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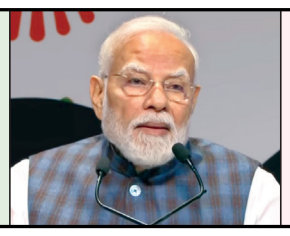
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World Court Rules Myanmar Committed Rohingya Genocide

Historic verdict orders compensation, prosecution of perpetrators and safe return of displaced Muslims, raising questions over implementation.

Highlights

- Landmark 9–6 majority judgment
- 1.2 million refugees in Bangladesh
- Two-year deadline for reparations report



The Hague, November 19, (Munsf Desk):

The International Court of Justice on Thursday ruled that Myanmar committed genocide against Rohingya Muslims during its 2017 military crackdown, marking the first time the UN's highest court has held a state responsible for genocide.

In a verdict on a case filed by The Gambia in 2019, judges found Myanmar's security forces killed thousands, committed widespread sexual violence and destroyed Rohingya villages with the intent to eliminate a substantial part of the community.

The binding, unappealable judgment orders Myanmar to investigate suspects, prosecute those responsible where warranted, prevent further atrocities, compensate victims and enable displaced Rohingya to return safely and voluntarily, with families reunited. The court will decide compensation amounts later and directed Myanmar to report on restitution and compensation within two years.

About 1.2 million Rohingya remain in Bangladesh, while continuing violence in Myanmar makes safe repatriation uncertain. The verdict does not itself restore citizenship, deliver compensation or guarantee security.

UN human rights chief Volker Türk called for immediate implementation and warned against returns before conditions become safe. Britain ordered Myanmar's defence attaché expelled and sought an urgent UN Security Council meeting, highlighting the challenge of turning the ruling into practical protection.

Cyclone Akvan:

Red Alert as 1.2 Lakh Evacuated

IMD forecasts Friday noon landfall near Gopalpur, with winds gusting to 110 kmph; emergency teams deployed across vulnerable districts.

Bhubaneswar, (Munsf Desk): Odisha has evacuated more than 1.20 lakh people from vulnerable areas as severe cyclonic storm Akvan approaches the Andhra Pradesh-Odisha coast, with landfall expected near Gopalpur around noon on Friday.

In its 8.30 pm red-warning bulletin, the India Meteorological Department placed the storm 350 km south of Gopalpur and 270 km south-southeast of Kalingapatnam. Winds could reach 90–100 kmph, gusting to 110 kmph, accompanied by extremely heavy rainfall and coastal flooding.

Odisha has identified 9,299 cyclone shelters, with 1,224 operational by Thursday evening. Hundreds of emergency teams have been deployed, while arrangements for food, drinking water and medicines are underway.

Train cancellations and flight disruptions have affected travellers, while schools in several districts remain closed.

Fishermen have been warned against venturing into the sea. Authorities have urged coastal residents to follow evacuation instructions and avoid unsafe structures.

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World Bank Warns of Food-Price Risks

Conflict, extreme weather and rising costs could push global food commodity prices above 2022 levels, economists warn. P5

Revanth Promotes Invest Telangana Summit

The December 7–9 summit aims to attract global investments in technology, manufacturing and research. P8

TG SAFE Seizes Unlicensed Medicines

Officials seized 34 medicine varieties worth ₱42,000 from an allegedly unauthorised clinic in Bhadradri Kothagudem district. P8

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A tribute recalls the Hyderabad spiritual figure's humility, religious devotion, exemplary character and compassionate service to humanity. P6

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Bumrah took three wickets, but Nicholls and Phillips added an unbeaten 173 runs as New Zealand reached 243/5. P8

HOUTHI MISSILE STRIKE DAMAGES RIYADH'S 80-STOREY TOWER

Saudi authorities report no injuries as financial district faces restrictions; attack raises concerns over civilian safety.

Riyadh: A Houthi missile attack damaged the 80-storey Public Investment Fund (PIF) Tower and neighbouring buildings in Riyadh's King Abdullah Financial District on Thursday, Saudi authorities confirmed.

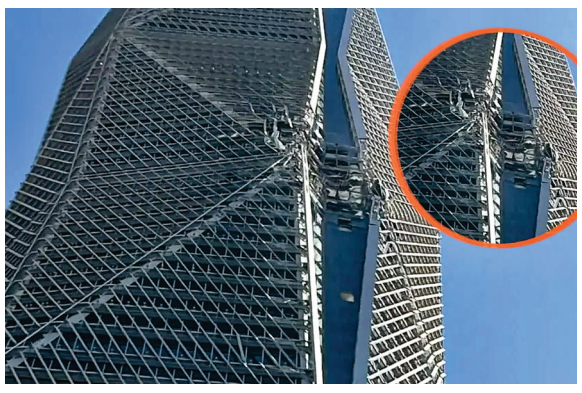
Saudi Civil Defence reported damage to several floors but no injuries. Windows across seven to eight floors were shattered, while emergency teams secured the area and access to the commercial district was restricted.

The Saudi-led coalition said it had responded to a missile threat from Yemen's Houthis, with falling debris causing damage. The Houthis claimed responsibility for targeting Riyadh's financial centre and international airport.

This was the second attack on the district this month, following damage to an Aramco building on November 8.

Saudi Arabia condemned the targeting of civilian infrastructure and reaffirmed its right to protect residents.

The incident raises safety concerns for expatriates, including Indian workers, who have previously been advised by the Indian Embassy to follow official emergency instructions.



Telangana Launches ₹5 Lakh Family Insurance Scheme

Over one crore families targeted; government to pay premiums as statewide registration continues until December 18.

HYD: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme at a public meeting in Siddipet on Thursday, offering ₱5 lakh financial protection to families following the death of an insured earning member.

The government aims to cover over one crore families, with one member aged between 18 and 59 eligible for insurance. The entire premium will be paid by the government, without any contribution from beneficiaries.

Special registration camps will operate in villages and urban wards from November 19 to December 18. Applicants must provide Aadhaar details and nominee information. Families without ration cards can also register through separate application forms.

Officials have been directed to create public awareness and ensure eligible households are not excluded because of documentation difficulties.

Clear guidance on eligibility, nominee procedures and claim settlements will be essential to ensure families receive financial assistance without unnecessary delays.



Trump, Xi and Putin Issue Historic Peace Declaration

Shenzhen: US President Donald Trump, China's Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin issued a joint peace declaration after their Shenzhen summit on Thursday. They reaffirmed that nuclear war must never be fought and called for talks on nuclear risks, UN reforms, petroleum supplies and officials' legal immunity.

However, no agreement emerged on the Ukraine or Iran conflicts, and the declaration set no binding commitments, disarmament targets or deadlines. The outcome could affect India's energy security, international trade and wider diplomatic relations.

The declaration's real significance will depend on concrete actions to reduce tensions and strengthen global stability.

SC Rejects ED Challenge to Azam Khan's Bail

New Delhi: The SC on Thursday dismissed the ED petition challenging interim bail granted to senior Samajwadi Party leader and former Uttar Pradesh minister Mohammad Azam Khan in a money-laundering case.

A bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and P.B. Varale refused to interfere with the Allahabad High Court's November 17 order.

The High Court had granted relief after prima facie finding that the ED failed to follow mandatory procedures, including providing written grounds for Khan's arrest on October 31.

The ED defended the arrest, while the Supreme Court said the High Court's observations were preliminary. Khan remains on interim bail as the investigation continues.

Fresh Violence, Arson and Arrests Disrupt Bangladesh

Dhaka: Bangladesh witnessed fresh violence during an Awami League shutdown on Thursday. Vehicles were torched, and police arrested 107 suspects, including former minister Nurul Islam Nahid. Security forces deployed 97 platoons across seven districts. Muhammad Yunus's ancestral home was also attacked on Wednesday, raising concerns over regional stability and civilian safety.

V.C. Sajjanar Assumes Charge as Telangana Fire Services, SPF Chief

Hyderabad: Senior IPS officer V.C. Sajjanar assumed charge as Director General of Telangana Fire Services and Special Protection Force (SPF) on Thursday at Nanakramguda.

He said preventing loss of life and property during fires and natural disasters would be his foremost priority. Emergency response systems would be strengthened through modern equipment, staff training and better coordination.

Sajjanar promised stricter fire safety enforcement in high-rise buildings, hospitals, educational institutions and industries. He also announced public awareness programmes and consultations with field personnel to improve services.

Security at important government installations would be strengthened, while a "Grand Health Challenge" programme would promote personnel welfare and fitness.

He urged citizens to report fire accidents and emergencies immediately by calling 101 or 112.


Photo: Syed Omar

Supreme Court Orders Verification of Delhi Voter Deletion Complaints

Mustafabad petition alleges fraudulent Form 7 submissions; judges stress corrective action to safeguard genuine voters during electoral-roll revision.

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Election Commission and Delhi's Chief Electoral Officer to investigate allegations of fraudulent Form 7 applications seeking deletion of voters in Mustafabad during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant ordered corrective measures if irregularities are established, while disposing of a petition filed by Congress leader Ali Mehdi without ruling on the allegations.

The petition cited reports that booth-level agents denied submitting several deletion requests, while voters described as dead or shifted were reportedly living at their registered addresses.

Mehdi's counsel claimed that 36 of 37 objections linked to one agent were false.

The court observed that the Election Commission could blacklist agents submitting fraudulent applications but had limited powers over political parties' representatives.

Form 7 objections require proper verification before deletion. Timely notices and accessible grievance procedures remain essential to protecting eligible voters. Delhi's claims-and-objections deadline is November 25.

The process must protect every eligible voter.

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Asara Pensions to be provided to every eligible Person: N. Uttam Kumar

Munsif Desk, Suryapet:

State Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government was committed to providing Asara pensions to every eligible person across the state.On Thursday, the Minister distributed cheques under the newly sanctioned Chevutha Pension, Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF), Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes to beneficiaries at a programme held at the Koundinya Function Hall in Huzurnagar town. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said that under the Chevutha Pension Scheme, a monthly pension of Rs. 2,016 was being provided to senior citizens, widows, weavers, toddy tappers, single women, beedi workers and other eligible beneficiaries, including people living with HIV, filariasis and those undergoing dialysis. Persons with disabilities were receiving a monthly pension of Rs. 4,016. He stated that a total of 43,113 beneficiaries in the Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency were receiving pensions amounting to Rs. 11.13 crore every month and Rs. 133.56 crore annually. The Minister further informed that in Suryapet district, 1,41,256 existing pensioners were receiving Rs. 35.74 crore per month, while another 18,573 newly sanctioned beneficiaries were being paid Rs. 4.49 crore monthly.

