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Israeli Strikes Kill Hamas Security Chief, Six Others

Israel confirms Gaza City operation as further attacks raise civilian safety concerns

Munsif Desk, GAZA CITY:



Israeli airstrikes killed Naeem Abu Nahel, head of Hamas's internal security service, and at least six other Palestinians on Tuesday, heightening concerns over civilian protection under Gaza's fragile ceasefire.

Gaza's Hamas-run interior ministry said Abu Nahel died in a strike in western Gaza City. Israel's military confirmed the operation, while Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Israel Katz acknowledged his killing.

Palestinian medics and police reported three deaths, including two police officers, near a police post in Khan Younis, southern Gaza.

Another three people were reported killed near the Netzarim corridor. Israel said it targeted militants in both areas, without providing detailed evidence.

The strikes came despite a US-backed ceasefire reached in October 2025.

Israel and Hamas accuse each other of violating the agreement.

The circumstances of the deaths and the status of those targeted could not all be independently verified.

The renewed violence adds pressure on displaced families and emergency services. United Nations humanitarian agencies have warned that restrictions on aid deliveries and shortages of winter shelter supplies continue to expose Gaza residents to serious risks.

Independent scrutiny of casualties, protection for civilians and relief workers, and continued humanitarian access remain essential as the parties dispute responsibility for the ceasefire's repeated breaches.

Three Sanitation Workers Die in Bachupally

Police examine safety lapses as investigation raises questions about contractor accountability

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad:



Three sanitation workers died on Tuesday while cleaning an underground septic tank at an apartment complex in Bachupally, raising questions about safety measures for hazardous work.

Police identified the deceased as Suman, Suresh and Pawan, employees of a private cleaning agency.

According to preliminary accounts, Suman entered first and became unresponsive. The other two went in to help but were also trapped.

Investigators suspect toxic gases caused asphyxiation, although the exact cause remains unconfirmed.

Police registered a case, while rescue personnel recovered the bodies. Relatives protested at the scene and demanded a thorough inquiry.

Officers are examining whether protective equipment and other safety precautions were provided. The inquiry must also establish whether mechanised cleaning, gas testing and emergency rescue arrangements were available, who authorised entry and whether the contractor and apartment management complied with safety requirements.

Municipal authorities should disclose how frequently private cleaning operations are inspected across the district.

Madurai Tense as Court-Permitted Lamp Remains Unlit

MADURAI: Tension gripped Thiruparankundram Tuesday after the Karthigai Deepam lamp was lit near Uchi Pillaiyar temple, while a disputed pillar near Sikandar Badusha dargah remained unlit despite a Supreme Court order.

Earlier, the Madras High Court's Madurai Bench directed district, police and temple authorities to implement the November 20 Supreme Court order. The apex court had allowed an authorised temple team to light the lamp at the pillar once, under security safeguards, without deciding religious or property rights.

Tamil Nadu's government has sought review of the order, disputing the claimed custom. The High Court said a pending review did not excuse non-compliance.

Members of Hindu organisations protested and clashed with police; reports said a police vehicle was damaged. Heavy security and restrictions remained in force.

The administration has yet to explain why the ceremony did not occur. Judicial scrutiny must address compliance alongside public safety and uninterrupted access to the dargah.



Bisleri Says Retest Found Bromate Within Limits

New Delhi: Bisleri said a retest found bromate within permissible limits in Goa batch GO 270, after FSSAI sanctioned prosecution on November 22 over an earlier excess reading.

A referral laboratory also detected polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), a finding Bisleri disputes.

The company said the September 2025 batch is no longer in circulation and sought further testing.

FSSAI has prohibited its sale and demanded a root-cause analysis. Public disclosure of test results remains important for consumer safety.

Telangana Govt to Distribute One Crore Indiramma Sarees

HYD: CM A. Revanth Reddy will launch distribution of one crore free Indiramma sarees at Achampet in Nagarkurnool district on November 26, officials said Tuesday.

The initiative, under Indira Mahila Shakti, targets 65 lakh women in rural Telangana and 35 lakh in urban areas. Women aged 18 or above from ration-card-holding families are eligible.

Officials said 95 lakh polyester sarees and five lakh poly-cotton sarees have been prepared, with production intended to support Telangana's weavers.

District collectors and in-charge ministers will oversee ward-wise distribution. Beneficiaries must provide Food Security Card and Aadhaar details; a mobile application will record deliveries.

Clear schedules, quality checks and grievance mechanisms must ensure no eligible woman is overlooked.

Cyberabad Police Launch Three-Day Drive Against Traffic Congestion

Carpooling, public transport and safer cycling promoted ahead of T-Hub mobility programme

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk): Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr M. Ramesh on Tuesday urged commuters to share rides and use public transport as he outlined "Cyberabad Moves 2026", a three-day mobility initiative at T-Hub, Raidurgam, from November 26 to 28.

Under the slogan "Hi Bolo, Dil Kholo, No Solo, Saath Chalo", the campaign encourages carpooling, fewer individual school-drop trips and cycling. Police said dedicated cycling lanes and safer passage would be arranged during the drive.

Ramesh said nearly 65 per cent of commuters heading towards the IKEA-IT corridor from JNTU arrive within a 60-to-90-minute period, worsening congestion. Additional RTC buses are being operated during peak hours.

Police plan to compare traffic volumes during the campaign with earlier CCTV and vehicle-count data to assess its effect. The initiative involves civic and transport agencies, companies and residents' associations. Workshops at T-Hub will seek practical proposals from schools, hospitals and businesses, while officials encourage greater Metro and MMTS use.

Police Detain Suspects in Murtuza Murder Probe

Hyderabad police have detained a few people and conducted raids in their investigation into Monday's killing of Murtuza Ali, known as Murtuza Pahelwan, near Himayatsagar.

Special teams are pursuing those suspected of attacking the former history-sheeter and AIMIM worker at a real-estate site. Police said he was overseeing construction when a group assaulted him with knives. He later died from his injuries.

Investigators are examining CCTV footage and a possible land dispute involving people with whom Murtuza reportedly had longstanding differences. No motive has been conclusively established, and detention does not establish guilt.

Police Commissioner Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat inspected the scene and is supervising the inquiry. AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi visited the family on Tuesday and called for everyone involved to be brought to justice.

Modi Welcomes BJP–SAD Reunion Ahead of Punjab Polls

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the Shiromani Akali Dal's return to the NDA, calling its alliance with the BJP a "natural" partnership focused on Punjab's welfare. Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president Nitin Nabin and SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal announced that the parties would contest the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections.

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KCR Mourns Attendant Killed in Sircilla Crash

Hyderabad: BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao mourned the death of longtime attendant Kasturi Mahender Reddy, known as Manikumar, in Rajanna Sircilla district.

Police said a lorry struck his motorcycle near Bandanakal in Mustabad mandal on Monday night. Manikumar died at the spot; fellow rider Bharat died later in hospital.

Rao, his wife Shobha, K.T. Rama Rao and other family members expressed condolences and assured support. Mustabad police registered a case and are investigating the crash.

Woman Dies After Saree Catches Fire

SR Nagar police investigate Ameerpet accident; household furniture also damaged

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk): A 62-year-old woman died after her saree caught fire while she was lighting Karthika Deepam lamps at her Ameerpet home on Tuesday.

Relatives took her to a private hospital, where she died from severe burns.

Flames damaged a sofa and air conditioner. SR Nagar police registered a case and are investigating.

It highlights risks from open flames near loose clothing. Residents should keep garments clear of lamps and stop, drop and roll if clothing catches fire.

RBI Warns Against Fake KYC Messages

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India has warned customers against messages claiming bank accounts will be blocked unless KYC details are updated immediately.

Fraudsters use such threats to trick people into clicking suspicious links and revealing banking information. RBI advises customers to pause and confirm any KYC request directly with their bank or NBFC through official channels. Never share passwords, PINs or one-time passwords.

Anyone suspecting fraud should inform their bank and report cybercrime through helpline 1930.

