump plans to discuss nuclear weapons reduction with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin during his visit to Asia next week. However, US officials do not expect the three-way meeting to result in an agreement.

White House Assistant Press Secretary Olivia Wales said the meeting would conclude Trump's visit to China. A senior US official described the discussions as the beginning of a conversation on reducing nuclear arsenals, rather than negotiations aimed at securing an immediate deal.

"We do not expect to get to any kind of agreement," the official said on condition of anonymity.

Trump also intends to discuss Iran with Xi and Putin, while Ukraine is not expected to feature on the agenda. Discussions with Russia on Ukraine are being conducted separately. No bilateral meeting between Trump and Putin is scheduled, although they will attend other events together.

Trump will leave Washington early Monday and reach Manila on Tuesday evening. In the Philippines, he is scheduled to meet Quad leaders, sign a trade deal with Thailand and attend a special US-ASEAN summit. A bilateral meeting with the Philippine President and a state banquet are also planned.

He will then travel to Shenzhen for an APEC leaders' dinner. Meetings with APEC leaders and bilateral talks and a working lunch with Xi are scheduled for Thursday.

On trade, US officials said discussions with China would focus on implementing existing arrangements rather than announcing a new tariff agreement. Washington remains concerned about the pace and volume of Chinese shipments of rare earths and related products. Trump is expected to raise the issue with Xi.

The official said the Busan agreement had received a two-month extension instead of six months over these concerns. Any tariff changes would require separate legal procedures in the US.

American export controls, which officials described as national security matters, are not being negotiated with China. Possible measures include extending chip-related licensing requirements to other countries and examining restrictions on remote access.

Elon Musk is expected to accompany Trump during parts of the China visit but will not attend the bilateral meeting with Xi or the three-way nuclear discussions, officials said.

Yemen's Houthis claim fresh attacks on Saudi airport, oil pipeline

(IANS) Sanaa, Yemen's Houthi group said it had launched fresh drone attacks against a major airport and oil infrastructure in Saudi Arabia, alongside a series of strikes on Saudi-linked military positions in Yemen and southern Saudi Arabia, the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported.



Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea was quoted in the report on Friday (local time) as saying that one drone had targeted King Khalid International Airport in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, while two others struck Pumping Station No. 3 along the East-West oil pipeline east of the city.

He claimed both operations had achieved their objectives.

In a separate report, Sarea said two ballistic missiles had struck gatherings of Saudi forces in the Al-Tuwal area of Saudi Arabia's southwestern Jazan region, claiming dozens of personnel were killed or wounded, including Sudanese nationals.

He said further ballistic missile strikes targeted Saudi-linked troop gatherings in eastern Al-Jawf province in northern Yemen and the Kharaz and Khor Umairah areas of southern Lahj province, claiming direct hits and many casualties, reports Xinhua news agency.

Sarea also claimed that ballistic missiles and drones had struck Saudi weapons depots at Ras Abas military base in Yemen's southern port city of Aden, according to the al-Masirah TV report.

The reported attacks, casualties and damage could not be independently verified, and Saudi authorities had not immediately commented on the claims.

The claims come amid fierce fighting between Houthi fighters and government forces supported by the Saudi-led coalition across several Yemeni fronts, particularly near the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait.

The Houthis have also claimed repeated missile and drone attacks against Saudi oil facilities, airports and military installations.

Yemen has been mired in conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of northern Yemen, prompting Saudi-led military intervention in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government.

CHINA'S TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION IN JAPAN FUELS FEAR, SELF-CENSORSHIP

(IANS) Beijing/Tokyo, China's transnational repression in Japan is creating fear and self-censorship, a report has said.

According to The Diplomat, China's pressure on critics overseas has drawn scrutiny after reports of Chinese overseas police stations in Chile and Italy. Dissidents, ethnic minorities and political critics abroad have been targeted by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), it said.

Despite its proximity to China and sizeable Chinese diaspora, Japan has received less attention. Its democratic institutions, academic freedom and constitutional protections have reinforced the belief that people can safely express political views, the report noted.



A study titled "Mapping CCP Transnational Repression in Japan: From Self-Censorship to Institutional Pressure" challenged the assumption that such repression is absent in Japan. It drew on 14 interviews conducted between July and November 2024 with academics, journalists, students and activists.

It identified three forms of pressure: direct intimidation, institutional pressure and self-censorship. Repression can operate through social relationships, institutional incentives and fear of consequences, the findings said.

The report said surveillance, intimidation and threats were among the most visible forms of pressure against CCP critics. Academics described professional repercussions for researching sensitive issues concerning China.

These included difficulties organising events, colleagues' reluctance to join research projects and perceived barriers to career advancement. One Chinese student said they were advised to abandon a research topic over its possible implications for China-Japan relations.

