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Nepal PM Balendra Shah Arrives on First India Visit

Talks with Modi on Monday to Focus on Trade, Energy and Cross-Border Connectivity

New Delhi (Munsif Desk): Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah arrived in New Delhi on Sunday for a two-day state visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It marks his first India visit and first bilateral foreign trip since assuming office in March 2026.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Shah following his arrival, ahead of formal bilateral talks with Modi scheduled for Monday, November 23.

Discussions are expected to focus on hydropower cooperation, electricity trade, railway connectivity, road infrastructure, border trade and development projects. Both leaders are also likely to review regional issues and Nepal's reconstruction needs following recent floods.

India and Nepal share longstanding economic, cultural and social ties, with cross-border cooperation directly affecting businesses, travellers and border communities.

The visit is expected to strengthen bilateral relations and explore new opportunities for regional development. No fresh agreements had been announced before the leaders' scheduled talks.

The talks will explore opportunities for stronger trade, connectivity and energy cooperation.

Global Climate Summit Collapses Without Agreement

Munsif News Desk, Antalya:

The United Nations COP31 climate summit in Türkiye ended without an overarching agreement on Sunday after the European Union and several countries rejected the proposed final declaration.

Conference president Murat Kurum acknowledged that consensus had not been reached and confirmed that the proposed decisions would not be adopted.

Negotiations continued for nearly 48 hours beyond Friday's scheduled conclusion, with disagreements over fossil fuel commitments, emissions reductions and financial assistance to developing countries.

The European Union strongly criticised the draft for failing to explicitly address fossil fuels, which remain the principal cause of global warming.

India, representing the Like-Minded Developing Countries group, expressed concern over inadequate climate finance commitments and the dilution of developed nations' responsibilities.

The breakdown raises questions about international cooperation on climate change, particularly as vulnerable countries face increasing risks from extreme weather, floods and rising temperatures.

Although existing Paris Agreement commitments remain in force, the failure to secure fresh consensus represents a setback for global climate diplomacy and developing nations seeking financial support.

AT A GLANCE

- Negotiations extended two days beyond schedule.
- European Union opposed the omission of fossil fuel commitments.
- Developing countries demanded stronger financial support.



Hyderabad Police on High Alert After Bomb Threat

HYD: Hyderabad City Police intensified security across the city on Sunday following an email threatening bomb explosions at prominent locations.

The threatening email, received on November 21, claimed links to Pakistan-based terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba and warned of attacks resembling the 2008 Mumbai terror strikes.

Kachiguda Railway Station and Hotel Tourist Plaza were reportedly identified as potential targets.

Police Commissioner Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat confirmed that precautionary anti-sabotage checks were conducted and security personnel deployed at sensitive locations.

Cyber Crime Police have been assigned to trace the sender and establish the email's authenticity.

Police urged citizens to remain calm, avoid spreading rumours and report suspicious activities immediately.



Centre Launches Ca ONE Employment Portal

New Delhi: Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched the National Career Service (NCS) ONE portal, e-Shram Livelihood Profile module and eight Career Lounges on Sunday in Gandhinagar.

The portal connects jobseekers, employers, private recruitment platforms and state employment services. Its Occupational Shortage Index will identify workforce shortages and help candidates make informed career choices.

Hyderabad is among eight cities receiving Career Lounges offering career counselling, skill assessments, internships and placement assistance.

The e-Shram module will track workers' livelihoods and social security coverage.

The Governmentt plans to establish 200 Career to improve employment opportunities.

Nine Killed in Rajasthan Highway Collision

Eight Injured Near Kota as Driver Fatigue; PM Announces Compensation

Kota (Munsif Desk): Nine members of a family from Maharashtra's Dhule district were killed and eight others injured when their vehicle crashed into a stationary truck on the Kota-Udaipur National Highway early Sunday.

Police said the collision occurred around 1 am near Shambhupura in Kota district as the family returned from a pilgrimage to Khatu Shyamji temple.

The deceased included women and children. The injured were admitted to New Medical College Hospital for treatment.

Superintendent of Police Tejeshwani Gautam said preliminary investigations suggested the driver might have fallen asleep. The truck driver claimed he had stopped because of a mechanical fault.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced compensation of ₹2 lakh for each deceased victim's family and ₹50,000 for every injured person.

Police are investigating the accident amid concerns over driver fatigue and highway safety.

Special Pulse Polio Drive Begins Across Five Telangana Districts

House-to-house visits on November 23 and 24: Over 18 Lakh Children Targeted across Telangana

HYD: Telangana launched a special Pulse Polio immunisation campaign on Sunday, targeting 18.01 lakh children below five years across Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Sangareddy and Hanumakonda districts.

Hyderabad recorded over 5.11 lakh vaccinations on the opening day against its target of approximately 5.22 lakh children.

The Health Department established 7,428 vaccination booths, 245 mobile teams and 245 transit points across the five districts to ensure maximum coverage. Health workers will conduct house-to-house visits on November 23 and 24 to vaccinate children who missed Sunday's immunisation. The follow-up campaign will continue until November 25 in Greater Hyderabad and three surrounding districts.

Officials urged parents to cooperate with vaccination teams and ensure every eligible child receives two oral polio drops. Special attention will be given to migrant families, underserved neighbourhoods and vulnerable communities to maintain Telangana's polio-free status.

Four of Family Killed in Vikarabad Ghat Crash



Vikarabad: Four members of a family, including three women, were killed on Sunday morning when their autorickshaw collided head-on with a lorry on the Ananthagiri Ghat road in Vikarabad district.

The accident occurred at a sharp curve near Bugga Rameshwaram temple while the autorickshaw was travelling from Pendlimadugu village towards Kerelli. The impact severely damaged the vehicle, killing all four occupants on the spot.

Police identified the deceased as Nagesh, Chandramma, Parvathamma and Saritha, all residents of Pendlimadugu village.

Police rushed to the scene, conducted rescue operations with assistance from local residents and shifted the bodies to Vikarabad Government Hospital for post-mortem examinations.

A case has been registered, and investigations are underway to establish the cause.

The tragedy has raised concerns about road visibility, speeding and heavy-vehicle movement.



YOUTH URGED TO FOLLOW QUR'AN

HYDERABAD: Speakers at the Ideal Youth Movement (IYM) Telangana State Youth Conference urged young Muslims to follow the Holy Qur'an, strengthen their character and contribute to nation-building.

Thousands attended the conference at Jamia Darul Huda, Pahadi Shareef Road, under the theme "Transform Yourself, Serve Society and Build the Nation."

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Vice-President S. Ameenul Hasan emphasised self-reformation as the foundation of social change.

Telangana president Mohammed Azheruddin urged youth to strengthen ties with mosques and undertake collective Islamic service.

IYM leader Mohammed Muaz called for combating drug abuse, hatred and social evils through responsible action.

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Armour Police Bust Prostitution Racket at Balaji Lodge; Manager Arrested

Munsif Desk, Armour:

Armour Circle Inspector Chandrasekhar Reddy said that police had busted a prostitution racket operating at Balaji Lodge in Armour town following a tip-off.

Addressing a press conference, the CI said that on November 21, 2026, at around 5.30 pm, police received information about prostitution activities being carried out at Balaji Lodge.

Acting swiftly, Armour Town SI Rajinikanth, along with his staff, raided the lodge and inspected the premises. During the inspection, police found two men and two women in two separate rooms, with one man and one woman in each room.

On inquiry, the person operating the lodge was identified as Devaraju, a resident of Ashok Nagar, Armour. He reportedly disclosed that he had taken the lodge on rent just 15 days ago and was charging Rs. 500 for renting out rooms for the purpose of prostitution.

The lodge manager and one person who had visited the premises for prostitution were arrested and produced before the court. Another person, who was found to be a minor, was handed over to his parents.

The women involved were also counselled and advised against engaging in prostitution for money.

CI Chandrasekhar Reddy issued a stern warning to lodge, hotel and private resort owners in Armour town and surrounding villages, stating that strict legal action would be taken against anyone found facilitating such illegal activities.



He also appealed to the public to inform the police if any premises in their neighbourhood were being rented out for prostitution or other immoral activities.

Achampet Police Bust Ganja Racket, Arrest 11 Persons; 7.4 Kg Seized

Munsif Desk, Nagakurnool:

Achampet police in Nagarkurnool district have busted a ganja racket and arrested 11 persons in connection with the case.

Providing details, Achampet DSP Palle Srinivas said police had been keeping a close watch on certain individuals suspected of involvement in ganja-related activities. When a police team approached them to take them into custody, the suspects attempted to flee. However, the police chased them and successfully apprehended all 11 persons.

During interrogation and urine tests, the accused were found to have consumed ganja. Further investigation led to the seizure of approximately 7.4 kg of ganja, valued at Rs. 3.72 lakh, along with Rs. 21,430 in cash.

The DSP identified two of the accused, MD Rasool Baba and Patta Bhaga Rajesh,

Youth Succumbs to Injuries After Car-RTC Bus Collision

Munsif Desk, Tadepalli:

A youth who sustained severe injuries in a horrific road accident near Chandram Pet Junction on Sircilla Bypass Road on Sunday morning succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treatment.

According to details, Tammala Kiran, a resident of Marupaka village in Vemulawada Urban Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district, was involved in a head-on collision between his car and an RTC bus. The impact was so severe that the car was completely wrecked, leaving Kiran trapped inside the vehicle.

On receiving information, a 108 ambulance team rushed to the accident site and, after considerable effort using cutting tools, rescued Kiran from the wreckage and shifted him to the Sircilla Government Hospital.

As his condition was critical, he was subsequently referred to a private hospital in Karimnagar for advanced treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries. The news of Kiran's death plunged Marupaka village into grief.

Four members of the same family die in road accident

(NSS), Vikarabad:

Four members of the same family died in a horrific road accident near Buggarameshwaram in the district. The accident occurred when a lorry collided with an auto Rikshaw going from Pendlimadugu to Kerelli. Chandramma, Parvathamma, Saritha and Nagesh were found dead in the incident.

Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker and Vikarabad MLA Gaddam Prasad Kumar expressed deep shock over the accident.



Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi conducted a surprise inspection of the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Choutpally in Kammarpally Mandal on Saturday evening and directed the District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) to immediately cancel staff deputations.

Collector Ila Tripathi Orders Cancellation of PHC Deputations

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi conducted a surprise inspection of the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Choutpally in Kammarpally Mandal on Saturday evening and directed the District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) to immediately cancel staff deputations.

During the inspection, the Collector visited various sections of the hospital and reviewed its functioning. She checked the availability of medicines and verified the attendance of doctors and other staff members. As only a staff nurse and a sweeper were present at the PHC, with no doctor or other staff available, the Collector enquired about their absence. When informed that the Medical Officer and some other employees had been deputed to work elsewhere, she expressed strong displeasure. The Collector immediately contacted District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Rajashree over the phone and questioned how doctors and staff could remain absent from a PHC that was expected to provide round-the-clock services. She directed the DMHO to cancel all such deputations without delay. She inspected the reception centre, inpatient section, general wards, pharmacy, laboratory, vaccination room and other departments, besides examining the relevant registers.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the disorganised condition of the drug storage room, the Collector reprimanded the staff nurse and stressed the need to maintain proper arrangements.

Collector Rajarshi Shah Provides Job, Housing to Twins' Death Victim

Abdul Aleem, Adilabad:

Political and social leaders have expressed their gratitude to District Collector Rajarshi Shah for providing prompt assistance to the family of Borekar Sunitha, who recently lost her newborn twins at RIMS Hospital in Adilabad.

Following the sanction of an 'Indiramma House' and a job at the Government BC Hostel in Utnoor within a month of the tragic incident, TPCC SC Department Chairman and MLA Kavvampally Satyanarayana contacted the Collector over the phone to thank him. In this connection, a delegation of Dalit and BC organizations, led by TPCC SC Department Vice-Chairman Durgam Shekhar, paid a courtesy visit to Rajarshi Shah at the Collector's Camp Office.



The leaders commended the Collector's humanitarian gesture, noting that he played the role of an elder brother by standing by a Dalit family in their hour of need and securing their livelihood and shelter. Dalit JAC President Kamble Pragnyasheel, DCC SC Department President K. Parmeshwar, Ambedkar Memorial Association Inderavelly Mandal President Sonkamble Jitender, Raj Kumar, Shanvi Potharaj, Budhavva, Mallanna, Dhoni Raju, Bai Premlatha, Mekala Jitender, Madhasthu Mahender, Lingampally Narsimulu, and others were part of the delegation.

Naini Rajender Reddy Slams KTR Ahead of Warangal Visit

Munsif Desk, Hanumakonda:



Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy has strongly reacted to the proposed visit of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) to Warangal, questioning the moral authority of BRS leaders to visit the district without accounting for the promises made to the people during their tenure.

Speaking on the occasion, Naini Rajender Reddy recalled that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and KTR had promised to establish an underground drainage system in the erstwhile Warangal district. However, the promise remained unfulfilled, he alleged.

He also criticised the previous BRS government for announcing financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 to each family affected by floods. Despite assurances that the amount would be provided during the election period, the government failed to fulfil its promise, he alleged.

The MLA questioned how BRS leaders could now approach the people when they had failed to sanction even a single double-bedroom house to eligible poor families in Hanumakonda district.

Two Social Media Cyber Frauds; ₹2.5 Lakh Blocked



Munsif Desk, Adilabad:

Two cases of cyber fraud involving fake social media advertisements promising high returns on investments and personal loans have come to light within the limits of Adilabad One Town Police Station. However, timely complaints by the victims helped police block a total of ₹2.5 lakh.

Sharing the details, One Town Police Inspector B. Sunil Kumar said that in the first incident, a woman from Adilabad was lured by an Instagram advertisement claiming that an investment in 'Axwel Trading Company' would double her money within a week.

The fraudsters subsequently added her to a Telegram channel and persuaded her to transfer ₹3,47,543 in several instalments, claiming that the money would be invested in gold, silver, petrol and diesel businesses.

When they demanded further deposits instead of returning her money, she realised that she had been cheated and lodged a complaint through the cybercrime helpline 1930. Acting on the complaint, ₹2 lakh was blocked.

In the second incident, another woman was duped through a fake Instagram advertisement in the name of 'Bajaj Finserv', which promised her a personal loan of ₹5 lakh.

The fraudsters collected ₹1,95,006 from her in 16 instalments under various pretexts, including processing fees, insurance, taxes and NOC charges. However, the promised loan was never disbursed. When the fraudsters demanded more money, she lodged a complaint, following which ₹50,000 was blocked.

Inspector B. Sunil Kumar warned the public that cybercriminals were employing various methods, including investment fraud, loan fraud, job fraud and digital arrest scams.

He advised people not to trust unverified advertisements on social media, click on suspicious links or share their bank account details, OTPs or PINs with anyone.

He urged victims of cyber fraud to immediately report such incidents by calling the helpline 1930 or visiting www.cybercrime.gov.in.

Indiramma Jeevita Bima to Provide Rs. 5 Lakh Cover to Every Eligible Family

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed, Nizamabad:

State Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy said the State Government is implementing the Indiramma Kutumba Jeevita Bima Scheme with the objective of providing financial security of Rs. 5 lakh to every eligible family.

An awareness seminar on the scheme was organised at Rampur village in Dichpally mandal on Sunday. Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy attended as the chief guest, along with Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy, Collector Ila Tripathi and others.

Addressing the gathering, Sudarshan Reddy said that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the State Government is implementing welfare programmes without discrimination on the basis of caste, religion or political affiliation. He said women are being given priority in various welfare schemes.

He stated that the Government is supporting economically weaker and helpless families through Cheyutha pensions.



The Indiramma Kutumba Jeevita Bima Scheme has been introduced to provide Rs. 5 lakh insurance coverage to families in the event of the accidental death of their earning member, ensuring that they do not face financial hardship. He said the Government was extending all possible assistance to empower women and make them economically self-reliant. As part of this initiative, Rs. 1,100 crore in financial assistance has been provided to women's self-help groups in Nizamabad district.

Warangal CP N. Swetha Conducts Annual Inspection of Zaffergadh Police Station

Munsif Desk, Warangal:

Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha, IPS, conducted the annual inspection of Zaffergadh Police Station on Sunday and reviewed its functioning, records and overall performance.

On her arrival, police officials welcomed the Commissioner by presenting saplings, while police personnel accorded her a guard of honour. Later, she planted an Amla sapling on the police station premises.

As part of the inspection, CP N. Swetha thoroughly examined various records, registers and case files maintained at the police station. She also interacted with police personnel and enquired about their duties, responsibilities and performance.

Addressing the officers and staff, the Commissioner instructed them to provide efficient policing services to the public.

She stressed the need to respond promptly to citizens' complaints and discharge their duties responsibly to ensure justice for victims.

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Extensive Arrangements for Tiruchanoor Karthika Brahmotsavams

(NSS), Tirupati:

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is making elaborate arrangements to celebrate the annual Karthika Brahmotsavams of Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru at Tiruchanoor on the lines of Tirumala Srivari Brahmotsavams, said TTD EO Muddada Ravichandra.

Reviewing the arrangements with officials, he directed all departments to work in coordination to ensure a smooth and comfortable experience for devotees.

Special arrangements, including queue lines, compartments and German shelters, will be made for Panchami Theertham, when lakhs of devotees are expected. Crowd control, traffic management and security will be strengthened.

The temple and its surroundings will be decorated with beautiful flowers and attractive illuminations. SVBC will telecast the vahana sevas live for devotees.

Telangana Formation Result of KCR's Dedicated Fast: Damodar Gupta

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Former CM KCR's hunger strike to death for the achievement of Telangana state would go down in history as it paved the way for the creation of separate Telangana state , said former chairman of Telangana State Police Housing Corporation Koleti Damodar Gupta.

He also said that KCR went on a hunger strike to fulfill the aspirations of the people of Telangana and added that it was because of his perseverance, dedication and tireless struggle that the central government came down and took a decision in favor of the formation of Telangana state. Damodar Gupta recalled that November 29 has a special historical significance in the movement for the achievement of Telangana state.

He said that the hunger strike launched by KCR on November 29, 2009 was a turning point in the Telangana movement and gave new life to the movement for the establishment of the state. He explained that people, students.

Pawan Kalyan Orders Probe into Jana Sena Activist's Death in Kadapa

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena President Pawan Kalyan on Sunday directed an inquiry into the death of a Jana Sena activist in a melee during scrutiny of nominations for Gram Panchayat elections.

The incident occurred at the Nagulaguttapalle village in Chakrayapet mandal of Pulivendula constituency in YSR Kadapa district on Saturday.

Munthala Ramanjulu (50) died in a commotion that reportedly broke out during nomination scrutiny.

Jana Sena leaders and workers staged a protest on Saturday night, placing his body on the main road and demanding a thorough probe into the circumstances surrounding his death. During the protest, Jana Sena leaders sought an investigation into the alleged roles of Telugu Desam Party's Pulivendula constituency in-charge B.Tech Ravi and Chakrayapet mandal TDP president Maheshwara Reddy.

According to Jana Sena, Ramanjulu is also a relative of a candidate contesting the post of sarpanch with Jana Sena's support.

Pawan Kalyan gathered details from the district administration and party ranks. He



instructed the Kadapa District Collector and Superintendent of Police to collect comprehensive details of the events during the scrutiny of nominations and the circumstances prevailing there at the time.

Chevella woman murdered after theft complaint; suspect held in 24 hours

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Hyderabad: The Chevella police said they solved the murder of a woman and arrested the suspect within 24 hours. The suspect was identified as Kethavath Shiva Shankar Varaprasad Naik alias Shiva, a native of Nandyal district in Andhra Pradesh. According to police, Shiva allegedly stole the mobile phone of Bathula Guruvulu on Friday and transferred Rs 45,000 from his bank account.

After noticing that the amount had been debited from his account, Guruvulu, accompanied by Padma, approached the Chevella police station and lodged a complaint, suspecting Shiva's involvement. Angered by Padma accompanying Guruvulu to the police station, Shiva allegedly attacked her with a knife and killed her near a sheet-roofed house opposite Farah College in the early hours of Saturday, Chevella Inspector K. Narendra Reddy said.