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Hanumakonda Collector Calls for Special Focus on Tax Collection in Parkal Municipality



Munsif Desk: (Hanumkakonda) Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai has directed Parkal Municipality officials to intensify tax collection efforts and ensure achievement of the prescribed revenue targets within the stipulated timeframe.

The Collector held a review meeting with Parkal Municipal Commissioner Potharaju Pavan and other officials at the Mini Conference Hall of the District Collectorate on Sunday night, reviewing tax collection, municipal staff attendance, pending Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) applications, solid waste management, waste processing and other civic issues. During the meeting, Chahat Bajpai stressed the need to strengthen tax collection and ensure that revenue targets are met on time. She also instructed officials to closely monitor the attendance and performance of municipal employees and ensure that they discharge their duties responsibly.

The Collector emphasised the need to safeguard government lands within municipal limits and directed officials to take appropriate measures to prevent encroachments. She further called for the speedy resolution of grievances received through the Prajavani public grievance programme and instructed officials to expedite ongoing developmental works and complete them without unnecessary delays.

Municipal Manager Rajitha, JAO Arshad, Technical Officer Ramu, TPS Raj Kumar, RO Giribabu, System Manager Satish and other officials attended the meeting.

TTD Disburses 2 Lakh Insurance Compensation to Families of Seven Deceased Pilgrims

NSS: (Tirumala) Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Tuesday provided insurance compensation of ₹2 lakh each to the families of seven pilgrims who died of natural causes during their visit to Tirumala.

The compensation was paid under the 'Srivari Yatra Suraksha' group insurance scheme jointly launched by TTD and LIC on September 9. Under the scheme, ₹2 lakh is provided in case of natural death and ₹10 lakh for accidental death.

Of the 17 pilgrims who died in the past two months, seven families have received compensation, while payments to other eligible families will be made shortly. The beneficiaries included four families from Tamil Nadu, two from Telangana and one from Andhra Pradesh.

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BRS Leaders Launch Attack on Congress, Challenge Naini Rajender Reddy to Resign and Face Elections



Munsif Desk: (Hanamkonda) :BRS leaders launched a sharp attack on the Congress government and Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy, accusing the ruling party of misleading people and taking credit for development works initiated during the previous BRS regime.

Addressing a press conference at the BRS party office in Balasamudram, Hanamkonda, under the chairmanship of former Chief Whip and former MLA Dasayam Vinay Bhaskar, former MLA Nannapuneni Narender, former KUDA Chairman Marri Yadava Reddy and other leaders criticised the Congress leadership over its development claims and political remarks. Former Warangal East MLA Nannapuneni Narender said leaders should speak with facts and knowledge rather than relying on cinematic dialogues. He questioned the Congress government's claims on development and funds in Warangal and alleged that farmers, unemployed youth, ASHA workers, NHM employees and even Congress MLAs were dissatisfied with its functioning. He advised Congress leaders to visit their constituencies and listen to public concerns instead of engaging in political criticism.

Narender also questioned Warangal MP Kadiyam Kavya over her criticism of BRS leaders, referring to her father Kadiyam Srihari's political association and positions during the BRS regime. He alleged that the Congress leadership had failed to honour promises made to women leaders and challenged rival leaders for an open debate on development at Ambedkar Junction in Hanamkonda.

Former Chief Whip Dasayam Vinay Bhaskar challenged Naini Rajender Reddy to resign in the prescribed format of the Assembly Speaker and face fresh elections within 24 hours. He said he was ready to contest against Naini and urged the Congress government to focus on fulfilling its election promises rather than targeting KCR and KTR. He also alleged attempts to encroach upon burial ground land at Peddammagadda and temple lands at New Shayampet.

Former KUDA Chairman Marri Yadava Reddy defended the master plan prepared during the BRS regime, stating that it had been developed after consultations with various stakeholders over nearly two years for the comprehensive development of Warangal.

The BRS leaders also opposed the decision to convert Kaloji Kala Kshetram into a KUDA office, insisting that the facility should serve poets, artists, writers and literary personalities. They demanded the removal of KUDA office equipment within a week and warned of a large-scale protest and dharna involving artists, poets and members of the Kaloji Foundation if the decision was not withdrawn.

Former corporator Jorika Ramesh and several former chairpersons, party leaders and activists also attended the press conference.

TPCC Chief Urges Congress Leaders to Ensure Benefits of Welfare Schemes Reach Every Eligible Family



Munsif Desk: (Madhol) : Former Madhol MLA G. Vittal Reddy met Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and MLC Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday and discussed the party's organisational activities, its current position in the Madhol Assembly constituency and various public issues.

During the meeting, Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Congress government in Telangana was giving top priority to public welfare and social justice through various welfare schemes. He stressed that party leaders and workers must ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach poor and middle-class families, farmers, women and weaker sections.

The TPCC president specifically called for ensuring the enrolment of every eligible family in the Indiramma Insurance Scheme and directed party leaders to take special steps to help homeless poor and disadvantaged families secure houses under the Indiramma Housing Scheme.

He said the strength of the Congress party depended on maintaining continuous contact with the people, ensuring unity among workers and addressing public grievances. He urged party leaders and workers to actively participate in party programmes and work together to strengthen the organisation.

Vittal Reddy briefed the TPCC president on the party's activities and key public issues in the Madhol constituency.

TGSRTC Conductor Returns Gold Jewellery Worth Four Tolas to Woman Passenger in Wanaparthy



Munsif Desk: (Wanaparthy) : A TGSRTC conductor from Wanaparthy Depot, Venkata Swamy (E 152981), won appreciation for his honesty after returning gold jewellery weighing around four tolas, left behind by a woman passenger on a bus.

The woman was travelling from Wanaparthy to Kothakota in TGSRTC bus number TG32Z 0020 PVG when she accidentally left behind a cover containing a gold chain, earrings and a ring, along with bank documents bearing her personal details.

Conductor Venkata Swamy found the valuables while on duty and immediately handed them over to the Depot's DC (E) Section. After verification, the jewellery was safely returned to its owner.

The woman expressed gratitude to the conductor and TGSRTC management. In the presence of depot employees, she felicitated Venkata Swamy with a shawl and praised his honesty and sense of responsibility.

Wanaparthy Depot Manager Ravinder Goud also felicitated and congratulated the conductor, appreciating his integrity. He said the incident reflected TGSRTC's commitment not only to passenger safety but also to safeguarding valuables left behind in buses and returning them to their rightful owners after verification. He urged people to make full use of TGSRTC bus services.

Wanaparthy Collector Inspects Road Widening Works, Seeks Detailed Survey of Impact on RTC Depot



Munsif Desk: (Kalwakurthy) District Collector Adarsh Surabhi inspected the ongoing road widening works near the bus stand in Wanaparthy town and reviewed the possible impact of the project on the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) depot and nearby buildings.

During the inspection, the Collector assessed the extent of RTC depot land likely to be affected by the proposed road expansion and examined which structures could face damage as the work progresses.

He directed officials of the RTC and the municipality to conduct a comprehensive survey of the land and buildings likely to be affected and submit a detailed report. He stressed the need for a clear assessment of the impact before proceeding with the expansion work.

Wanaparthy Municipal Chairperson Madhavi, Vice-Chairperson Madhusudan Goud, Municipal Commissioner Niranjan, the RTC Depot Manager, the Tahsildar and other officials were present during the inspection.

Sirpur MLA Harish Babu Unveils Trailer of Local Teacher's Short Film 'Crackers'



Munsif Desk: (Kagaznagar) Sirpur MLA Dr Palvai Harish Babu on Monday unveiled the trailer of Crackers, a short film produced by Sahare Sagar Kumar, a teacher from Sirpur town, at his residence in Kagaznagar.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA appreciated Sagar Kumar for making the short film by combining modern technology with a unique concept. He described the initiative as a commendable effort by a local talent.

Dr Harish Babu also encouraged the young artistes who acted in the film, praised their abilities and conveyed his best wishes to the entire team.

Eligible People Urged to Register for Indiramma Jeevitha Bima Scheme in Madhol



Munsif Desk: (Madhol) Mandal Parishad Officer (MPO) Shivakumar urged all eligible residents to register under the Indiramma Jeevitha Bima Scheme and make use of the financial security being provided by the government.