The report cited an academic whose colleagues declined to collaborate on sensitive research for fear of losing access to China. Such experiences pointed to institutional complicity without direct coordination with Beijing, it said.

UN voices concern over drone attacks on civilians in Yemen

(IANS) United Nations, The United Nations has voiced concern over attacks on civilians and infrastructure in Yemen, saying drones, missiles, airstrikes and shelling are putting lives at risk.

"Across the country, civilians and civilian infrastructure are increasingly being hit by drones, missiles, airstrikes and shelling," UN Deputy Spokesman Farhan Haq said on Friday.

Civilians, including children, are being killed and injured in places considered safe months ago, including hospitals, markets and homes.

Haq warned that this must not become an accepted reality of the war. International law applies to all parties. He urged them to take precautions to prevent civilian harm and ensure accountability for violations.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk demanded the return to his family of UN staffer Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Shami, whose death in Houthi custody came to light two weeks ago.

Turk called on the Houthi de facto authorities to establish the date, cause and circumstances of his death and hold those responsible accountable, Haq said. He also called for the immediate release of all detained UN and humanitarian personnel.

Al-Shami was among about 70 UN personnel detained by the Houthis, some since 2024.

The UN Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2837 on Thursday, renewing Yemen sanctions, including an asset freeze and travel ban, until November 14, 2027.

The resolution extends the mandate of the Panel of Experts assisting with the sanctions regime until December 15, 2027. It requests a final report by October 15, 2027, and asks the UN Secretary-General to increase the panel's membership from four to six.

It condemns the Houthis' military escalation, cross-border and maritime attacks against Saudi Arabia, and threats to commercial shipping. It demands an immediate end to the escalation and attacks.

The resolution also reaffirms the targeted arms embargo against the Houthis under Resolution 2216 of 2015.

UN chief urges developed nations to boost climate finance

(IANS) United Nations,, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has urged developed countries to increase climate financing for developing nations, describing the system as marked by "structural injustice".

Speaking at COP31 in Antalya, Turkey, on Friday, Guterres highlighted the funding gap facing vulnerable countries.

"Developing countries, particularly the most vulnerable, will



need far greater support for adaptation and for loss and damage," he said. Tripling adaptation finance would meet less than 30 per cent of what was needed.

Guterres said developed countries' commitments fell short of the resources required by nations facing climate change. "Those that pollute more have not created the conditions to gather the resources that are necessary to adequately respond to the needs of those that suffer," he said.

He called for better use of existing funds. Public money channelled into national and multilateral development banks may generate greater financing, he said. An initial investment of one US dollar could mobilise eight to 10 dollars, according to Xinhua news agency.

Guterres urged development banks to use guarantees to attract private investment.

Climate finance remains central to COP31, with developing countries seeking support for adaptation, resilience and loss and damage caused by climate change.

FBI warns AI tool can speed up cyberattacks

(IANS) Washington, The FBI has warned that cybercriminals are using an artificial intelligence-assisted security testing tool to speed up attacks globally. Some intrusions reached privileged access in less than three hours.

In an alert on Friday, the bureau said malicious actors had used the open-source framework, ARTEX, since August to target financial, government, technology, defence, energy and healthcare organi-



sations.

The tool can automate intrusion stages from identifying targets to preparing or carrying out data theft, leaving defenders far less time to respond.

ARTEX was developed for authorised security testing. Its developer removed the online repository in October after reports of misuse, but copies remained available, the FBI said.

It could lower barriers and enable simultaneous attacks. Internet-facing applications, cloud infrastructure and supplier-linked systems were among the areas of concern.

The FBI cited attacks on South Korean financial institutions in which personal information belonging to about 67,000 people was taken. It also described a supply-chain breach involving a cloud backup service that enabled access to more than 2,250 customer environments.

Organisations were urged to review internet exposure, strengthen access controls, monitor unusual activity and protect credentials. Suspicious activity should be reported to the FBI or its Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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The Future of a Nation Begins at Home

A nation's progress depends not merely on prosperity, but on raising children with knowledge, integrity, compassion and strong moral values.



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Children are the foundation of every nation's future. Those who fill our homes with laughter today will become tomorrow's leaders, educators, innovators and responsible citizens. Their upbringing will shape the character, values and direction of generations to come.

A nation's greatness cannot be measured solely by economic prosperity, infrastructure or material achievements. Its enduring strength lies in the knowledge, integrity, compassion and social consciousness of its people.

Raising children is therefore far more than providing comfortable living conditions, quality schooling and financial security. It is a continuous responsibility involving intellectual development, emotional well-being, moral guidance and character formation.

Education may prepare children for professional success, but good upbringing teaches them how to become better human beings.

Parenting in the Digital Age

Today's children are growing up in a world transformed by technology, the internet and social media. While digital platforms provide valuable opportunities for learning, they also expose young minds to excessive screen time, harmful influences, unhealthy competition and materialistic expectations

Parents must respond through understanding, meaningful communication and responsible guidance rather than restrictions alone.