Country's future lies in Youth's hands: Union Minister Kishan Reddy

(NSS), Bhainsa:

Hyderabad, Nov.22 (NSS): Union Minister Kishan Reddy on Sunday said that the future of the country lies in the hands of the youth and the dream of a 'developed India' by 2047 would be realized only through a healthy and drug-free youth.

He said that it was commendable that people from different communities had come together with the sole aim of keeping families safe and ensuring a golden future for the youth in the city of Hyderabad, which is the home of different languages and traditions. He called on everyone to be a partner in this ongoing war on drugs and to take responsibility by sensitizing the people and preventing the youth from going astray.

He said that the 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan' started under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi had today transformed into a mass movement, not just a government program. He explained that the government, under the leadership of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, was strictly implementing the 'zero tolerance' policy



on the illegal drug trade and added that investigative agencies were working with the aim of making the country completely drug-free by 31 December 2029. He especially praised the efforts of the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau and 'EAGLE Force' in Hyderabad, a hub of education, IT and innovation.

Political activists toncontinue the struggle until justice is served to the TGIIC victims

(NSS), Hyderabad:

CPI State Assistant Secretary ET Narasimha, Telangana Jana Samithi President, MLC Professor Kodandaram on Sunday participated and spoke at the TGIIC victims' meeting held at the Basheerbagh Press Club in Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, ET Narasimha said that the Communist Party of India (CPI) would continue to fight until justice is served to the TGIIC victims. He said that positive developments had taken place due to MLC Professor Kodandaram bringing the issue of the victims to the attention of the concerned ministers and putting pressure on the government. He said that the official letter on this issue had also clearly stated that it does not fall under the purview of TGIIC. He said that in order to solve the problem, along with the struggle of political parties, the unity of the victims was also very necessary. He suggested that the plot owners should introspect on how much they had fought for the injustice done to them over the past 22 years. He said that only when all the victims unite and protest can they bring more pressure on the government. He reminded that the CPI had a glorious history of identifying government lands, surplus lands, and evacuated properties in about a hundred areas in Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, and Medchal districts and providing house plots and pattas to five lakh poor people. He said that those successes were possible only because all the poor united and fought with faith in the CPI leadership. He said that if a person wants to save his own land from encroachment, he has to go around courts, police stations, and officials and added that it was not easy to get it back when the government officially acquires the lands. That is why he called on all the victims to unite and fight for their rights. Speaking on the occasion, Telangana Jana Samithi President and MLC Professor Kodandaram said that they were bringing the issue of the TGIIC victims to the attention of the government and working for a solution. He said that they had brought this issue to the attention of the relevant ministers with the intention of getting justice for the victims and are trying to get a positive response by putting pressure on the government in a democratic manner.

Revanth unveils Telugu edition of 'Indiramma Sookthulu'



(NSS), Hyderabad:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday unveiled the Telugu edition of 'Indiramma Sookthulu', a compilation of selected sayings of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, at Gandhi Bhavan here.

Brought out in Telugu under the initiative of Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, the book features a special foreword by senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi.

Speaking at the launch, the Chief Minister observed that the publication would serve as a valuable resource to familiarise future generations with Indira Gandhi's thoughts, ideals, and spirit of public service.

Originally published in English as 'Indira Gandhi: Selected Sayings' and earlier brought out in Kannada by Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar the Telugu version has been translated by Dr. Ponnam Ravichandra, Dr. Mamidi Harikrishna, and Sri Lakshmi.

Uttam urges Congress cadre to take govt

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday urged Congress leaders and party cadre to actively take the State government's welfare initiatives, developmental achievements, and commitment to social justice to the grassroots.

Addressing the extended executive meeting of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) at Gandhi Bhavan here, the Minister asserted that the Congress remains firmly anchored in the principles of public welfare and empowerment.

Emphasising internal democracy, he noted that the party provides a platform where even an ordinary worker can rise through hard work and dedication, backed by leadership support at every level.

Calling social justice and welfare the "twin pillars" of Congress ideology, Uttam Kumar Reddy cited the elevation of grassroots workers to key positions as proof of the party's commitment to nurturing leadership from the ground up. He reiterated that the government is steadfast in fulfilling its electoral promises and has already delivered on several key guarantees.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, TPCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, and several senior party leaders attended the meeting.

Sri Kurmanath, noted journalist and an AI expert, served as the lead mentor. The sessions covered AI applications in office administration, drafting official notes, service rules, administrative procedures.

DRDL Scientist Dr P.C. Jain Honoured by World Academics Federation

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Dr. Prakash Chand Jain, an Outstanding Scientist at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has been conferred the Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi Award in the Science & Technology category for his contributions to the structural design of missile systems and for his scientific service in strengthening India's defence research and engineering capabilities.

Dr. Jain is currently serving at the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), located in the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex, Hyderabad. The award was presented to him in New Delhi by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, former Union Minister for Human Resource Development and Science & Technology, Government of India.

This award, instituted by the Federation for World Academics (FWA) and inaugurated by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, recognises a sustained body of work and is administered by an independent Honorary Council based in New Delhi. This award celebrates breakthroughs and leadership that advance science and technology for the benefit of society. Open to individuals worldwide.



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Woman, two children die after consuming poisonous substance

(IANS) Bhopal, A 37-year-old woman, Ruksana, and her children, Rukaiya, 12, and Faizal, eight, died after allegedly consuming poison in Arwalia village near Bhopal on Saturday, police said.

Rural SP Pankaj Pandey said the incident followed a dispute over household items. Police said Ruksana allegedly brought the children home from school, locked the doors and mixed poison in food. All three died during treatment at Hamidia Hospital. The post-mortem and investigation are underway.

Youth shot dead in MP village; family blocks road, demanding arrests

(IANS) Sehore, Sachin Verma was shot dead in Bhaukhedi village under Ichhawar police station limits in Madhya Pradesh's Sehore district around 8.30 p.m. Saturday, police said.

His family and villagers blocked the Ichhawar-Nasrullaganj road on Sunday, demanding arrests.

Additional Superintendent of Police Prashant Choubey said Sachin stopped to watch an argument over a road accident when someone fired at him. The bullet hit his head, killing him on the spot.

Police registered a case to identify the shooter and establish the cause of the dispute. Choubey said eyewitness accounts differed. Whether the shooting was deliberate or accidental would become clear after the post-mortem, he said.

Police appealed to villagers to maintain peace and cooperate fully with the probe.

Common goal to remove 'anti-people' BJP: SP, denies seat-sharing differences with Cong for UP polls



(IANS) Lucknow The Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Congress on Sunday dismissed speculation about differences between the two parties over seat-sharing arrangements for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, asserting that all decisions would be taken through discussions with the common objective of removing the "anti-people" Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government from power in the state.

The clarification comes amid reports of a delay in seat-sharing negotiations between the two opposition parties.

Talks between the SP and Congress, which were scheduled to begin in New Delhi on November 17, have been postponed, while the date for the next round of discussions is yet to be announced.

Speaking to IANS, Samajwadi Party MP Awadhesh Prasad ruled out the possibility of any disagreement between the alliance partners over the distribution of Assembly seats.

"There is no possibility of any differences between the Congress and the Samajwadi Party over seat-sharing. Everything is being discussed and decided thoughtfully, keeping in mind the common goal of removing the 'anti-people' government of the Bharatiya Janata Party. There is absolutely no possibility of any differences over seat-sharing," Prasad said.

Congress spokesperson Surendra Rajput also asserted that discussions between the two parties were continuing and emphasised that the alliance was focused on ensuring adequate political representation for marginalised and disadvantaged sections of society.

Speaking to IANS, Rajput said, "Our discussions are underway. We are focusing on the marginalised, including the Nal, Neel, Kol, and Bhil communities, as well as the backward classes, Dalits, Adivasis, women, the youth, farmers, the oppressed, and minorities. Upon winning the election, we will ensure that representatives from all these sections reach the Legislative Assembly. The specific formula for their representation will be determined through consultations between Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav, and Mallikarjun Kharge."

Meanwhile, reports indicate that the Congress has submitted a list seeking 181 seats out of the total 403 Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh as part of the ongoing seat-sharing discussions with the Samajwadi Party.

SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav, on the other hand, has said that the allocation of Assembly constituencies would be guided by the electoral strength of the respective alliance partners.

He has indicated that seats would be given to whichever party has a stronger chance of winning a particular Assembly constituency in upcoming Uttar Pradesh polls.

UP Polls: Congress-SP Seat-Sharing Talks to Begin Monday

(IANS) New Delhi, The Congress and Samajwadi Party will begin 2027 UP seat-sharing talks on Monday. The initial meeting will be held at the residence of Congress MP Pramod Tiwari.

The SP has formed a panel comprising National General Secretary Ram Gopal Yadav, state president Shyamlal Pal and MPs Rajeev Rai and Iqra Hasan to lead negotiations.

Congress MP Imran Masood has stressed the need for coordination. SP MP Awadhesh Prasad ruled out differences, saying both parties were focused on defeating the BJP.

Congress spokesperson Surendra Rajput said the alliance was seeking representation for marginalised communities, backward classes, Dalits, Adivasis, women, youth, farmers and minorities.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said seat allocation should be based on winnability, adding that the Congress could win several seats and would offer suggestions during the talks.

'A BJP District President Is Enough': Nitin Nabin Mocks Rahul Gandhi's Debate Challenge

(IANS) Chandigarh, *BJP national president Nitin Nabin on Sunday launched the party's campaign for the December 23 Chandigarh Municipal Corporation elections, urging workers to strengthen the organisation and target victory in all 35 wards.*

Addressing a Booth Workers' Conference, Nabin took a swipe at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over his challenge to debate. He accused Gandhi of making statements and avoiding parliamentary debate, saying a BJP district president was enough to debate him and Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not need to appear.

The conference brought together party workers and office-bearers. 6,500 workers attended, including representatives from 575 booths and district- and mandal-level functionaries.

On Opposition allegations of "vote theft", Nabin denied that votes had been stolen. He cited figures to claim that names had been removed from electoral rolls because 2.8 crore people were deceased, 6.3 crore had moved, one crore entries were duplicates and three crore people were unavailable at their addresses.

