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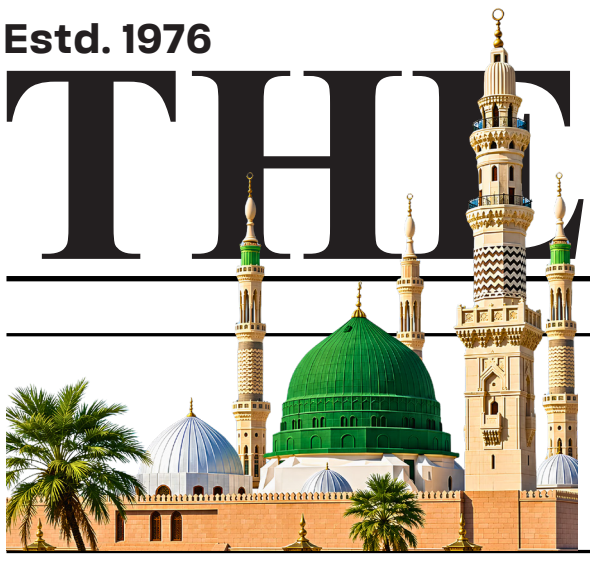
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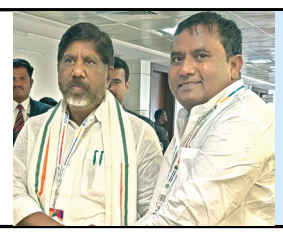
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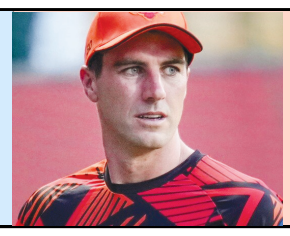
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Telangana SIR: 54,863 Electors Found Ineligible

Over 91.72 lakh electors cleared; documentation concerns emerge as November 30 final-roll deadline approaches.

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad:

As Telangana approaches the final stage of its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, 54,863 electors have been found ineligible following verification, raising concerns over documentation problems and safeguards against wrongful exclusion.

According to election-related figures reported on Sunday, 91,72,454 electors have been marked for inclusion in the final rolls. Of these, 60,06,722 were cleared after discrepancies involving names, ages and other details were resolved, while 31,65,732 established their links with the 2002 electoral rolls.

Among those found ineligible, 21,514 failed to provide documents necessary to resolve discrepancies, while 33,349 could not establish the required historical electoral linkage.

Rangareddy recorded the highest number of ineligible electors at 13,436, followed by Peddapalli with 4,933.



Hyderabad accounted for 2,472 cases.

The figures highlight the importance of ensuring that genuine electors are not excluded merely because they encounter difficulties producing older records or correcting administrative errors.

Election authorities issued 92,88,188 notices statewide, of which 92,87,963 were served. Hearings involving 92,78,967 electors had been completed by Saturday.

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharsan Reddy has already directed officials to issue reasoned orders explaining rejected applications, allowing affected electors to understand the decisions and pursue appeals.

The revision also resulted in 73.39 lakh names being omitted from the draft rolls under absent, shifted, deceased and duplicate categories. Eligible voters excluded under these categories have been offered another opportunity to seek inclusion, with the special verification exercise scheduled until November 21.

Affected electors can approach their Booth Level Officers or Electoral Registration Officers and seek assistance through voter helpline 1950. The New Indian Express+1

The notice and claims-disposal process must conclude by November 26, while final electoral rolls are scheduled for publication on November 30.

With the final deadline approaching, timely communication of rejection decisions and accessible correction procedures remain crucial to protecting eligible citizens' voting rights.

Andhra Coast on Cyclone Watch as Storm Threat Grows Back

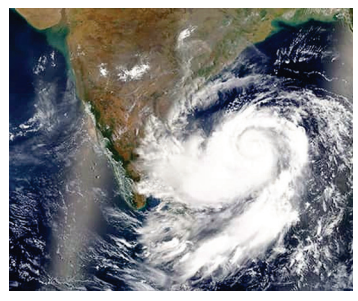
IMD forecasts extremely heavy rainfall on November 19–20; Odisha and Telangana may also experience adverse weather.

Visakhapatnam: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a pre-cyclone watch for Andhra Pradesh and adjoining south Odisha as a depression over the Bay of Bengal threatens to develop into a powerful cyclonic storm.

According to IMD's latest evening bulletin, the depression remained active at 5.30 p.m. Sunday, approximately 920 km south-southeast of Visakhapatnam.

The system is forecast to become a cyclonic storm on November 16 and a severe cyclonic storm on November 17 before moving towards Andhra Pradesh.

Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam could experience extremely heavy rainfall on November 19–20, while



Odisha faces heavy to very heavy rainfall.

Eastern Telangana may also receive heavy rainfall on November 20.

Fishermen have been advised to avoid dangerous sea areas. The warning highlights the need for timely alerts, operational emergency shelters, evacuation preparedness and effective coordination among coastal district administrations before weather conditions deteriorate.

IN BRIEF

Houthis Advance Towards Yemen's Aden

Houthi fighters reportedly seized strategic positions in Lahj, forcing govt troops to retreat & raising concerns near the Bab al-Mandeb Strait. P5

Vijay to Attend Sonia's Book Launch

Tamil Nadu CM Vijay is expected to attend Sonia Gandhi's Delhi book launch; a possible Modi meeting over Mekedatu remains unconfirmed. P4

Singareni Renovation Funds Under Scrutiny

Trade unions allege renovation funds favoured non-employees while miners' quarters deteriorated in Ramagundam. P8

Tummala Rules Out Kaleshwaram Storage

Minister said only Sammakka Sagar could store water, while Dummugudem's storage capacity would be increased to safeguard drinking-water supplies. P8

5th ODI: India Clinch ODI Series 3-1

Arshdeep Singh's three wickets helped India defend 209, defeat New Zealand by 22 runs and secure the five-match ODI series 3-1. P7

Hi-Life Luxury-Fashion-Lifestyle Exhibition Opens in Hyderabad

Actresses Rithu Chowdhary, Varsha and Ruksar Patel attend the grand launch of the three-day exhibition at HICC, Novotel.

Hyderabad: Hi-Life Exhibitions inaugurated its November Fashion Special at HICC, Novotel, Hitech City, on Sunday, showcasing designer clothing, bridal wear, jewellery and lifestyle collections.

Actresses Rithu Chowdhary, Varsha and Ruksar Patel attended the launch alongside celebrities, fashion enthusiasts and visitors, according to organisers.

The exhibition, continuing until November 17, features designer sarees, festive outfits, wedding collections, accessories, contemporary fashion and lifestyle products from participating designers.

Aby P. Dominic, Managing Director and CEO of Hi-Life Exhibitions, said the event brings together exclusive designer collections and emerging fashion trends under one roof.

The three-day showcase focuses particularly on bridal fashion, wedding shopping and festive collections, offering visitors a wide selection of traditional and contemporary styles.



Telangana Seeks ₹5,000 Crore to Complete Irrigation Projects

Revanth urges PM Modi to expedite project clearances and resolve inter-state water disputes affecting farmers.

HYD: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday sought ₹5,000 crore in central assistance to complete irrigation projects that have achieved 70–90% progress.

During his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he requested environmental clearances for Palamuru-Rangareddy, Sitamma Sagar and Dindi projects, involving investments of nearly ₹50,000 crore.

The State also sought ₹5,849 crore under PMKSY for four irrigation schemes and another ₹5,000 crore for groundwater recharge.

Revanth urged Maharashtra's consent for the Tummidihatti barrage at 152 metres and Chhattisgarh's clearance for Sammakka-Sarakka.

Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy stressed the need for timely approvals to benefit farmers. No fresh central funding was announced.



Indians Pay ₹4.06 Lakh Crore in Medical Bills Despite Higher Public Spending

Households still bear 42.7% of healthcare costs.

New Delhi: Indian households spent ₹4.06 lakh crore directly on healthcare during 2023–24, according to National Health Accounts estimates released by the Union Health Ministry on Sunday.

Out-of-pocket expenditure declined from 64.2% of total healthcare spending in 2013–14 to 42.7% in 2023–24.

Government health expenditure increased from ₹1.30 lakh crore to ₹4.14 lakh crore during the decade, while average household medical spending stood at ₹2,901 per person annually.

Medicines accounted for 30.2% of current healthcare expenditure, highlighting continuing treatment costs.

Despite expanded public healthcare programmes and insurance coverage, substantial medical expenses remain a concern, particularly for low-income families requiring affordable medicines, diagnostic services and hospital treatment.

RAJASTHAN RAILWAY BLAST: Police Suspect Pakistan Link

Jaipur: Rajasthan Police on Sunday alleged Pakistan-based involvement in the November 3 railway-track explosion in Sri Ganganagar district.

Two suspects, Mahakdeep Kaur and Davinder Singh, were arrested from Punjab's Gurdaspur district. Police claimed they acted under instructions from Pakistan-based handlers allegedly linked to the ISI.

Investigators said three attempts were made to target the Anupgarh-Suratgarh railway line before the November 3 explosion damaged railway sleepers.

A passenger train had crossed the section 75 minutes earlier.

Police recovered two pistols, 46 cartridges and ₹30,000, while three others were detained.

Authorities are investigating financial transactions, communications and possible accomplices. The alleged foreign connection remains unproven in court.



GULZAR HOUZ TRAFFIC CHAOS: 3-Minute Journey Takes 35 Minutes

HYDERABAD: Severe traffic congestion around Gulzar Houz and Charminar has left commuters frustrated, with motorists reporting prolonged delays along roads connecting Kali Kaman and Pathergatti.

Motorcyclist Amjad said a journey from Gulzar Houz to Matti Ka Sher, normally taking three to four minutes, took nearly 35 minutes while travelling with his wife.

Commuters alleged that traffic personnel, including supervisory officers, were frequently absent from important junctions, forcing members of the public to manage traffic themselves.

Some hawkers also alleged that police prioritised challans and demanded payments from vendors. These allegations remain unverified and require official amination.

Residents urged senior police officials to ensure regular deployment, inves- complaints and improve traffic management.

Congo Ebola Death Toll Exceeds 5,500

Kinshasa: The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has claimed over 5,500 lives, with more than 11,200 infections reported since May.

Africa CDC warned that the outbreak remains uncontrolled, with 400–500 new cases weekly across eight provinces.

Armed conflict, inadequate contact tracing and delayed treatment continue to obstruct containment efforts.

Health authorities urged improved surveillance, timely medical assistance and protection for frontline workers.

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Governance, development, welfare and districts shaping the State.