Spending quality time with children, listening to their concerns and understanding their interests can help them develop confidence and sound judgment.

Above all, children learn more from their parents' actions than from their instructions.

A home characterised by honesty, respect, compassion and discipline becomes the first and most influential institution of character-building.

Recognising Child's Potential

Every child possesses different abilities, interests and aspirations. Some excel academically, while others demonstrate exceptional talent in sports, literature, science, public speaking or creative pursuits.

Parents should avoid imposing their own ambitions upon children or constantly comparing their achievements with those of others.

True parental success lies in recognising individual strengths, encouraging improvement and providing opportunities for personal growth.

Both mothers and fathers play essential roles in nurturing emotional security, independence and self-confidence.

Children should feel comfortable sharing their questions, difficulties and fears without hesitation. A relationship built on trust encourages responsible decision-making and strengthens family bonds.

Education Must Build Character

Educational institutions have responsibilities extending beyond academic instruction and examination results.

Schools must cultivate curiosity, creativity, discipline, empathy and social responsibility while encouraging intellectual development.

Parents and teachers should work together to support children's educational progress and moral growth.

Our ambitions should not be limited to raising doctors, engineers, lawyers or administrators.

We must also raise honest individuals, compassionate human beings and responsible citizens.

Professional accomplishments without integrity, justice or concern for others cannot represent complete education.

The Greatest Legacy

Every generation must ask itself an important question: What inheritance are we preparing for our children?

Will it consist merely of wealth, property and material comforts, or will it also include wisdom, dignity, self-respect and noble character?

Material possessions may disappear, but the values developed through thoughtful upbringing can guide individuals throughout their lives and influence future generations.

"The future of nations is shaped not merely in institutions of power, but in homes where character and values are nurtured."

A brighter future does not emerge automatically. It requires deliberate choices, sustained commitment and responsible parenting today.

Children deserve more than opportunities for material advancement. They deserve guidance that strengthens their intellect, develops their character and nurtures compassion.

Our responsibility is not merely to prepare children for successful careers, but to prepare them for meaningful lives.

Ultimately, the quality of our children's upbringing will determine the moral and intellectual foundations of tomorrow's society.

For the future of a nation is shaped not only by the children it raises, but by the values it instils in them.

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Weight-Loss Injections: Medical Breakthrough or Dangerous Shortcut?

Semaglutide and tirzepatide offer promising obesity treatment, but require careful medical supervision to ensure safety and effectiveness.





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Weight-loss injections have emerged as one of the most widely discussed developments in modern medicine. From medical conferences to social media platforms, these treatments are attracting considerable attention among people struggling with obesity

But important questions remain: Can injections genuinely produce significant weight loss? Are they safe? Do they cause muscle loss? And can they provide a permanent solution to obesity?

Recent medical advances have introduced effective treatment options, particularly medicines such as semaglutide and tirzepatide, offering new hope to appropriately selected patients.

However, understanding their benefits and limitations is essential before considering treatment

How Do Weight-Loss Injections Work?

These medicines act on hormonal pathways involved in appetite regulation, blood glucose control and feelings of fullness.

Semaglutide mimics the action of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), while tirzepatide acts on both GLP-1 and glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) receptors.

They help reduce hunger, increase the sensation of fullness and lower overall food intake.

Clinical trials have demonstrated substantial weight reduction in appropriately selected patients. Depending on the medicine, dosage and treatment duration, average weight loss approaching 15–20% or more has been reported in certain studies

Nevertheless, individual responses vary, and such results cannot be guaranteed

Obesity Is a Medical Condition, Not a Cosmetic Concern

Obesity should not be viewed merely as an issue of appearance or personal lifestyle.

It is a chronic medical condition associated with increased risks of type 2 diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, fatty liver disease and obstructive sleep apnoea.

Effective weight management can therefore provide benefits extending well beyond physical appearance.

The primary objective of obesity treatment should be better metabolic health, improved physical functioning and reduced long-term disease risks.

What Are the Possible Side Effects?

Like all medicines, weight-loss injections can produce adverse effects.

Common complaints include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, constipation and abdominal discomfort. These symptoms are often more noticeable when treatment begins or the dosage increases and may improve over time.

However, serious complications can occasionally occur, including gallbladder problems, pancreatitis and dehydration.

Patients experiencing severe or persistent abdominal pain, repeated vomiting or significant dehydration require prompt medical evaluation.

These medicines are also unsuitable for certain individuals, including during pregnancy, and require careful assessment of medical history and contraindications.

> **"Medical supervision ensures safer weight-loss treatment."**

Can Weight-Loss Injections Cause Muscle Loss?

A concern associated with substantial weight reduction is the possible loss of lean body mass, including muscle.

This can occur during weight loss regardless of the method used, particularly when nutrition and physical activity are inadequate.