Nabin said the BJP was committed to women's safety and empowerment and asserted that the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, or women's reservation law, would soon be implemented. He said the party fulfilled its commitments under Modi's leadership.

Recalling the BJP's 2014 victory, he credited the people of Chandigarh with supporting the party and said the country had then been facing corruption and youth despair. He accused the Congress of focusing on a family and its own members rather than the public.

The BJP's campaign in Chandigarh is expected to focus on civic amenities, development, municipal services, digitisation and the city's future growth. Leaders said the party would prioritise booth-level organisation, public outreach and coordinated campaigning as it prepares to finalise candidates and its election manifesto, or Sankalp Patra.

'Why Was Nitish Not Invited?' Prashant Kishor Raises Questions Over Former CM's Absence



(IANS) Patna, Jan Suraaj founder Prashant Kishor has questioned the absence of former Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar from the inauguration of the six-lane Nitish Setu over the Ganga, asking the BJP and JD(U) why he was not present on the stage.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the bridge in Vaishali district on Saturday. Nitish Kumar, the ten-time Chief Minister, was among the leaders who received Modi at the airport on his arrival in Bihar. Modi later shared photographs on his official X handle showing him greeting Kumar.

Speaking to IANS, Kishor said Kumar's absence was notable because the bridge had been named after him. He questioned the former Chief Minister's visibility and participation in the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

"Speaking frankly in general, it is clearly visible that Nitish Kumar is nowhere to be seen. He and his party have no visibility or participation anywhere. Yesterday, on the stage where the bridge was named 'Nitish Setu', Nitish Kumar himself was not present," Kishor said.

Kishor claimed Kumar would have attended if he were in good health, and said he was in Patna on the day of the inauguration. He said only BJP leaders could explain why Kumar was not on the stage and why he had not been invited.

The remarks have prompted discussion about Kumar's role and visibility within the NDA. Kishor's comments about the former Chief Minister's health were his own assessment; the report provided no confirmation about Kumar's health.

The Nitish Setu project has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 4,280 crore. The 19.7-km project comprises a 9.7-km main bridge across the Ganga and around 10 km of approach roads.

It connects Kachchi Dargah in Patna district with Bidupur in Vaishali district. The bridge is expected to improve connectivity between Patna and north Bihar, ease pressure on the Mahatma Gandhi Setu and JP Setu, and provide residents of Raghopur Diara better road access to Patna.

The inauguration ceremony was held on Saturday.

JEE Main-27: NTA Receives 13.10 Lakh Fee Paid Applications, Registration Closes Tonight



(IANS) New Delhi, The National Testing Agency (NTA) has received 15,04,866 applications for JEE (Main) 2027 Session-1, of which 13,10,493 candidates had completed fee payment by Sunday, hours before the registration window closed without a late fee.

The agency urged all applicants to complete the process by 11.50 p.m. on November 22, 2026. In a post on X, it said candidates registering from November 23 would have to pay a late fee of Rs 500. The extended deadline for registration with the late fee is November 26, up to 11.50 p.m.

The latest figures mark a rise from November 16, when the NTA had reported receiving 9,05,144 applications, while 7,04,316 candidates had completed fee payment.

In an earlier post, the agency had reminded applicants to upload their documents, fill in the required details, pay the fee and download the confirmation page to complete registration. It said more than 7 lakh candidates had completed the process and asked others not to leave their applications unfinished.

The NTA has also advised candidates to log in using their own DigiLocker, JanParichay or e-Pramaan (MeriPehchaan) credentials. The agency said this would help avoid discrepancies in identity verification and biometric data at later stages of the application process.

It further advised applicants to complete Re-KYC through DigiLocker before filling in the online application form, so that their latest details could be fetched.

The agency also issued an advisory on selecting the correct nationality category based on citizenship and Aadhaar status. Indian citizens, including NRIs holding an Aadhaar card, should select the Indian Nationals category.

Foreign citizens and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders should select Foreign Nationals. NRIs holding an Indian passport but not having an Aadhaar card should choose the category meant for NRIs without Aadhaar.

Candidates have been asked to ensure that the details in their applications accurately reflect their citizenship and Aadhaar status.

350 kg of adulterated paneer seized in UP's Moradabad



(IANS) Moradabad, The Food Department has seized around 350 kg of suspected adulterated paneer during a raid near Amroha Gate in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad, officials said on Sunday. The paneer was allegedly being transported in a utility vehicle bearing a 'Press' sticker.

Officials said the driver fled when the team approached. Samples were collected, and the paneer will be destroyed. Assistant Commissioner Rajvansh Srivastava told IANS that the vehicle had a UP registration number and that further action was underway. He said investigators would identify those involved and take action. Legal proceedings are underway.

Earlier this month, it also raided sweet shops in Noida and Greater Noida. It destroyed around 400 kg of rasgullas found infested with flies and contaminated, and seized 450 kg of boondi deemed unfit for consumption.

Samples of seven food items were collected. At a shop in Sector 62's Rasulpur Nawada, officials found sweets being prepared and stored in unhygienic conditions. The department initiated action to suspend its licence and halted business until improvements are made.

On November 3, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta visited Mori Gate Khoya Market, where officials seized and destroyed around 7,000 kg of unhygienic and foul-smelling khoya.

Gupta directed officials to prevent suspected products from entering the market supply chain.

That same day, Haryana food safety authorities destroyed around 50,000 kg of adulterated sweets and fake paneer during a statewide campaign.

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Orders Crackdown on Encroachments in Chandni Chowk

(IANS) New Delhi, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has directed police and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) officials to act on complaints of encroachment and the use of illegal rickshaws in Chandni Chowk, Khari Baoli, Station Road and Pul Mithai, officials said on Sunday.

The complaints were raised by traders during a meeting with the Chief Minister on Friday, led by Chandni Chowk MP Praveen Khandelwal. A Delhi BJP statement said the delegation included Delhi BJP media head and Chandni Chowk Nagrik Manch general secretary Praveen Shankar Kapoor

Municipal Councillor Suman Kumar Gupta and Chandni Chowk BJP district president Arvind Garg.

The delegation sought the intervention of civic agencies in Khari Baoli, Station Road, Pul Mithai and Old Delhi during a meeting of the Indraprastha Heritage Development Corporation. Gupta directed the police and MCD officials present to take immediate action, the statement said.

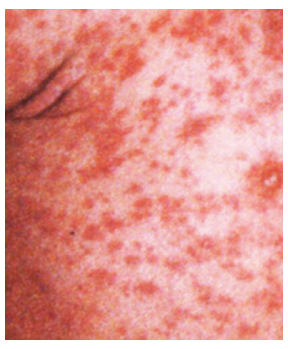
According to the statement, police and MCD teams carried out bulldozer action at Pili Kothi-Pul Mithai on Thursday and Khari Baoli on Friday, clearing permanent illegal encroachments that had allegedly remained for 30 to 40 years.

Kapoor thanked Gupta for the action in Khari Baoli and said the area had been cleared of illegal encroachments. He praised the action in the Pul Mithai area.

"You have made the impossible possible," Kapoor said, congratulating the Chief Minister.

As Delhi BJP media head, Kapoor said the two actions against encroachments in Old Delhi within two days sent a stern message to those involved in illegal occupation: "Remove it yourselves, or we will remove it."

The BJP statement and Kapoor's remarks refer to different dates for the clearance drives: the statement places the actions on Thursday and Friday, while Kapoor's comments refer to action in Pul Mithai on Saturday and clearance in Khari Baoli on Sunday. The dates still require verification.



Bangladesh Measles Death Toll Crosses 1,350 as Nine More Children Die

(IANS) **Dhaka,** Nine more children died from measles-like symptoms in Bangladesh in the 24 hours to 8 am on Sunday, taking confirmed and suspected measles-linked deaths in 2026 to 1,352, local media reported.

The Directorate General of Health Services classified the latest fatalities as suspected cases. Suspected deaths rose to 1,247, while confirmed deaths remained at 105, United News of Bangladesh reported.

Bangladesh recorded 1,162 new suspected cases, taking the total to 256,586. Another 74 infections were laboratory-confirmed, raising the total to 26,136.

Since March 15, 229,530 patients with suspected measles have been admitted to hospitals; 220,705 have recovered, the health directorate said.

Former prime minister Sheikh Hasina blamed what she called state negligence and the collapse of the immunisation system for the outbreak. She alleged that the interim administration led by Muhammad Yunus disrupted vaccine procurement, leaving measles-rubella vaccine stocks exhausted in March 2026.

Hasina also accused Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's government of failing to act adequately as the outbreak worsened. She called for uninterrupted vaccine supplies, targeted immunisation campaigns, disease monitoring, expanded paediatric care and an independent inquiry into alleged procurement and vaccination failures as well.

Iran's IRGC says targeted US positions at two bases in Bahrain with missiles, drones

(IANS) **Tehran/Manama,** Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said its aerospace force targeted US radar installations at two air bases in Bahrain with missiles and drones on Saturday night, describing the operation as retaliation for alleged violations of Iranian airspace.

In a statement carried by its official outlet Sepah News, the IRGC said the "hybrid offensive" targeted the Al-Riffa and Awali Sakhir air bases and claimed that two radars belonging to the US Army's Patriot air defence systems were hit.

The IRGC also alleged that an MQ-1 Predator and an MQ-9 Reaper drone had violated Iran's airspace earlier in the day, warning that any such violation would invite a "harsh and decisive" response.

Earlier, semi-official Fars news agency reported attacks on the Shaikh Isa and Al Juffair air bases in Bahrain. It also reported explosions near Iran's southern Sirik County, saying their cause remained unknown.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's Ministry of Interior said an Iranian attack targeted a civilian industrial facility, triggering a fire. Civil defence teams were working to contain it.

The Bahrain Defense Force said falling debris caused minor material damage but no injuries after its air defence systems intercepted several Iranian aerial attacks.

Separately, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi described the US economic blockade as an "act of war" and said Tehran would take necessary measures to break it. He said Iran's two-day proposal for a ceasefire and reopening of the Strait of Hormuz remained on the table.

The latest developments come amid renewed tensions between Iran and the United States over the strategic waterway.