Deputy CM urges focus on Adilabad grievances, welfare schemes

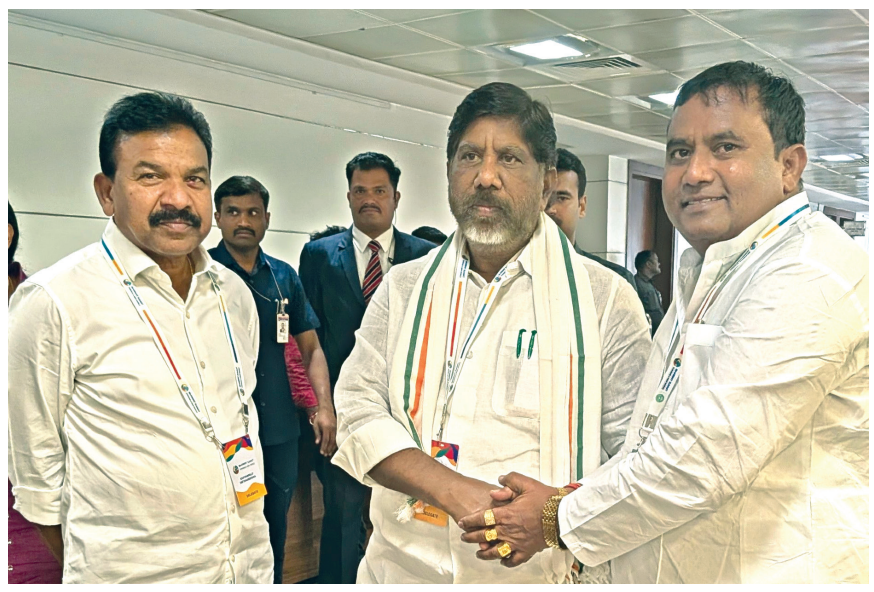
Munsif Desk, Adilabad:

Dargam Shekhar, Adilabad Parliamentary Constituency SC Department In-charge, met Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and TPCC SC Department Chairman and MLA Kavampally Satyanarayana in Hyderabad as a courtesy call. On the occasion, Shekhar thanked Kavampally Satyanarayana for recently entrusting him with the responsibilities of Parliamentary Constituency In-charge.

Later, accompanied by Kavampally Satyanarayana, Shekhar met Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and briefed him about his new responsibilities.

The Deputy Chief Minister congratulated Shekhar and extended his best wishes, expressing hope that he would rise to higher positions in the future.

Bhatti Vikramarka advised Shekhar to remain accessible to the people of Adilabad Parliamentary Constituency at all times, work towards resolving their grievances.



5 lakh life cover for every family from November 19

Munsif Desk, Suryapet:

The Telangana government is set to launch the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme with the objective of providing financial security to poor and middle-class families. Under the scheme, an insurance amount of ₹5 lakh will be provided to an eligible family in the event of the untimely death of its breadwinner.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will formally launch the scheme on November 19, coinciding with the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The scheme is designed to cover eligible families without discrimination based on caste, religion or income. One eligible earning member of a family, aged between 18 and 59 years, can be enrolled for insurance coverage. Family members will also have the option to nominate a beneficiary and decide the proportion in which the insurance amount should be distributed.

The government is conducting an extensive awareness campaign in rural and urban areas from November 14 to 18. Special registration centres will be established from November 19 to collect details of eligible families. Aadhaar-based date of birth will be considered for determining eligibility. The registration process will be carried out digitally to ensure transparency.

Scheme Aims to Benefit 3,29,974 Families in Suryapet District; Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar Focuses on Effective Implementation

Under the supervision of District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar, officials have prepared a plan to extend the scheme to 3,29,974 families across Suryapet district. The coverage includes 2,41,188 families in 486 gram panchayats across 23 mandals and 88,746 families in 141 wards under five municipalities. The Collector has instructed officials to carefully record the details of eligible beneficiaries, Aadhaar information, nominees' names and the respective proportions for distribution of the insurance amount.After completing the registration process, all details must be read out to family members and the enrolment should be finalised only after obtaining their consent. The government's objective is to ensure that dependants do not face financial hardship following the death of the family's breadwinner and that adequate financial support is available for children's education and other family needs.

Chhath puja celebrated with devotion in kagaznagar

Munsif Desk, Kagaznagar:

Kagaznagar, popularly known as Mini India for its cultural diversity, witnessed grand celebrations of Chhath Puja marked by deep devotion, spiritual fervour and traditional enthusiasm.

North Indian families, particularly those from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh who have settled in the town, participated in the festival by observing traditional rituals with great reverence.



For the convenience of devotees, the management of JK Paper Mills made special arrangements and provided necessary facilities at the SPM water pond, where the religious rituals were performed.

As part of the sacred observance, devotees undertook a rigorous 36-hour Nirjala Vrat, abstaining from both food and water, and prayed for the health, happiness, prosperity and well-being of their families. They offered Arghya (ritual offerings) to the setting sun in the evening and continued the traditional observance by offering prayers to the rising sun early the following morning.

At the invitation of members of the Bihar community, B. Aditha, National Secretary of the All India Congress Mahila, attended the celebrations and extended her heartfelt greetings and best wishes to devotees on the occasion of Chhath Puja.

The celebrations reflected the rich cultural heritage of North India and highlighted the spirit of religious harmony and communal unity that makes Kagaznagar a true Mini India.

Strict action against drunk driving offenders

Munsif Desk, Rajanna Sircilla:

Traffic Sub-Inspector Samudrala Raju warned that strict action would be taken against those driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol.

On Sunday, traffic police conducted a drunk-driving check near Thippapur Bridge in Vemulawada town of Rajanna Sircilla district. During the drive, three persons were caught driving under the influence of alcohol. Police registered cases against them and imposed fines.

Speaking on the occasion, SI Samudrala Raju said drunk driving endangers not only the lives of motorists but also those of other road users.

KAS gazetted probationers exam held in raichur

Munsif Desk, Raichur:

The examination for Karnataka Administrative Service (KAS) Gazetted Probationers posts was conducted at 38 examination centres across Raichur city on Sunday. A total of 11,482 candidates had registered for the examination, which was held in two sessions, morning and afternoon. District Superintendent of Police Arun Ashugiri visited various examination centres across the city, including Vidya Bharati Kendra.

Telangana activists to get due recognition: MLA Revoori Prakash Reddy



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Skill development key to women's empowerment: DCP Dhara Kavitha

Munsif Desk, Warangal:

Women can be truly empowered only when they are provided with vocational skills and employment-oriented training to become financially independent and successful entrepreneurs, said Warangal Police Commissionerate Central Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Dhara Kavitha.



She was speaking as the chief guest at a programme organised at Mandi Bazaar in Warangal city through the joint efforts of FMM Social Service Society and Dr. Perli Foundation.

The programme was organised in two phases. As part of the first phase, certificates were distributed to 90 women from economically weaker and middle-income families who successfully completed three-month training courses in Maggam (traditional hand embroidery) and tailoring. In the second phase, a new tailoring training batch was formally launched for another 30 women. The programme was presided over by Sister Sahayya of FMM Social Service Society.

Addressing the gathering, DCP Dhara Kavitha said that women still do not enjoy the status and opportunities they rightfully deserve in society. Although the government is introducing several welfare schemes for women's development, much more needs to be done at the grassroots level.

She emphasised that when a woman acquires professional skills, she not only supports her family financially but also contributes to strengthening the economy of society as a whole.

The DCP further stated that economic independence and mental strength among women are the most effective means of preventing crimes against women, domestic violence and human trafficking.

Nizamabad residents urged to follow rules: CP

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, has issued a set of eight important guidelines and restrictions, urging people to strictly follow the rules to maintain public order, ensure public safety and prevent inconvenience to citizens.

The Commissioner outlined the following regulations:

1. Installation of Statues:

Statues should not be installed in a manner that causes inconvenience to the public, particularly in crowded areas, parks, traffic islands and government premises. Permission from the committee headed by the District Collector is mandatory before installing any statue.

2. Control of Noise Pollution:

The use of DJs and high-volume sound systems is prohibited beyond permissible limits. Excessive noise can adversely affect elderly people suffering from chronic illnesses, children and women. The permissible noise limit in residential and commercial areas at night is 55 decibels, while the use of DJ sound systems is completely prohibited between 10 PM and 6 AM. Prior police permission is mandatory.

3. Processions and Public Meetings:

The use of DJs and sound systems exceeding permissible noise limits during processions and public meetings is prohibited within the Nizamabad Police Commissionerate limits.

Organisers wishing to install loudspeakers in public places for meetings or gatherings must obtain prior permission from the concerned authorities. For programmes involving up to 500 people, permission from the concerned Assistant Commissioner of Police is mandatory. Events involving more than 500 people require permission from the Police Commissioner at least 72 hours in advance.

4. Safety Rules in Public Places:

Shopping malls, cinema theatres, hotels, exhibitions and commercial establishments must strictly implement prescribed security measures for public safety. Visitors must also follow the queue system and cooperate with the management.

5. Restrictions on Drone Usage:

The Commissioner cautioned that unauthorised drone operations could disrupt public life and pose serious challenges to law and order.

Anyone intending to use drones for public purposes must obtain prior clearance from the concerned government departments, police and aviation authorities.

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Three drown in Varaha river while celebrating friend's birthday in Anakapalli

(PTI) Penugollu:

Three persons, including a minor boy drowned after being swept away by strong currents while bathing in the Varaha river near Penugollu Groyne in Anakapalle district, police said on Sunday.

According to police, around 10 people had gathered near the groyne on Saturday to celebrate the birthday of one of their friends.

Four members of the group entered the river to take a bath but were caught in strong currents, police said, adding that the deceased were unable to swim and were swept away.

"Three youth drowned after being swept away by strong currents while bathing in the Varaha river near Penugollu Groyne," an official told. According to police, the deceased were a 17-year-old boy and two men aged 18 and 24 years.The bodies of the three were recovered on Sunday morning, police said.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.

BJP's allegations against Rahul over Bharat Summit baseless: M Ravi

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Nagarkurnool MP Dr Mallu Ravi on Sunday strongly condemned the BJP's allegation that Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi acted against national interest by attending the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad.

In a statement, the Congress MP accused the BJP of levelling baseless charges against the party, Rahul Gandhi, and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy solely for political mileage.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks about building a Viksit Bharat.

That vision can only be realised when every state progresses.

In line with this very goal, the Chief Minister is organising the Bharat Summit and the Global Summit to drive Telangana's growth across sectors and attract global investments," Dr Ravi said.

He added that the BJP's criticism stems from insecurity over the Congress party's growing strength and prospects of returning to power in the state.

Crores-worth irregularities alleged in singareni quarters renovation

Munsif Desk
Ramagundam:

Allegations of irregularities in the utilisation of funds allocated for the renovation of miners' residential quarters in the Ramagundam Division of Singareni Collieries have surfaced. Complaints allege that lakhs of rupees were spent on renovating quarters occupied by influential individuals who are not Singareni employees, while the houses of genuine mine workers continue to lack basic amenities. Trade unions have expressed serious concern over the issue and demanded a comprehensive inquiry.

According to reports, the Singareni management had prepared an estimated budget of approximately ₹6 crore for the renovation of miners' quarters in the Ramagundam Division. In this regard, Civil Department officials had inspected employees' houses and identified the necessary repair works.

However, allegations have emerged that workers' requirements were overlooked and substantial amounts were spent on quarters occupied by certain non-employees and influential individuals.