To minimise this risk, patients should maintain sufficient protein intake, follow a balanced diet and incorporate resistance or strength-training exercises where medically appropriate.

Successful weight management should focus on reducing excess fat while preserving muscle strength and overall physical health.

Should Everyone With Obesity Take These Injections?

Certainly not.

Treatment decisions must be based on proper medical assessment, including body mass index (BMI), associated illnesses, previous treatment attempts and individual risk factors.

These medicines are not intended for casual cosmetic weight reduction or unsupervised use.

Following celebrity trends, purchasing injections from unverified sources or using them without medical advice can expose individuals to unnecessary risks.

It is also important to understand that weight regain may occur after treatment is discontinued.

Therefore, medication should complement—not replace—healthy eating, regular physical activity, adequate sleep and sustainable lifestyle changes.

"Weight-loss injections are neither miracle cures nor dangerous shortcuts when prescribed appropriately and monitored responsibly."

A Breakthrough That Requires Responsible Use

The World Health Organization has recognised the potential benefits of GLP-1-based therapies for appropriately selected adults living with obesity, while emphasising comprehensive care and medical supervision.

These medicines represent a significant advancement in obesity management, but they are not universally suitable or permanently curative.

Their effectiveness depends on appropriate patient selection, correct prescribing, continuous monitoring and lasting lifestyle improvements.

The goal of treatment is not simply to achieve a lower number on the weighing scale, but to build a healthier, more active life with fewer medical complications.

Ultimately, modern medicine offers promising solutions, but responsible treatment remains the foundation of lasting health.

> **"Weight-loss injections are not miracle cures; lasting health requires medical guidance, balanced nutrition, regular exercise and sustainable lifestyle changes."**

> **"The greatest achievement of modern obesity care is restoring confidence, improving quality of life and preventing future health complications."**

Medical advisory: Weight-loss medicines should be used only under qualified medical supervision. Treatment suitability, dosage and duration depend on individual clinical assessment.

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5th ODI: India eye winning finish as New Zealand seek to level series



Mount Maunganui, **(IANS):**

India will look to bounce back from their crushing 244-run defeat in the fourth ODI and finish the five-match series on a winning note when they face New Zealand in the final match at Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui, on Sunday. India have already secured the series, but the hosts will be keen to level it 2-2 after their emphatic comeback.

New Zealand produced a dominant performance on Friday, posting 333 before bowling India out for just 89. Will Young scored a career-best 125, while Matt Henry led the bowling attack with an impressive 6/27. Henry's early strikes, dismissing Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Shreyas Iyer, exposed India's struggles against disciplined pace bowling.

India will need a stronger start from their top order, with captain Shreyas Iyer under pressure to bring stability to the batting line-up. The absence of Shubman Gill and KL Rahul, who have joined preparations for the upcoming Test series, has also affected the team's combination. Rohit and Kohli will be expected to play key roles, while Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad and other middle-order batters will look to make their opportunities count.

Despite the setback, India have reasons to remain confident, having won the opening two matches in Auckland and Wellington. Gurnoor Brar has been among the notable performers, claiming four wickets in the second ODI.

New Zealand, meanwhile, will aim to build on their fourth-match success. Will Young's century and Tim Seifert's attacking 58 provided a major boost to their batting, while Henry's return to form strengthened their pace attack. The hosts, however, will be without several experienced players, including Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls and Glenn Phillips, who have moved on to prepare for the Test assignment.

Playing at the same venue for the second time in three days, India will need to counter New Zealand's pace attack and deliver a more convincing all-round performance. While the hosts will aim to level the series, Iyer's men will be determined to finish the tour on a positive note.

Match Details:

Match: India vs New Zealand, 5th ODI
Date: Sunday, November 15
Time: 7:30 AM IST
Venue: Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui
Live Telecast: Sony Sports Network
Live Streaming: Sony LIV

Squads:

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

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

'Bhul gaya': Sooryavanshi forgets Bihar playing XI details on historic captaincy debut



Indore, (IANS): Vaibhav Sooryavanshi had a light-hearted moment on his historic captaincy debut on Saturday when the 15-year-old forgot the details of Bihar's playing XI after winning the toss against Saurashtra in their Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) 2026-27 opener at the Holkar Stadium.

Asked about the team's combination and playing XI after opting to bat, Sooryavanshi responded with a smile, saying, "I think, sir, bhool gaya lagta main" (I think, sir, I have forgotten).

The amusing exchange came on a landmark day for the Bihar youngster, who became the youngest captain in men's T20 cricket history at 15 years and 232 days old.

Speaking about the opportunity to lead his home state, Sooryavanshi described the responsibility as a dream come true and expressed gratitude for the chance to captain the team where his cricketing journey began.