Bahrain says Bahraini, Pakistani injured in Iranian attacks

(IANS) **Manama,** A Bahraini citizen and a Pakistani resident were injured in Iranian attacks on Bahrain on Saturday, the Ministry of Interior said on Sunday.

In a statement on X, the ministry said the Bahraini national was in stable condition, while the Pakistani resident was in critical condition. Both were receiving hospital treatment.

On Saturday, a civilian industrial facility was targeted, triggering a fire. Initial reports indicated material damage but no injuries, Xinhua reported.

The Bahrain Defence Force said its air defence systems intercepted several Iranian aerial attacks, with falling debris causing minor material damage.

Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the continued Iranian attacks and urged Tehran to stop what it described as repeated violations of other countries' sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Meanwhile, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) claimed that its forces targeted US radar installations at two air bases in Bahrain with missiles and drones. It said the strikes were retaliation for alleged violations of Iranian airspace and claimed two US Patriot air defence radars were hit. The IRGC also alleged that two US drones had violated Iran's airspace.

US senators seek to redirect presidential campaign funds

(IANS) **Washington,** A bipartisan group of US senators has introduced legislation to turn a little-used presidential campaign fund into a permanent source of funding for state and local election offices to improve voting equipment and strengthen cybersecurity.

The Election Infrastructure Security Act, introduced by Democrats Mark Warner and Alex Padilla and Republicans Susan Collins and Mitch McConnell, proposes increasing voluntary contributions through federal tax returns from $3 to $5 for individuals and from $6 to $10 for married couples filing jointly.

The amounts would be adjusted for inflation, while taxpayers would retain the choice to contribute. Under the proposal, states would receive at least $3 million annually and US territories at least $600,000. At least 67 per cent of the money would go to local election jurisdictions, except in states that centrally administer federal elections.

The grants could fund replacement of voting machines, protection of computer systems and election facilities, shorter polling-place queues and reimbursement for certain earlier security investments. The money could not be used for litigation.

States would have to publish spending plans, invite public comments and submit annual reports. The US Election Assistance Commission would administer the fund and conduct periodic audits.

The sponsors said the existing tax-return designation generates about $21 million to $25 million annually. Changes could raise about $200 million a year, according to a Bipartisan Policy Center estimate.

The senators said 23 state and local election associations had endorsed the proposal. The bill would make permanent a funding shift that redirected $80 million from the presidential fund during fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

The legislation has not become law. The presidential fund was established to support eligible candidates' campaigns, but no major-party nominee accepted a general election grant after 2008.

Saudi airstrikes hit Yemen's Hodeidah amid escalating cross-border attacks

(IANS) **Sanaa/Riyadh,** Saudi warplanes launched a series of airstrikes on Yemen's Red Sea port city of Hodeidah on Saturday evening, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported.

The broadcaster described the attacks as "Saudi aggression," without providing details on casualties or damage.

A local resident told Xinhua that more than five powerful explosions shook the city as warplanes continued flying overhead. "The blasts were extremely loud, and we could still hear aircraft above us," the resident said.

Separately, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said that Saudi warplanes and missiles had carried out 71 strikes across eight Yemeni provinces over the preceding 24 hours, causing casualties, Xinhua news agency reported.



In a statement posted on social media platform X, Sarea said the latest attacks brought the total number of airstrikes and missile attacks attributed to Saudi Arabia to 5,500 since the renewed military escalation began.

Meanwhile, Saudi-led coalition spokesperson Turki al-Maliki said Saturday on X that coalition forces had intercepted and destroyed a drone launched by the Houthi group towards the kingdom's southern region.

The developments come amid intensifying fighting between the Houthis and Yemen's government forces supported by the Saudi-led coalition. In recent days, the Houthis have also claimed repeated missile and drone strikes on Saudi airports and oil facilities, while Houthi media have reported intensified Saudi airstrikes across Yemen.

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

Canada joins NATO Innovation Fund as 25th participating ally

(IANS) **Ottawa,** Canadian Minister of National Defence David McGuinty announced that Canada has concluded negotiations and formally joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Innovation Fund (NIF), becoming the 25th NATO ally and the first in North America to join.

As part of its admission, Canada will contribute more than 100 million Canadian dollars ($70 million) to the fund, enabling the NIF to invest in startups and funds in Canada, said the Department of National Defence in a news release on Saturday.

Canada's participation will give Canadian defence innovators access to over 1 billion euros ($1.1 billion) of deployable capital and provide a new pathway to deepen defence investment between Canada and the European NATO allies, Xinhua news agency reported quoting the release.

"Canada's participation builds on growing ties between the NIF and Canada's defence industry. Over the past year, NIF portfolio companies have expanded into the Canadian market, creating opportunities for investment, innovation and collaboration," said the press release.



"Canada's participation in the NIF will help Canadian companies grow, create high-skilled jobs, and strengthen Canada's defence industrial base while creating economic opportunities for Canadians through increased investment in defence and emerging technologies," it added.

The NIF is the world's first multi-sovereign venture capital fund designed to strengthen the defence, security and resilience of NATO member states by investing in cutting edge technologies.

For Canada, the NIF is both an economic and security opportunity, supporting the growth of homegrown technology champions while strengthening Allied resilience and the Alliance's technological edge.

The NIF was launched in 2022 to help develop a broad range of emerging and advanced technologies that are important for NATO's defence and security.

South Korea Education Minister Resigns Over AI Cheating Row

(IANS) **Seoul,** South Korea's Education Minister Choi Kyo-jin resigned on Sunday after President Lee Jae Myung accepted his offer to step down over confusion caused by last-minute measures to prevent artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted cheating in the national college entrance examination.

Choi said changes made shortly before Thursday's College Scholastic Ability Test, known as Suneung, had inconvenienced students and people. He accepted responsibility for the lack of preparation.

The ministry faced criticism for announcing anti-cheating rules shortly before the examination. Candidates were told to bring only pencils into exam rooms and cover clothing buttons with stickers to prevent miniature cameras. Authorities sent three mobile alerts to identify candidates who had not surrendered their phones.

The ministry reported 111 suspected cheating cases involving electronic devices. Students and teachers said the late changes increased anxiety.

Concerns over AI cheating grew after the top scorer in this year's certified tax accountant examination admitted using a miniature camera, smartphone and generative AI to cheat.

Choi faced criticism over remarks in parliament. Asked whether he could guarantee detection of AI cheating, he said he did not think he could, citing his age.

Police are investigating cheating allegations against a man who scored perfectly in this year's Legal Education Eligibility Test and was found dead on Thursday. Probe is still open.



Malawi tightens border screening, imposes quarantine rules to prevent Ebola

(IANS) **Lilongwe,** Malawi has tightened border screening and introduced quarantine measures to prevent Ebola entering from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the Ministry of Health and Sanitation said.

Under the advisory, travellers must complete an online Traveller Health Declaration Form and provide contact details for follow-up, Xinhua News Agency reported.



Travellers arriving from or transiting through the DRC must undergo 21-day self-isolation and daily health monitoring. Those arriving from or transiting through Uganda, Kenya or Nigeria will also be monitored daily for 21 days.

Incoming travellers will undergo temperature checks and screening at airports, land borders and inland ports. The ministry urged travellers, transport operators and border stakeholders to follow infection prevention protocols and instructions from port health officers.

The advisory was signed by Secretary for Health and Sanitation Dan Namarika. Malawi has reported no Ebola cases since the current outbreak began in May 2026 in the DRC, where 11,613 confirmed cases and 5,678 deaths have been reported, according to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The World Health Organization says Ebola is a severe, often fatal disease affecting humans and primates. It spreads through direct contact with infected animals, people, bodily fluids or contaminated materials and surfaces.

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WAR WITHOUT END: Netanyahu's Push For Another Iran Offensive



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- Civilians Bear War's Burden as Calls for Diplomacy Grow

By: Mohammed Abdul Jaleel (Editor-in-Chief, The Munsif Daily)

The Middle East faces the possibility of another major military confrontation as Israeli caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly presses the United States to support renewed strikes against Iran.

According to recent reports, Netanyahu has sought American participation in a four-to-seven-day aerial campaign, describing further military action as unavoidable. President Donald Trump, however, has expressed reluctance to make an immediate decision.

The renewed pressure comes amid a prolonged conflict that has already caused serious economic disruption and humanitarian suffering. Another offensive could deepen regional instability and extend its consequences far beyond the Middle East.

The Global Economic Cost of War

The repercussions of the conflict are being felt across international markets. Disruptions around the strategically important Strait of Hormuz have threatened oil supplies, shipping routes and global trade.

Rising energy costs affect transportation, manufacturing and agriculture, while fertiliser shortages and supply-chain disruptions place additional pressure on food production.

Developing economies are particularly vulnerable, as higher import costs increase inflation and reduce household purchasing power.

Businesses facing rising expenses may postpone investments or reduce employment, leaving ordinary workers exposed to economic uncertainty.

What begins as a regional military confrontation can therefore become a global economic challenge.

Security & Military Escalation

Israel has repeatedly cited Iran's nuclear programme, missile capabilities and regional activities as major security concerns.

However, whether another military campaign could deliver lasting security remains an important question.

Repeated strikes and retaliatory attacks risk creating an enduring cycle of violence, increasing mistrust and threatening neighbouring countries.

Military operations may weaken immediate capabilities, but they cannot independently establish political reconciliation or sustainable regional stability.

Netanyahu's reported demands have also generated political debate within Israel, where questions concerning security policy and domestic political calculations remain contested.

Decisions carrying the possibility of widespread destruction require careful assessment, accountability and consideration of their long-term consequences.

The Gulf Growing Uncertainty

The confrontation has heightened security concerns across the Arabian Peninsula, particularly regarding energy infrastructure, maritime trade and regional stability.

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries remain vulnerable to the wider consequences of missile attacks, shipping disruptions and continuing instability involving Yemen's Houthi forces.

The region's dependence on strategic partnerships also highlights the limitations of military guarantees when several interconnected conflicts demand international attention.

A lasting solution requires regional dialogue, credible security arrangements and cooperation rather than fragmented responses to successive crises.

Civilians Pay the Highest Price

Behind every military operation are families struggling with fear, displacement and economic hardship.