SPECIAL FAVOURS FOR PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES?

According to the allegations, approximately ₹6 lakh was spent on renovating a quarter occupied by a public representative who is reportedly not a Singareni employee. It is alleged that additional constructions, a special hall and other modern facilities were provided at the quarter.

Similar complaints have also surfaced regarding lakhs of rupees allegedly spent on the quarters of certain other individuals and their associates.

MINERS' QUARTERS REMAIN IN DILAPIDATED CONDITION

Meanwhile, the condition of residential quarters occupied by miners is reportedly deplorable. Several houses have deteriorating walls, damaged water pipelines and inadequate drainage facilities. Residents also face problems such as rainwater entering their homes during the monsoon season.

Telangana seeks to emerge as global aerospace, defence hub: Sridhar Babu

(NSS) Hyderabad:

Telangana is working to strengthen its position as a leading aerospace and defence hub by building capabilities across the entire value chain, including design, engineering, quality testing, certification and research, IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said. Addressing the national conference on 'Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies (NDE–2026)', organised by the Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing (ISNT) at HITEX, Hyderabad, on Sunday, the Minister said the State was looking beyond manufacturing to develop a comprehensive ecosystem that would enable local industries to compete in global markets.

Sridhar Babu said the government was committed to strengthening the 'Made in Telangana' brand and increasing the State's participation in global supply chains.

Special children's Prajavani at collectorate on Nov 16

(NSS),Hyderabad:

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Sunday flagged off a Red Cross vehicle carrying 500 woollen blankets for distribution among tribal families in Adilabad district, extending a message of warmth and solidarity to communities living in remote and underserved areas.

The initiative, organised under the 'Abhaya Hunt the Winter–2026' programme, was launched at Lok Bhavan on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, commemorating the birth anniversary of legendary tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Appreciating the sustained humanitarian efforts of the Abhaya Foundation, the Governor said its initiatives of distributing umbrellas during summer and blankets during winter reflected the true spirit of selfless service. He also lauded the Indian Red Cross Society and its volunteers for joining hands in the humanitarian mission.

"A blanket is not merely protection against the cold; it carries a message that Telangana stands with you," the Governor observed.

Calling upon the youth to draw inspiration from Bhagwan Birsa Munda, he urged them to visit tribal villages and actively participate in grassroots service initiatives, describing such efforts as a meaningful tribute to the legendary freedom fighter.

TTD online quota for Feb to be released on Nov.18

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will release the online quota of various darshan tickets, Arjitha Sevas and accommodation for the month of February 2027 as per the following schedule.

The online quota of Arjitha Seva tickets (Suprabhatam, Thomala, Archana and Ashtadala Pada Padmaradhana Sevas) will be released on November 18 at 10 AM.

Devotees can register online for the electronic dip until 10 AM on November 20.

Those allotted tickets through the electronic dip must make the payment before 12 noon between November 20 and 22 to confirm their tickets.

Arjitha Seva Tickets on November 21

The online quota of Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmotsavam and Sahasra Deepalankara Seva tickets will be released on November 21 at 10 AM.

The quota for Virtual Sevas and their respective darshan slots will be released at 3 PM.

The quota of Angapradakshinam tokens will be released on November 23 at 10 AM while Srivani Trust darshan tickets will be released at 11 AM and the darshan Quota for Senior Citizens and Differently-Abled Persons at 3 PM.

Special Entry Darshan Tickets on November 24

The online quota of Rs.300 Special Entry Darshan tickets will be released on November 24 at 10 AM while the accommodation quota for Tirumala and Tirupati will be released on the same day at 3 PM.

Kishan Reddy has done nothing for Secunderabad: TRS leader

(NSS),Hyderabad:



Telangana Rashtriya Sena (TRS) party's Secunderabad Parliament in-charge Surabhi has criticized union minister Kishan Reddy, who was elected from the Secunderabad Parliament constituency and took charge as a Union Minister, for not caring at all about the development of the area. She alleged that the people of Secunderabad were voting in the hope that their constituency would develop if the party's candidate is elected at the center, but after winning, the union minister was ignoring the aspirations of the people and cheating them. She was speaking at a meeting organized with the in-charges of various assembly constituencies under the Secunderabad Parliament at the Basheerbagh Press Club in Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, She said that the leaders of the current political parties were failing to maintain the trust that the people have placed in them. She was furious that they were making development promises during the elections and neglecting to implement them after coming to power. Surabhi said that the TRS party Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha had ushered in a new political trend and was giving women a prominent place in politics by providing them with a suitable place.

Special children's prajavani at collectorate on Nov 16

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed
Nizamabad:

Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi announced that a special Children's Prajavani programme will be organised at the Integrated District Offices Complex on November 16 as part of Children's Rights Week. She clarified that the regular Prajavani programme, conducted every Monday, will continue as usual alongside the special Children's Prajavani session.

The Collector said that boys and girls can submit petitions regarding issues related to education, healthcare, transportation, welfare and other concerns during the special programme. Officials from the respective departments will take prompt steps to resolve the grievances.

Special camps to distribute free assistive devices in husnabad

(NSS), Hyderabad:

State BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Sunday said that Giving special priority to the welfare of the disabled and elderly in Husnabad constituency, special camps are being organized to provide assistive devices to everyone who is eligible, from today . He revealed that these camps would be organized in 7 mandals and one municipality of the Husnabad constituency from November 16 to 27.

The Minister stated that his aim was that a person should not wait for the help of another to walk, to hear, to see, to do his own work and added that every disabled person should live with self-confidence and self-respect without depending on anyone. He also said that the program had been taken up with the aim that no disabled person or elderly person in Husnabad constituency should suffer without getting help and that no deserving person should be deprived of government assistance.

Prabhakar said that Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the program was being implemented with his special initiative under the ADIP scheme of Union Government in collaboration with ALIMCO (Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India).

Chicken Prices drop in Telangana

(NSS), Hyderabad:

The effect of the ongoing Karthika masam month has hit the chicken market hard. The Chicken prices, which had been skyrocketing until last week, have now come down suddenly. This is giving some relief to the chicken lovers. Especially when Sunday comes, there used to be a buzz near the chicken shops. But this time, the situation in the market has changed a bit due to the effect of the Karthika Masam.. With the start of the Karthika masam , many people are staying away from the consumption of non-veg food items . Devotees wearing Ayyappa garlands, Shiva devotees and those observing Karthika Masam vrats are staying away from meat throughout this month. Due to this, the demand for the chicken has decreased. With the decrease in buyers, it seems that traders are also forced to reduce the prices..

In the Last week, the price of a kilo chicken exceeded Rs.300 but Now it has come down to Rs.260 in many areas. A kilo of skinless chicken is being sold from Rs.260 to Rs.270 in Hyderabad. In Warangal, it is being sold at a price between Rs. 250 and Rs. 260. In Kamareddy, the price of a kilo of chicken is around Rs. 260. In Nizamabad, however, prices are seen ranging from Rs. 200 to Rs. 260 depending on the area.



Kishan Reddy pays tributes to tribal leaders Birsa Munda and Komuram Bheem

(NSS), Hyderabad:

On the occasion of the 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a 'Janajatiya Gaurav Divas' (Tribal Respect Day) rally was held grandly under the auspices of BJP Telangana State ST Morcha on Sunday from the Swami Vivekananda statue on Hyderabad Tank Bund Road to the Komuram Bheem statue.

Those who participated in this program paid tribute to the portrait of Bhagwan Birsa Munda at the Komuram Bheem statue. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy also paid tributes to Birsa Munda and Komuram Bheem on the occasion. He later spoke to the media.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Kishan Reddy recalled that he witnessed a great historical event during his tenure as the Union Culture Minister. He said that the old Central Jail in Ranchi, where Bhagwan Birsa Munda was imprisoned by the British rulers, would be transformed into a magnificent memorial museum to commemorate his sacrifices. He also said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the museum to the nation on the occasion of Birsa Munda Jayanti on November 15, 2021 and added that he personally participated in that historic event in Ranchi. He said that it was a great privilege to transform the jail, where Birsa Munda was once imprisoned into a museum that will convey his fighting spirit, the history of the tribals and the sacrifices to future generations and added that it was his good fortune to be a part of this program as the Union Culture Minister.

Kishan Reddy expressed his regret that no government official had visited the remote tribal areas for the last 75 years and added that the people there had not received proper government welfare schemes.

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Double murder reported in Delhi's Bawana

(IANS) New Delhi, Two men were killed in Delhi's Bawana after a quarrel allegedly led to a shooting and retaliatory attack, police said.

Police said 27-year-old Sachin, a resident of Pooth Khurd, was found dead at a hospital with a gunshot wound to his chest. Investigators found bloodstains and three empty cartridges in a family-owned cowshed.

CCTV footage and enquiries suggest Sonu alias Pradeep shot Sachin after a quarrel. Sachin's brother Naresh allegedly caught Sonu and killed him. Naresh has been apprehended. Police are investigating the motive.

Cyclone alert for Andhra, Odisha coasts

(IANS) Visakhapatnam, A Bay of Bengal depression is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm on Monday and a severe cyclonic storm on Tuesday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

The system is expected to move towards Andhra Pradesh.

North Andhra may receive heavy rain and strong winds on Thursday and Friday, the State Disaster Management Authority warned.

Fishermen, coastal residents and farmers have been advised to follow updates.

Earlier cyclones Arnab and Murasu killed 15 people and damaged crops and infrastructure along the coast soon.

NITI AAYOG TO LAUNCH FIVE WORKSHOPS ON 25 YEARS OF PM MODI'S LEADERSHIP



(IANS) New Delhi, NITI Aayog will launch a series of five national workshops on Tuesday to draw lessons from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25 years as head of an elected government, according to an official statement issued on Sunday. The initiative aims to document the experiences of those who have been part of this period and turn them into shared national knowledge.

Modi took office as Chief Minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001. After serving for more than 12 years in the post, he became Prime Minister in May 2014 and is now serving his third consecutive term. He completed 25 years at the head of an elected government on October 7, 2026, marking the longest continuous tenure in such a position in India, the statement said.

It said governance during this period had been guided by the idea of the "Pradhan Sevak", under which every government office exists to serve citizens. Antyodaya placed the last person at the centre of progress, while Jan Bhagidari turned development into a people's movement. The principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" reinforced the idea of shared national endeavour.

The goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the statement added, provided a long-term direction for institutions as India approaches the centenary of Independence.

The workshop series will document first-hand accounts from officers, institutions and citizens involved in key decisions. These experiences will be examined with academic rigour and developed into case studies, research papers and teaching material for civil servants, training institutions, universities, students and the wider public.

The five workshops will focus on "Leadership as Mission" in November 2026, "Governance as Delivery" in January 2027, "Development as Inclusion" in April 2027, "Civilisational Identity" in July 2027 and "India as a Global Force" in September 2027.

The first workshop, titled "Leadership as Mission", will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on November 17. It will examine how leadership is reflected in specific decisions and how those decisions are translated into outcomes for citizens.