Thus, a total of 1,59,829 beneficiaries across the district were receiving pensions worth Rs. 40.23 crore every month and Rs. 482.76 crore annually, thereby strengthening their financial security, he said.

The Minister also distributed cheques under the Shaadi Mubarak, Kalyana Lakshmi and Chief Minister Relief Fund schemes among eligible beneficiaries from seven mandals of the Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency.

He urged those who had been left out of the pension scheme despite being eligible to submit fresh applications. Pensions would be sanctioned after verification of their eligibility, he assured.

Highlighting other welfare initiatives of the government, the Minister said that every individual belonging to a family holding a white ration card was being provided six kilograms of fine rice per month. He added that Indiramma houses would be sanctioned to every eligible family.



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Collector Stresses Improved Healthcare Facilities and Staff Availability

Munsif Desk, Rajanna Sircilla:

District Collector Garima Agrawal directed doctors and medical staff to remain available at all times and ensure the provision of quality healthcare services to patients.

On Thursday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the Ambedkar Nagar Urban Primary Health Centre located at the Rajanna Sircilla district headquarters. During the visit, she enquired about the number of patients attending the Outpatient (OP) department daily.



She inspected the OP register, laboratory, vaccine storage facilities, immunisation room, inpatient wards, other rooms, pharmacy and the hospital premises.

Interacting with the ANM at the health centre, Collector Garima Agrawal instructed her to remain vigilant at the field level, pay special attention to Antenatal Care (ANC) registrations and t he health of pregnant women, and take necessary steps to increase institutional deliveries in government hospitals.

She stressed the need to focus on Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening, stating that it would help identify symptoms of diseases at an early stage and facilitate timely treatment as required.

33 KV Dahegaon–Kannepalli Interlinking Line Successfully Charged

Munsif Desk, Kagaznagar:

As part of efforts to improve power supply under the Telangana Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (TG NPDCL), the newly constructed 33 KV Dahegaon–Kannepalli Interlinking Line was successfully charged on Thursday by V. Mohan Rao, Director (Projects), and T. Madhusudhan, Director (Operations), of TG NPDCL. Speaking on the occasion, the directors stated that the approximately 18-kilometre-long interlinking line connects the 33 KV Dahegaon feeder of the 132/33 KV Kagaznagar Substation with the 33 KV Kannepalli feeder of the 132/33 KV Bellampalli Substation.

Nothing Is Impossible with Determination and Focused Studies: MD Ahmed

Munsif Desk, Asifabad:

Asifabad Municipal Vice-Chairman MD Ahmed said that students could achieve anything in life if they set a clear goal and pursued their studies with determination and dedication.



Shifa Naz, a Class 10 student of ZPHS Urdu Medium School at the district headquarters, secured the fourth rank at the district level in essay writing and quiz competitions organised by the Election Commission of India under the Electoral Literacy Clubs programme at the IDOC office in Asifabad.

On Thursday, the student was felicitated at her school by Municipal Vice-Chairman MD Ahmed, Councillor Salim Bin Ahmed and BRS leaders, who jointly honoured her by presenting a shawl in recognition of her achievement.

Addressing the gathering, MD Ahmed said that children had the responsibility of fulfilling the dreams of their parents.

He described it as a matter of great pride that a student from a government school had secured fourth rank in district-level competitions, adding that her achievement would inspire other students.

He expressed hope that students would pursue higher education and reach greater heights in their future careers.

Nirmal: Farmer Leader Alleges Neglect of Suicide-Hit Families

Munsif Desk, Nirmal:

Rythu Swarajya Vedika district president Sangepu Borranna regretted that the government was not extending support to bereaved families of farmers who died by suicide due to losses in farming.

He, along with former sarpanch Bhaskar Reddy, consoled the family members of farmer Parasa Bheem Rao, who died by suicide, and gathered details of the incident at Warthamannur village on Thursday.

Borranna said that 27 farmers from the district had died by suicide after suffering huge losses in farming following crop failures triggered by El Niño from January 1 to date. He stated that Bheem Rao too had died by suicide due to farm losses caused by a decline in yield. He said the district had received scanty rainfall due to El Niño, resulting in crop failure.

The district president expressed concern over the deepening agrarian crisis.

He wanted the government to provide compensation of Rs 6 lakh to each family of a farmer who died by suicide, besides offering employment opportunities to dependants as per GO No. 194.

He sought a monthly pension of Rs 6,000 for the head of the family and asked the government to bear the education expenses of the children.

The farmer organisation leader urged the government to direct revenue and agriculture officials to create awareness among distressed farmers. He requested it to ensure a monthly income of Rs 15,000 for farmers by encouraging them to take up millet cultivation, poultry and cattle rearing.

Hanumakonda MPW Recruitment Exam on November 21

Munsif Desk, Hanumakonda:

As per the directions of the Hanumakonda District Collector, a written examination will be conducted for candidates from Hanumakonda district who have applied for the post of Multi-Purpose Health Worker (MPW) under the National AYUSH Programme on an outsourcing basis.

The examination will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the auditorium located in the Zilla Parishad Office, opposite the Hanumakonda District Court.

Candidates appearing for the examination must compulsorily bring their original Aadhaar card and the acknowledgement receipt issued at the time of submission of their application.

The list of eligible candidates belonging to Hanumakonda district has been uploaded on the district's official website.

Only those candidates whose names appear on the list are eligible to attend the examination. Candidates can check the list and obtain further details through the official website:

https://hanumakonda.telangana.gov.in

Dr. S. Mahendra Kumar, District AYUSH Nodal Officer, Hanumakonda district, and the Regional Deputy Director, AYUSH Department, Warangal, on behalf of the Hanumakonda District Selection Committee, informed the candidates about the examination schedule and necessary instructions.

Basar DIG Conducts Surprise Inspection of Nizamabad I Town Police Station

Munsif Desk, Nizamabad:

Basar Zone-2 Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) K. Narayan Naik, IPS, conducted a surprise inspection of the I Town Police Station under the jurisdiction of the Nizamabad Police Commissionerate.



On the occasion, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, welcomed the DIG by presenting him with a flower plant.

Later, the DIG thoroughly inspected various sections of the police station and reviewed station management, maintenance of records, progress of case investigations and the performance of police personnel on duty.

He also interacted with the staff and enquired about their duties, responsibilities and the problems they were facing while discharging their duties.

Addressing the police personnel, DIG K. Narayan Naik issued the following directions:

Every police personnel should perform their duties with dedication and commitment, provide better services to the public and uphold the prestige and reputation of the Police Department.

Modern technology should be effectively utilised to expedite investigations and ensure the early detection and resolution of crimes. Special attention should be paid to cases pending before courts, while the execution of summons and warrants should be regularly monitored.

Investigations should be completed within the stipulated time and charge sheets filed promptly before the courts.

Every police personnel should possess thorough knowledge of laws, new criminal laws, police procedures and technological developments.

Collector Reviews Arrangements for Seethakka's Nizamabad Visit

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

District Collector Ila Tripathi inspected the arrangements for the visit of State Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare and Nizamabad Combined District In-charge Minister Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka, who is scheduled to tour Nizamabad district on Friday.

On Thursday, the Collector visited the Rajiv Gandhi Auditorium at the district headquarters, where Minister Seethakka will participate in the Cheyutha pension distribution programme and the distribution of Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques to beneficiaries, along with other public representatives. During the inspection, she reviewed the arrangements at the venue and offered suggestions to the officials concerned. She directed them to ensure comprehensive and foolproof arrangements without leaving any room for lapses.



Additional Collector Bhujanga Rao, Trainee Collector Suresh, DRO Geetha, DRDA PD Sayanna, RDO Rajendra Kumar, Municipal Corporation Additional Commissioner Chandrashekhar and others accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

Harish Babu Urges Gadkari to Approve Two Key National Highways

Munsif Desk, Kagaznagar:

Sirpur MLA Dr. Palvai Harish Babu met Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari during the Indian Roads Congress meeting held at HITEX Grounds in Hyderabad and submitted representations seeking approval and construction of two key national highway projects. During the meeting, Dr. Harish Babu urged the Union Minister to develop the Hyderabad–Nagpur National Highway parallel to the existing Rajiv Rahadari, stating that the proposed highway would significantly improve transportation connectivity and accelerate regional development. He also appealed for approval of the long-pending Bellampalli–Gadchiroli National Highway project and requested that necessary steps be taken to expedite its construction. Responding positively, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari informed the MLA that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Hyderabad–Nagpur National Highway was under preparation and assured that an official notification would be issued shortly.

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TTD Gives Priority to Common Devotees for Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan

(NSS), Tirumala:

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Specified Authority, at its maiden meeting held under Chairman M. Ravichandra at Annamayya Bhavan on Thursday, decided to prioritise common devotees during the 10-day Vaikuntha Dwara Darshan from December 20 to 29.

The TTD aims to facilitate hassle-free darshan for 8.34 lakh devotees, with 92 per cent priority given to common pilgrims. SSD tokens will be issued online only for Vaikuntha Ekadasi and Dwadasi, while Sarva Darshan will be allowed on the remaining eight days.

There will be no Sarva Darshan on the first two days.

Eatala Urges Gadkar to Sanchtion More Flyover

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender has urged Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari to sanction additional flyovers at Balanagar, Kukatpally and Turkayanjal-Sagar Road to ease Hyderabad's growing traffic congestion.

Speaking at the 85th Indian Roads Congress (IRC) meeting in Hyderabad on Thursday, Eatala thanked Gadkari for sanctioning flyovers at Kompally, LB Nagar and Aramghar. He said he and State Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy had already submitted proposals for the additional flyovers.

He also sought speedy clearances for the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road, stating that the project would significantly boost the city's development.

Appreciating the Centre's support for national highways and Central Road Fund allocations to Telangana, Eatala praised Gadkari for his accessibility and prompt decision-making. He said the rapid development of roads, railways and airports under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership reflected the Centre's commitment to the development of states.

Life Imprisonment for Accused in POCSO Case;

Victim Girl to Receive Rs. 5 Lakh Compensation

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed
Nizamabad:

The Nizamabad POCSO Special Court has sentenced an accused to life imprisonment for repeatedly sexually assaulting a minor girl and threatening to kill her if she disclosed the incident to anyone.

The court also directed that compensation of Rs. 5 lakh be provided to the victim through the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, congratulated the police officers and personnel who worked diligently to ensure the accused was brought to justice through an effective investigation and the presentation of strong evidence before the court.