Iranian civilians face uncertainty, while communities across the Gulf remain exposed to the consequences of further escalation.

Beyond the region, workers confront rising living costs, farmers face expensive inputs, and vulnerable households struggle with food insecurity.

Children and economically disadvantaged communities often bear the greatest burden of prolonged instability.

The human consequences of war must remain central to every decision concerning further military action.

Diplomacy Over Endless Conflict

President Trump's reported caution offers an opportunity for renewed diplomatic engagement, although Washington's ultimate position remains uncertain.

The international community must encourage negotiations, civilian protection and practical measures to reduce tensions.

Diplomacy cannot immediately resolve long-standing disputes, but continued military escalation provides no guarantee of lasting peace.

"The true cost of endless war is not measured in military victories, but in shattered lives and generations denied peace."

The Middle East cannot achieve enduring security through an indefinite cycle of attacks and retaliation.

Political responsibility, restraint and meaningful dialogue are essential to preventing another devastating confrontation.

Ultimately, genuine security must be measured not merely by military strength, but by the protection of human lives, economic stability and the possibility of lasting peace.

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY: The Urgent Need To Confront Fascism

Growing concerns over majoritarian politics, minority rights and democratic freedoms highlight the importance of protecting India's constitutional values and institutional independence.

By: RAM PUNIYANI

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The protection of democracy and resistance to authoritarian tendencies have become important concerns in contemporary India. Speaking at the Bharat Summit 2026, political commentator Ram Puniyani expressed concern over the country's democratic institutions, minority rights and the increasing influence of majoritarian politics.

He argued that developments since 2014 have raised serious questions about democratic accountability, political representation and constitutional safeguards. Referring to international democracy assessments, he warned against the gradual weakening of democratic freedoms.

The Challenge to Constitutional Democracy

India's Constitution rests upon the principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. These values provide the foundation for a democratic society in which citizens enjoy equal rights irrespective of religion, caste or social background.

Puniyani expressed concern that growing religious polarisation and attempts to marginalise minority communities could weaken these principles.

He also questioned electoral practices that might prevent eligible citizens from exercising their voting rights, emphasising the importance of transparency and accountability in electoral administration.

The credibility of democracy, he suggested, depends not merely on conducting elections but also on protecting individual freedoms and ensuring meaningful political participation.

Majoritarianism and Political Ideology

Reflecting on India's political history, Puniyani examined the ideological differences between the freedom movement's pluralistic traditions and Hindu nationalist organisations.

He referred to the writings of V.D. Savarkar and M.S. Golwalkar while discussing the historical development of Hindutva politics.

He argued that religious nationalism, when translated into exclusionary political practices, can threaten the constitutional commitment to equal citizenship.

His criticism also extended to the treatment of dissent, the influence of political ideology on public institutions and concerns surrounding minority representation.

"Democracy cannot flourish when constitutional equality gives way to discrimination and the concentration of political power."

Protecting the Spirit of the Constitution

Puniyani stressed the importance of preserving secularism, social harmony and the independence of democratic institutions.

He emphasised that political disagreements must be addressed through constitutional processes rather than intimidation, hostility or discrimination.

The protection of democracy requires citizens, civil society organisations and political institutions to remain vigilant against abuses of power.

India's democratic strength ultimately depends upon its ability to accommodate diversity, safeguard fundamental rights and uphold the rule of law. The central message is that democracy must be defended through constitutional commitment, institutional accountability and equal respect for every citizen.

The Rise of Muslims: Beyond Numbers, A Test of Character

With Muslims projected to lead global religious demographics by 2035, education, unity, justice and moral responsibility remain vital.

By: Dr Shujath Ali Sufi, PhD

The Muslim population is expected to experience remarkable growth over the coming decade. Recent demographic projections suggest that Muslims could become the world's largest religious community by 2035, marking a significant development in global religious demographics.

However, an important question arises: Will numerical strength automatically translate into intellectual advancement, economic prosperity and social influence?

Population Growth and Collective Responsibility

The growing Muslim population represents considerable potential, particularly through its younger generations. Yet numbers alone cannot guarantee progress or leadership.

A community's true strength depends upon education, scientific advancement, economic independence, ethical conduct and social responsibility.

The Islamic message emphasises justice, compassion, equality and service to humanity. These principles must remain central to the development of Muslim societies.

Unity Beyond Religious and Social Divisions

One of the greatest challenges confronting Muslim communities is internal division.

Differences involving sect, language, nationality and social background frequently overshadow shared religious and moral values.

Islam teaches brotherhood, mutual respect and concern for the vulnerable. Its message encourages believers to rise above unnecessary divisions and work collectively towards the common good.

The future of Muslim societies therefore depends not merely upon increasing numbers but upon strengthening unity and cooperation.

Education, Justice and Social Progress

Muslim communities face important challenges involving poverty, unemployment, educational inequality and limited economic opportunities.

Addressing these concerns requires investment in modern education, scientific research, professional skills and entrepreneurship.

Equal educational opportunities for women, protection of children's rights and support for disadvantaged communities are essential to meaningful progress.

Islamic teachings also emphasise honesty in business, fairness in public affairs, compassion towards others and accountability in leadership.

Religious identity must be reflected through everyday conduct rather than confined to outward expressions or ceremonial observances.

The True Meaning of Muslim Identity

A growing population carries greater responsibilities towards society and humanity.

Faith must inspire integrity, knowledge must encourage progress, and religious commitment must promote justice and compassion.

Allama Iqbal expressed this profound concern through his celebrated verse:

"You may be a Sayyid, a Mirza or an Afghan; you may be everything, but are you truly a Muslim?"

His words remind believers that genuine religious identity is demonstrated through character, conduct and moral responsibility.

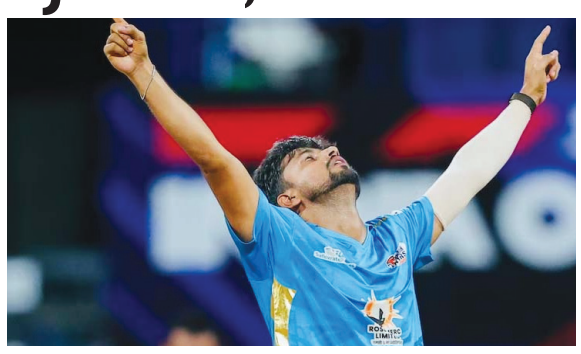
The coming decade may witness an important demographic transformation, but the greater achievement would be the emergence of educated, compassionate and socially responsible Muslim communities.

Ultimately, the true strength of the Muslim Ummah will be measured not by population alone, but by its contribution to knowledge, justice, humanity and peaceful coexistence.

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SMAT 2026: Jamshed Alam stars for Railways with four wickets in four balls; Rajasthan, HP win



New Delhi, (IANS): Railways' T20 debutant Jamshed Alam created history in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) 2026, claiming four wickets in four consecutive deliveries against Saurashtra in Indore on Sunday. His remarkable bowling performance helped Railways register a 29-run victory.

Alam struck in the fourth over of Saurashtra's innings, dismissing Harvik Desai, Prerak Mankad, Ruchit Ahir and Sammar Gajjar off successive deliveries. He became only the third Indian bowler to achieve the feat in the format, following Karnataka's Abhimanyu Mithun and Vidarbha's Darshan Nalkande, who had also recorded four wickets in four balls in the tournament.

The Railways bowler went on to complete a five-wicket haul in just nine deliveries, dismissing Siddhant Rana in the sixth over. He finished with impressive figures of 5-38 in four overs. Despite an unbeaten 80 off 61 balls from Harvansh Pangalia, Saurashtra managed only 153/8 while chasing 183. Earlier, Jayant Lakhan top-scored for Railways with 47, while Ravi Singh contributed 32 and Zubair Ali Khan made 27. Meanwhile, Rajasthan continued their strong run in Group A with a convincing 67-run victory over Mizoram in Mumbai. Wicketkeeper-batter Kunal Singh Rathore led the charge with an unbeaten 116 as Rajasthan posted 224/5 in 20 overs. In reply, Mizoram were restricted to 157/5, with Chinmay Sutar scoring 48. Rajasthan now lead Group A with four wins from five matches.

In another match, Himachal Pradesh defeated Tripura by 32 runs to strengthen their position at the top of Group C. Defending a target of 184, Himachal Pradesh restricted Tripura to 151/8. Medium pacer Rohit Kumar was the star with figures of 3-16 in four overs, while Lakshay Thareja scored a half-century for Tripura. Himachal Pradesh have secured four wins from five matches and lead the group with 16 points.

Vidarbha also registered a five-wicket victory over Gujarat in a rain-affected, 13-over-per-side contest in Kolkata. Parth Rekhade claimed three wickets for 15 runs in two overs to restrict Gujarat to 128/7. In reply, openers Atharva Taide (44) and Danish Malewar (43) provided a strong foundation before Ravikumar Samarth and Varun Bisht guided Vidarbha to victory in the final over.

Alcaraz, Zverev set up ATP Finals title showdown

Turin, (IANS): Carlos Alcaraz fought back to defeat Ben Shelton 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (1) in the ATP Finals semi-final on Saturday, setting up a title clash with Alexander Zverev, who beat Daniil Medvedev 7-6 (0), 6-4.

Alcaraz extended his winning streak to 13 matches and moved closer to his maiden ATP Finals title. Despite a left thigh injury and support on his right knee, the Spaniard dominated the deciding tiebreak to secure victory.

The final will be a repeat of the 2021 title clash, which Zverev won. The German is chasing his third ATP Finals crown, while Alcaraz leads their head-to-head record 7-6 and will look to claim his first title at the season-ending event.

1st Test: Pant, Rahul tons put India on top; Conway's unbeaten fifty keeps NZ alive



Wellington, (IANS): Centuries from KL Rahul and Rishabh Pant powered India to a massive 720/9 declared in their first innings, putting the visitors in a commanding position against New Zealand on day four of the first Test at the Basin Reserve on Sunday.