Around 900 participants are expected, with 250 taking part directly in the deliberations. They will include 150 government officers, among them Secretaries, senior Union and State government officials and District Collectors from Aspirational Districts. The group will also include 25 students from leading institutions and universities, and 50 community partners and beneficiaries of national flagship schemes.

Twenty-five case facilitators trained under the Capacity Building Commission's Amrit Gyaan Kosh initiative will guide the group discussions. The proceedings will be streamed on the iGOT Karmayogi platform. It aims to capture shared learning.

Owaisi's remarks on Akhilesh Yadav's Ram Temple visit trigger row, SP hits back



(IANS) Lucknow, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has sparked a political controversy by criticising Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav over his proposed visit to the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Owaisi recalled that Muslims had offered prayers for centuries at the Babri Masjid, which stood at the site before its demolition in 1992.

Addressing a public meeting in Meerut, Owaisi said, "Akhilesh is going to the place where we prayed for 400 years."

The remarks drew a sharp response from the SP, which accused Owaisi of focusing his political activities on States nearing elections and described him as a "political tourist" who avoids questioning those in power.

SP spokesperson Fakhrul Hasan Chand told IANS that Owaisi should question the ruling party instead of repeatedly targeting the Opposition. "Owaisi never raises any questions for the BJP... He travels to places where elections are taking place, much like a tourist. He never directs any questions towards those in power. He should at least ask one question to the UP government, to those in power. Till when will he continue to question the Opposition?" Chand said.

Congress MP Pramod Tiwari also criticised Owaisi, alleging that his political positioning had consistently benefited the BJP. Citing the Maharashtra Assembly elections, Tiwari claimed that AIMIM won four seats but its presence contributed to the defeat of candidates in 22 to 23 other constituencies.

"Owaisi's disease is not new; this infection has been going on for a long time," Tiwari said, adding that the BJP and Owaisi were "like twin brothers separated at the Kumbh Mela".

BJP leader and Bihar Minister Ram Kripal Yadav dismissed the possibility that the exchange would affect the BJP's prospects in Uttar Pradesh. He alleged that Owaisi was trying to strike a deal with the SP and said the Yogi government would return to power.

BJP leader Ram Kadam said the remarks reflected both parties' efforts to remain politically relevant ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. He accused them of trying to stay in the headlines and said they could not challenge the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

The comments from leaders across parties have added to the political exchanges ahead of the Uttar Pradesh polls.

Cyclone Likely by Monday Evening, Warning Signals at Nine TN Ports



(IANS) Chennai, A weather system over the southeast Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm by Monday evening, with a possible movement towards the north Tamil Nadu coast, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

The well-marked low-pressure area is expected to move northwestwards and concentrate into a depression over the same region on Sunday. It is likely to move north-northwestwards and intensify further into a cyclonic storm over the central south Bay of Bengal and adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal by Monday evening.

Storm warning Signal No. 1 has been hoisted at nine ports as a precaution. The ports named include Chennai, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Rameswaram and Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu, besides Puducherry and Karaikal.

Fishermen have been advised against venturing into the deep sea and instructed to secure their boats along the shore. The advisory comes amid expectations of further intensification of the system.

The IMD forecast indicates a possible approach towards the north Tamil Nadu coast. However, the precise landfall location, timing and expected wind speeds have not been specified.

TN CM VIJAY IN DELHI TOMORROW FOR SONIA GANDHI'S BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

(IANS) Chennai, Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay will travel to New Delhi on Monday to attend the official launch of former Congress president Sonia Gandhi's autobiography, amid speculation that he may also meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the contentious Mekedatu dam project.

Tamil Nadu Congress Committee president Manickam Tagore confirmed CM Vijay's participation in the November 16 event, scheduled at a hotel in the national capital.

Members of Sonia Gandhi's family and other invitees are expected to attend the programme.

The autobiography reached bookstores on November 10, ahead of its official launch.

CM Vijay's visit will provide an occasion for an interaction with Sonia Gandhi, whom he had met during an earlier trip to Delhi after becoming Chief Minister.

Attention, however, is focused on whether CM Vijay will secure a meeting with PM Modi to reiterate Tamil Nadu's opposition to Karnataka's proposed dam across the Cauvery at Mekedatu. There has been no official confirmation of such a meeting.

The CM's Delhi visit comes against the backdrop of renewed controversy over Karnataka's efforts to obtain the Centre's final approval for the project.

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar participated alongside PM Modi in the inauguration of development projects in Karnataka on Friday. Remarks made during the programme, citing a Supreme Court ruling in support of proceeding with the project and seeking central clearance, have intensified the dispute.

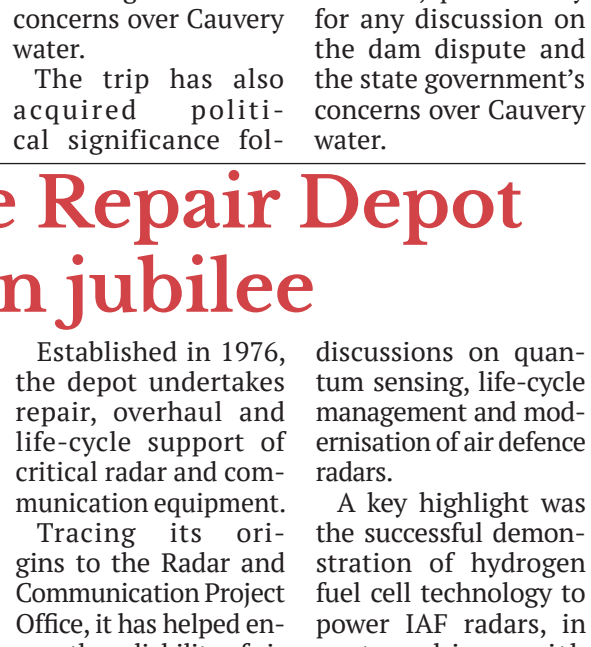
Tamil Nadu has maintained that the concerns of downstream states must be addressed before any approval is granted.

In a letter to PM Modi on November 7, CM Vijay urged the Union government not to permit the project without hearing the views of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala.

A meeting during the forthcoming visit would allow him to press that position directly with the Prime Minister.

Monday's journey will be CM Vijay's third visit to Delhi since assuming office. He first met PM Modi on May 27. During his second visit, from June 10 to 12, he attended a NITI Aayog meeting and met President Droupadi Murmu, PM Modi and Sonia Gandhi.

The trip has also acquired political significance following reports that Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Friday to discuss the state's law and order situation. Against this backdrop, CM Vijay's engagements in the national capital will be watched, particularly for any discussion on the dam dispute and the state government's concerns over Cauvery water.



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Maize prices surge raises egg production costs in TN's Namakkal

(IANS) Namakkal, A sharp rise in maize prices has increased poultry feed costs in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, raising concerns among farmers over higher egg production expenses and declining supplies of the key feed ingredient.

Maize prices have surged from around Rs 22 per kg to Rs 33-Rs 34 per kg, an increase of nearly 50-55 per cent. Poultry farmers attributed the rise to reduced supplies following inadequate rainfall in major maize-growing regions.

Procurement has been affected in key cultivation belts, including Attur, Pethanaickenpalayam and Kallakurichi, which supply maize to poultry farms. Farmers said lower availability had tightened supplies and pushed up purchasing costs.

Maize and soya are the principal ingredients in poultry feed, with maize accounting for more than 40 per cent of its composition. The sharp increase in its price has therefore significantly raised the overall cost of preparing feed.

Apart from its nutritional role, maize also contributes to the colour of egg yolks, making it an essential component of poultry feed.

An adult bird consumes around 110 grams of feed daily, of which nearly 55 grams consists of grains, predominantly maize. Farmers must maintain this daily requirement despite rising prices and difficulties in procuring sufficient quantities.

Poultry farm owners linked the decline in maize availability to inadequate rainfall and the effects of El Nino on cultivation. They said reduced supplies from growing areas had added to the pressure on the poultry sector.

Namakkal, one of India's largest poultry and egg-producing hubs, is particularly affected by the rising cost of feed. Farmers are concerned that continued increases in maize prices will further raise the expenditure involved in maintaining their flocks and producing eggs.

The increase from Rs 22 to Rs 34 per kg means farmers are paying up to Rs 12 more for every kilogram of maize, adding to the financial burden of poultry operations.

IAF's key 13 Base Repair Depot celebrates golden jubilee

(IANS) Namakkal, The Indian Air Force's 13 Base Repair Depot celebrated 50 years of service with a seminar on "Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks & Sovereign Sustainment" at the Manekshaw Centre here on Sunday.

The seminar was presided over by Air Marshal Yalla Umesh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the IAF's Maintenance Command. Senior military officials, veterans, DRDO, academia and leading defence industry partners participated.

Addressing the gathering, Air Marshal Umesh said an air defence system's effectiveness depended on its operational availability.

He stressed that sustainment must be integrated into equipment design and induction, and called for domestic capabilities to diagnose, repair and restore defence systems.

He urged industry partners to develop equipment with indigenous testing, repair and life-cycle support capabilities.

Established in 1976, the depot undertakes repair, overhaul and life-cycle support of critical radar and communication equipment.

Tracing its origins to the Radar and Communication Project Office, it has helped ensure the reliability of vital air defence systems.

In his welcome address, the commanding officer recalled the depot's journey, acknowledged its veterans and stressed the need to build indigenous engineering capabilities.

The seminar featured discussions on quantum sensing, life-cycle management and modernisation of air defence radars.

A key highlight was the successful demonstration of hydrogen fuel cell technology to power IAF radars, in partnership with the National Green Hydrogen Mission and NTPC.

The initiative points to the potential of clean energy to improve operational resilience, energy autonomy and sustainable deployment of air defence systems.

Four dead, three injured in separate car crashes in Australia's New South Wales



(IANS) Sydney, Four people were killed and three seriously injured in two road accidents in Australia's New South Wales (NSW), police said.

The first crash occurred shortly before 7 pm on Saturday when two vehicles collided in Avoca, about 100 km southwest of Sydney. Two occupants of one vehicle died at the scene. The 64-year-old woman driving the other vehicle and her 65-year-old passenger were taken to hospital with serious injuries, Xinhua reported.

Hours later, emergency services were called to a crash near the Queensland border. A vehicle had left the road and hit a tree. Two occupants, believed to be in their 20s, died at the scene. A third, also in their 20s, was taken to Queensland hospital in a serious but stable condition.

Police established crime scenes at both sites and began investigations.

In a Queensland crash on November 9, a man died and a woman was injured after a car struck a medical centre in Bundaberg, about 300 km north of Brisbane.

Chief Inspector Grant Marcus said the vehicle hit people inside shortly after 10 am. A 63-year-old man in the waiting room suffered critical injuries and later died. His 63-year-old partner was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Marcus said investigators were examining whether speed or a mechanical fault contributed. The crash did not appear deliberate. The 71-year-old woman driving was hospitalised with injuries not considered serious.