He inspected the ongoing registration process at the Madhol mandal headquarters and reviewed the arrangements at the registration centres. He also enquired with the staff about the facilities being extended to applicants.

Speaking on the occasion, Shivakumar said life insurance played an important role in providing financial security to families. He advised eligible people to obtain complete information about the scheme and complete their registration without delay.

He said applicants must bring their Aadhaar and ration cards, as registration could be difficult without the required documents. He also instructed the staff to guide applicants, provide necessary information and ensure that the registration process was completed smoothly without causing inconvenience to the public.

The MPO appealed to all eligible residents not to miss the opportunity and register for the scheme to avail themselves of its benefits.

AgriGold Bond Verification in Warangal from November 25; Victims Urged to Attend on Allotted Dates

Munsif Desk: (Warangal) : The bond verification process for AgriGold victims will begin on November 25, 2026, and continue until April 12, 2027, Warangal Police Commissioner N. Swetha, IPS, announced.

A special centre has been set up at Rani Rudrama Devi Hall in Warangal Police Headquarters for victims from six districts — Warangal, Hanumakonda, Bhupalpally, Mahabubabad, Jangaon and Mulugu. Verification will be held daily from 10 AM to 5 PM.

The Commissioner said 10 special centres had been established across the State and urged victims to attend strictly on their mandal-wise allotted dates to avoid overcrowding.

Claimants must bring original AgriGold bonds, Aadhaar and PAN cards, bank passbooks, photographs and other relevant documents. The CID has prescribed separate guidelines for five categories, covering living depositors, nominees of deceased depositors, legal heirs, depositors unable to attend personally and bonds submitted through agents.

In cases involving deceased depositors, nominees or legal heirs must produce death certificates, identity proofs, family relationship or legal heir certificates and bank details, as applicable. Depositors unable to attend must send an authorised family member with the required documents and an authorisation letter. Agents submitting bonds must produce original bonds, separate colour photocopies, identity proofs, bank details, photograph and agent code.

Commissioner N. Swetha appealed to all victims to check their allotted dates in advance and bring the necessary original documents to ensure smooth verification.

Job Fair in Nizamabad on November 26; 15 Vacancies for Relationship Managers



Mohammed Baleeg Ahmed: **(Nizamabad)** Employment opportunities in the private sector will be offered to unemployed youth of the erstwhile Nizamabad district through a job fair scheduled to be held on November 26, District Employment Officer Velpula Vijetha said.

In a statement issued on Monday, she said the job fair would be conducted from 10 am to 4 pm at the District Employment Office located on the premises of the Government ITI College in Shivaji Nagar, Nizamabad.

A total of 15 vacancies are available for Relationship Managers, including 10 positions at Varun Motors Arena showroom and five at the Nexa showroom. Eligible candidates below 35 years of age can apply, with salaries ranging from ₹16,000 to ₹25,000 per month.

Interested candidates have been asked to attend the job fair with their biodata, Aadhaar card and passport-size photographs. For further details, candidates can contact 9959456793 or 9848913160.

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Nizamabad Collector Inspects Land Resurvey, Stresses Accuracy and Transparency

Mohammed Baleeg Ahmed: **(Nizamabad)**



Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi said the Telangana government was undertaking a comprehensive resurvey of lands across the state using modern technology and scientific methods, with the objective of resolving land disputes and ensuring transparency in land records.

Despite it being a holiday, the Collector, accompanied by Additional Collector Raja Goud, inspected the ongoing resurvey work at Ananthagiri village in Navipet mandal on Tuesday. She reviewed the progress of the exercise, including the demarcation of land boundaries, measurement of plots and verification of details against existing revenue records. She directed officials to ensure complete accuracy while recording landowners' details, survey numbers, extent and boundaries, stressing that no portion of land should be left out during the resurvey. She also instructed them to inform landowners in advance, address their doubts and examine any objections regarding land boundaries or measurements.

Addressing farmers, the Collector said the resurvey would help provide more accurate land records and reduce disputes in the future. She explained that, after completion of the exercise, Bhudhaar numbers would be allotted to land parcels along with maps containing their boundaries and comprehensive details, similar to the Aadhaar identification system.

She urged farmers and landowners to cooperate with the officials to ensure the smooth completion of the resurvey.

Nizamabad RDO Rajendra Kumar, Tahsildar Venkata Ramana, local Sarpanch Simlatha, revenue officials, survey staff, public representatives and farmers were present.

Goshala President Alleges Plot to Shut Cow Shelter

NSS: **(Hyderabad)** Shree Shiv Goshala president Jayaram Sirvi has alleged that certain individuals were conspiring to shut down the cow shelter at Yapral in Medchal district and harassing its management by demanding money in the name of social media activities.

Addressing a media conference at NSS in Hyderguda on Tuesday, he said the Goshala was established in 2012 on a 960-square-yard plot with the support of cow lovers and had been functioning with necessary permissions.

Sirvi alleged social media misinformation and pressure tactics, adding that he had complained to the Medchal Collector and would approach the Malkajgiri Police Commissioner.

Kalwakurthy Journalists Seek Pension Scheme, Protection for Media Persons



Munsif Desk: **(Kalwakurthy)** : Journalists from Kalwakurthy submitted a representation to MLA Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, urging the government to introduce a comprehensive pension scheme and ensure protection for journalists.

The journalists highlighted the important role played by the media in a democratic society, describing journalists as a bridge between the government and the public who bring people's issues to the attention of authorities. They also recalled the significant contribution made by journalists during the Telangana statehood movement.

Expressing concern over the lack of financial security for journalists in their old age, they proposed earmarking 10 per cent of revenue generated through government department and public sector advertisements for a journalists' pension and welfare fund. They also sought an additional three per cent matching grant from the government.

The journalists called for a separate bank account for the pension and welfare fund, with transparent management, and a comprehensive pension scheme covering all eligible senior and retired journalists. They also proposed setting up an expert committee comprising senior editors, representatives of journalists' associations and government officials to formulate and implement the scheme.

They further urged the government to ensure equal welfare opportunities for journalists working in small, medium and large newspapers, television channels and other media organisations, without discrimination.

The delegation appealed to MLA Narayana Reddy to positively consider their demands and take them to the notice of the Chief Minister and concerned government departments.

Naresh, Srisailam, Yusuf, Priyaz, Dev, Prasad, Ashok, Ganesh, Venkatesh, Pandu, Samad Iqbal and others participated in the programme.

Deglur MLA Jitesh Antapurkar Directs Officials to Complete Pending Water Supply Projects



Munsif Desk: **(Deglur)** Expressing concern over a possible drinking water crisis during the coming summer due to poor rainfall, Deglur MLA Jitesh Antapurkar directed officials to complete all pending water supply projects without delay.

At a review meeting held at the Deglur Panchayat Samiti office on November 23, he reviewed village-wise water availability and the progress of schemes, including the Jal Jeevan Mission. He expressed concern that several projects, including pipeline works, remained incomplete despite the expenditure of crores of rupees.

The MLA instructed officials to prepare village-wise action plans and ensure adequate drinking water for every household. He warned that negligence and delays would not be tolerated and stressed that priority should be given to completing the works on the ground rather than merely showing progress on paper.

Sub-Divisional Officer Anup Patil, Tahsildar Bharat Suryawanshi, BDO Shrikant Bardde, Municipal Chief Officer Neelam Kambde, other officials, sarpanches and local representatives attended the meeting.

Nizamabad Ready to Host 5th Telangana State Police Games; Around 1,000 Personnel to Participate

Mohammed Baleeg Ahmed: **(Nizamabad)** :



All arrangements have been completed for the 5th Telangana State Police Games and Sports Meet–2026, scheduled to be held in Nizamabad from November 25 to 28, with around 1,000 police sportspersons from various districts and units across the state expected to participate.

Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, IPS, said comprehensive arrangements had been made to ensure that participants face no inconvenience during the four-day sporting event. The meet aims to promote physical fitness, discipline, sporting talent, team spirit and healthy competition among police personnel.