Case Details

According to the case details, the incident occurred when the victim was 12 years old and studying in Class 5. While she was going to a grocery shop, the accused caught hold of her hand, forcibly took her into a house under construction and sexually assaulted her.

The accused threatened to kill the girl if she revealed the incident to anyone. Fearing his threats, she remained silent.

Three to four days later, the accused again took her to a nearby deserted place and sexually assaulted her. After another four to five days, he repeated the offence in a similar manner. Due to the continued threats, the girl did not disclose the incidents to her parents.

On October 3, 2021, when the girl complained of stomach pain, her mother took her to a doctor. Medical examinations revealed that the girl was approximately six months pregnant. Following enquiries by her mother, the repeated sexual assaults by the accused came to light.

Subsequently, the victim's mother lodged a complaint at Nizamabad Town-I Police Station on October 15, 2021. Police registered a case vide Crime No. 329/2021 under Sections 376 AB and 506 of the IPC and relevant provisions of the POCSO Act. The accused was arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

During the investigation, police collected the victim's medical reports, statements of witnesses and other crucial evidence before filing a charge sheet in the court.

Kothagudem: Over 200 persons died in road accidents in last ten months

(NSS), Kothagudem:

As many as 432 road accidents were recorded across Kothagudem in the last ten months resulting in 206 deaths, the district officials informed. In view of the increasing number of accidents the District Revenue Officer (DRO) Padmavathi directed officials from relevant departments to take effective and coordinated measures to prevent road accidents in the district.

At the District-Level Road Safety Committee held at the collectorate the DRO reviewed the road accidents, fatalities and injuries recorded in the district as well as necessary preventive actions required to stop them.

Officials stated that of the 432 road accidents that occurred from January 1 to October 31,193 were fatal while 239 were non-fatal. These accidents resulted in 206 deaths, with 28 individuals sustaining serious injuries and 397 sustaining minor injuries.

Students Should Develop Proficiency in Mathematics: Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha

Munsif Desk, Jangaon:

District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha advised teachers to pay special attention to ensuring that students develop proficiency in important subjects such as Mathematics and Science.

On Thursday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS) in Kodakandla Mandal of the district.

During his visit, he inspected the classrooms of Classes 10, 9, 6 and 7, interacted directly with students, asked questions on various mathematical concepts and assessed their learning abilities.



While reviewing the teaching of Mathematics in Class 10, the Collector gave students a mathematical problem and encouraged them to solve it independently. He assessed their understanding of concepts such as simplification of problems.

He enquired about how well students were understanding the syllabus, whether teachers were providing sufficient practice on the blackboard and how many chapters had been completed so far.

Noticing that some students were not wearing uniforms, he asked the reason and advised them to properly use the uniforms provided by the government.

CM Revanth Unveils 'Cyberabad Moves 2026' Poster

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday unveiled the official poster of "Cyberabad Moves 2026", a three-day urban mobility summit scheduled to be held at T-Hub in Cyberabad from November 26 to 28. With the slogan 'Come, Make Your Move!', the Chief Minister invited citizens, urban planners, students and domain experts to participate in the summit and contribute ideas for developing safer, smarter and more sustainable urban transport systems.

The event is being jointly organised by Cyberabad Police, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) and WRI India.

Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy stressed that road safety and traffic discipline were essential for building a world-class metropolis alongside Telangana's rapid infrastructure development. As part of preparations, authorities have identified 74 critical traffic junctions across the Cyberabad region for scientific redevelopment to ease congestion. Nearly 3.5 lakh students from more than 400 educational institutions have also been covered under road safety awareness programmes.

The summit will bring together policymakers, industry representatives, academic institutions, urban planners and commuters to discuss urban mobility challenges and develop practical solutions.

Nagarjuna Backs Nasha Mukt Bharat Yatra; Kishan Reddy Invites Actor

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Actor Akkineni Nagarjuna has extended his support to the Nasha Mukt Bharat Yatra to be held in Hyderabad on November 25, 26 and 27 under the aegis of Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy. Kishan Reddy invited Nagarjuna to join the campaign, aimed at creating awareness against drug abuse among youth. Nagarjuna, along with the Union Minister, launched the yatra T-shirts. Stressing that combating drug abuse was everyone's social responsibility, Nagarjuna said he would always support initiatives aimed at building a healthy, drug-free society. In line with the call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "Nasha Mukt Yuva for Vikasit Bharat".

Governor Urges Youth to Uphold Democracy, Tackle Global Challenges

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Thursday underscored the vital role of youth platforms in fostering leadership, diplomacy, and democratic values among students.

Addressing the I.I.M.U.N. (India's International Movement to Unite Nations) Hyderabad Chapter–2026 at Johnson Grammar School in Kuntloor, the Governor called for active youth participation in tackling pressing global challenges, including climate change, rapid technological transformation, and international peace.

Urging students to engage in constructive dialogue rooted in India's philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Shukla noted that platforms like I.I.M.U.N. offer practical exposure to research, critical thinking, teamwork, and decision-making.

"True leadership is earned through responsibility, discipline, commitment, and a spirit of service," he observed.

Shiv Pratap Shukla advised students to present their views with facts, reason, and mutual respect, maintaining democratic decorum even during disagreements. Cautioning them against substance abuse and harmful habits, he urged the youth to channel their energy toward personal growth and social welfare.

Balakrishna Launches Staff Bus for Cancer Screening Teams

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute (BIACH&RI) has strengthened its community-based cancer screening initiatives with the inauguration of a new 28-seater staff bus, sponsored through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support from Manaveeya Development and Finance Private Limited. BIACH&RI Chairman and actor Nandamuri Balakrishna, along with Manaveeya Managing Director Dr. Gauri Shankar, formally inaugurated and flagged off the bus after traditional rituals on Thursday. The vehicle will facilitate the transportation of doctors, nursing professionals and paramedical staff of the Cancer Prevention Centre to various cancer screening camps.

Speaking on the occasion, Balakrishna said the dedicated vehicle would help the institution save several lakhs of rupees annually on transportation rentals while strengthening its outreach programmes.

He thanked Manaveeya for extending CSR support to the hospital's cancer prevention initiatives and acknowledged the contributions of philanthropists, governments and voluntary organisations since the institution's inception.

He said it was encouraging to see Manaveeya join hands with BIACH&RI in its fight against cancer, particularly as the institution moves towards establishing a state-of-the-art hospital in Amaravati.

AIKS CALLS NATIONWIDE FARMERS' PROTESTS

(NSS), Nalgunda:

The 36th National Conference of the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS), held in Nalgonda from November 15 to 18, has called for nationwide demonstrations and dharnas at district and mandal headquarters on November 26 to press for farmers' demands.

The four-day conference witnessed a massive farmers' rally and public meeting on November 15, with nearly one lakh farmers, agricultural workers and others participating. Around 5,000 red-shirt volunteers marched in the rally, while a three-day agricultural exhibition featuring 120 stalls showcased modern machinery, seeds and farming technologies.

The conference resolved to launch nationwide movements demanding a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP), agricultural loan waivers, effective crop insurance, compensation for crop losses and timely availability of quality seeds and fertilisers.

AIKS National Joint Secretary T. Sagar said the conference also decided to support the December 1-3 workers' protest in Delhi and launch struggles against issues affecting farmers and workers. Eight representatives



from Telangana were elected to the National Council. Teegala Sagar, Pothineni Sudarshan Rao and Julakanti Ranga Reddy were elected to the Central Committee, while Sagar and Sudarshan Rao were appointed National Assistant Secretaries.



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Leopard Cubs Found Dead in Tangmarg

(IANS) Srinagar, Three leopard cubs were found dead within two days in Tangmarg, Baramulla district, Jammu and Kashmir. Preliminary post-mortem findings indicated suspected poisoning

Wildlife officials are conducting forensic tests to establish the cause of death and determine whether the animals were deliberately poisoned. Searches for poisonous bait yielded no results. Officials said habitat loss and human encroachment are increasing human-wildlife conflict in the Valley.

3 killed as truck runs over people in Jabalpur

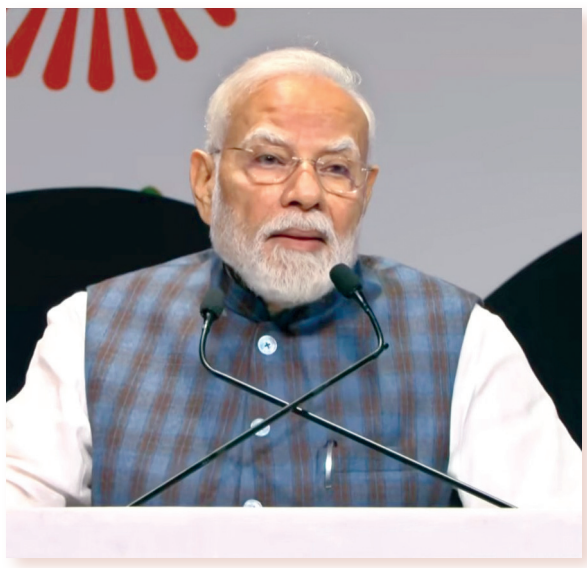
(IANS) Jabalpur, Three people were killed and two seriously injured after a speeding maize-laden truck ran over them near a roadside dhaba in Jabalpur district, Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday.

The victims were warming themselves around a bonfire near Raj Family Dhaba on NH-45 when the truck allegedly lost control, hit three parked vehicles and ran over them. The truck later overturned.

The deceased were identified as Balram Singh (37), Monu Bhandari (32) and Dharmendra Adivasi (35). The injured, dhaba operator Raja Sahu and employee Sonu, are undergoing treatment.

Police seized the truck and arrested its driver. Preliminary information suggested he might have been under the influence of alcohol, but this is yet to be confirmed. Further investigation is underway.

Our domestic market must give us confidence to compete in global markets: PM Modi



(IANS) New Delhi, Encouraging industry to leverage India's recent trade agreements and the 'Reform Express' momentum to capture overseas opportunities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the government has kept its doors open for suggestions, urging businesses to invest in understanding global customer needs, meeting standards, and building distribution networks.

"Our domestic market should not be our comfort zone, as it must give us the confidence to compete in global markets," PM Modi said while inaugurating the Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at Bharat Mandapam here.

Addressing the gathering on the centenary celebrations of the apex industry chamber, PM Modi noted that while he has attended FICCI events on several occasions earlier, today's milestone is special as the chamber completes 100 years of staying alert, evolving with changing times, and contributing to India's economic journey.