NETANYAHU URGES UNITY GOVERNMENT TO CONFRONT IRAN NUCLEAR THREAT



(IANS) Jerusalem, Israel's Caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has renewed his call for a national unity government, warning that Iran was rebuilding its nuclear program and that only a broad coalition could eliminate the threat to Israel.

In a prerecorded address on Saturday (local time), Netanyahu urged his political rival Gadi Eisenkot, who has been tasked with forming Israel's next government, to enter coalition negotiations without preconditions.

"The Iranian regime, which seeks Israel's destruction, is once again working to revive its nuclear program," Netanyahu said. "We must remove this existential threat once and for all."

Netanyahu said a national unity government could guarantee Israel's security for years to come and expand regional peace agreements.

The remarks followed a security briefing Netanyahu held with Eisenkot on Thursday.

Netanyahu's right-wing coalition lost its parliamentary majority in the October election. Eisenkot, a former military chief, was given 28 days by President Isaac Herzog to form a government, with a possible 14-day extension. Netanyahu will remain caretaker prime minister until a new government takes office.

Earlier this week, Netanyahu called for the formation of a national unity government, asserting that the country must remain united in the face of what he described as a growing threat from Iran.

Speaking after the first session of Israel's newly elected parliament, Netanyahu warned that the country could soon come under intense international pressure to accept a nuclear-armed Iran and the continuation of its current regime, which he accused of posing an existential threat to Israel.

"In the very near future, we're going to be confronted by international pressure to accept a nuclear-armed Iran and the preservation of this terror regime that seeks to annihilate us," Netanyahu said.

However, his remarks drew an immediate and strong reaction from former Israel Defence Forces (IDF) Chief Gadi Eisenkot, who accused the caretaker Prime Minister of using an important state occasion to further his political interests. Describing Netanyahu's speech as "shameful", Eisenkot questioned his suitability to continue holding office.

Houthis advance toward Yemen's Aden as gov't forces suffer fresh setbacks



(IANS) Sanaa, Houthi fighters seized military positions in Yemen's southern province of Lahj early on Sunday, moving closer to Aden as government forces backed by the Saudi-led coalition struggled to contain their advance, two military sources told Xinhua.

The Houthis captured the strategic Kharaz military base and nearby mountain positions in Lahj's Al-Madaribah wa Al-Arah district, near the Bab al-Mandeb Strait and the Gulf of Aden. Clashes forced government troops to withdraw, the sources said anonymously.

A military source described the loss of Kharaz as a major setback. The base protected the western approaches to Aden, the temporary seat of Yemen's internationally recognised government, and routes to the Bab al-Mandeb Strait.

"The Houthis are moving closer to Aden as government forces continue to lose ground," the source said. Retreating troops were building fortifications west of the city to prevent further advances, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The second source blamed setbacks on the poor performance of the Giants Brigades, a military formation established by Aden. He said the force had suffered swift defeats, reflecting a decline in its combat effectiveness under current Saudi-led military arrangements.

He also cited divisions within the anti-Houthi camp, particularly tensions between Saudi Arabia and the Southern Transitional Council (STC), an influential southern separatist group with substantial military strength that has largely stayed out of the offensive.

"Weakening the southern forces will only give the Houthis more room to advance," he warned.

The gains highlight challenges facing the coalition's renewed offensive to secure Bab al-Mandeb, linking the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Government forces have struggled to contain Houthi advances, while divisions among allies have complicated efforts to regain the territory.

Yemen has been in conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized Sanaa and much of northern Yemen. Saudi Arabia intervened militarily in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government once more.

Iran's IRGC says drones hit US air defence radar station in Bahrain



(IANS) Tehran, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said on Sunday that its aerospace force had targeted a US air defence radar station in Bahrain in a drone attack in the preceding hours.

The attack, carried out with six drones against the radar system at the Al-Riffa helicopter base, marked the second phase of the "decisive and crushing" retaliatory response to the US Army's "flagrant aggression" against Iran, the IRGC said in a statement posted on its official news outlet Sepah News.

It added that the United States, "which has faced complete failure in its plan to smuggle oil in the Strait of Hormuz under the guise of escorting ships," is now attempting to divert global public attention through "small and misguided" actions from the reality that the strait is closed.

"Any aggression by the US enemy will be met with a harsher and more crushing response," the IRGC added.

Also on Sunday, the IRGC Navy said that two "violating" oil tankers attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz through an "unauthorised" route had exploded and caught fire after hitting naval mines, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The oil tankers had turned off their navigation and automatic identification systems and attempted to transit the waterway "stealthily," the navy said in a statement.

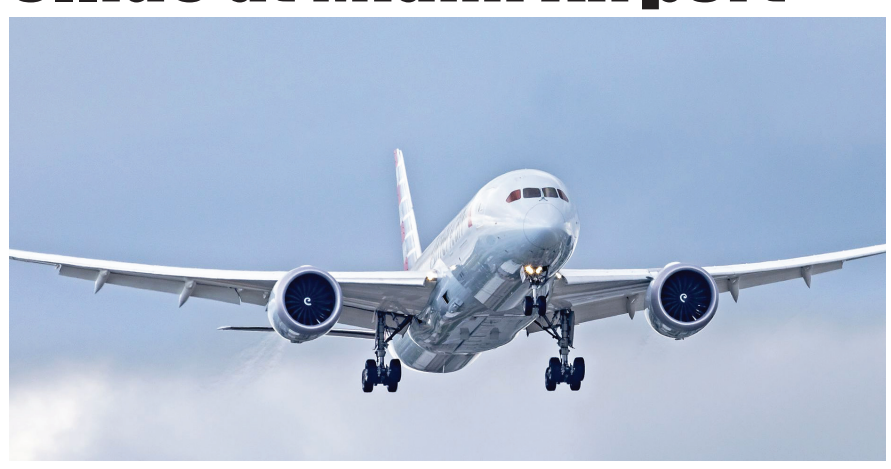
Two other tankers that intended to cross the strait "surreptitiously" changed course and returned to the Persian Gulf waters after receiving warnings from the IRGC Navy's maritime traffic control in the Strait of Hormuz.

Earlier, the navy of Iran's IRGC said that two "violating" oil tankers exploded and caught fire within the preceding hour after hitting naval mines while attempting to cross the Strait of Hormuz through an "unauthorised" route.

In a statement on the IRGC's official news outlet Sepah News Friday night (local time), the navy identified one vessel as a supertanker and said both had turned off their radar and navigation systems.

It warned shipowners and shipping companies that the same fate awaits those vessels trying to pass through the strait without coordination with its traffic-control centre and in disregard of Iranian regulations.

US: Two people injured after two planes collide at Miami Airport



(IANS) Washington, Two people were injured when a Copa Airlines passenger plane collided with a UPS cargo aircraft at Miami International Airport on Saturday night, NDTV reported.

The wingtip of the Copa Boeing 737, carrying 166 passengers and six crew members from Panama City, struck the nose of a UPS Boeing 767 as both aircraft taxied at around 9.15 p.m.

Copa said all passengers had disembarked. Two received treatment from airport paramedics for what appeared to be minor injuries. The remaining passengers and six crew members were in good condition, the airline said, adding that it would cooperate with the investigation.

The collision came amid US air travel disruption after a nationwide ground stop on Friday, triggered by problems with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) air traffic control communications system.

FAA chief Bryan Bedford said flight schedules were unlikely to return to normal until late Sunday. FlightAware reported that, by 6.45 p.m. ET on Saturday, more than 6,150 flights had been cancelled and over 7,300 delayed in the US.

On Friday, 9,200 flights were cancelled and 7,500 delayed. More than 530 Sunday flights had also been cancelled by Saturday evening.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said the technical problem was linked to the installation of at least one new router by FAA contractor L3Harris at a remote facility. Authorities had initially examined the possibility of a cyberattack.

49th ASEAN Summit kicks off in Philippines



(IANS) Manila, The 49th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit began in Manila on Sunday, with leaders from the bloc discussing energy and food security.

An updated ASEAN emblem was unveiled after Timor-Leste joined it.

Philippine President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr, chair of ASEAN 2026, handed the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement to Secretary-General Kao Kim Hourn. ASEAN ministers signed the pact on Saturday, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The ASEAN Secretariat said the agreement marked a milestone in the region's digital transformation towards an open, secure, interoperable, competitive and inclusive digital economy. It is expected to come into force in early 2027.

The summit and related meetings will run until November 17. Marcos said ASEAN should work with the world to develop a coordinated response to global challenges. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva attended the opening as guests of the chair.

Established in 1967, ASEAN comprises 11 countries, including Timor-Leste, which joined at the 47th summit in Malaysia in October 2025.

ASEAN officials met on November 13 to prepare for the summit, discussing community-building issues and external relations, according to a statement issued by the bloc on X.

Bangladesh measles outbreak claims eight more lives, death toll crosses 1,310

(IANS) Dhaka, As Bangladesh grapples with an unprecedented measles outbreak, eight more children died from the symptoms of the disease in the 24 hours till 8 a.m. (local time) on Sunday, taking the total number of confirmed and suspected-linked fatalities in the country in 2026 to 1,314.

The latest deaths have been classified as suspected measles deaths, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). Following the latest fatalities, the number of suspected measles deaths has risen to 1,209, while confirmed deaths from measles remain unchanged at 105, the United News of Bangladesh (UNB) reported.

During the 24-hour period, 1,414 new suspected measles cases were reported in Bangladesh, taking the total number of suspected cases in the country to 248,060. During the same period, 158 new cases were reported in Bangladesh, pushing the total number of laboratory-confirmed cases to 25,269.

As many as 21,539 patients with suspected measles have been admitted to hospitals in Bangladesh since March 15. Among them, 212,402 people have recovered from measles, according to DGHS data, UNB reported.

Last month, former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said that the measles "epidemic" was the result of "state negligence" and the collapse of the decades-old immunisation system.

Speaking to The Sunday Guardian, Hasina accused the former Muhammad Yunus-led interim administration of disrupting vaccine procurement through its political and administrative decisions, leading to a considerable immunisation gap.

She alleged that Bangladesh's measles-rubella vaccine stocks were exhausted in March 2026, followed by a sharp decline in vaccination coverage. She also claimed that the authorities failed to launch a supplementary vaccination campaign at the scheduled time.

Hasina further criticised Prime Minister Tarique Rahman-led BNP government, alleging that the authorities failed to take adequate action after the severity of the outbreak became evident

"More than one thousand children dying from a preventable disease is not an ordinary administrative failure," she added.

The former Prime Minister called for uninterrupted vaccine supplies, targeted immunisation campaigns for vulnerable communities, real-time disease monitoring, expanded paediatric healthcare facilities and an independent probe into the alleged procurement and vaccination failures.

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IN FOCUS | GLOBAL UNREST | THE TIMELESS MESSAGE OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ

When a Nation Abandons Truth, Its Rulers Become Its Punishment

Amid growing international conflicts, injustice and political divisions, the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ offer an enduring message of justice, compassion, human dignity, equality and responsible leadership.