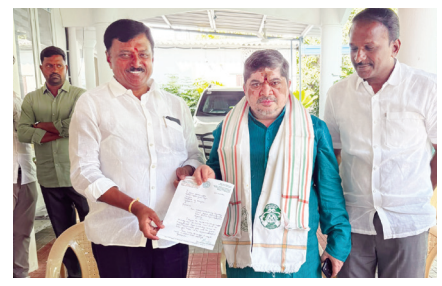
Competitions will be conducted in various disciplines, including swimming, athletics, archery, water sports and cycling. Suitable venues have been prepared, along with the required technical and administrative arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of events.

The police department has also made arrangements for accommodation, food, drinking water, transport, medical assistance and security for the participants. Medical teams will be available to attend to emergencies, while sanitation, electricity and other basic facilities at sports venues and accommodation centres are being monitored.

Officials and staff from various departments have been assigned responsibilities to ensure coordination and the orderly conduct of the competitions.

The Commissioner expressed confidence that the event would provide a good experience for participants and strengthen unity, discipline and sporting spirit within the Telangana Police Department.

Narayankhed MLA Seeks 20 New RTC Buses, 30 Lakh from Minister Ponnam Prabhakar



Munsif Desk: **(Narayankhed)** : Narayankhed MLA Dr P. Sanjeeva Reddy met Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar at his official residence in Hyderabad on Monday and submitted a representation seeking improved public transport facilities in the constituency.

The MLA requested the minister to sanction 20 new RTC buses for Narayankhed constituency to address the transportation difficulties faced by students, employees, traders and people from rural areas. He also sought an allocation of ₹30 lakh for the modernisation and renovation of the Narayankhed and Shankaram Peta bus stands.

Dr Sanjeeva Reddy highlighted the inconvenience caused to passengers due to the lack of adequate bus facilities in the constituency. He also discussed other issues concerning the area with the minister.

Ponnam Prabhakar responded positively to the proposals and assured the MLA that the requests for new buses and bus stand renovation would be examined and necessary steps taken to secure their approval.

Narayankhed Municipal Vice-

Adilabad Police Bust Money-Doubling Fraud Racket; Four Arrested, Fake Notes Worth 40 Lakh Seized



Munsif Desk: **(Adilabad)** : Adilabad police have busted an inter-district gang that cheated people by promising to double their money through black magic and rituals. Four accused were arrested and 99 bundles of fake currency notes worth over ₹40 lakh, 100 counterfeit gold coins and three mobile phones were seized.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, District SP Akhil Mahajan, IPS, said the case came to light following a complaint by Patti Ramulu of Mancherial district at Utnoor police station on November 22. The victim alleged that Athram Parashuram had promised to double his money through special rituals and collected ₹8 lakh from him in instalments. He was later given a bag containing 'Children Bank of India' notes and blank papers instead of genuine currency.

Police said the gang used genuine currency notes at the top and bottom of bundles, filling the middle with toy notes to deceive victims. The arrested accused were identified as Embadi Mallesh (36), Cheeti Tarun (24), Jamalpur Sai Krishna alias Sai (25) and Pendram Suresh (39).

The two alleged kingpins, Athram Parashuram (40) and Mandali Bakkanna (47), had already been arrested in another case registered at Ichoda police station. The SP said the accused were linked to cases across Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad and Hyderabad districts, and police suspect that around 40 people may have been cheated.

He appealed to victims to approach the police without fear and cautioned the public against falling prey to claims of doubling money through black magic and rituals.

Kalwakurthy MLA Inaugurates Fire Station, Launches Development Works Worth Crores



Munsif Desk: **(Kalwakurthy)** Kalwakurthy MLA Kasireddy Narayan Reddy participated in various development, inauguration and swearing-in programmes in Kalwakurthy town and Veldanda mandal on Monday.

In Kalwakurthy town, the MLA inaugurated the newly constructed fire station and laid the foundation stone for shifting the 33 KV Sarsanigandla feeder away from residential areas in Vidyanagar and Tilak Nagar to an alternative route, aimed at addressing the difficulties faced by local residents. He also inaugurated a wood procurement centre established under MEPMA and a grain procurement centre set up by the Agriculture Department. He urged farmers to sell their produce at the centres and avail themselves of the government's minimum support price.

Later, Narayan Reddy attended the swearing-in ceremonies of the newly elected Kalwakurthy Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS) Chairman Sripuram Harishwar Reddy and Veldanda PACS Chairman Enam Bhupathi Reddy, congratulating them and their respective governing bodies.

During his visit to Veldanda mandal, the MLA laid foundation stones for various development works and inaugurated projects worth ₹5.60 crore across several villages and hamlets.

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At a Glance

16-year-old dies after fall from 19th floor

(IANS) Noida, A 16-year-old student, Dishita Dubey, died after falling from the balcony of her family's 19th-floor flat in Lotus Espacia society, Sector 100, Noida, around 3 am on Tuesday, police said. Family members and residents rushed to help, but she could not be saved.

Sector 39 police have launched an investigation and are questioning family members. Preliminary information suggested she may have been under stress over examination marks, but police said the exact cause would be known after a full probe.

2 Asiatic Lionesses Killed in Train Accident in Gujarat



(IANS) Bengaluru, Two Asiatic lionesses, aged two to three years, were killed after being hit by a passenger train near Jetpur in Gujarat's Rajkot district on Monday evening, officials said. The accident occurred around 7.50 pm on the Bhavnagar-Porbandar line.

Forest and railway police recovered the carcasses and sent them for post-mortem examination. The Forest Department has launched an inquiry and plans to deploy new lion trackers.

The deaths come 10 days after another lioness was killed by a train near Khambhaliya in Junagadh district. Gujarat recorded 891 Asiatic lions in the 2025 census.

'Natural alliance': PM Modi welcomes 'BJP-SAD reunion, says it will ensure pro-people governance in Punjab



(IANS) New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday expressed happiness over the Shiromani Akali Dal's (SAD) return to the NDA and said that this "natural alliance" will ensure Punjab gets "pro-people governance" that drives development in the state.

The BJP and SAD on Tuesday announced the revival of their alliance ahead of the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President Nitin Nabin and SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal made the announcement at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, confirming that the two parties would contest the next Assembly elections together.

Taking to X, PM Modi welcomed the alliance and called it a move to put "Punjab and the welfare of Punjabis first".

"I am extremely delighted that the Shiromani Akali Dal returns to the NDA family and that too on the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Ours is a natural alliance that will ensure Punjab gets pro-people governance that takes the state to new heights of progress," he said.

"Nurtured by Atal Ji, Advani Ji and Sardar Parkash Singh Badal Ji, the Akali Dal-BJP Alliance has stood the test of time. I am confident that our alliance will emerge as the preferred choice of the people of Punjab," the Prime Minister added.

The reunion brings together two former allies who parted ways in September 2020 over the Centre's now-repealed farm laws.

The announcement is expected to strengthen the efforts to challenge the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and the opposition Congress in the upcoming state elections.

The alliance for the 117-member Assembly marks the return of a partnership that dominated Punjab politics for years. The two parties governed the state together from 2007 to 2017, but their relationship collapsed in 2020 when the SAD withdrew from the NDA in protest against the three farm laws, which were subsequently repealed.

Congress leaders have criticised the proposed reunion, describing it as political opportunism and questioning whether the two parties have genuinely resolved the issues that led to their split in 2020.

Seat-Sharing Talks Expose Congress's Shrinking Political Space in Bihar, UP

(IANS) New Delhi, Seat-sharing talks in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have highlighted the Congress's declining bargaining power in the Hindi heartland.

Ahead of the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections, the RJD, led by Tejashwi Yadav, dominated the Mahagathbandhan negotiations. The Congress, which won 19 of the 70 seats it contested in 2020, agreed to contest 61 seats, while the RJD fielded candidates in around 143 constituencies.

A similar pattern is evident in talks with the Samajwadi Party for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. The SP, led by Akhilesh Yadav, sees itself as the principal Opposition force against the BJP and is stressing candidates' winnability.