"Today in India, the pace of progress is also the fastest, and the speed of coming out of poverty is also unprecedented," PM Modi observed.

Emphasising that a nation progresses by honouring farmers, small entrepreneurs, industry, wealth creators, and taxpayers, the Prime Minister detailed pro-business and taxpayer-friendly reforms including cutting the basic corporate tax rate from 30 per cent in 2014 to 22 per cent, exempting income up to Rs 12 lakh to boost purchasing power, simplifying returns and refunds, and lowering GST rates on numerous goods to stimulate demand.

"Its direct benefit is going to our industry and business houses," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister also urged the pharmaceutical sector to identify domestic manufacturing opportunities and invest in new technology and large production plants to gain global competitiveness. "In finished medicines, we have a strength, and now we will have to build our capability in ingredients as well," PM Modi noted.

The Prime Minister urged industry to identify imported grades, develop manufacturing technologies, and build expertise across the mineral value chain. "We will have to develop the manufacturing capacity for these products in the country as well," PM Modi said.

Noting that India's share in global agricultural exports stands at just two to two-and-a-half per cent despite its scale while processed food's share in agri-food exports rose from 13 per cent to over 20 per cent over 12 years, the Prime Minister also urged industry to draft a joint strategy aligned with global demand, expand investment in agriculture, and build dependable procurement and product lines for overseas markets.

PM Modi pays tribute to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary



(IANS) New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday paid tribute to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary, remembering her contribution to the country.

Taking to the social media platform X, PM Modi wrote, "Paying tribute to former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi Ji on her birth anniversary."

Indira Gandhi, popularly known as the 'Iron Lady of India', was born on November 19, 1917, in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, into a Kashmiri Pandit family. She was the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, and Kamala Nehru.

She served as the Prime Minister from 1966 to 1977 and again from January 1980 until her assassination in 1984. She became a member of the Rajya Sabha in August 1964 and served until February 1967. Subsequently, she was elected to the Lok Sabha and remained a member during its fourth, fifth and sixth terms.

Indira Gandhi was India's second-longest-serving Prime Minister after her father, Jawaharlal Nehru. She was known for several significant economic and social measures, including the nationalisation of banks and the abolition of privy purses granted to former princely states.

One of the most defining moments of her tenure was her leadership during the 1971 India-Pakistan war, which resulted in the creation of Bangladesh. Her role in the conflict established her reputation as a decisive leader with strong political resolve.

National Integration Day is observed annually on November 19 to mark her birth anniversary and commemorate her contributions to national unity and integration.

Throughout her political career, Gandhi emphasised the importance of bringing together people from diverse regions, cultures and communities under a common national identity. Her policies and political approach focused on strengthening India's unity and advancing its development.

Indira Gandhi was assassinated on October 31, 1984, by two of her bodyguards, months after she ordered Operation Bluestar. The military operation was launched to flush out armed separatists who had taken shelter inside the Golden Temple in Amritsar, one of Sikhism's holiest shrines.

NTA releases subject-wise schedule for UGC-NET December 2026 examination

(IANS) New Delhi, The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Thursday released the subject-wise examination schedule for the UGC-NET December 2026 examination, which will be conducted in computer-based test (CBT) mode from December 14 to 21.

According to an official statement, the examination will be held in two three-hour shifts daily. The first shift will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, while the second will be conducted from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The NTA said the notification informing candidates about their examination city would be displayed on its official website 21 days before the examination.

Candidates have been advised to check the official notification for their respective subject-wise examination dates and shifts.

For assistance, candidates can contact the NTA through email at ugcnet@nta.ac.in, its helpline number 011-40759000 or toll-free number 18001804747.

The agency had declared the results of the UGC-NET June 2026 examination, covering 84 subjects, in August. More than 6.07 lakh candidates appeared for the examination.

However, following complaints about multiple errors in the English, Commerce and Sociology question papers, the NTA subsequently decided to conduct re-examinations in these subjects.

A committee was constituted to examine the complaints. Based on its recommendations, the agency ordered fresh examinations to ensure a fair and error-free process. No additional examination fee was charged, and the allocation of seats was not reduced, officials said.

The UGC-NET is conducted twice a year to determine eligibility for Assistant Professor positions, Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) awards and PhD admissions in universities and colleges across the country.

Under the UGC policy, six per cent of candidates appearing in both papers and securing the minimum qualifying aggregate marks are declared NET-qualified. The certificates are issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The examination also provides eligible candidates with opportunities to pursue academic careers and receive fellowship support for full-time research.

NCR air pollution: Bhupender Yadav stresses strict enforcement, monitoring



(IANS) New Delhi, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Thursday directed civic bodies in Delhi, Ghaziabad, Noida, Gurugram and Faridabad to strictly enforce pollution-control guidelines and strengthen daily monitoring to tackle air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR).

Chairing a virtual review meeting from Antalya, Turkey, Yadav assessed the preparedness and implementation of Winter Action Plans, stressing that the winter season required visible and sustained efforts to improve air quality.

According to an official statement, the Minister said governance should be citizen-centric and facilitative, without causing unnecessary panic among people while implementing pollution-control measures.

Taking a firm stand against violations, Yadav directed municipal corporations to adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards the open burning of municipal waste, dry leaves and biomass, and take prompt penal action against offenders.

He called for Quick Response Teams in every ward to address complaints within hours and directed authorities to fix accountability for enforcement failures.

The Minister also sought immediate corrective measures to ensure complete processing of daily waste generation and accelerate the remediation of legacy waste at Bhalswa and Okhla dumpsites within stipulated timelines.

Emphasising coordinated and decentralised governance, he called for regular ward-level reviews by mayors and dedicated WhatsApp groups with designated nodal officers to ensure time-bound grievance redressal.

Yadav urged civic bodies to replicate successful initiatives across the NCR, including the Malba App of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Faridabad's Pothole Ambulance, Gurugram's survey-based identification of sanitation workers and Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam's shareable Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste portal.

On road dust management, he directed civic bodies to expedite road repairs, increase the capacity of Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines (MRSMs) and ensure their full utilisation, including through double-shift operations during winter.

Adani wins key power transmission project to strengthen Bihar's electricity network

(IANS) Ahmedabad, Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL) on Thursday announced that it had won a power transmission project to evacuate electricity from the upcoming 2,400 MW power plant at Pirpainti in Bihar's Bhagalpur district.

The project, secured through the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) mechanism, will generate an annual tariff of Rs 500 crore once commissioned, the company said in a statement.

"The Pirpainti transmission scheme will create a robust evacuation system for 2,400 MW of generation capacity while strengthening Bihar's transmission backbone. It will enhance grid reliability and resilience and help the state meet its growing power demand," said Kandarp Patel, CEO of Adani Energy Solutions.

The project will be implemented through the special purpose vehicle (SPV), Vikramshila Power Transmission Ltd, and is scheduled for completion by the last quarter of 2028.

The infrastructure will include 881 circuit kilometres (ckm) of transmission lines and 3,160 MVA of transformation capacity. It will take AESL's cumulative network to 30,683 ckm and its transformation capacity to 146,585 MVA.

The project will involve setting up four Gas Insulated Substations (GIS) at Jhanjharpur, Bethauli and Begusarai, along with associated transformation capacity.

It will also include 400 kV double-circuit lines connecting Pirpainti with Jhanjharpur and Begusarai, and Begusarai with Bakhtiyarpur. Two 220 kV double-circuit lines will connect Jhanjharpur with Bethauli and Begusarai with Begusarai Town.

The project also includes the LILO of existing 220 kV and 132 kV transmission lines at Jhanjharpur and the construction of 400 kV line bays at Bakhtiyarpur GSS.

With this addition, AESL's transmission capital expenditure stands at Rs 91,500 crore, the company said.

SUGARCANE FARMERS STEP UP PROTESTS OVER CENTRE'S LATEST FRP HIKE

(IANS) New Delhi, Farmer organisations have intensified protests across several states over the Centre's latest revision of sugarcane prices, alleging that the Rs 10 per quintal increase in the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) fails to cover rising cultivation costs.

A delegation of the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) on Thursday submitted a memorandum to a high-powered committee constituted by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The committee, chaired by former NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, is examining issues concerning sugarcane farmers and the sugar industry.

The AIKS termed the FRP revision unscientific, questioning the government's claim that farmers receive 100.5 per cent above the cost of production. The Centre has fixed the FRP at Rs 365 per quintal for the 2026-27 sugar season, based on a basic sugar recovery rate of 10.25 per cent.

Farmer groups argue that the A2+FL cost formula excludes the rental value of owned land and interest on fixed capital. Citing the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations, they have demanded prices based on C2 cost plus a 50 per cent margin.

AIKS president Rajan Kshirsagar alleged that the current prices were a "punishment to farmers", while sugar mill owners and corporates benefited.

Protests have been reported in Karnataka, Haryana and Maharashtra, with growers demanding higher prices and a greater share in earnings from sugar, ethanol and other by-products.

Their demands also include fixing prices at the farm gate, reducing the basic recovery benchmark, ensuring transparent weighing of sugarcane and enforcing timely payments by mills.

Meanwhile, Haryana BKU (Mann) president Guni Prakash Thakur said a delegation would meet the Chief Minister on Friday to raise farmers' concerns.

Calling the Rs 15 increase in the State Advised Price (SAP) inadequate, he said rising labour, fertiliser, pesticide and diesel costs had increased the financial burden on growers.

Similar demands have also emerged from sugarcane-growing regions of Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Australian teenager charged with terror offences



(IANS) **Sydney,** A An Australian teenager has been charged with terrorism offences over alleged threats against buildings, including Parliament House, police said.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) said its team began probing threats against Parliament House and Melbourne Airport on October 28 and 29.

New South Wales police spoke to the teenager near a payphone in Armidale, 375 km north of Sydney, on October 29, after a public report of suspicious activity. The AFP traced calls to payphones in the town.

Officers searched a home in Armidale on Wednesday and seized imitation firearms, knives, a crossbow and electronic devices, the AFP said.

The teenager faces charges including possessing violent extremist material, collecting documents likely to facilitate terrorist acts, possessing items connected with a terrorist act, unauthorised possession or use of prohibited firearms, and making a hoax threat through telecommunications.

The AFP said investigators allegedly found materials used to make improvised explosives and handwritten notes expressing nationalist and racist extremist ideology.

A 63-year-old man was arrested. He faces nine counts involving unauthorised possession or use of pistols or prohibited firearms and one count involving a prohibited weapon.

Both were due in court on Thursday, the AFP said, in separate proceedings.