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The blessed birth of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, the Mercy to All Worlds (Rahmatul-lil-Alameen), marked the beginning of an extraordinary transformation in human history. His arrival heralded not merely the emergence of a new religious community, but the foundation of a profound moral, social and civilisational awakening.

Traditional accounts associated with his blessed birth describe several remarkable occurrences, symbolising the decline of oppressive powers and the arrival of a new era.

Among these narratives are the trembling of the palace of Chosroes, the Persian ruler, and the collapse of fourteen of its balconies. Other accounts describe the drying of a lake in Persia and the extinguishing of a sacred fire that had reportedly burned for centuries.

Traditions also speak of a radiant light associated with the blessed birth and the glad tidings conveyed to his noble mother, Hazrat Aaminah (RA), concerning the extraordinary destiny of her son.

These accounts hold an honoured place in traditional religious narratives surrounding the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Yet the greatest transformation associated with his mission was not confined to extraordinary events. It was the revolution he brought about in human character, social relationships and the understanding of justice.

A Revolution Founded on Human Dignity

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ appeared in a society deeply affected by tribal rivalries, social inequality, exploitation and the domination of the weak by the powerful.

Through his noble example, he restored dignity to the oppressed, emphasised the rights of the vulnerable and established moral principles based on justice, compassion and accountability.

He replaced hatred with brotherhood, revenge with forgiveness, arrogance with humility and oppression with justice.

His teachings presented a vision of society in which an individual's worth was not determined by wealth, ancestry, power or social position, but by character, righteousness and conduct.

This transformation remains among the most significant moral and social dimensions of his Prophetic mission.

Justice Must Prevail Over Political Power

One of the greatest tragedies of contemporary international politics is that justice often appears subordinate to political influence, military strength and economic interests.

Double standards in international relations, violations of human rights and the neglect of vulnerable populations continue to challenge the moral credibility of global institutions.

In such circumstances, the teachings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ provide a universal principle of justice that transcends nationality, race, religion and social status.

The Holy Quran declares:

> **"Indeed, Allah commands justice, excellence and generosity towards relatives." — Surah An-Nahl (16:90), translated in part**

The Prophet ﷺ demonstrated through his noble life that justice must not be confined to one's own community or supporters. It is a moral obligation that must extend to every human being.

If contemporary political leadership genuinely embraced this principle, international disputes, exploitation and violations of human rights could be addressed with greater fairness and responsibility.

Justice cannot remain a convenient slogan employed selectively according to political interests. It must become the foundation of governance, public accountability and international conduct.

War, Human Suffering and the Need for Peace

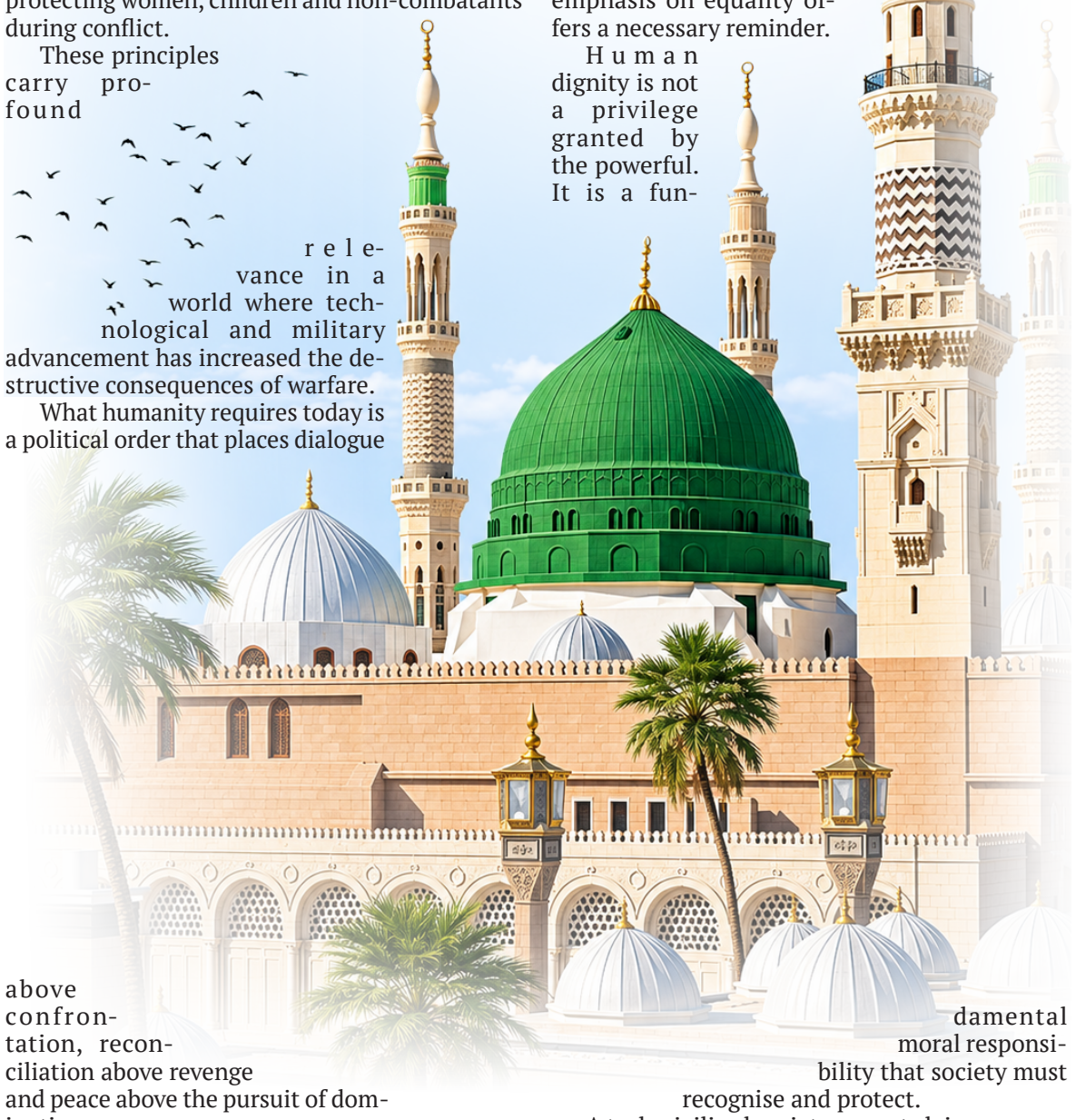
The continuing conflicts in Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan and other regions have exposed the devastating human consequences of warfare.

Displaced families, orphaned children, injured civilians and destroyed communities remind us that ordinary people frequently bear the heaviest burden of political and military confrontation.

The teachings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ accord exceptional importance to peace, the protection of innocent lives and respect for human dignity.

Islamic teachings emphasise the sanctity of human life. The Holy Quran, in Surah Al-Ma'idah (5:32), conveys the gravity of unjustly taking a human life.

The Prophet ﷺ also taught the importance of protecting women, children and non-combatants during conflict.



These principles carry profound relevance in a world where technological and military advancement has increased the destructive consequences of warfare.

What humanity requires today is a political order that places dialogue above confrontation, reconciliation above revenge and peace above the pursuit of domination.

The protection of innocent lives must take precedence over political ambition and military calculations.

Religious Harmony and the Charter of Madinah

The modern world is also witnessing growing challenges arising from religious extremism, Islamophobia, racial prejudice and cultural divisions.

Hostility among communities and intolerance towards differing beliefs have weakened social harmony in many societies.

The life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ offers an important example of cooperation among diverse communities.

In Madinah, he established a social and political agreement widely known as the Charter of Madinah or Mithaq-e-Madinah.

This historic arrangement outlined rights, responsibilities and principles of coexistence among different religious and tribal communities.

It remains an important example of how communities with distinct identities could establish shared civic responsibilities and arrangements for collective security.

The Prophet's ﷺ message encouraged respect, fairness and the fulfilment of obligations towards others.

The broader lesson is that religious and cultural differences need not become sources of hostility when societies are guided by justice, mutual respect and responsible leadership.

Equality Beyond Race, Wealth and Status

At the Farewell Sermon, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ emphasised the essential equality of humanity, rejecting claims of racial and ethnic superiority.

His message taught that an Arab possesses no inherent superiority over a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab over an Arab, except through righteousness.

This principle remains a powerful moral challenge to racism, discrimination and inherited social privilege.

At a time when political influence, economic power and social status frequently determine access to opportunities, the Prophetic emphasis on equality offers a necessary reminder.

Human dignity is not a privilege granted by the powerful. It is a fundamental moral responsibility that society must recognise and protect.

A truly civilised society cannot claim progress while allowing vulnerable communities to remain deprived of justice, security and basic rights.

Leadership Is a Trust, Not a Privilege

The pursuit of political authority and personal advantage has become a prominent feature of contemporary public life.

Political competition often encourages confrontation, while the responsibilities of governance can become secondary to the desire to retain power.

The teachings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ present leadership as a sacred trust accompanied by accountability.

A ruler or public official is not merely an individual exercising authority but a person entrusted with protecting rights, administering justice and serving society

The Prophet ﷺ emphasised humility, consultation, responsibility and fairness in public affairs.

His example demonstrated that legitimate authority must be accompanied by moral integrity and concern for the welfare of others.

Power without justice becomes oppression, while authority guided by compassion and accountability becomes a means of public service.

Poverty, Inequality and Social Responsibility

The contemporary world continues to face serious challenges involving poverty, unemployment, economic inequality and the unequal distribution of resources.

Despite enormous technological and financial progress, millions remain deprived of essential opportunities and basic security.

The teachings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ gave particular importance to the rights of the poor, orphans, widows, travellers and other vulnerable members of society.

Through the principles of Zakat, Sadaqah, charity and mutual assistance, Islam encouraged a social order in which wealth carries responsibility towards the wider community.

The Prophet ﷺ taught that a person cannot attain the fullness of faith without wishing for others the good that one desires for oneself.

This principle extends beyond individual generosity. It encourages social solidarity and recognition of the needs and dignity of others.

Economic progress cannot be considered complete when prosperity remains concentrated among a few while large sections of society struggle for survival.

Governments and communities must therefore recognise the importance of fairness, social protection and opportunities for disadvantaged populations.

Moral Character: The Foundation of a Better World

The Prophetic mission placed extraordinary emphasis on noble character.

Honesty, trustworthiness, patience, forgiveness, compassion and respect for others were central to the moral transformation encouraged by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

These principles were not limited to personal conduct. They also provided guidance for family relationships, commercial dealings, social responsibilities and public governance.

The Prophet ﷺ taught that faith and character are inseparable from responsibility towards fellow human beings.

In a world increasingly divided by political hostility, ideological confrontation and competition for power, these teachings invite humanity to reconsider the values guiding its collective future.

Scientific advancement, military capability and economic prosperity cannot independently guarantee peace or justice.

Without moral restraint and accountability, these achievements may also become instruments of exploitation and destruction.

True progress requires the advancement of human character alongside the development of material civilisation.

The World Needs a Moral Awakening

Today's global crises reflect not only political and economic challenges but also declining ethical responsibility, compassion and justice.