Reports suggest the Congress sought a triple-digit share in Uttar Pradesh and submitted lists covering more than 130 constituencies, while the SP favoured a smaller allocation.

The talks underline the Congress's dependence on regional parties where its electoral base



Pradesh, it won only two Assembly seats in 2022. In Bihar, allies have questioned whether its organisational strength justifies its demands.

Though Rahul Gandhi remains a national Opposition face, the Congress increasingly relies on regional partners in state-level negotiations.

Patna to Host National Milk Day 2026, Centre to Unveil Dairy Projects

(IANS) New Delhi, National Milk Day 2026 will be celebrated at Bapu Sabhagar in Patna on Thursday, with Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary attending.

Singh will inaugurate dairy projects, including milk collection units, mineral mixture plants and an effluent treatment plant. A 2-lakh-litre-per-day plant at Bihta will also be dedicated to the nation.

The event will launch a climate-resilient dairy roadmap, release Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2026 and present the National Gopal Ratna Awards. The day commemorates Verghese Kurien, the Father of India's White Revolution.

Children Without Parents Need Not Feel Helpless, Says Karnataka Minister

(IANS) Karnataka, Water Resources and Mandya District In-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy on Tuesday assured children who have lost their parents that the government would stand by them as their guardian and provide necessary facilities.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Children's Day celebrations, titled 'Makkala Utsava', at Gandhi Bhavan in Mandya. The event was organised jointly by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat and child protection and welfare bodies.

Addressing the children, Cheluvarayaswamy urged them not to feel discouraged and to focus on education. He said they could approach their local MLA or the Deputy Commissioner if they faced any difficulty.

"Children who have lost their parents need not feel discouraged. The entire government is standing by you as your guardian," he said.

The minister interacted with children from government homes and enquired about their well-being. The programme featured cultural performances, including dances by the children, which were appreciated by the dignitaries.

Cheluvarayaswamy also released a departmental handbook and distributed prizes to winners of cultural competitions.

MLA Ravikumar Ganiga, Deputy Commissioner Dr Kumar, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member Venkatesh, Women and Child Development Department Deputy Director Geethalakshmi and District Child Protection Officer Yogesh were among those present. The children were encouraged to pursue their studies with confidence and hope.

IndiGo Flight Makes Emergency Landing in Agartala After Passenger Falls Ill

(IANS) Agartala, An IndiGo flight travelling from Shanghai to Kolkata made an emergency landing at Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport in Agartala on Tuesday morning after a passenger fell ill mid-air, officials said.

An Airport Authority of India (AAI) official said the aircraft was diverted after the passenger, a Delhi resident, suddenly developed a medical emergency and required immediate treatment.

Following the landing, the passenger was evacuated and rushed to a private hospital on the outskirts of Agartala for medical attention.

The aircraft resumed its journey to Kolkata, its scheduled destination, approximately two hours after landing, with the passenger also travelling on the flight, officials said.

Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, located around 20 km north of Agartala, is the second busiest airport in the Northeast after Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati. It handled nearly 1.5 million passengers during the 2025-26 financial year, according to AAI officials.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the airport's new integrated terminal, built at a cost of Rs 438 crore, on January 4, 2022. Spread across 30,000 square metres, the terminal is designed to handle domestic and international passengers simultaneously during peak hours.

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and Transport Minister Sushanta Chowdhury have urged the Centre to introduce international flight services from Agartala, saying the airport has the necessary facilities.

The airport, formerly known as Singerbill Airport, was renamed after Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur in July 2018. Built in 1942 on land donated by the then Tripura king, it served as a technical base for the Royal Air Force during World War II.



Karnataka CM Calls ASHA Workers from Japan, Promises Early Solution to Demands

(IANS) Bengaluru, Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday spoke to protesting ASHA workers through a video call from Japan, assuring them that their demands would be addressed.

As the agitation at Freedom Park entered its eighth day, Shivakumar appealed to workers to withdraw the protest and give the government time until the upcoming Assembly session. He said he would discuss their demands with the Finance Department.

He acknowledged the difficulties workers faced and said the government understood their concerns. He cautioned them against political leaders supporting the agitation, alleging that they were using the protest for political gain. He promised to meet the workers after returning from Japan.

Municipalities Minister H.C. Balakrishna said a decision would be taken after examining all aspects of the issue.

BJP leader and Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka criticised Shivakumar for continuing his foreign tour during the protest. He alleged that the government had neglected the workers' demands.

ASHA workers are seeking an increase in their monthly honorarium, retirement benefits and fulfilment of other demands. Ashoka said they were upset over the alleged failure to implement the Chief Minister's earlier assurance of a Rs 2,500 hike in monthly remuneration.

India's Sufi heritage can offer global model of inclusive Islam: Experts

(IANS) New Delhi, Experts at an Indo-Egypt roundtable in New Delhi said India's Sufi traditions and pluralistic heritage could offer a global model of moderate and inclusive Islam.

The conference, organised by the Indo Islamic Heritage Center, focused on the shared Sufi heritage of India and Egypt and its message of peace and coexistence.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Semed Mahanna, advisor to the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar University, said India's Sufi traditions could serve as a role model.

Jamia Millia Islamia's Prof. Ghulam Yazdani called for cultural exchanges.

Pir Syed Fareed Ahmed Nizami stressed tolerance, while Mufti Ghulam Muhammad Qadri said Sufism promoted love, peace and brotherhood.

Assam reports progress in HPV vaccination drive

(IANS) Guwahati, Assam has achieved 97.2 per cent HPV vaccination coverage among eligible girls, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said Tuesday.

In a post on X, Sarma said the State was contributing to India's effort to prevent cervical cancer. He noted that India had administered more than one crore HPV vaccine doses.

HPV causes nearly all cervical cancer cases. Vaccination helps protect against high-risk strains, while screening also supports early detection.

Northerly winds intensify winter chill across Rajasthan

(IANS) Jaipur, Cold northerly winds have intensified winter conditions across Rajasthan, bringing a chill during the day. Fatehpur in Sikar district recorded the season's lowest minimum temperature, while northern and northeastern districts remained cold despite sunshine.

Night temperatures stayed below 10 degrees Celsius in Sikar, Tonk, Churu and Nagaur. The Meteorological Department said cold winds were likely to intensify, making nights and early mornings colder.

Dry weather prevailed across the State. Light morning haze reduced sunshine and kept daytime temperatures low.

Fatehpur recorded a minimum of 4.6 degrees Celsius, while Mount Abu's minimum rose to 3 degrees after earlier touching zero. Nagaur recorded 5.6 degrees. Barmer registered the highest maximum temperature at 31.5 degrees Celsius.

Western Rajasthan remained warmer, while Jaipur continued to experience chilly winds. The weather department said conditions were likely to remain stable through the week, with no significant temperature fluctuations expected. The winter chill may intensify towards the end of November.

Priyanka Gandhi hails Guru Nanak Dev's teachings

(IANS) New Delhi, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra greeted people on Sri Guru Nanak Dev's Prakash Purab, saying his teachings would continue to inspire humanity.

In a post on X, she said Guru Nanak Dev taught love, compassion, service and equality.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge greeted people on the 557th Prakash Utsav, highlighting the Guru's message of equality and selfless service. He urged people to uphold Sarbat da Bhala, or the welfare of all.

Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said his message would guide people.



32 US states urge Supreme Court to uphold Apple contempt finding

(IANS) Washington, A coalition of 32 US states and the District of Columbia has urged the Supreme Court to uphold a civil contempt finding against Apple in its dispute with Epic Games, saying companies must not evade court orders through changes.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced the move on Monday. Oral arguments are scheduled for January 11, 2027.