Trump, Xi and Putin hold first-ever trilateral summit, focus on nuclear arms reduction



(IANS) **Shenzhen (China) ,** US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin held their first-ever trilateral summit in Shenzhen on Thursday, discussing international security, nuclear arms reduction and global cooperation.

The leaders met at Kylin Villa on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit. Trump called for cooperation among the three nuclear powers to reduce nuclear weapons and prevent proliferation.

Trump said the countries had a special responsibility to maintain dialogue.

"As presidents of three of the world's largest countries, we have a special responsibility to maintain open, respectful and productive dialogue on issues impacting not just our people but the entire planet," he said.

He said the US, Russia and China were uniquely positioned to reduce nuclear weapons worldwide and lower the risk of their use. He acknowledged the difficulties of disarmament, saying it was hard for a country's leader to give up such weapons.

Xi stressed peaceful relations among major powers, saying cooperation would contribute to global stability while confrontation could lead to chaos, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"History is the best textbook," Xi was quoted as telling Trump and Putin, adding that countries must learn from history to shape the future.

Putin proposed discussing global and regional economic relations, food security and energy security, according to Russia's Tass news agency.

It remained unclear whether the leaders would issue a joint statement. If they failed to agree, each country could separately announce the outcome.

Earlier, Trump held separate bilateral meetings with Putin and Xi. During his meeting with Putin, Trump expressed optimism about cooperation, saying their longstanding relationship could produce positive results.

At his meeting with Xi, Trump said Washington and Beijing shared an interest in ensuring energy flows through the Strait of Hormuz and preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. He also expressed hope for cooperation with China on the Russia-Ukraine war.

North Korea's nuclear programme could figure in broader security discussions, former US intelligence official Sydney Seiler told Yonhap News Agency ahead of the summit.

Speculation continued over a possible meeting between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Trump had raised the possibility in Manila and reiterated it at a meeting with Quad leaders on Tuesday.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Wednesday that Trump was serious about engaging with Kim, but no meeting had been confirmed. The White House and State Department had not responded to Yonhap's inquiry on whether talks were scheduled.

Houthi media says Saudi airstrikes kill 11; Saudi-led coalition reports interception



(IANS) **Sanaa,** Saudi airstrikes killed 11 people and injured 36 across five Yemeni provinces in the past 24 hours, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported on Thursday, citing Houthi health authorities.

Strikes hit Taiz, Hodeidah, Saada, Hajjah and Ibb. Saudi warplanes struck the capital, Sanaa, but no casualties were immediately reported. Residents told Xinhua that explosions shook neighbourhoods as aircraft flew overhead.

The Saudi-led coalition said it had intercepted and destroyed four ballistic missiles launched by the Houthis towards southern Saudi Arabia. It gave no details of damage at this time.

The coalition said it had destroyed two Houthi missile launch platforms in Dhamar and Saada, claiming they had been used in attempted attacks on Riyadh and southern Saudi Arabia, Xinhua reported.

On Wednesday, Houthi spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the group had launched cruise missiles at King Khalid International Airport and a financial centre in Riyadh.

He called the attack retaliation for alleged Saudi strikes on civilian facilities in Yemen.

World Bank warns of fresh food-price shocks

(IANS) **Washington,** A Conflict, extreme weather and rising production costs could push global food commodity prices above their 2022 levels, World Bank economists have warned, raising concerns for import-dependent markets such as India.



In a report circulated on Wednesday, economists John Baffes, Dawit Mekonnen and Kaltrina Temaj cited disruptions to Black Sea shipments, a stronger El Nino, higher energy and fertiliser costs, biofuel demand and export restrictions as potential risks.

"Together, these factors could lift prices above their 2022 level," they said.

The analysis builds on the Bank's October Commodity Markets Outlook.

The outlook projects the global food commodity price index to rise 10 per cent in 2026 and 7 per cent in 2027, before falling 5 per cent in 2028. Grain prices are projected to rise 14 per cent this year and 9 per cent next year. The oils and meals index is expected to increase 17 per cent and 8 per cent, respectively.

These are international commodity projections, not forecasts of equivalent increases in Indian retail prices.

A government backgrounder issued in December 2025 put India's import dependence at 56.25 per cent of edible-oil consumption in 2023-24. The government is seeking to expand domestic oil-palm and oilseed production

The economists said global edible-oil supplies were expected to grow by 2.7 million tonnes in 2026-27, less than half the long-term annual average increase of 5.7 million tonnes.

Demand for soybean and palm oil for biofuels was rising, supported by high energy prices and policies in US and Indonesia. Declining inventories could increase vulnerability to weather and trade disruptions.

A risk scenario showed prolonged conflict and stronger El Nino effects could push the food price index 12 per cent above its 2027 baseline forecast. This is not the Bank's central projection.

Damage reported in Riyadh after Houthi missile intercepted

(IANS) **Riyadh,** The Saudi-led coalition said on Thursday that debris had fallen and damage had been reported after its forces responded to a Houthi missile threat targeting the Saudi capital of Riyadh.



The coalition provided no details on the extent of the damage nor the areas affected.

In separate statements, the coalition said it had destroyed two Houthi ballistic missile launch platforms in Yemen's Dhamar and Saada provinces, adding that the sites had been used in attempted attacks on Riyadh and southern Saudi Arabia, Xinhua News Agency reported.

A loud boom was heard in Riyadh early Thursday. Saudi civil defence authorities said a warning was issued in Riyadh to alert people of "a potential danger." The warning was lifted minutes later.

On Wednesday, Yemen's Houthis said that they had launched a large-scale missile attack on an airport and a financial center in the Saudi capital Riyadh, as the group reported at least three people, including a child, were killed in Saudi airstrikes on central Yemen.

In a statement on social media platform X, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the group had fired a "large number of cruise missiles" at King Khalid International Airport and a financial centre in Riyadh, describing the operation as retaliation for what he called Saudi attacks on civilian facilities in Yemen.

In a separate statement, Sarea said that Saudi aircraft and missiles had carried out 87 strikes across several parts of Yemen over the preceding 24 hours, targeting civilian facilities in the capital Sanaa and eight provinces.

Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported that at least three people, including a child, were killed and five others injured in Saudi airstrikes in Yemen's central province of Ibb on Wednesday.

The claims could not be independently verified.

Meanwhile, the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said it had intercepted and destroyed two drones launched by the Houthis toward the Riyadh and southern regions of Saudi Arabia.

The announcement was made in a statement published by the coalition's spokesperson on X, without providing further details on casualties or damage.

The reported attacks come amid intensified fighting between the Houthis and Yemen's government forces supported by the Saudi-led coalition. The Houthis have also claimed repeated missile and drone attacks against Saudi oil infrastructure and military installations.

Yemen has been mired in conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized Sanaa and much of the country's north, prompting the Saudi-led coalition to intervene in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government.

Japan urges vigilance after 5.7-magnitude quake hits southwestern prefecture

(IANS) **Tokyo,** Japan's weather agency on Thursday urged residents of Kumamoto Prefecture to remain alert for further earthquakes after a preliminary 5.7-magnitude tremor struck southwestern Japan early in the morning.

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) warned that another quake of similar intensity could occur over the next week.

The earthquake struck at around 2.22 am, with its epicentre in the Amakusa-Ashikita region at a depth of about 10 km. It registered lower 5 on Japan's seismic intensity scale, which ranges from 0 to 7. No tsunami warning was issued, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The tremor prompted evacuation orders in Minamata and Kuma. Eight Kyushu Shinkansen services between Hakata and Kagoshima-Chuo stations were suspended, affecting around 5,600 passengers, according to JR Kyushu.

The quake was felt across Kyushu, as well as parts of Shikoku and Honshu, the JMA said.

Kumamoto was hit by a magnitude-7.1 earthquake on July 28, which registered the maximum intensity of 7 in some areas, killing more than 30 people and causing extensive damage, including the collapse of a paper mill smokestack.

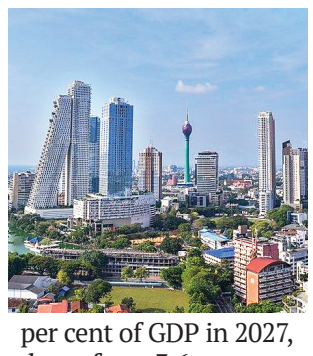
Thursday's tremor was the first in the prefecture to register an intensity of five or higher since August 1.

In August, at least 37 people were injured after a 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck Ibaraki Prefecture, northeast of Tokyo.

It caused burst water pipes and transport disruptions. Fuji News Network reported injuries in Tokyo, Ibaraki and Kanagawa prefectures.

Sri Lanka's 2027 budget maintains fiscal discipline amid higher spending

(IANS) **Colombo,** Sri Lanka's 2027 Budget maintains fiscal discipline and debt reduction while allowing higher investment and cyclone reconstruction spending, Fitch Ratings said.



In an assessment released on Wednesday, Fitch said fiscal performance was a key factor behind its September upgrade of Sri Lanka's sovereign rating to "B-" with a Stable Outlook from "CCC+".

The Budget targets a primary surplus of 2.3 per cent of GDP in 2027, down from 3.6 per cent in 2026. The overall fiscal deficit is projected to widen to 4.5 per cent from 3.7 per cent.

Fitch said the lower surplus target reflected reduced revenue and higher capital spending but remained consistent with debt reduction. Underspending on capital projects could result in a higher surplus, it added, Xinhua reported.

The Budget allocates 260 billion rupees (about 780 million US dollars) for cyclone reconstruction.

Fitch said Budget broadly matched International Monetary Fund programme parameters, supporting the upcoming seventh review of Sri Lanka's Extended Fund Facility. The programme ends in March 2027.

Fitch expects government debt to fall to around 92 per cent of GDP in 2026 from 115 per cent in 2022, but remain above the 55 per cent median for "B"-rated sovereigns.

Sustained revenue gains, spending restraint and healthy primary surpluses would be essential to debt sustainability and future rating improvements, the agency said.

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HAZRAT SYED UMAR ALI SHAH (RA): A RADIANT STAR ON THE PATH OF GUIDANCE

Remembering a revered spiritual personality of Hyderabad Deccan whose humility, devotion, noble character and compassion left an enduring impression on generations of followers.

Hyderabad Deccan has been blessed with distinguished Islamic scholars, spiritual guides and pious personalities whose lives enriched its religious and cultural heritage. Among them, Hazrat Syed Umar Ali Shah Qibla (Rahmatullahi Alaih) holds a revered place for his spiritual devotion, exemplary character and dedication to the service of humanity.