The noble teachings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ remind humanity that meaningful reform begins with moral character. His example calls for leadership rooted in humility, accountability and respect for human dignity.

The world needs not merely powerful governments, but just leaders and morally responsible societies.

> **"True leadership is measured by justice, not power."**

The Destiny of Nations Begins With Character

A nation's leadership reflects, in part, the values and collective choices of its society. Indifference to truth and accountability can encourage injustice, while integrity, knowledge and compassion strengthen good governance.

> **"When a nation abandons truth, its rulers become its punishment."**

The future of nations depends not only on their rulers, but also on the character and responsibilities of their people.

Amid global unrest, the noble example of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is an enduring source of guidance towards peace, justice, mercy and humanity.

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'Cummins might not be available': Aakash Chopra flags SRH's captaincy uncertainty ahead of IPL 2027

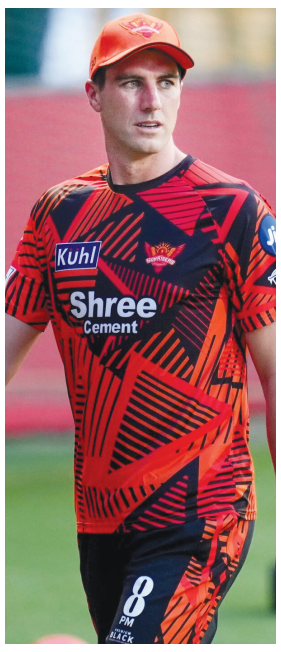
New Delhi, (IANS): Former Indian cricketer Aakash Chopra has expressed doubts over Pat Cummins' availability for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in IPL 2027, suggesting that wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan could take over as the franchise's full-time captain.

Chopra believes Australia's busy international schedule, including the Ashes and the World Cup, could prevent Cummins from featuring in the next IPL season.

"I have a feeling that, given the kind of year it is, with the Ashes and the World Cup, Pat Cummins might not be available. There is a lot of cricket coming up, and Ishan Kishan might potentially step in as full-time captain this time around," Chopra told JioStar.

Kishan has previously led SRH in Cummins' absence and could be entrusted with the responsibility for the entire season if the Australian pacer is unavailable.

Meanwhile, Chopra also suggested that Gujarat Titans could release either Shahrukh Khan or Rahul Tewatia, both valued at Rs. 4 crore, to create funds for strengthening their squad. He pointed out that Gujarat have quality left-arm spinners in Sai Kishore and Manav Suthar but could trade one of them to bring in a middle-order batter, an area requiring improvement. He also suggested that the franchise could consider releasing pacer Ishant Sharma and overseas batter Esterhuizen, while retaining Tom Banton as an important batting option.



With the IPL 2027 retention deadline approaching, SRH may have to prepare for a possible leadership change, while Gujarat Titans could look to strengthen their middle order through player releases and trades.

5th ODI: Pacers help India defend 209, beat New Zealand by 22 runs, clinch series 3-1

Mount Maunganui, **(IANS):** India produced a superb bowling performance to defend a modest total of 209 runs and beat New Zealand by 22 runs in the fifth and final ODI at Bay Oval on Sunday, clinching the series 3-1. The defeat also marked New Zealand's first home ODI series loss in seven years and gave India their first overseas ODI series victory under head coach Gautam Gambhir.

Chasing 210, New Zealand were bowled out for 187 in 48.1 overs. Arshdeep Singh led the Indian attack with an impressive 3 for 30, while Mohammed Siraj and Axar Patel claimed two wickets each. Auqib Nabi, Yash Thakur and Naman Dhir picked up a wicket apiece.

New Zealand made a promising start but lost wickets at regular intervals. Nick Kelly (24), Will Young (22) and Dean Foxcroft (31) offered resistance, while skipper Mitchell Santner scored 24. However, India's disciplined bowling attack kept the pressure on and eventually sealed a memorable victory.

Earlier, India were bowled out for 209 in 42.1 overs after struggling against New Zealand's bowling attack. Axar Patel and Ishan Kishan top-scored with 46 runs each, while Naman Dhir contributed 22. India's top order faltered, with Rohit Sharma scoring 7 and Virat Kohli managing just 5.

New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner and Jacob Duffy took three wickets each, while Matthew Fisher claimed two.

India's lower order proved crucial, with Arshdeep Singh and Mohammed Siraj adding valuable runs in the final wicket partnership to take the total beyond 200.



Brief Scores: India 209 in 42.1 overs (Axar Patel 46, Ishan Kishan 46; Santner 3-47, Duffy 3-60) beat New Zealand 187 in 48.1 overs (Dean Foxcroft 31, Mitchell Santner 24; Arshdeep Singh 3-30, Axar Patel 2-28) by 22 runs. India won the series 3-1.

Warner Repeats Sandpapergate Cover-Up Claim, Questions CA

Sydney, (IANS): Former Australian opener David Warner has again accused Cricket Australia of covering up aspects of the 2018 ball-tampering investigation, questioning why players were not given all the evidence. Warner backed Khawaja's claim that the entire team knew about the sandpaper plan and criticised Cummins for rejecting the allegations. He said Cummins had thrown Khawaja under the bus and expressed disappointment over his remarks. Meanwhile, Cricket Australia chief Todd Greenberg ruled out reopening the investigation, saying the board was satisfied with its findings.

'Comment was not directed at Elina': Sabalenka apologies for on-court outburst in WTA Finals SF

New Delhi, (IANS): World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka has apologised for her on-court outburst following her WTA Finals defeat to Ukraine's Elina Svitolina, clarifying that her remarks were not directed at the Ukrainian player.

Svitolina defeated Sabalenka 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 on Friday. A video showing the Belarusian making angry gestures and using abusive language went viral on social media.

Sabalenka said her reaction was aimed at spectators cheering her mistakes. She apologised to anyone she may have offended and praised Svitolina's performance.

The win was Svitolina's first against Sabalenka since 2020, ending a five-match losing streak. Svitolina also continued her stance of not shaking hands with Russian and Belarusian players following Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine.



'If you lose one game, whole India wants Virat to captain': Faf on leading RCB

New Delhi, (IANS): Former Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) captain Faf du Plessis has revealed how Virat Kohli's support helped him lead the franchise in the Indian Premier League (IPL).



Du Plessis was appointed RCB captain ahead of the 2022 season after Kohli stepped down from the role in 2021. He said Kohli welcomed him with a message expressing confidence in his leadership, which made him feel accepted. Speaking on ESPNcricinfo's 'Cricketers on Cricketers' show, du Plessis said he had told Kohli that his support was essential for his success as captain. He pointed out that even after a single defeat, RCB fans and the entire country would want Kohli back as captain.

Du Plessis said that losing even one match could lead to demands for Kohli to return as captain, not because fans disliked the new leadership but because of their immense faith in the former skipper. He admitted that Kohli could have undermined his position with just one negative remark, making his support crucial.

He added that Kohli's backing gave him the confidence to handle the pressure and lead the side. Without that support, his three-year stint at RCB would have been much more difficult.

Du Plessis also recalled that he had recently stepped down as South Africa captain in 2020 and understood the transition from captain to player. This helped him relate to Kohli's position after taking over the RCB leadership. He said the two developed a close friendship from the beginning, despite having often competed against each other on the field. Du Plessis expressed gratitude for Kohli's consistent support throughout his three years as captain, saying it played a major role in his leadership experience at the franchise.

CM Revanth Reddy meets PM Modi in Delhi; discusses Invest Telangana Global Summit, Khelo India Games

Hyderabad, (IANS): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Sunday and discussed various issues related to the state.

The Chief Minister briefed the Prime Minister on the drought situation in the state due to the impact of El Nino and sought assistance from the Centre.

Chief Minister Reddy and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy apprised the Prime Minister of the prevailing drought situation, deficient rainfall and their adverse implications for agriculture, farmers and rural livelihoods.

They sought adequate financial assistance and the Centre's support to effectively tackle the situation, mitigate the hardships faced by farmers and provide relief to drought-affected areas.

Last month, the state government declared 365 mandals in 31 districts as drought-affected for Kharif 2026, following deficit rainfall during the South West Monsoon due to the impact of El Nino.

It declared 111 mandals as severe drought mandals and 254 as moderate drought mandals.



CM Revanth Reddy also invited Prime Minister Modi to the 'Invest Telangana Global Summit' and the 'Khelo India Games'.

According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), the Chief Minister discussed the two events with the Prime Minister.

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, State Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies Uttam Kumar Reddy and Minister for Sports and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari were also present. Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 is scheduled to be held from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City, Hyderabad. The summit forms part of the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, which aims to make Telangana a three-trillion US dollar economy by 2047.

Hyderabad is set to host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games from December 11 to 22.

A flagship event of the Sports Ministry, it will feature 27 competitive sports and one demonstration sport.

Nearly 6,000 athletes and 1,800 support staff are expected to participate in the 12-day sporting carnival, which Telangana will host for the first time in the history of the Khelo India events.

Andreeva beats Pegula to book first WTA Finals championship ticket

Indian Wells, **(IANS):** World No. 3 Mirra Andreeva stormed into her first WTA Finals championship match with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over fifth-seeded Jessica Pegula in the semifinals.

The 19-year-old secured the win in one hour and 25 minutes, maintaining her unbeaten record in the tournament. She will now face sixth-seeded Elina Svitolina in the final, in a rematch of their opening group-stage encounter.

Andreeva became the youngest player to reach the final since Maria Sharapova in 2004. She has dropped just 18 games in four matches, the fewest by a finalist since the round-robin format was introduced in 2003.



Andreeva said she initially found it difficult to read Pegula's game but gradually understood her playing patterns as the match progressed.

Earlier, Svitolina booked her place in the final with a straight-sets victory over Linda Noskova. The 32-year-old will be aiming for her second WTA Finals title, seven years after her previous appearance in the championship match.

Mahfijul Islam achieves unwanted 'duck' record on Test debut

Johannesburg, (IANS): Bangladesh debutant Mahfijul Islam registered an unwanted record after being dismissed off the first ball of the opening Test against South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium on Sunday. Coming in for the injured Shadman Islam, Mahfijul edged Kagiso Rabada's delivery to the slips on the very first ball of the match. With this dismissal, he became the first Bangladesh player and only the fourth batter in Test history to be dismissed on the opening delivery of a Test match on debut.

Before him, Afghanistan's Abdul Malik, South Africa's Jimmy Cook and West Indies' Leon Garrick had suffered the same fate in 2021, 1992 and 2001 respectively.

Rabada, meanwhile, became only the fourth South African bowler to take a wicket with the first ball of a men's Test match. Bert Vogler, Allan Donald and Dale Steyn had achieved the feat earlier.

Bangladesh, who opted to bat after winning the toss, were in deep trouble as Rabada also dismissed Mominul Haque and captain Najmul Hossain Shanto, reducing the visitors to 22/3. Bangladesh have never beaten South Africa in Test cricket, losing 14 of their 16 encounters, while two matches ended in draws.