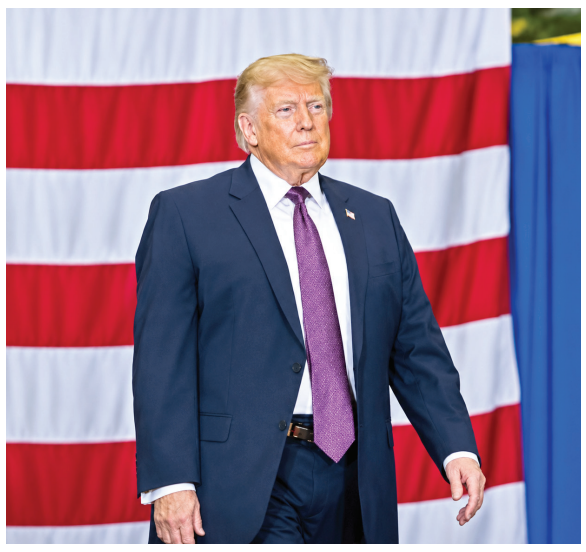
The dispute stems from Epic's 2020 lawsuit over Apple's App Store practices. A federal court ruled that Apple's restrictions on developers directing users to outside payment options violated California's Unfair Competition Law and ordered changes.

Apple says the injunction did not address commissions and that it complied by allowing developers to include links to alternative payment options. It argues the lower courts relied on the order's purpose rather than its wording.

The states say court orders must be read in context and prevent companies from reproducing harmful practices. They argue weakening enforcement could undermine consumer protection.

The coalition asks the justices to uphold the contempt finding or return the case to lower courts if the legal standard changes. The filing is an amicus brief, not a new judgment against Apple.

Trump takes credit for Huang's return as Congress keeps Nvidia probe alive



(IANS) Washington, US President Donald Trump has claimed credit for persuading Nvidia's board to reinstate chief executive Jensen Huang, but three Republican congressional committee chairmen said the move would not end scrutiny of the chipmaker's China-related dealings.

Speaking to CNBC, Trump said his administration had reassured the board about the national security implications of Huang's return. Asked whether he had called into a board meeting, Trump said, "I was represented at the board."

He later said he had spoken to directors and convinced them to bring Huang back. Asked whether he had assured them Huang would not face prosecution, Trump replied, "I didn't use the word prosecuted," saying he had provided sufficient reassurance.

"The NVIDIA board's brief internal investigation and reinstatement of Jensen Huang do not erase the national security threats and questions that must be addressed," committee chairmen Brian Mast, John Moolenaar and Rick Crawford said in a joint statement.

They said Huang and Nvidia General Counsel Tim Teter had confirmed they would attend planned interviews on December 1 and 2, respectively.

Lawmakers are seeking answers about suspected large-scale smuggling of Nvidia products, their alleged diversion for Chinese military purposes and their contribution to China's artificial intelligence capabilities. These remain subjects of the inquiry, not findings established by the statement.

Nvidia said its board had voted unanimously to restore Huang as president, chief executive and a director, effective immediately. It said discussions with him had satisfied directors about his candour and ability to lead. Input from senior US government officials had given the board confidence that his reinstatement posed no national security risk.

The company said an independent directors' investigation would continue. It launched the inquiry after reports that Huang had been targeted by a foreign intelligence effort. Huang supports the investigation and will cooperate. Nvidia said it would continue cooperating with government inquiries.

Trump defended his intervention as serving the national interest. Asked where he would draw the line on intervening in corporate leadership, he said decisions would depend on individual circumstances. On a possible government stake in Nvidia, he expressed enthusiasm but cited concerns about litigation and insider trading. He announced no investment plan.

Inquiry remains open.

Hasina can return to Bangladesh only in handcuffs, minister says



(IANS) Dhaka, Bangladesh's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir on Tuesday said former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina could return to the country only in handcuffs as a prisoner if she sought to come back on December 16, Victory Day.

Kobir made the remarks after briefing foreign diplomats at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka. Hasina, who is living in exile in India, reportedly wishes to return aboard a state aircraft on December 16, which marks Bangladesh's liberation from Pakistan.

Responding to reports about her proposed return, Kobir said there was a difference between "reality and desire". He said those accused of terrorism would be brought back to face justice, adding that Hasina could return only in handcuffs or to face trial, Prothom Alo quoted him as saying.

Bangladesh Prime Minister's Adviser on Information and Broadcasting Zahed Ur Rahman also ruled out direct discussions with Hasina, saying any talks would be held with India.

At a press conference at the Secretariat in Dhaka, Rahman said there was no legal impediment to her extradition if she wanted to return. He described Hasina as a convicted criminal and said arrangements for her return, including how she would travel and be handed over, would be discussed with India, Prothom Alo reported.

Earlier this month, Hasina said the possibility of arrest, imprisonment or death would not deter her from returning to Bangladesh. In a rare audio interview with IANS, she said she would rather die in her homeland than remain away from her people.

Hasina said she had considered the risks, including arrest on arrival, imprisonment and possible attempts on her life. Recalling her returns to Bangladesh in 1981, during military rule, and in 2007, when she faced possible arrest by a military-backed government, she said fear had never stopped her from doing what she believed was right, at all.

Strait of Hormuz to remain closed until Tehran's seven conditions are fulfilled: Iranian Army Chief

(IANS) Tehran, Iranian Army Commander Major General Amir Hatami said on uesday that the Strait of Hormuz would remain closed until Tehran's seven conditions were met, warning that Iran would tighten control over the waterway, local media reported.

Addressing senior Army commanders, Hatami said Iran's social, military, political and geopolitical strength had overturned the enemy's calculations, Tasnim News Agency reported. He said Iran would not allow its adversaries to leave Iranians bearing the cost of war alone, adding that those supporting the enemy would also feel its impact.

Describing the Strait of H ormuz as an expression of Iran's geopolitical power, Hatami said Tehran would increase its control over the waterway and put pressure on its adversaries.

The strait links the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea and is a major route for oil and liquefied natural gas shipments from Gulf producers.

On Monday, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei said security in the strait and the region could be restored in the shortest possible time if the United States fulfilled its commitments and met Iran's conditions, state-run IRNA reported.

At his weekly briefing in Tehran, Baghaei was responding to Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi's remarks that the strait could reopen within two hours if Washington fulfilled its commitments.

Baghaei said Iran remained committed to its obligations but would fully uphold its rights and the conditions it had set. He said Tehran was not making unusual demands, describing the conditions as part of Iran's rights.

Eliminated head of Hamas internal security apparatus in Gaza, says Israel

(IANS) Jerusalem, The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) have killed Naim Muhammad Ashour Abu Nahal, head of Hamas's Internal Security Apparatus in Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Israel Katz said in a joint statement on Tuesday.

"The IDF has eliminated Naim Abu Nahal, head of Hamas's internal security apparatus, after his predecessor was apprehended by our forces in a daring operation three months ago," the statement, posted on X by the Prime Minister's Office, said.

Netanyahu and Katz praised the IDF and the Israel Security Agency (ISA) for carrying out the operation, saying it reflected the government's policy and that no militant would evade Israeli forces.

The IDF said Abu Nahal had assumed the post around two months ago after his predecessor was captured by Israeli forces. His death would significantly affect the apparatus's management capabilities, the military said.



The Israeli military accused Abu Nahal of planning attacks against Israeli civilians and IDF troops and of working to restore the capabilities of armed groups in Gaza. It also alleged that these activities violated the ceasefire. The claims were made by the IDF and were not independently established in the statement.

In May, Israel announced that Hamas military commander Mohammed Odeh had been killed in a targeted overnight strike in Gaza City. Defence Minister Katz described the operation as a major blow to the group's military structure.

Israeli authorities said Odeh was killed in an operation jointly conducted by the IDF and the Shin Bet following months of intelligence monitoring and surveillance.

Officials said Odeh had lately taken charge of Hamas's military wing after Izz al-Din al-Haddad was killed earlier that month.

11 people killed in bus-truck collision in Ras Al Khaimah

(IANS) Abu Dhabi, As many as 11 people were killed in a collision between a passenger bus and a truck on Al Watan Road in United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Ras Al Khaimah, UAE's Ministry of Interior said on Tuesday.

After receiving the information about the accident, emergency response teams rushed to the site of the accident, conducted rescue and emergency medical operations in coordination with ambulance crews, civil defence teams and relevant authorities, while securing the area and managing traffic, according to a statement released by the Ministry of Interior on X.