"It feels like a dream come true because I started playing cricket here, and getting the opportunity to lead the same state is a big thing. I am very grateful, and I will try to fulfil the responsibility given to me to the best of my ability," he said.

Sooryavanshi surpassed Croatia's Zach Vukusic, who previously held the record after captaining his national team at the age of 17 years and 311 days.

The teenager's first outing as Bihar captain, however, did not produce a substantial contribution with the bat. After winning the toss and electing to bat, he scored 18 off 12 deliveries before being caught and bowled by left-arm pacer Chetan Sakariya. Bihar struggled after his dismissal and managed 137/9 in their allotted 20 overs, with Prithvi Raj top-scoring with 38 runs. Sooryavanshi's availability for Bihar in the tournament will be limited, as he is scheduled to join India A for the ACC Rising Stars Emerging tournament in Doha after featuring in only two matches.

Gavaskar's 'Follow-On' Remark on Rohit, Kohli Goes Viral

New Delhi, (Agencies): Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar made a humorous remark after Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli were dismissed for ducks in India's 244-run defeat against New Zealand in the fourth ODI. Speaking on Sony Sports, Gavaskar joked that if the follow-on rule applied in ODI cricket, fans would have got another chance to watch the two star batters. India were bowled out for just 89 while chasing 334.

Gavaskar also praised Matt Henry, who claimed six wickets, saying New Zealand's disciplined bowling and movement made batting extremely difficult.

He added that India's batters were dismissed by excellent deliveries and did not throw away their wickets carelessly.

17-Year-Old Cricketer Nandini Dies by Suicide, Two Youths Accused of Harassment



New Delhi, (IANS): A 17-year-old woman cricketer, Nandini, from Telangana's Vikarabad district, allegedly died by suicide after being harassed by two youths, according to a complaint lodged by her family.

Nandini was staying at her uncle's house in Madhu Colony and preparing for cricket selection. Her family alleged that two youths had been repeatedly troubling her in the name of a love affair, leaving her under severe mental distress.

Police have registered a case and launched an investigation. The investigating officer said the deceased's mobile phone had been examined and was later sent to the forensic department for a detailed analysis to gather further evidence. Police said the investigation was underway and further details would emerge after examining the phone and other evidence.

MI Emirates name Kieron Pollard as wildcard signing for upcoming ILT20 season



Dubai, (IANS): MI Emirates have announced former West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard as their wildcard signing for the upcoming ILT20 season, scheduled from November 21 to December 20 across Sharjah, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Pollard has been associated with the tournament since its inception in 2023 and also featured as a wildcard signing last season. He has played a record 754 T20 matches, scoring 14,999 runs at a strike rate of 150.92, and is just 63 runs away from becoming the format's leading run-scorer, surpassing Jos Buttler.

Pollard's association with the Mumbai Indians group dates back to 2010, when he joined the franchise as a player. He later served as batting coach and has recently been appointed head coach of Mumbai Indians for the 2027 season.

MI Emirates will be coached by former South Africa wicketkeeper-batter Mark Boucher. The franchise has also appointed Colin Ingram as assistant coach and T. Dilip as fielding coach, while Paras Mhambrey will continue as bowling coach.

Brar added to India's Test squad for NZ series, Kuldeep Yadav released



Mumbai, (IANS): Pacer Gurnoor Brar has been added to India's squad for the upcoming two-Test series against New Zealand and released from the ODI squad ahead of Sunday's final match, the BCCI announced on Saturday. Spinner Kuldeep Yadav has also been released from the Test squad to join his domestic side Uttar Pradesh.

The BCCI said Brar would join the Test squad for the series beginning November 19 in Wellington. Wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has also joined the squad. Brar will miss the fifth ODI, and no replacement has been named.

India suffered a 244-run defeat in the fourth ODI on Friday after New Zealand posted 333 runs. Matt Henry claimed six wickets as India were bowled out for just 89, recording their second-biggest defeat by runs in ODI cricket.

The two teams will begin their two-match Test series on Thursday at Basin Reserve in Wellington.

India's Test Squad: Shubman Gill (captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul (vice-captain), Devdutt Padikkal, Rishabh Pant, Dhruv Jurel, Ravindra Jadeja, Anshul Kamboj, Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Sai Sudharsan, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Mohammed Siraj and Gurnoor Brar. India's Fifth ODI Squad: Shreyas Iyer (captain), Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan (vice-captain, wicketkeeper), Axar Patel, Naman Dhir, Auqib Nabi, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Arshdeep Singh, Kumar Kushagra, Mohammed Siraj, Yash Thakur and Kuldeep Yadav.

Kuldeep's trade to LSG could be one of the smartest moves of the IPL 2027 season: Abhinav Mukund



New Delhi, (IANS): Former India opener Abhinav Mukund has described Lucknow Super Giants' acquisition of Kuldeep Yadav from Delhi Capitals as a masterstroke, saying the left-arm wrist-spinner could play a key role in shaping the team's fortunes in IPL 2027.