Chasing India's huge total, New Zealand reached 119/2 at stumps, still trailing by 233 runs with one full day remaining. Devon Conway led the resistance with an unbeaten 59 off 137 balls, while Henry Nicholls scored 31 and Rachin

Ravindra remained not out on 27. India's innings was built around impressive contributions from the top and middle order. Rahul scored a patient 136, while Pant produced an attacking 128 off 153 deliveries, including 10 boundaries and six sixes. Shubman Gill narrowly missed a century with 98, while Yashasvi Jaiswal (85), Devdutt Padikkal (80) and Dhruv Jurel (78) also made significant contributions.

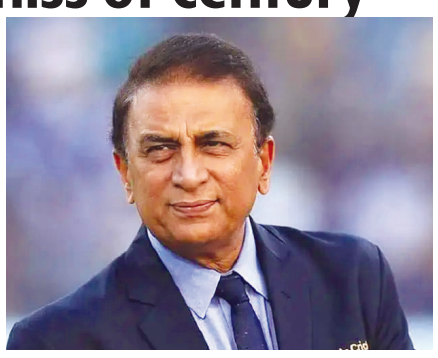
Pant's ninth Test century and first in New Zealand was particularly significant as he became the first Indian wicketkeeper-batter to score Test hundreds in all four SENA countries — South Africa, England, New Zealand and Australia. His 108th Test six took him past former New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum in the list of most sixes, leaving only Ben Stokes ahead of him.

India also created history with their total of 720/9, the highest score ever recorded by a visiting team in New Zealand. Another remarkable achievement was that all of India's first seven partnerships crossed the 50-run mark, a first in Test cricket history.

For New Zealand, Jasprit Bumrah made an early breakthrough by dismissing captain Tom Latham for a duck in the second innings. Prasidh Krishna later removed Nicholls with a sharp delivery, ending his 31-run knock. Conway and Ravindra then steadied the innings to ensure there were no further setbacks before stumps.

With the pitch offering limited assistance to bowlers, India face a challenging final day as they need eight more wickets to secure victory and take a 1-0 lead in the series. New Zealand, meanwhile, will depend on Conway and the remaining batting line-up to withstand the Indian attack and save the Test.

Gavaskar hails Gill as 'reliable, resolute and unbreakable' despite narrow miss of century



New Delhi, (Agencies): Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has heaped praise on Shubman Gill for his impressive batting display against New Zealand in the ongoing first Test at the Basin Reserve in Wellington, describing the Indian skipper as "reliable, resolute and unbreakable".

Gill came agonisingly close to scoring a century on the second day of the Test on Saturday but was dismissed for 98, just two runs short of the landmark. New Zealand pacer Jacob Duffy bowled a delivery that came back in sharply, struck Gill on the pads and went on to hit the stumps, ending his impressive innings.

Speaking during a discussion on Sony Sports Network, Gavaskar praised Gill's confidence and composure at the crease. "He is completely reliable and looks very confident when he walks out to bat. He never gives the impression that he does not want to be there. He wants to stay at the crease and score runs. From the very first ball, he looked resolute and unbreakable," Gavaskar said.

Former New Zealand fast bowler Simon Doull also praised Gill, pointing out that winning the Test is more important than an individual century, particularly for a captain. He said that if India win the match, Gill would not be too concerned about missing out on a hundred. Doull added that the Indian skipper appeared to be enjoying both his leadership responsibilities and batting at the No. 4 position.

Gill's innings included nine boundaries and two sixes, providing a crucial contribution to India's first-innings effort. The right-handed batter has scored more than 3,000 runs in Test cricket, including 11 centuries, since making his debut against Australia in December 2020.

Gill was appointed India's Test captain in May last year following Rohit Sharma's decision to retire from the longest format of the game.

New Zealand aim to take it ball by ball in bid to save match, says Rachin Ravindra

Wellington, (IANS): New Zealand all-rounder Rachin Ravindra said the hosts would focus on taking the final day of the first Test against India ball by ball as they attempt to save the match at the Basin Reserve.

New Zealand ended day four at 119/2 in their second innings, still trailing India's 720/9 declared by 233 runs, with 90 overs remaining. Ravindra was unbeaten on 27, while opener Devon Conway was not out on 59. Ravindra said the team would aim to build partnerships and bat for as long as possible, expressing confidence in Conway's ability to handle the Indian bowling attack.

He described India's disciplined bowling and consistent attack on the stumps as a challenge that required patience. Ravindra also felt stronger winds could dry out the pitch further, leading to uneven bounce and offering more assistance to spinners. While acknowledging that the surface was different from New Zealand's traditionally pace-friendly pitches, he said teams had to adapt to the conditions and defended the high-scoring contest as entertaining for spectators.

India need eight more wickets on the final day to win the Test and take a 1-0 lead in the series, while New Zealand will look to bat out the remaining overs to secure a draw.

Arsenal, Manchester City both held to draws in Premier League

London, (IANS): Premier League leaders Arsenal were held to a 2-2 draw by Newcastle United, while Manchester City shared points with Fulham after a 1-1 home draw on Saturday.

Arsenal took the lead through Eberechi Eze in the 33rd minute, but goals from Harvey Barnes and Malick Thiaw put Newcastle ahead. Noni Madueke equalised in the 78th minute. For City, Rodrigo Muniz scored for Fulham before Elliot Anderson levelled the match in the 57th minute, ending City's run of three league defeats. Elsewhere, Bournemouth beat Nottingham Forest 2-0 to register their fifth consecutive league win, while Leeds United stunned Chelsea 4-1 at Stamford Bridge, claiming their first win there since 1999. Coventry defeated Crystal Palace 3-2, Tottenham beat Ipswich 2-0, with 18-year-old Luca Williams-Barnett scoring on his first Premier League start, and Sunderland drew 0-0 with Aston Villa.

Not close to Usman Khawaja, got on better with David Warner, says Josh Hazlewood



Sydney, (IANS): Veteran Australia fast bowler Josh Hazlewood has said he was never particularly close to former opener Usman Khawaja off the field, revealing that he shared a much stronger bond with David Warner. His comments come amid continued controversy surrounding Khawaja's autobiography Sabr and its revelations about the 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

Hazlewood said he shared similar interests with Warner and played more cricket alongside him, particularly in white-ball formats and World Cups. Admitting that he and Khawaja rarely spoke, the pacer said that in any workplace, not everyone in a team of 20 would necessarily become close friends, although he maintained professional relations with all his teammates.

Reflecting on Australia's 2018 South Africa tour, Hazlewood said the squad was not particularly united, with bowlers and batters often spending time in separate groups. He added that Khawaja's claims in Sabr, including the allegation that the team failed to support Warner, Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft, did not bother him. Hazlewood said everyone had the right to tell their own story and he had no issue with Khawaja presenting his version of events.

'We feel like underdogs': Uthappa on Mumbai Indians' reset ahead of IPL 2027



Dubai, (IANS): Veteran Australia fast bowler Josh Hazlewood has said he was never close to former opener Usman Khawaja off the field, adding that he shared a far stronger bond with David Warner.

Hazlewood's comments come even as fallout from Khawaja's autobiography 'Sabr' continues to engulf the Australian cricketing community over the 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

"I always got on pretty well with Davey, I thought. We had a lot of the same interests. I played a lot of cricket with him, probably more than Usman. Usman played a lot when I've been injured in the last four or five years. I played a lot of white ball cricket with Davey, World Cups and things like that and celebrated those events," Hazlewood was quoted as saying by The Herald Sun.Asked whether he and Khawaja barely spoke, the pacer replied in the affirmative. "Yeah, I think that is fair to say. I think in any work environment, whether it be sport or in the office and you have a team of 20, there are two or three who you just don't get along with in terms of hanging out.

"You get on with each other from a professional point of view and I always did with everyone I played with; I tried to ... and I did not hate them or avoid them at all costs, but I did not go out of my way to hang out with them."

Hazlewood also admitted that the squad on the 2018 South Africa tour was far from united as a unit. "One thing to mention about the team at the time is it was not the closest team. It has been thrown around now about bowlers versus batters, but then, it might have been true to a degree.

"The PE (Port Elizabeth) change-room is quite long and thin. I think it can be a genuine assumption that bowlers were together down one end and batters can be down the other."

In 'Sabr', Khawaja accused the team of failing to back Warner, Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft and Hazlewood said those claims had not bothered him. "I don't really have a problem with it, to be honest. I think everyone's got their story to tell. It's water off a duck's back for me. Nothing really sat badly with me.

"Whenever it was going to come out, I think it's going to create the same headlines, whether it's now or in five years or ten years. I don't really give it much thought, to be honest. If that's how he wants to portray things and tell his story, then go for it."

Dhruv Jurel's stunning catch reminds Ravi Shastri of legendary Eknath Solkar



Wellington, (Agencies): Wellington, Nov 22: India wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel produced a spectacular catch during the Wellington Test against New Zealand, drawing praise from former India cricketer and commentator Ravi Shastri, who said the effort reminded him of legendary fielder Eknath Solkar.

Jurel's stunning catch to dismiss Henry Nicholls left spectators impressed. Reacting to the effort on social media, Shastri recalled Solkar's remarkable close-in fielding, writing that Jurel's catch brought back memories of the legendary cricketer's finest days. He also highlighted Solkar's extraordinary record of taking 52 catches in 27 Test matches, many of them at short leg and silly point without wearing a helmet.

Solkar was widely regarded as one of India's finest close-in fielders, particularly at forward short leg, where his courage and sharp reflexes made him a formidable presence. He was known for rarely dropping catches and often fielded close to the bat without protective equipment.

Revanth seeks OBC census, 30,000 crore drought relief from Centre

CM Announces Five-Month 'Praja Balam' Campaign, Alleges Deletion of 13 Crore Votes Nationwide



Hyderabad (NSS) : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday demanded that the Union government include Other Backward Classes (OBC) enumeration in the upcoming 2027 Population Census, while accusing the Centre of orchestrating large-scale deletion of voters across the country.

Addressing the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Political Affairs Committee (PAC) meeting at Gandhi Bhavan, Revanth Reddy noted that Telangana had conducted a caste survey for the first time in 100 years.

During the meeting, the PAC adopted a resolution urging the Centre to incorporate an OBC count in the national census.

The Chief Minister also advised TPCC President Mahesh Goud to formally write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue.