The ministry said that an investigation into the causes of the accident has been launched and the findings will be released after the investigation is completed.

The Ministry of Interior offered condolences to the families of the deceased. It urged people to verify information, obtain it from official sources and refrain from circulating rumours or unverified information about the accident.

On November 12, 14 people were killed, and 30 others were injured in an accident that involved 18 vehicles and five trucks in Fujairah, according to a Ministry of Interior statement.

The accident took place after a truck driver lost control and collided with another vehicle that overturned. The overturned vehicle hit several other vehicles that had stopped due to slow movement of traffic, leading UAE daily Khaleej Times reported. The truck also caught fire, and the blaze spread to other vehicles on the road.

The Ministry of Interior has offered condolences to the families of the deceased and wished a speedy recovery to those injured. It also urged people to obtain information from official sources and stop spreading rumours or unverified information.

Earlier, in June, seven people were killed and nine others injured after a minibus collided with a truck that had stopped on Emirates Road in Dubai, Khaleej Times reported. Dubai Police said preliminary investigations revealed that the truck had stopped abruptly in the middle of the road due to a technical fault. The bus driver, who allegedly did not keep a safe distance, crashed into the truck from behind.

Pakistan Bar Council members seek hospital transfer for Imran Khan

(IANS) Islamabad, Eight members of the Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) have urged authorities to enforce a Supreme Court order directing the transfer of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan to Shifa International Hospital, citing health concerns, a report said.

The August 18 order required Khan's transfer within 48 hours for medical examination and treatment. Authorities instead arranged an examination at the government-run Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences before returning him to prison, Athens-based Directus reported.

The PBC members called for judicial intervention and warned of further legal action if the order was not implemented.

Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, has sought her medical records and hospital treatment for serious eyesight problems. On November 18, the Islamabad High Court directed prison authorities to provide her proper medical care and hygienic living conditions.

Amnesty International raised concerns about Khan's blood pressure and access to independent doctors, and warned that Bushra Bibi's eye condition could threaten her eyesight. Lawyers say court orders must apply regardless of political identity.

Sarayu-Kamala Express receives warm welcome in Nepal's Janakpur

(IANS) Kathmandu, The Sarayu-Kamala Express, carrying passengers from Ayodhya, received a warm welcome at Janakpur Dham in Nepal on Tuesday during its inaugural journey.

Nepal Prime Minister Balen Shah and his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi jointly inaugurated the Ayodhya-Janakpur railway service on Monday during Shah's two-day State Visit to New Delhi. The weekly service aims to promote religious tourism and strengthen people-to-people ties.

The rail link connects two destinations associated with the Ramayana tradition: Janakpur Dham, revered as the birthplace of Goddess Sita, and Ayodhya, regarded as the birthplace of Lord Ram.

Nepal's Minister for Labour, Youth and Employment Ramjee Yadav, Madhesh Province Chief Minister Saroj Kumar Yadav, India's Charge d'Affaires in Nepal and senior Nepali officials, including representatives of Nepal Railway Company Limited, welcomed the passengers, the Indian Embassy said in a social media post.

A programme was also held at the Janakpur Dham railway premises to mark the inaugural journey. Participants said the service could facilitate pilgrimages, promote religious tourism and strengthen cultural ties between the neighbouring countries.

According to India's Ministry of Railways, the weekly service will cover about 604 km between Janakpur Dham and Ayodhya Cantt, passing through Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Commercial stops will include Jaynagar, Madhubani, Shisho, Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Mankapur and Ayodhya Dham, besides the terminal stations, the ministry said.

The train will depart Janakpur Dham on Saturdays and Ayodhya Cantt on Mondays, it added. It may aid tourism too.



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BEYOND PHYSICS: Have We Reached The Final Frontier?

From the laws governing matter and energy to the mysteries of quantum mechanics, an exploration of whether science is approaching ultimate explanations or discovering how much remains unknown.

Human beings have always sought to understand the world around them. We observe the movement of stars, the changing seasons, the behaviour of light and the countless processes through which nature operates. Yet behind every discovery lies another question: ***Have we understood reality itself, or merely developed increasingly accurate ways of describing what we can observe?***

This question belongs as much to philosophy as to physics. Science investigates nature through observation, measurement, experiment and mathematical reasoning. Philosophy asks what scientific explanations mean, how knowledge is justified and whether the reality we perceive is identical to reality as it ultimately exists.

Our senses provide the starting point for much of our understanding. We see colours, hear sounds, experience warmth and recognise the shapes of objects. But perception is not a complete picture of the physical world. Human eyes detect only a narrow portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, while instruments reveal radiation and phenomena otherwise invisible to us. Even familiar experiences depend upon complex interactions between the external world, our bodies and our brains.

Consider a chair, a stone or a glass of water. Each appears solid and straightforward, yet physics describes matter through atoms, particles, forces and fields. Chemistry explains how atomic arrangements produce substances with distinct properties. At smaller scales, quantum theory provides a remarkably successful mathematical account of physical behaviour. The ordinary world is therefore far more intricate than our immediate experience suggests.

The great ambition of physics is to discover principles that apply across seemingly different phenomena. The same gravitational theory helps explain falling objects and the motion of celestial bodies. Electromagnetic theory connects electricity, magnetism and light. Such achievements show the extraordinary power of identifying order beneath nature's apparent complexity.

But a powerful explanation need not be a final explanation. Scientific laws have particular domains of application. Newtonian mechanics remains immensely useful, although Einstein's relativity provides a more accurate description under conditions involving very high speeds or strong gravitational effects. Quantum mechanics, meanwhile, transformed our understanding of matter and energy at microscopic scales.

"Every scientific discovery expands the boundaries of knowledge while revealing new questions beyond them."

One profound difficulty concerns the relationship between the laws describing the universe and the universe itself. Does a mathematical equation disclose the ultimate nature of reality, or does it express a reliable relationship among quantities we can measure? The distinction matters because a theory may predict events accurately without settling every philosophical question about what those events mean. At one time, thinkers imagined that complete knowledge of nature's laws and the precise state of everything might allow the entire future to be calculated. This image of a perfectly predictable universe shaped debates about causation, certainty and free will. Modern physics has complicated that picture. Quantum theory assigns probabilities to measurement outcomes, while chaotic systems can become practically unpredictable because tiny differences in initial conditions grow dramatically over time.

Neither difficulty means that nature is lawless. Quantum mechanics makes extraordinarily precise predictions, and chaos follows mathematical rules. Rather, both expose the limits of the simple assumption that knowing a rule automatically means being able to foresee every event.

The nature of matter itself introduces another layer of mystery. What appears to be a stable object involves interactions among particles and fields. Physical properties emerge from these relationships, yet many fundamental questions remain. Why do elementary particles have the masses they possess? Why does the universe contain more matter than antimatter? What lies behind phenomena attributed to dark matter and dark energy?

The Standard Model of particle physics successfully describes known fundamental particles and three of the four fundamental interactions, but it does not incorporate gravity and leaves important questions unanswered. General relativity explains gravitation with exceptional success on large scales, while a fully established quantum description of gravity remains elusive.

These gaps do not invalidate existing science. They identify areas where new experiments, mathematical ideas and theoretical advances are needed. Indeed, the history of science suggests that today's unanswered questions may become the starting point for tomorrow's most consequential discoveries.

There is also a danger in confusing the limits of current knowledge with proof of a particular metaphysical claim. When an explanation is incomplete, it does not automatically establish a supernatural cause, nor does it demonstrate that no deeper physical explanation exists. Scientific uncertainty should encourage intellectual honesty rather than premature certainty in either direction.

Some questions may eventually become testable through improved instruments and experiments. Others concern meaning, existence or the foundations of explanation and may remain primarily philosophical. Recognising this difference protects both scientific inquiry and serious philosophical reflection from claims neither can adequately support.

It is tempting to imagine a final theory that unifies every fundamental interaction and explains all physical phenomena. Such a discovery would represent a remarkable intellectual achievement. Yet even a comprehensive set of equations might leave open questions about why those laws exist, why the universe has its particular initial conditions or why there is something rather than nothing.