Remembered as a radiant star on the path of divine guidance, his life reflected humility, simplicity and deep reverence for Islamic teachings.

Hazrat Syed Umar Ali Shah (RA) belonged to a respected family associated with religious learning and spiritual traditions.

From an early age, he received guidance rooted in faith, discipline and moral responsibility. His upbringing helped shape a personality distinguished by devotion, modesty and respect for learned and pious elders.

His spiritual development was also influenced by the guidance of revered religious personalities, whose teachings strengthened his commitment to righteousness.

One of his most admired qualities was his humility.

He treated people with kindness and respect, irrespective of their social standing. His gracious manner, warm greetings and consideration for visitors reflected the refinement of his character.

He valued simplicity and displayed generosity even when circumstances were difficult.

Accounts preserved by his admirers describe his hospitality, concern for others and willingness to provide comfort to those seeking assistance.

His conduct demonstrated that spiritual greatness is expressed through compassion, sincerity and service rather than outward status.

Traditional accounts of his life also describe remarkable incidents associated with prayers, spiritual guidance and the experiences of devoted followers.



Such narratives remain part of the cherished spiritual traditions surrounding his life and are respectfully remembered by his admirers.

Beyond these accounts, his enduring significance lies in the moral example he established through faith, patience and upright conduct.

The remembrance of Hazrat Syed Umar Ali Shah (RA) continues within the spiritual heritage of Hyderabad Deccan.

His life offers a valuable reminder that knowledge must be accompanied by humility, faith by righteous conduct and spiritual devotion by compassion towards humanity.

The respect shown to his memory reflects the lasting influence of noble character and sincere religious service.

Although he has departed from this world, his example remains a source of inspiration for those who value piety, wisdom and moral excellence.

May Almighty Allah grant Hazrat Syed Umar Ali Shah (RA) the highest ranks in Jannat-ul-Firdous and preserve his noble spiritual legacy.

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LIFE & REFLECTIONS: The World of Dreams and Us

Dreams reveal our hidden emotions, unspoken desires and deepest hopes, connecting the mysteries of sleep with the aspirations that shape our lives.

By: Rosheena Siddiqui

Among life's many mysteries, dreams occupy a fascinating place. They form a world where reality blends with imagination, memories return unexpectedly and emotions hidden within us find expression.

Dreams often reveal feelings we hesitate to acknowledge while awake. They reflect our desires, fears, hopes and experiences, creating an extraordinary connection between our conscious and unconscious minds.

Some dreams bring happiness, others awaken forgotten memories, while a few leave us wondering about their meaning long after we open our eyes.

Dreams have fascinated humanity for centuries. Psychologists have explored their relationship with memory, emotions and unconscious thought, although their precise purpose remains a subject of scientific investigation.

Modern understanding suggests that dreaming may contribute to emotional processing and memory consolidation.

During sleep, the mind can revisit familiar faces, childhood experiences, forgotten relationships and situations that appear impossible in everyday life.

Sometimes dreams provide comfort; at other times, they reflect unresolved concerns, anxieties or desires.

Their mysterious nature reminds us how deeply our experiences influence our inner world.

*Dreams Beyond Sleep

Not every dream belongs to the world of sleep. Some dreams remain alive within us as ambitions, aspirations and possibilities waiting to be realised.

A child's dream of success, a parent's hope for their family or an individual's desire for a better future can become powerful sources of motivation.

Such dreams encourage perseverance even when circumstances appear difficult.

As a well-known saying reminds us:

"Dreams are not what you see while sleeping; dreams are what keep you awake."

Yet life does not fulfil every aspiration. Responsibilities, changing circumstances and unexpected disappointments sometimes force people to abandon cherished ambitions.

Nevertheless, even unfulfilled dreams can become valuable memories, shaping our understanding of life.

Dreams give emotional depth to human existence. They allow us to imagine possibilities beyond our present circumstances and preserve hope during difficult times.

Childhood dreams may appear innocent or unrealistic, yet they often reflect the creativity and optimism that adulthood gradually diminishes.

As life progresses, some aspirations are achieved, others change, and a few remain quietly preserved within our hearts.

The beauty of dreams lies not only in their fulfilment but also in their ability to inspire us.

*An Everlasting Source of Inspiration

Dreams connect our memories with our expectations and our present circumstances with future possibilities.

They remind us that imagination, hope and ambition remain essential parts of human life

Even when circumstances change, dreams can continue to illuminate our thoughts and inspire new beginnings.

Ultimately, dreams are more than fleeting images of the night. They are reflections of our inner world and expressions of the possibilities we carry within ourselves.

For as long as humanity continues to hope, imagine and aspire, the world of dreams will remain alive.

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A MAN'S SILENT STRUGGLE:

Is a Father's Worth Measured Only by His Earnings?

Behind every family's comfort often stands a father carrying responsibilities, financial pressures and unspoken emotions. His true worth extends far beyond the money he earns.

By: Sadiq Rifai

Have you ever wondered why the person who wakes up before everyone else to fulfil the family's needs often goes to sleep last? Why does someone who sacrifices his comfort for his children's future sometimes forget to enjoy his own life?

He is a father, a husband, a son and a brother. He is often the person who silently carries the family's responsibilities, setting aside his own desires to provide security and comfort for his loved ones.

Yet an important question remains: Is a man's value determined solely by his earning capacity?

The Silent Burden of Responsibility

Society frequently measures a man's success through his financial stability, employment and ability to provide for his family.

From an early age, he is taught to remain strong, control his emotions and fulfil his responsibilities without complaint. Education, employment, marriage, children's schooling, household expenses and ageing parents gradually become part of his daily concerns.

He wakes up thinking about electricity bills, school fees, groceries and financial commitments. Even when his own needs remain unfulfilled, he tries to ensure that his family does not experience hardship.

When someone asks about his difficulties, his answer is often simple:

> **"Nothing serious, just a little more work than usual."**

Behind these ordinary words may lie exhaustion, anxiety and sacrifices that remain unnoticed.

Is Earning His Only Responsibility?

A man's contribution to family life cannot be measured merely through his salary or professional achievements.

Love, honesty, loyalty, moral guidance and emotional presence are equally important.

A father who spends time with his children, teaches them good values and supports their ambitions contributes something that money alone cannot provide.

A husband who respects his wife and shares family responsibilities strengthens the foundation of a healthy relationship.

Yet many men feel that their importance diminishes when their income decreases or financial circumstances become difficult.

This perception can create emotional pressure, making individuals feel that their personal worth depends entirely on their ability to provide.

The Emotional Struggles Nobody Notices

Men also experience fear, disappointment, insecurity and emotional exhaustion. However, social expectations sometimes discourage them from expressing vulnerability.

They may hide their worries to avoid troubling their families or appearing weak.

Over time, unexpressed emotions and continuous financial pressure can affect mental and physical well-being.

It is important to recognise that strength does not mean remaining silent through every difficulty.

Seeking support, sharing concerns and acknowledging emotional needs are signs of maturity, not weakness.

A man who dedicates himself to his family also deserves understanding, affection and opportunities for rest.

When Do Children Understand a Father's Sacrifices?

Children often recognise the true value of their parents' sacrifices only when they begin facing adult responsibilities themselves.

The difficulties of earning a livelihood, managing household expenses and meeting family expectations gradually reveal the efforts their parents once made silently.

However, appreciation should not be postponed until old age or hardship.

A father needs more than financial expectations. He needs companionship, respect, consideration and the reassurance that his presence matters.

> **"A father's true worth lies not merely in what he earns, but in the love, sacrifices and values he gives."**

Beyond Financial Security: The Need for Balance

Family life should never become a continuous struggle in which one person bears every burden without emotional support.

Responsibilities must be approached through cooperation, mutual respect and understanding.

Families should encourage open conversations about financial difficulties, health concerns and emotional well-being.

Children should learn to appreciate their parents' efforts, while spouses should recognise each other's contributions.

Men must also understand that caring for their own health is essential to caring for others.

Adequate rest, balanced nutrition, exercise and timely medical attention should not be sacrificed indefinitely.

Recognising the Person Behind the Provider

A man's identity should never be reduced to his income, possessions or professional position.

He is a human being with emotions, ambitions, limitations and the need for affection.

His sacrifices deserve recognition, but his happiness and personal well-being matter equally.

The greatest appreciation a family can offer is not merely gratitude for financial support, but genuine concern for the individual providing it.

Ultimately, a father's legacy is measured not only by the comforts he creates, but by the character he nurtures, the relationships he strengthens and the love he leaves behind.

A family truly honours its father when it values him not merely for what he provides, but for who he is.



1st Test: 'He was swinging the ball both sides,' Nicholls praises Bumrah after Day 1 heroics

Wellington, (IANS): New Zealand batter Henry Nicholls praised India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah for his exceptional bowling on the opening day of the first Test, saying the right-arm pacer put the hosts' batters under serious pressure with his ability to swing the ball both ways.

Bumrah picked up three wickets for 52 runs as India reduced New Zealand to 70/5 before Henry Nicholls and Glenn Phillips staged a remarkable recovery with an unbeaten 173-run partnership for the sixth wicket to take the hosts to 243/5 at stumps on Thursday.

"Bumrah was swinging it both ways and putting guys under some serious pressure. It's a great challenge," Nicholls said in the press conference after the Day's play.

Having faced the Indian pacer several times in the past, Nicholls said familiarity with Bumrah's unusual bowling action offered some advantage, but acknowledged that he remained a difficult bowler to negotiate. "He's obviously got a unique action and, lucky enough, I've played him a few times, and that gives you a little bit of a benefit. But he's certainly an incredible bowler in all formats," he said.

"Today, the way he was swinging the ball both ways was incredible bowling. I'm sure tomorrow morning it'll be more of the same and another tough challenge," he added.

Nicholls also acknowledged the quality of India's bowling attack, which made the most of the conditions in the opening session to put New Zealand on the back foot. "They asked fantastic questions, certainly in that first session. You saw that from the pressure we were under," he said.

The New Zealand batter, who remained unbeaten on 113 off 221 deliveries, also spoke about the approach adopted by him and Phillips against Prasidh Krishna, who conceded 58 runs in his 16 overs.

Asked whether they had specifically targeted Krishna during their partnership or benefited from some loose deliveries, Nicholls said their approach was based on assessing the bowlers and taking scoring opportunities whenever they came.

"No, not really. I think it's the nature sometimes of when you bat throughout a day of just trying to bring the bowlers back. Obviously, he was doing a different role at times with some of the short stuff," he said.