Announcing a five-month mass outreach programme titled 'Praja Balam' to be launched after the Sankranti festival, Revanth Reddy directed party leaders to visit every village across the state. He stated that specific responsibilities would be assigned to leaders with adequate funding, adding that the party has already rewarded hardworking cadres with key positions.

He also welcomed newly appointed AICC in-charge for Telangana, B.M. Sandeep, and thanked Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, and Rahul Gandhi for the appointment.

Highlighting the impact of El Niño weather conditions, the Chief Minister urged the Union government to extend ₹30,000 crore in financial assistance to Telangana.

Stating that over 100 countries, along with neighbouring Maharashtra and Karnataka, were facing drought-like conditions due to deficient rainfall, Revanth Reddy advised farmers to opt for dry crops. He assured that Telangana has sufficient food grain reserves and that all available water in state irrigation projects would be prioritised to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply for the next eight months.

On the power front, Revanth Reddy said the state government successfully met a peak demand of 20,000 MW during the monsoon without outages, protecting standing crops.

To mitigate rural distress, he announced a major upcoming initiative aimed at universal employment, noting a substantial rise in beneficiaries under the existing employment guarantee scheme.

Launching a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the revision of electoral rolls, the Chief Minister alleged that 71 lakh votes in Telangana and 13 crore votes nationwide had been deleted under the guise of Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Claiming that votes belonging to Dalits, Adivasis, tribal communities, and women whom he described as traditional Congress supporters were being struck off on the pretext of migration or minor surname discrepancies, Revanth Reddy urged party cadres and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to remain vigilant. He called on Congress workers to protest with the slogan "Gyanesh Kumar Go Back," drawing a parallel to the historical "Simon Go Back" agitation.

"The BJP is creating two categories of people those who have the right to vote and those who do not. It is turning citizens into second-class citizens," the Chief Minister alleged.

Bhatti woos Schneider Electric for further investments in Telangana



Hyderabad (NSS) : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has invited global energy technology firm Schneider Electric to expand its manufacturing footprint in Telangana, highlighting the State's rapid emergence as a major data centre hub.

During a visit to Schneider Electric's office in Paris, Bhatti Vikramarka met Gwenaelle Huet, Executive Vice President and Executive Committee Member, along with Vice President Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh and their leadership team. Stating that the timing was ideal for the company—which specialises in electrification, digitisation, and automation—to scale up operations, the Deputy Chief Minister noted that over 30 per cent of its revenues could potentially be driven by the data centre segment.

Congratulating the company on its upcoming facility inauguration scheduled for November 30, Bhatti Vikramarka remarked that Schneider Electric's Telangana unit is regarded as a "lighthouse" facility for the corporation, calling it a matter of pride for the State's industrial ecosystem.

He emphasised that Telangana occupies a strategic position in Schneider Electric's India operations, employing over 5,000 personnel across manufacturing, research and development (R&D), sales, and other core functions.

The discussions centred on leveraging Schneider Electric's global capabilities and deepening its long-standing partnership with the State. "The Telangana government remains committed to extending its full support to Schneider Electric's continued growth and expansion in the State," a senior official accompanying the Deputy Chief Minister said.

Tummala proposes AB cables in oil palm plantations to ensure farmer safety

Hyderabad (NSS) : Agriculture and Horticulture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has proposed replacing overhead electricity lines passing through oil palm plantations with Aerial Bunched (AB) cables wherever technically feasible to improve safety and benefit farmers.

The Minister is taking up the proposal with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, citing the risks and difficulties caused by low-hanging power lines in plantations.

He has suggested a joint survey by the Electricity and Horticulture departments to identify 11 kV and low-tension lines passing through oil palm fields and assess the feasibility of replacing them. He also called for a priority-based action plan, subject to statutory approvals and electrical safety standards.

BRS warns of statewide agitation over abolition of intermediate system

Hyderabad (NSS) : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan Kumar on Sunday strongly criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the decision to abolish Telangana's 55-year-old Intermediate education system, terming it a unilateral move taken without democratic debate, Cabinet approval, or legislative backing.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Dr. Sravan alleged that dismantling the Intermediate framework without consulting educationists or stakeholders would deal a permanent blow to the domicile rights and academic future of Telangana students. Pointing out that the State government had failed to respond to his initial representation on November 13, the MLC released a second open letter to the Chief Minister during the briefing. The letter outlines purported legal ramifications of the decision, specifically flagging risks to the local status protections of Telangana youth. Warning the government against pressing ahead with the decision, Dr. Sravan said the BRS would join hands with students, lecturers, and intellectuals to launch a statewide agitation if the move is not reconsidered.

Azharuddin invites UAE Royal family member to Invest Telangana Summit



Hyderabad (NSS) : Minister for Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin met Sheikh Saoud Bin Faisal Bin Sultan Al Qassimi, a member of the ruling families of Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah (UAE), and formally invited him to the upcoming Invest Telangana Global Summit.

UAE dignitaries H.E. Khalid Al Hosani and H.E. Dr. Ahmed Yousuf Al Abd, along with Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) General Secretary Mohammed Asaduddin, were also present at the meeting.

Held in a cordial atmosphere, the interaction focused on strengthening bilateral friendship and economic cooperation between Telangana and the United Arab Emirates.

Extending the invitation for the three-day summit, scheduled to take place in Hyderabad from December 7 to 9, 2026, Azharuddin highlighted the platform's role in bringing together international investors, business leaders, and global delegates to explore investment opportunities and strategic partnerships in the state.

Expressing pleasure at meeting the delegation, the Minister reiterated Telangana's commitment to deepening its longstanding ties with the UAE. The engagement forms part of the state government's broader international outreach to attract global participation ahead of the December summit.

Huge Crowds of Devotees Throng Yadadri Temple During Karthika Masam

Hyderabad (NSS) :

A large number of devotees visited the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple at Yadadri on Sunday to offer prayers during the ongoing Karthika Masam festivities. Taking advantage of the weekend holiday, pilgrims arrived from early morning, took holy dips in the temple pushkarini and queued up for darshan. Priests performed special pujas, while mass Satyanarayana Vrathams were also organised.

The heavy rush led to traffic congestion on roads leading to the hill shrine. Temple authorities put crowd-control measures in place to ensure smooth darshan for devotees.

Unity key to Congress victory in Telangana: Sandeep Kumar



Hyderabad (NSS) : All India Congress Committee (AICC) Telangana in-charge B.M. Sandeep Kumar stated that the Congress came to power in Telangana in the last Assembly elections solely due to the united efforts of its leaders and grassroots cadres.

Addressing a meeting of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee's Political Affairs Committee (PAC) at Gandhi Bhavan on Sunday, Sandeep Kumar recalled that collective teamwork had secured the party 64 Assembly seats, followed by subsequent by-election victories. Urging leaders and workers to prepare with renewed vigour for upcoming polls, he called on them to surpass their previous tally and further consolidate the party's majority. Highlighting the State government's track record, B.M.Sandeep Kumar noted that major welfare schemes and development programmes were being implemented despite severe drought-like conditions triggered by the El Niño phenomenon.

He alleged that although the BJP-led government at the Centre was not extending adequate financial assistance, the State government had refused to compromise on public welfare, setting an example for other States. Appreciating the groundwork laid by previous AICC in-charges in Telangana, Sandeep Kumar urged the cadre to intensify their efforts toward the larger national goal of making Congress leader Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister. He also called upon the party rank and file to counter the ideology of the BJP and RSS through democratic and secular values.

Referring to Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi's book Belonging, the AICC in-charge noted that it had garnered widespread attention nationwide. He added that Sonia Gandhi's sacrifices, alongside the martyrdom of former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, would remain permanently etched in the public memory.

He appealed to the entire Telangana Congress leadership and cadre to remain united to secure a decisive victory in forthcoming elections and return the party to power at the Centre.

ASBL Legacy Brings Gated Community Living to the Heart of Central Hyderabad



Hyderabad (NSS) : Central Hyderabad is witnessing a new approach to premium residential living with ASBL Legacy, which aims to bring the gated community lifestyle to established neighbourhoods without requiring residents to relocate to the city's western corridor.

Areas such as RTC X Roads, Nallakunta and Himayatnagar offer strong connectivity and easy access to schools, commercial centres and social infrastructure. However, limited availability of large land parcels has restricted the development of large gated residential communities in these localities, often forcing residents to look towards western Hyderabad for such facilities.

ASBL Legacy seeks to bridge this gap by introducing the gated community format in Central Hyderabad, enabling residents to upgrade their lifestyle while remaining connected to their familiar neighbourhoods. The project enjoys convenient connectivity, located just two minutes from RTC X Roads Metro Station, eight minutes from Kacheguda Railway Station and approximately 15 minutes from Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS).

Four members of the same family die in road accident



Hyderabad (NSS) : Four members of the same family died in a horrific road accident near Buggarameshwaram in the district. The accident occurred when a lorry collided with an auto Rikshaw going from Pendlimadugu to Kerelli. Chandramma, Parvathamma, Saritha and Nagesh were found dead in the incident. Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker and Vikarabad MLA Gaddam Prasad Kumar expressed deep shock over the accident. He expressed his grief that the loss of four members of the same family was extremely painful. He expressed his deepest condolences to the family members of the deceased. He asked the local police officials about the manner of the accident. He assured the families of the victims that he would stand by them and provide all possible support on behalf of the government. The Speaker prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased and for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Grand Nagar Kirtan Held in Hyderabad to Mark 557th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji



Hyderabad (News Fair Service) : A grand Nagar Kirtan was organised in Hyderabad to mark the 557th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj under the patronage of Sardar Kuldeep Singh Saloja, Chairman of the Gurudwara Sahib Secunderabad Management Committee.

Led by the Panj Piare and accompanied by the Guru Granth Sahib, the procession started from Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Ashok Bazaar, Afzalgunj, passed through several city areas and returned to its starting point.

Sikh groups from Hyderabad, Nanded and Amritsar participated, showcasing traditional Gatka martial arts. Devotional Shabad Kirtan and Gurbani recitals were also held, with thousands of devotees joining the procession. The organisers arranged Guru Ka Langar for participants, while refreshments and sweets were distributed along the route. The management committee thanked all devotees and volunteers for their support.

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