Kuldeep was traded to LSG after IPL 2026, with Rishabh Pant moving to Delhi Capitals. Mukund said Kuldeep's wicket-taking ability would strengthen Lucknow's bowling, particularly at the spin-friendly Ekana Stadium. He also backed a promising spin partnership between Kuldeep and Digvesh Rathi, saying their attacking approach and variations could make life difficult for opposition batters.

With Pant's departure, LSG are also searching for a new captain. Mukund identified Aiden Markram and Nicholas Pooran as the leading candidates within the squad. Markram's leadership experience with Durban's Super Giants in the SA20 and Pooran's captaincy roles with MI New York and Trinbago Knight Riders make them strong options.

However, Mukund said the trade window could change the situation, as LSG may consider bringing in a senior Indian player to lead the side. He added that an Indian captain could better understand local players and the pressures of the IPL.

Saud Shakeel Misses Another Century as Pakistan-Sri Lanka First Test Ends in Draw

Rawalpindi, (IANS): The first Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka ended in a draw at Rawalpindi on Friday, with Saud Shakeel missing his second century of the match by just three runs.

Saud scored 97 off 210 balls as Pakistan finished their second innings at 284/8 in 84.5 overs on the final day, taking a 272-run overall lead. He had scored 93 in the first innings.

Pakistan had earlier declared at 434/9 in reply to Sri Lanka's 446. Saud shared a crucial 92-run partnership for the sixth wicket with Muhammad Ghazi Ghori, who scored 35.

Milan Rathnayaka claimed three wickets for Sri Lanka, while Pakistan debutant Saqib Khan was named Player of the Match for his 7-130 in the first innings.

Jasprit Bumrah will pose unique set of challenges in Test series, says Will Young



Mount Maunganui, (IANS): New Zealand batter Will Young said Jasprit Bumrah's return to the Indian team would pose a major challenge in the upcoming two-match Test series, beginning November 19. However, he added that New Zealand also have a strong bowling attack capable of testing Indian batters.

Bumrah is set to return after missing New Zealand's series-winning tour of Sri Lanka in August due to a knee injury. Young described him as one of the world's best bowlers but said the Indian batting line-up would also have to adapt to New Zealand's bowling attack.

Recalling New Zealand's historic 3-0 Test series win in India in 2024, Young said the victory had boosted the team's confidence. He added that the upcoming series would be a different challenge, with New Zealand conditions, including wind, playing an important role.

Both teams are in contention for next year's World Test Championship final at The Oval. New Zealand are currently second in the standings, while India are placed fourth.

Young also praised India's pace attack in the ongoing ODI series, describing it as well-balanced. He highlighted Arshdeep Singh's ability to swing the ball, along with the performances of Auqib Nabi, Anshul Kamboj and Harshit Rana. Young said the 3-0 series victory in India had strengthened the team's belief in its plans and approach. He recalled that New Zealand had bounced back from a 2-0 defeat against Sri Lanka by preparing specific strategies against each bowler and backing their attacking instincts.

He added that facing world-class bowlers was always a challenge, but New Zealand's conditions would make the upcoming series different.

Naseer Khan Maroofkhil picks joint-most wickets for Afghanistan on Test debut

sharjah, (IANS): Afghanistan spinner Naseer Khan Maroofkhil made a memorable Test debut, claiming seven wickets in the first innings of the second Test against Zimbabwe at Sharjah Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

The 20-year-old left-arm spinner returned figures of 7-151 in 44 overs as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 339 in 114.5 overs. His performance helped Afghanistan recover after the visitors had reached 200/1 on the opening day.

Naseer's seven-wicket haul is now the joint-best by an Afghanistan bowler on Test debut in an innings. He shares the record with fast bowler Ziaur Rahman, who also claimed seven wickets against Zimbabwe in Harare last year. Naseer took four wickets for 118 runs on the first day, dismissing Innocent Kaia, Ben Curran, captain Brian Bennett and Wessly Madhevere. He added three more wickets on Saturday, including the prized dismissal of Brendan Taylor, who scored 119 after completing his century early in the day.

He also removed Graeme Cremer and Vincent Masekesa in consecutive deliveries after lunch, preventing Zimbabwe from building a bigger total. Taylor had scored a century, while Kaia contributed 96 to the visitors' innings.

CDM Secunderabad Concludes "Discover India Program" for International Participants

Hyderabad (NSS) : College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad has successfully concluded the four-day "Discover India Program" designed to provide international participant officers of Higher Defence Management Course-22 (HDMC-22) with an immersive and enriching experience of India's diverse cultural, historical, and socio-economic landscape.

The "Discover India Program" is a key initiative under CDM's broader efforts to promote international cooperation through defence diplomacy. By exposing foreign officers to India's rich traditions, governance frameworks, and policy initiatives, the programme plays a pivotal role in strengthening mutual understanding and strategic partnerships between nations.