"For us, it was again just trying to respect each bowler and if they gave us trouble to choose to score, then take that. It sort of really ebbs and flows out there with the nature of the surface and the ground as well. If they bowl well, it can be quite hard to score, and then other times, if they miss, you can score quite quickly," he added.



Jasprit Bumrah strikes again! Tom Blundell caught by Shubman Gill at first slip for just 5 as Bumrah claims his third wicket of the innings.

Asian Games double silver medallist Vidarsha gets Kerala government job

Thiruvananthapuram, (IANS): Malayali shooting sensation Vidarsha K. Vinod, who brought laurels to the country by winning two silver medals at the Asian Games, has been appointed to a government post in Kerala. Vidarsha has been appointed Assistant Director in the State Directorate of Sports. Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan handed over the appointment order to her on Thursday.



The appointment is seen as recognition of her achievements in shooting and her contribution to bringing international recognition to the country and Kerala.

Vidarsha's achievement at the Asian Games placed her among the state's prominent sporting talents and highlighted Kerala's growing presence in shooting, a discipline that demands exceptional concentration, consistency and mental strength.

Her appointment to the Directorate of Sports also brings an accomplished sportsperson into the state's sports administration.

As an Assistant Director, she will be part of the department responsible for promoting sports, supporting athletes and strengthening the sporting infrastructure in the state.

The appointment comes at a time when the state government is seeking to strengthen its sports sector and encourage young people to take up competitive sports.

Kerala has produced several athletes who have represented India at international events, but the transition from competitive sport to a government position has often been an important form of recognition for those who have brought distinction to the country.

For Vidarsha, the appointment marks a new chapter, allowing her to take up an administrative role while drawing on her experience as an international-level shooter.

The Chief Minister personally handing over the appointment order also underlined the government's recognition of her sporting achievement.

Her double silver medal performance at the Asian Games remains a significant milestone in her sporting career, and the government appointment is expected to provide her with an opportunity to contribute to the development of sports in Kerala.

Bumrah Breaks Into Top 10 Indian Test Wicket-Takers

Wellington, (IANS):

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah has entered the top 10 Indian bowlers with the most Test wickets, moving past Javagal Srinath, who finished with 236 wickets. He achieved the milestone by taking his third wicket in the opening Test against New Zealand in Wellington on Thursday.

Bumrah has also climbed to fourth among Indian fast bowlers. Anil Kumble leads the overall list with 619 wickets, followed by Ravichandran Ashwin (537) and Kapil Dev (434). Kapil tops the pace bowling chart, ahead of Zaheer Khan and Ishant Sharma, both with 311 wickets.



India reduced New Zealand to 70 for five after opting to bowl, with Bumrah taking three wickets and Anshul Kamboj and Akash Deep claiming one each. However, Henry Nicholls (103 not out) and Glenn Phillips (88 not out) revived the innings with an unbeaten 157-run stand for the sixth wicket. New Zealand reached 227 for five at the end of 77 overs.

Harmer, Rabada lead South Africa to thumping win over Bangladesh in 1st Test

Johannesburg, (IANS): Simon Harmer and Kagiso Rabada ran riot to set up an easy nine-wicket win for South Africa in the first Test against Bangladesh at The Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg on Thursday.

Harmer claimed a second-innings six-wicket haul, while Rabada starred with a five-fer in the first innings followed by a three-wicket haul in the second to put a dreamy Bangladesh side to rest.

Harmer and Rabada's second-innings act bowled Bangladesh for 168, and the hosts were handed a meagre target of 12, which they gunned down in the second over itself shortly before lunch on Day 5 for a nine-wicket victory despite losing opener Marques Ackerman in the first over.

For his stellar all-round performance, Rabada was adjudged the Player of the Match. The speedster also scored a valuable 72 in the first innings that helped the hosts take a 157-run lead.

Bangladesh put up a strong 400 in the first innings after opting to bat first. Opener Tanzid Hasan Tamim scored a well-made 67, while Towhid Hridoy backed his record 242 not out against the West Indies with a strong 137 against the Proteas in the first innings.



Wicketkeeper Litton Das also made 120 as the middle-order stood tall after the new ball did the damage for the hosts. Rabada picked 5-70 in the first innings, while returning Dane Paterson took 4-92 and Marco Jansen also claimed one. The Proteas had several players contributing for them in their reply. Marques Ackerman struck his maiden Test hundred, while new No.3 Zubayr Hamza made 83.

Captain Temba Bavuma scored 68 despite suffering a calf injury, and Ryan Rickelton and Rabada came up with a strong rearguard for the eighth wicket with a 117-run stand when the Proteas were 376/7 and were still trailing. Rickelton scored 102, while Rabada made 72 to put the Proteas in ascendancy with a 157-run lead. The visitors had a tough time in the middle in the second innings as they could not replicate their first innings show. They were already 100/5 at the end of Day 4 when Harmer, Rabada and Marco Jansen struck for the hosts.

Mushfiqur Rahim and Litton Das were the unbeaten pair at the start of Day 5, but their fight unravelled soon as Das played on 39, while Mushfiqur was caught at short fine on 22.

The Proteas did not find the chase tough as although spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz struck in the opening over, the hosts romped home pretty easily. The win also takes them to the top of the World Test Championship points table.

1st Test: Siraj, Jadeja sit out, Jurel, Pant in as India bowl vs New Zealand

Wellington, (IANS): India won the toss and elected to bowl against New Zealand in the opening Test of the two-match series at Basin Reserve on Thursday. Wicketkeeper-batters Rishabh Pant and Dhruv Jurel returned to the side, while senior pacer Mohammed Siraj and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja were left out.



India opted for four seamers — Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep and Anshul Kamboj — with Washington Sundar included as the spin-bowling all-rounder.

Captain Shubman Gill said the pitch was expected to offer more assistance to bowlers in the initial stages. He admitted that leaving out Siraj and Gurnoor Brar was a difficult decision, given their recent performances.

India will be aiming to end their long wait for a Test victory in New Zealand, having last won there in 2009. The visitors also need crucial points to keep their hopes of reaching the World Test Championship final alive. New Zealand captain Tom Latham said his team was also prepared to bowl first and expressed excitement about playing the first Test of the home summer.

Couldn't Agree with PBKS on Stoinis, Says LSG Director Tom Moody

New Delhi, (IANS): Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) tried to bring back Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis from Punjab Kings but failed to reach an agreement, the franchise's global director of cricket, Tom Moody, revealed.

LSG eventually signed Sam Curran from Rajasthan Royals in a trade deal involving Mohammed Shami and M Siddharth. Moody said Curran's ability to bowl with the new ball, deliver at the death and bat in the middle order would strengthen the team's balance.

He admitted that releasing Shami was a difficult decision but said the emergence of young pacers, including Prince Yadav, Mayank Yadav and Mohsin Khan, provided sufficient bowling depth.

Moody added that LSG remained open to further trades before the window closes on December 10, ahead of the IPL 2027 auction in Goa on December 16. Moody said Curran's addition would strengthen LSG's batting depth and provide greater flexibility in team selection.

Bavuma Ruled Out of Second Bangladesh Test with Calf Strain

New Delhi, (IANS): South Africa captain Temba Bavuma has been ruled out of the second and final Test against Bangladesh, beginning Monday in Centurion, due to a right calf strain. Bavuma sustained the injury while batting in the first innings of the opening Test at Johannesburg. Despite retiring hurt on 49, he returned later to remain unbeaten on 68, helping South Africa secure a 157-run first-innings lead. The Proteas went on to win the match by nine wickets.

Cricket South Africa confirmed that scans had revealed a calf strain, ruling him out of the second innings as well as the upcoming Test. Aiden Markram is likely to lead the side in his absence.

South Africa will aim for a series sweep after their opening victory, which also lifted them to the top of the World Test Championship standings.

Leadership is not just a tag or the C next to your name: Moody on LSG's next captain

New Delhi, (IANS): Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) are yet to announce their captain for the upcoming IPL season following Rishabh Pant's return to Delhi Capitals. However, the franchise's global director of cricket, Tom Moody, said the team has several experienced players capable of sharing leadership responsibilities.

Moody identified Mitchell Marsh, Aiden Markram, Nicholas Pooran and new recruit Sam Curran as key leaders, highlighting their international and franchise captaincy experience. He stressed that leadership is not limited to the player wearing the captain's badge but is a collective responsibility of the entire squad.

LSG traded Pant to Delhi Capitals after IPL 2026 and brought Kuldeep Yadav to Lucknow. Moody described Kuldeep's arrival as an important move, saying his familiarity with local conditions could help the team address its struggles to take wickets during the middle overs.



He also expects young Indian players, including Ayush Badoni, Akshat Raghuvanshi, Abdul Samad and Mukul Choudhary, to take greater responsibility. Moody added that players such as Prince Yadav, Mohsin Khan and Mayank Yadav must step up following Mohammed Shami's move to Rajasthan Royals.

Invest Telangana Summit to drive country's economic growth: Revanth Reddy



Hyderabad (NSS) : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the upcoming Invest Telangana Global Summit–2026, scheduled to be held at Bharat Future City from December 7 to 9, would lay a strong foundation for the country's economic growth by attracting large-scale domestic and global investments.

Addressing the inaugural session of the 85th Indian Roads Congress (IRC) in Hyderabad on Thursday, the Chief Minister said the State government was organising the global summit to attract investments in key sectors, including technology, manufacturing, research and development.

He invited the IRC delegates to participate in the summit and stressed the need to accord top priority to national interests and security. Political rhetoric should be confined to election periods, while all stakeholders should focus on achieving the country's ambitious development targets, he said.

Highlighting the government's vision behind the development of CURE, PURE and RARE regions, Revanth Reddy said the CURE (Core Urban Region) within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) would focus on the services sector, while the PURE (Peri-Urban Region) between the ORR and the Regional Ring Road (RRR) would emerge as a manufacturing hub. The RARE (Rural Agriculture Region) beyond the RRR would be developed as a centre for agriculture and agro-based industries. The Chief Minister said 2047 would be a landmark year as India would complete 100 years of Independence. "Our aim is to transform Telangana into a $3-trillion economy by 2047," he said.

Listing the road development projects being undertaken by the State government, Revanth Reddy said several other infrastructure projects were also being expedited to accelerate development. The government was taking steps to augment healthcare infrastructure by adding 8,000 hospital beds through the construction of the new Osmania General Hospital, Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospitals and other healthcare facilities, he said.

Welcoming the delegates to Hyderabad for the 85th Indian Roads Congress, the Chief Minister also highlighted the city's rich cultural heritage and historical significance.