Bhatti Vikramarka Assures Government Support for Industrial Growth

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has assured that the Telangana government is ready to extend all necessary support, including land, concessions and incentives, to entrepreneurs setting up industries in the state.

He was speaking after inaugurating NS Industries, associated with noted poet and lyricist Jayaraju, at Maheshwaram constituency in Rangareddy district on Sunday. He said the government was pursuing industrial development alongside social justice, equal opportunities and inclusive economic growth.

Bhatti urged young people to establish industries instead of waiting for jobs, saying entrepreneurship could create employment for others as well. He appreciated young entrepreneurs Nishanth and Sajan for setting up the unit despite having higher educational qualifications, describing their initiative as an inspiration for other youth. The government had supported them in securing land in the industrial area, he added.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the initiative, which aims to provide employment to ten people, demonstrated how young entrepreneurs could contribute to economic development. He expressed hope that the founders would expand their business and inspire others to establish industries.

Paying tribute to Jayaraju, Bhatti praised his contribution to social awareness through songs highlighting the struggles of Singareni workers, labour rights and the lives of disadvantaged communities. He said the government considered it its responsibility to recognise and honour artists, intellectuals and individuals working for social welfare.

He added that those in power should treat public office as a responsibility towards society rather than merely a position. The Congress government, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, was committed to social justice, equality and the development of all sections.



Bhatti also stressed the need to protect the environment alongside industrial expansion and appreciated NS Industries for its commitment to promoting industrial growth without damaging existing trees and the natural surroundings.

MLC Narendra Rao, former MLA Kichanna Lakshmi Reddy, senior journalist Pasham Yadagiri, DICCI president Nara Ravi Kumar, SPDCL director Shivaji, Stalin and others attended the programme.

No Possibility of Storing Water by Closing Gates at Kaleshwaram: Tummala

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Telangana Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has clarified that there is no possibility of storing water by closing the gates of the Kaleshwaram project, adding that water storage is possible only at the Sammakka Sagar barrage.

The Minister inspected water storage works at the Dummugudem barrage on the Godavari in Bhadradri Kothagudem district on Sunday. He also visited Posukunta village in Dammapeta mandal, where he interacted with tribal residents and distributed pensions, ration cards and job cards to eligible beneficiaries. School uniforms were also provided to students.

Tummala said water was being stored as a precaution against possible drinking water shortages in view of the unusual El Niño conditions and reduced inflows in the Godavari. He said the initiative would help ensure uninterrupted supply under Mission Bhagiratha in the erstwhile Khammam district.

He stated that the Sitarama project, once completed, would have a storage capacity of 36 TMC and generate 350 MW of power. As the project was yet to be completed, the height of the barrage would be temporarily increased.



The Minister said three layers of sandbags had already been placed at Dummugudem barrage and additional layers would be laid to raise its height by one metre. With two to three more layers, the barrage would be able to store one TMC of water. He directed officials to remain vigilant in managing Godavari water storage.

Ponnam Prabhakar Announces Free Aid Camps for Disabled, Elderly

Hyderabad (NSS) : Telangana Minister for BC Welfare and Transport Ponnam Prabhakar has announced special camps to distribute free assistive devices to eligible persons with disabilities and senior citizens in Husnabad Assembly constituency.

The camps will be held from November 16 to 27 across seven mandals and one municipality in the constituency. The Minister said the initiative aims to ensure that persons with disabilities and elderly people can perform their daily activities independently, without depending on others.

He said the programme aims to ensure no eligible beneficiary is left out and help people with disabilities live with confidence and dignity.

Congress, BJP leaders' behavior is shameful : KTR

Hyderabad (NSS) : BRS party Working President KTR said that the behavior of the Congress and BJP leaders had now become a topic of discussion in political circles of the state . He also said that the scenes that took place during the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's bike rally in Hyderabad had become especially interesting. He said that while Rahul Gandhi was moving forward on scooty, scenes of TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, state Minister Vivek Venkataswamy and several Congress leaders running behind him had gone viral on social media. Referring to the same issue, KTR criticized the Congress leadership on the X platform. He alleged that CM Revanth Reddy, who is the Chief Minister of the state, had become a bodyguard for the Gandhi family. He questioned whether it was necessary for the state ministers and the PCC president to run after Rahul Gandhi's bike.

KTR criticised Union Minister Bandi Sanjay for carrying Amit Shah's slippers, saying such behaviour by Telangana leaders in front of national leaders was inappropriate. He said public representatives must uphold the dignity of their positions and accused both Congress and BJP leaders of undermining Telangana's self-respect.

GOVT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REGULARISE PODU LANDS TO TRIBALS: NRR

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : BJP State President N Ramchander Rao on Sunday accused both the previous BRS government and the present Congress government in Telangana of betraying tribals by failing to fulfil the promises made to them. Rao was speaking to the media after paying floral tributes to a portrait of Bhagwan Birsa Munda along with Union Minister G Kishan Reddy at Tank Bund. The occasion marked the 151st birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, with the BJP Telangana State ST Morcha organising a 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' rally from the Swami Vivekananda statue to the Komaram Bheem statue.

Raising the issue of Podu lands, Rao demanded that the Congress government immediately regularise them and implement ST reservations, as promised to tribals before the elections.

He said Birsa Munda's birth anniversary was being celebrated across the country, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the President also participating in the celebrations in New Delhi. He recalled Birsa Munda's courageous struggle against British rule to protect the rights of Adivasis over Jal, Jungle and Zameen (water, forest and land).

Rao said Birsa Munda had fought relentlessly for tribal rights in the regions of present-day Bihar and Jharkhand and continued to be revered as Bhagwan by the tribal community. He added that the Modi government had declared his birth anniversary as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' to honour his contribution and recognise tribal pride.



He recalled the struggles of tribal leaders against British rule and the Nizam's oppression in Telangana, describing Komaram Bheem as an inspiring symbol of tribal courage and self-respect.

Raja Singh Seeks Independent Probe into Telangana Phone-Tapping Case

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Goshamahal MLA T. Raja Singh has written to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, raising concerns over the progress of the Telangana phone-tapping investigation and demanding an independent and transparent probe.

In his letter, Raja Singh alleged that the scandal involved surveillance of several political leaders, VIPs and other prominent personalities. He questioned the direction of the investigation and expressed concern that it might have deviated from its original purpose.



The MLA also raised questions over the role of former Police Commissioner Sajjanar and referred to serious allegations reportedly made against him by former CBI director M. Nageswara Rao. Raja Singh questioned why legal action had not been initiated against Sajjanar and why he was merely transferred. He urged the government to independently examine all allegations, irrespective of the officials' positions. Raja Singh also sought an investigation into Sajjanar's alleged assets and financial transactions. Referring to claims that the officer had purchased around 100 acres of land near his ancestral village in Karnataka, he demanded verification of ownership records, sources of funds and declared assets to establish whether they were proportionate to his known sources of income.

One-Year Government Service Made Mandatory for PG Medical Graduates



Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Doctors who completed postgraduate medical degree and diploma courses under the competent authority quota in Telangana will have to serve in government hospitals for one year under the Compulsory Government Service (CGS) scheme.

The Directorate of Medical Education (DME) has released the counselling schedule, directing eligible candidates to submit their web options from November 16 to 22 through its official website, dme.telangana.gov.in.

Candidates can exercise their options from 11 am on November 16 until 11.59 pm on November 22. Hospital postings will be allotted based on merit determined by marks secured in the PG final examinations.

Selected candidates must report to the allotted hospital between December 1 and 5 through the principal, director or dean of the concerned medical college.

The department has warned that candidates who fail to join or complete the mandatory one-year service will have to pay a penalty as stipulated in their bond. The penalty will be Rs. 20 lakh for PG degree holders and Rs. 10 lakh for diploma holders.

Over 2,000 Participate in 5th Edition of 'The Hope Run' for Newborns in Need



Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : More than 2,000 people participated in the fifth edition of 'The Hope Run – A Run for a Cause' organised at T-Works, Hyderabad, to support the healthcare and well-being of newborn babies in need.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people belonging to different walks of life, including dignitaries, politicians and fitness enthusiasts.

Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary to the Telangana Government, and Dr M. Ramesh, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, were among the prominent dignitaries who attended the event. Several other distinguished personalities and public representatives also participated.

The initiative aimed to create awareness and mobilise support for newborn babies requiring healthcare assistance.

The event also highlighted the importance of community support for newborn healthcare, encouraging people to contribute towards better medical care and a healthier future for vulnerable infants.

Telangana Women's Commission Probes Alleged Illegal Egg Donation Racket, Issues Notices to Eight Centres

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : The Telangana State Women's Commission has launched an inquiry into an alleged illegal oocyte (egg) donation racket in Hyderabad and issued notices to eight Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) centres and egg banks over suspected irregularities in donor records and egg procurement procedures.

The Commission summoned representatives of the eight institutions on November 13 and heard their explanations. Chairperson Nerella Sharada expressed dissatisfaction over some centres sending junior staff instead of senior management officials, despite instructions for their personal appearance. The representatives assured the Commission that senior officials would attend the next hearing.

During the inquiry, discrepancies were reportedly found in records submitted by the centres regarding women who had donated their eggs. The institutions claimed that nearly 90 per cent of their donors were from other states and had donated voluntarily without receiving any payment. However, the Commission expressed doubts over these claims and called for further scrutiny. The Health Department Commissioner also participated in the inquiry.

The Commission said it had received information about the possible involvement of other ART centres and egg banks and indicated that more institutions could soon receive notices. It is also consulting health authorities on strengthening monitoring mechanisms and addressing regulatory gaps in egg donation procedures.

The inquiry follows the alleged inter-state illegal egg collection racket busted by Malkajgiri police on October 31 and November 1. Police reportedly rescued 43 to 48 women and arrested nine persons. The accused allegedly lured economically vulnerable women from other states with payments of Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 30,000 per donation cycle.

World Diabetes Day Observed at Government Nizamiya Tibbi College

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : The PG Department of Moalajaat at Government Nizamiya Tibbi College (GNTC) organised World Diabetes Day under the supervision of college Principal Dr Shahzadi Sultana.

Uzma Ashai, Member of the Telangana Women's Commission, attended the programme as chief guest and highlighted the importance of Unani medicine, describing it as a valuable gift of nature for human health. She also visited various departments of the college and interacted with faculty members and students to understand the issues they were facing.

Uzma Ashai appreciated the ongoing construction and renovation works at the historic college and thanked the Chief Minister and Health Minister for their attention towards its development. She expressed hope that the initiative would benefit a large number of patients and help restore the institution's former glory.

Professor Ahsan Farooqi, Head of the PG Department of Moalajaat, delivered a lecture on diabetic foot and explained the role of Unani medicine in its treatment. He highlighted cases in which patients had reportedly recovered through Unani treatment without undergoing amputation.

Vice-Principal Dr Anjum Sultana, Dr Atika Samrin, Dr Abdul Latif, other faculty members, postgraduate scholars and students attended the programme and reaffirmed their commitment to providing quality treatment to diabetes patients.

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