The participants expressed their appreciation for the comprehensive insights gained during the programme, which covered India's ancient and modern advancements across various sectors. The program successfully reinforced India's position as a vibrant and forward-looking nation with a deep-rooted heritage and progressive governance mechanisms.



Democracy systematically weakened over last decade: Rahul Gandhi

Hyderabad (NSS) : Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has asserted that there is no place for fascists in politics, alleging that democratic institutions have been systematically undermined over the past decade.

Addressing the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad on Saturday, the senior Congress leader launched a sharp attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging large-scale irregularities in both the 2014 and 2024 general elections.

"The 2014 elections were unlike anything witnessed before, with hundreds of crores of rupees spent. India's democratic system was destroyed in 2014, and irregularities took place in the 2024 general elections as well," Rahul Gandhi alleged.

Pointing to the Maharashtra polls, he questioned the sharp swing in results within a short span.

"In the Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra, our alliance won more seats, yet we lost the Assembly elections held just three months later. Over 70 lakh new votes were registered in those three months, and the BJP won only because of these additional votes," he claimed.

Rahul Gandhi remarked that even as institutions were being weakened, the country continued to take pride in calling itself a democracy, adding that politics was not merely about rhetoric or sharp criticism. The Congress leader also questioned the rapid rise of industrialist Gautam Adani in global wealth rankings over the last 12 years. "Where was Adani 12 years ago? He was ranked around 600th, and after Modi became Prime Minister, he rose to become the world's second-richest person. Ports, airports, and infrastructure projects were handed over to him. Businessmen who benefited from the government are now running the institutions," Rahul Gandhi alleged.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and several State Ministers also attended the summit.

Azharuddin calls for greater investment in youth, sports and skill development

Hyderabad (NSS) : Minister for Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin has urged greater investment in education, sports, skill development, and entrepreneurship to build a self-reliant state, warning that overlapping sports federations continue to hamper coordination and growth.

Speaking on a panel titled 'Telangana Rising – Youth and Politics' at the Bharat Summit 2026 at HICC Novotel on Saturday, Azharuddin outlined a roadmap centred on youth empowerment and institutional reform in sports.

Drawing on his career as a former Indian cricket captain, Azharuddin noted that while India's sporting infrastructure has expanded, identifying and nurturing talent outside major urban centres remains critical.

"Sporting talent is not confined to major cities; deserving athletes emerge from villages, towns, and districts across Telangana," he said, adding that rural athletes require timely recognition, professional coaching, and reliable facilities.

The Minister highlighted the proposed Sports University as a key vehicle for change, stating that developing qualified coaches should be the first priority in building a sustainable sporting culture.

Addressing governance challenges, Azharuddin pointed out that having multiple federations for a single sport has historically created administrative confusion, disrupting coordination among governments, sporting bodies, and sponsors. He called for greater transparency and a unified administrative framework to strengthen the sporting ecosystem.

Beyond sports, the Minister described quality education as the bedrock of individual and national progress, emphasising the need to equip young people with practical skills and confidence to navigate emerging economic challenges.

Uttam urges Bharat Summit delegates to become ambassadors for Telangana

Hyderabad (NSS) : Positioning Telangana as an emerging global hub for investment and innovation, Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday urged international delegates at the Bharat Summit 2026 to act as ambassadors for the State and carry its message of growth and global partnership to the world. Addressing the valedictory session of the two-day summit in Hyderabad, the Minister described Telangana as one of India's most promising investment destinations, citing its vast potential for economic expansion, innovation, and cross-border collaboration. He called upon participants to leverage their international networks to connect global investors, institutions, and businesses with opportunities in the State.

Making a special appeal, the Minister expressed hope that the delegates' experience in Hyderabad would translate into sustained global interest and enduring economic partnerships for Telangana.

Uttam Kumar Reddy also thanked the speakers and participants who travelled from across India and abroad, noting that their insights enriched deliberations on pressing global challenges. He added that the summit served as a vital platform to examine the shifting world order and India's evolving role in the global landscape.

BJP CONDEMNS HOUSE ARREST OF STATE PRESIDENT RAMCHANDER RAO



Hyderabad (NSS) : The BJP strongly condemned the house arrest of its State President N. Ramchander Rao and several party workers, including BJYM members, by Telangana Police on Saturday, alleging that the Congress government was suppressing the democratic right to protest. Police placed Rao under house arrest at his Tarnaka residence early in the morning to prevent him from leading a black-flag protest against the Bharat Summit and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to Hyderabad.

Speaking to the media, Rao termed the event as "Anti-Bharat Summit" and alleged that it was being used as a platform to promote anti-India narratives rather than attract investments to Telangana. He also questioned the participation of certain foreign delegates, alleging that some had previously expressed anti-India views.