BJP GEARS UP FOR UPCOMING MLC ELECTIONS

Hyderabad (NSS) : The Telangana BJP has stepped up preparations for the upcoming elections, particularly the Legislative Council (MLC) polls, which are expected to be held shortly.

BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao chaired a meeting of the party's Legislative Council Election Monitoring Committee here at the state party office in the presence of Telangana Municipal Elections In-charge Ashish Shelar.

MLCs AVN Reddy and Malka Komaraiah, along with State General Secretary Gautam Rao, attended the meeting. The leaders reviewed election preparedness, discussed strategies to strengthen the party at the grassroots level and stressed better coordination among party leaders, committee members and workers to ensure effective poll management.

Uttam vows to protect Telangana's Krishna, Godavari water share



Hyderabad (NSS) : Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has asserted that Telangana will not surrender a single drop of its rightful share of Krishna or Godavari waters, saying the Congress government is prepared to defend the State's entitlements across institutional and legal forums.

Addressing a public meeting in Huzurnagar on Thursday, Uttam Kumar Reddy described Telangana's water rights as non-negotiable and vowed to resist any move that undermines them. Drawing on his past service as an Indian Air Force fighter pilot along the borders with China and Pakistan, he said he brings the same discipline, courage and resolve to safeguarding the State's water interests.

"Whether it is Krishna river water or Godavari river water, we are not prepared to give up even a single drop," he said. "Whatever arguments or pressures may be brought forward, our government is determined to protect Telangana's water rights."

Referring to Andhra Pradesh's proposal to draw 1.8 TMC of water from Nagarjuna Sagar in the Krishna basin, the Minister said Telangana has formally objected to the move before the Centre and the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). He added that the State will oppose unilateral actions that affect its legitimate share.

Emphasising that water security underpins farming, drinking water supply and rural livelihoods across millions of households, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government is focused on optimal utilisation of Krishna and Godavari waters for Telangana.

He added that improved water use under the Congress administration has boosted irrigation coverage, paddy production and procurement, and claimed the State has emerged as India's leading rice producer.

MGNREGS daily attendance touches 5.97 lakh in Telangana

Hyderabad (NSS) : Telangana recorded an average daily attendance of 5.97 lakh workers under MGNREGS in November, crossing six lakh on November 18.

Reviewing rural development programmes at the Secretariat on Thursday, Panchayat Raj Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka directed officials to increase participation from 47 to 60 workers per Gram Panchayat and provide employment to every job seeker.

She ordered one supervisor for every 40 workers and called for more check dams and percolation tanks to boost groundwater recharge.

TGSRTC MD Meets Minister Ponnam Prabhakar

Hyderabad (NSS) : Newly appointed TGSRTC Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Anil Kumar met Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Thursday and reviewed the implementation of the Mahalakshmi free bus travel scheme and plans to operate additional services for women passengers.

They also discussed expanding the electric bus fleet, setting up charging stations, procuring new buses and improving the RTC's financial position and services through modern technology. The Minister congratulated Dr. Anil Kumar on assuming charge and assured full government support to strengthen TGSRTC.

Youth must uphold democratic values, tackle global challenges: Governor

Hyderabad (NSS) : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Thursday underscored the vital role of youth platforms in fostering leadership, diplomacy, and democratic values among students.

Addressing the I.I.M.U.N. (India's International Movement to Unite Nations) Hyderabad Chapter–2026 at Johnson Grammar School in Kuntloor, the Governor called for active youth participation in tackling pressing global challenges, including climate change, rapid technological transformation, and international peace.

Urging students to engage in constructive dialogue rooted in India's philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, Shukla noted that platforms like I.I.M.U.N. offer practical exposure to research, critical thinking, teamwork, and decision-making. "True leadership is earned through responsibility, discipline, commitment, and a spirit of service," he observed.

Shiv Pratap Shukla advised students to present their views with facts, reason, and mutual respect, maintaining democratic decorum even during disagreements. Cautioning them against substance abuse and harmful habits, he urged the youth to channel their energy toward personal growth and social welfare.

RANIGUNJ RUB WORKS: TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS TO REMAIN IN FORCE FOR 6–8 MONTHS



Hyderabad (NSS) : Commuters in Secunderabad should brace for major traffic disruptions as the Railway authorities will undertake extensive renovation of the Railway Under Bridge (RUB) at Ranigunj Junction on MG Road from November 20. The work is expected to continue for six to eight months.

The excavation work, extending up to 1.5 metres in depth and covering nearly three carriageway lanes, will leave only one carriageway available exclusively for light motor vehicles (LMVs), including cars, autos and two-wheelers. Heavy traffic congestion is expected on MG Road, Tank Bund, Ranigunj and adjoining stretches.

The Hyderabad Traffic Police have announced extensive diversions and restrictions to regulate traffic and ensure public safety. Heavy vehicles, including goods vehicles, transport vehicles, travel buses and RTC buses, will be diverted at several junctions.

Heavy vehicles approaching from SBI X Roads will be diverted towards Rasoolpura and Begumpet, while those coming from JBS and Clock Tower will be rerouted through designated alternative routes.

Vehicles approaching from Paradise will be diverted towards CTO. Heavy vehicles coming from Medchal and Bowenpally will also be diverted at CTO Junction towards Rasoolpura or SBI X Roads, depending on their direction of travel. Additional diversions will be enforced at Patny, Plaza, Park Lane, Rasoolpura, Ranigunj, Nallagutta, Ghasmandi, Bible House and Karbala junctions. Heavy vehicles approaching Ranigunj through Tank Bund will be diverted at Sailing Club, DBR Mills and Old Ambedkar Statue towards Kavadiguda, Gandhi Nagar and other alternative routes.

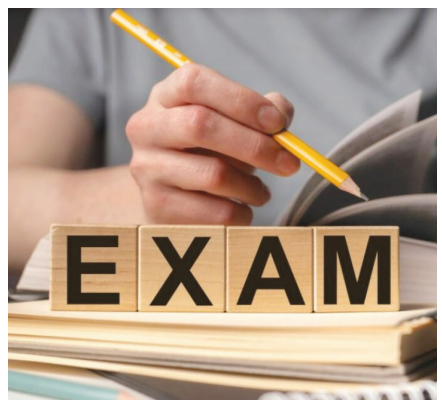
Traffic from Paradise and Ministers Road towards Ranigunj will be diverted at Ranigunj X Roads through Distillery Road towards Karbala Junction. Light vehicles at Nallagutta X Roads will be diverted towards Necklace Road.

Height restrictors with a clearance limit of 10 feet will be installed at Patny, Paradise, Park Lane, Rasoolpura and Karbala junctions to prevent the entry of oversized vehicles.

The Traffic Police have identified 18 junctions, including SBI X Roads, Patny, Paradise, Ranigunj, Karbala, Bible House, CGO Towers, Kavadiguda and Old Ambedkar Statue, as congestion-prone points and urged commuters to avoid these stretches wherever possible.

Commuters have been advised to plan their journeys in advance and follow traffic updates on Hyderabad Traffic Police's social media platforms. For emergency travel assistance, they can contact the traffic helpline at 9010203626.

Telangana Intermediate examination schedule announced



Hyderabad (NSS) : The Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) has released the tentative schedule for the Intermediate Public Examinations (IPE) 2027, with theory papers scheduled from February 24 to March 20.

According to an official statement, theory examinations for both general and vocational streams will be held daily from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. First-year examinations will commence on February 24, followed by second-year examinations on February 25.

Board Secretary Abhilasha Abhinav announced that second-year practical examinations will be conducted from February 1 to 10 in two daily sessions 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. including on Sundays.

For first-year science students under the new pattern, practical examinations will take place from February 11 to 18 across three sessions. English praticals are scheduled for January 29 for first-year students and January 30 for second-year students.

While the practical examination timetable applies to vocational students as well, TGBIE clarified that a separate schedule will be issued for their theory papers. The Board emphasised that the announced dates are tentative.

TG SAFE SEIZES Rs.42,000 WORTH OF MEDICINES FROM QUACK's CLINIC

Hyderabad (NSS) : Officials of the Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) raided an unauthorised clinic at Erraborru village in Charla mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district and seized 34 varieties of medicines worth Rs.42,000. The clinic, run by Shaik Masthan Vali under the name First Aid Clinic, was allegedly operating without the required medical qualifications. The seized stock included antibiotics, steroids, painkillers and anti-ulcer drugs.

Officials warned that misuse of antibiotics could lead to antimicrobial resistance, while improper use of steroids could cause serious health complications. Samples have been collected for analysis and further investigation is underway. TG SAFE cautioned medicine wholesalers and dealers against supplying drugs to unlicensed establishments, warning of stringent action under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. Stocking medicines for sale without a valid drug licence can attract imprisonment of up to five years.

Sultan-ul-Uloom Junior College Holds Anti-Tobacco Awareness Programme

Hyderabad: Sultan-ul-Uloom Junior College organised an anti-tobacco awareness programme under the Nasha Mukt Abhiyaan to educate students about tobacco's harmful effects and encourage addiction-free living.

An elocution competition on "Ill Effects of Tobacco" featured 12 students. Prof. Vibha Asthana, Director, Ghulam Ahmed College of Education, and Dr. Gitasri Mukherjee, English Department Head, MJCET, judged the competition. Prof. Asthana announced the winners.

Girl students prepared awareness posters, unveiled by Governing Council Chairman Nisar Ahmad in the presence of Principal Dr. Anupama Koneru, Vice Principal Dr. Amatul Muqeet and staff.

Dr. Koneru administered an anti-tobacco pledge and urged students to avoid addictive substances.



Darul Uloom Mahboobia Pays Tribute to Maulana Mufti Syed Sadiq Faheem



Hyderabad: A condolence meeting was held at Masjid Anwar, Darul Uloom Mahboobia, on Thursday to mourn renowned Islamic scholar Maulana Mufti Hafiz Syed Sadiq Mohiuddin Faheem, former Deputy Mufti of Jamia Nizamia, who passed away on November 17.

Scholars, teachers, students and community representatives paid tribute to his religious, educational and social contributions.

Maulana Mohammed Anwarullah Khan Nizami recalled his lifelong friendship with the scholar and his devotion to the Quran. Dr Mohammed Basheer Mohiuddin Nizami praised his scholarship and teaching services.

Maulana Hafiz Mohammed Naseeruddin Naqshbandi Nizami remembered him as a compassionate teacher, while Maulana Hafiz Mohammed Moinuddin Nizami highlighted his affection for the institution.

The meeting concluded with special prayers.

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