The BJP leader further said that another organization -The Progressive Alliance which was sponsoring the above event, had previously funded student protests and unrest in Bangladesh, Nepal, France and Germany, leading to regime changes. The BJP strongly opposed such platforms being used to spread anti-national narratives, he noted. Rao criticised Rahul Gandhi for visiting Telangana without addressing the Congress government's alleged failure to implement the six guarantees. He accused the government of neglecting farmers, unemployed youth and students, and failing to properly implement welfare schemes.

In a separate statement, BJP State chief spokesperson and media in-charge N. V. Subhash condemned the house arrests and demanded the unconditional release of detained party workers. He asserted that the BJP and BJYM would continue their black-flag protests against the summit despite police restrictions.

ONLINE APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR FATAFAT NAUKRI VOCATIONAL COURSES

Hyderabad (NSS) : The State Institute of Vocational Education (SIVE), Telangana, has invited online applications from educational institutions for admissions, affiliation, extension of provisional affiliation and sanction of additional courses and sections for Short-Term Vocational Certificate Courses (Fatafat Naukri Courses) for the second spell covering January to June 2027.

Managements of Intermediate, Degree and Polytechnic colleges, NGOs and other private institutions offering vocational certificate courses in Telangana can submit applications through the official website - www.sive.telangana.gov.in.

Applications will be accepted from November 25, 2026, to February 14, 2027.

Institutions seeking approval for additional courses or sections beyond those originally sanctioned in the Letter of Intent or Provisional Permission and Affiliation Orders must adhere to the prescribed guidelines.

As per GOMs.No.33 dated April 7, 2004, and SIVE guidelines dated June 29, 2024, institutions can seek approval for a minimum of two and a maximum of nine courses, subject to the prescribed conditions.

TSCS Celebrates Children's Day with Cultural Activities and Inspirational Messages

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Council bids warm farewell to three outgoing Governor-quota MLCs

Hyderabad (NSS) : Three outgoing Members of the Telangana Legislative Council (MLCs)—Goreti Venkanna, Baswaraju Saraiah, and Boggarapu Dayanand—who were nominated under the Governor's quota, were accorded a warm farewell at a function held at the Council Conference Hall on Saturday.

Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Council Deputy Chairman Banda Prakash, Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, and Leader of the Opposition in the Council Sirikonda Madhusudhanachari were among the dignitaries who attended the programme. They felicitated the retiring members with shawls and conveyed their best wishes.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy lauded the contributions of the three leaders during their tenure, noting that they effectively raised public issues on the floor of the House and worked in accordance with the aspirations of the people.

He observed that the three nominated members brought rich experience and expertise from diverse fields, utilising their knowledge to strengthen the functioning and enhance the dignity of the Upper House.

Stressing the importance of maintaining a cordial atmosphere across party lines, Sukhender Reddy added that bidding farewell to colleagues with whom they had worked closely was an emotional moment.

Banned e-cigarette racket busted in HYD; six held, goods worth rs.7.06 l seized

Hyderabad (NSS) : The Commissioner's Task Force, Golconda Zone, in a joint operation with Gudimalkapur Police, busted an alleged banned e-cigarette racket by raiding a store named 'Smoke Vault' at Gandam Complex, near Olive Hospitals, Nanal Nagar, Gudimalkapur.

Police arrested the store owner, Abdullah Arshed (29), and five workers, while another accused, Shareef, reportedly based in Dubai, is absconding. The police seized a huge stock of banned e-cigarettes and related products, along with mobile phones and a two-wheeler, all valued at approximately Rs.7,06,800.

The seized material included various brands of high-capacity disposable e-cigarettes, including Crown Bar, Elf Bar, Lost Mary, IGET and Yuoto, besides liquid bottles, refillable vaping devices, cartridges and 1,000 OCB rolling papers. Police also seized seven mobile phones, two Paytm swiping machines and a Suzuki Access 125 scooter allegedly used for supplying the products.

According to police, the prime accused and his workers hail from Kerala. Abdullah Arshed initially dealt in chocolates and hookah products in Kasaragod before moving to Dubai in 2016, where he worked in an IT company. He later shifted to Hyderabad and established Smoke Vault, operating in Nanal Nagar, Gudimalkapur and Madhapur.



Police said the accused allegedly entered into a business arrangement with his Dubai-based friend Shareef to procure banned e-cigarettes in bulk and sell them in Hyderabad with the assistance of his workers for illegal profits. The consignments were reportedly supplied through Shareef.

Acting on a tip-off, the Task Force team raided the Smoke Vault store and apprehended the accused and five workers. A case has been registered at Gudimalkapur Police Station under various sections of the BNS and PEC Act, 2019.

The arrests were made under the supervision of M. Mahesh, Inspector of Police, Task Force, Golconda Zone, by SI G. Vijayanand and his team, in coordination with Gudimalkapur Police.

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