"Understanding how nature behaves is a profound achievement; understanding why reality exists is a different question."

Human knowledge also depends upon perspective. The universe is vastly larger than the portion we can directly observe, while the smallest scales challenge our ability to construct intuitive mental pictures. Instruments extend our senses, but their findings still require interpretation through concepts, models and assumptions that scientists continually test and revise.

The most productive attitude is neither unquestioning confidence that every mystery has already been solved nor the belief that science can explain nothing important. It is a disciplined willingness to distinguish what is established, what remains uncertain and what is still being imagined or investigated.

The search for ultimate explanations has accompanied humanity through centuries of scientific and philosophical thought. Each generation inherits a body of knowledge, challenges its assumptions and contributes new methods of inquiry. Our understanding advances precisely because questions remain open.

Perhaps the final frontier is not a single destination waiting to be reached. It may be the continuing encounter between human curiosity and a universe whose depths exceed our present theories. Physics allows us to explore that universe with increasing precision; philosophy reminds us to examine the meaning and limits of our explanations.

We have travelled remarkably far, but there is no compelling reason to declare the journey complete. The more responsible conclusion is that nature still holds profound mysteries, and the search to understand them remains one of humanity's greatest intellectual endeavours.



Noah's Ark: The Enduring Mystery Of It's Animal Passengers

The extraordinary story of Hazrat Nuh (AS) and his Ark continues to inspire religious reflection and historical investigation, raising fascinating questions about the Great Flood, ancient civilisations and the animals carried aboard.

Among the most remarkable narratives preserved in religious history is the story of Hazrat Nuh (Noah), Alaihissalam, and the extraordinary vessel constructed under divine guidance to protect believers and living creatures from a devastating flood. For centuries, this account has inspired theologians, historians, archaeologists and researchers seeking to understand the circumstances surrounding the Great Flood.

The Holy Quran recounts how Almighty Allah commanded Hazrat Nuh (AS) to prepare an Ark and take aboard pairs of living creatures, together with his family and those who believed, except those excluded by the divine decree.

Surah Hud (11:40) contains the command:

"Take into the Ark a pair from every kind, along with your family and those who believe."***

A similar instruction appears in Surah Al-Mu'minun (23:27), while Surah Al-Qamar (54:13) describes the vessel as a construction of planks and nails.

These Quranic references establish the religious significance of the Ark. However, they do not specify the total number of animals, the vessel's exact dimensions or the precise geographical extent of the flood.

This raises an intriguing question: How many animals could have been accommodated aboard Hazrat Nuh's Ark, and how should the ancient descriptions be understood?

The account of Noah also appears prominently in the Book of Genesis, which provides additional details concerning the construction of the vessel and the people who survived the flood.

Genesis describes the Ark as measuring 300 cubits in length, 50 cubits in width and 30 cubits in height. Depending upon the historical measurement adopted for a cubit, these dimensions suggest a remarkably large wooden vessel.

The Biblical narrative also identifies Noah's three sons as Shem, Ham and Japheth, associating their descendants with the repopulation of the world following the flood.

Islamic and Biblical traditions share important elements, although differences exist in their descriptions, genealogies and interpretations. These accounts must therefore be examined within their respective religious and historical contexts.

The chronology of Hazrat Nuh (AS) has generated considerable discussion among traditional scholars. Different interpretations of Biblical genealogies and ancient historical writings have produced varying estimates concerning the period in which the flood occurred.

Some traditional calculations place the event several thousand years before the Common Era, while others suggest different chronological arrangements.

References to early generations, including Hazrat Adam (AS), Hazrat Nuh (AS), Hazrat Ibrahim (AS) and their descendants, have also been used to construct historical timelines.

However, such calculations depend upon particular religious genealogies and interpretative assumptions. They cannot presently establish a universally verified historical date for the flood.

The article also explores attempts to compare traditional chronologies with modern scientific research, including studies of human ancestry and genetics.

Genetic research investigates inherited characteristics, population relationships and patterns of human migration through DNA analysis.

The Y chromosome, transmitted along paternal lines, and mitochondrial DNA, inherited through maternal lines, provide important evidence concerning aspects of human ancestry.

Nevertheless, these scientific findings cannot independently identify Hazrat Nuh (AS), establish the date of the Biblical or Quranic flood, or demonstrate that all present-day populations descended from a single family during a particular historical event.

Religious genealogy and genetic ancestry address different questions and should not be treated as interchangeable forms of evidence.

Another fascinating dimension concerns the number and diversity of animals mentioned in the Ark narrative.

The Quranic instruction to carry pairs from every kind has traditionally been understood as a divine arrangement for preserving living creatures.

Yet the term "kind" does not necessarily correspond to the modern biological definition of a species.

Modern zoology recognises enormous diversity among mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects and countless other organisms. Scientific classification continues to develop as researchers identify previously unknown species.

Consequently, calculating the number of animals aboard the Ark by multiplying the total number of modern species would involve assumptions not established by the religious texts.

Questions concerning food, drinking water, ventilation, animal behaviour, waste management and the duration of the journey have also attracted considerable interest.

Some writers suggest that smaller or younger animals could have required less space, while others propose that the Ark accommodated representative groups rather than every species recognised today.

These remain speculative interpretations. Neither the Quranic account nor available archaeological evidence supplies a reliable numerical inventory of the Ark's passengers.

"The mystery of Noah's Ark lies not merely in its extraordinary dimensions, but in the enduring questions surrounding its passengers and survival."***

The search for the physical remains of Noah's Ark has continued for generations, particularly in mountainous regions associated with ancient flood traditions.

One location that has attracted considerable international attention is the Durupınar formation near Mount Ararat in eastern Türkiye.

The unusual boat-shaped geological feature was brought to public attention in 1959 after Turkish Army Captain İlhan Durupınar identified its outline in aerial photographs.

Its elongated appearance encouraged speculation that the formation might represent the remains of an ancient vessel.

Subsequent expeditions examined the site, and photographs circulated internationally, generating considerable interest among researchers and religious enthusiasts.

Among those associated with later investigations was American explorer Ron Wyatt, who argued that certain geological formations and material remains could support the identification of the site as Noah's Ark.

Claims concerning metal-like objects, supposed structural remains and possible traces of ancient construction attracted considerable publicity.

Some supporters interpreted unusual formations as evidence of vessel components, including fastenings or materials resembling ancient construction techniques.

However, scientific examination has not established these claims. Geological investigations have identified natural processes, including landslides, erosion and rock deformation, as explanations for the formation's distinctive appearance.

A published geological study concluded that the ship-like structure could be explained by the movement and alteration of limestone within the surrounding landscape.

Similarly, purported metallic remains have been interpreted by geologists as naturally occurring mineral concentrations rather than authenticated ancient ship components.

Although investigations and public interest continue, the Durupınar formation has not been conclusively identified as Noah's Ark.

The distinction between an intriguing archaeological possibility and an established discovery is particularly important when examining religiously significant historical narratives.

Ancient Mesopotamian civilisations also preserved accounts of devastating floods. Sumerian and Babylonian literature contains narratives involving great inundations, surviving individuals and vessels associated with the preservation of life.

The Epic of Gilgamesh is among the best-known literary examples.

These traditions demonstrate the importance of flood narratives in the cultural memory of ancient societies. However, similarities among these accounts do not independently establish that they describe precisely the same historical event.

Archaeological evidence of ancient regional flooding can contribute to the study of environmental history, but identifying one particular flood with the narrative of Hazrat Nuh (AS) remains a matter of interpretation.

Beyond debates concerning dates, locations and animal numbers, the Quranic account carries a profound spiritual message.

Hazrat Nuh (AS) is remembered for his unwavering faith, extraordinary patience and perseverance in conveying the divine message despite opposition and rejection.

The Ark represents obedience to Almighty Allah, trust in divine guidance and deliverance through faith.

For believers, its significance extends beyond the physical dimensions of a wooden vessel or the numerical calculation of its passengers.

The story also reminds humanity of its vulnerability before the forces of nature and the importance of moral responsibility.

Scientific investigation and religious reflection can approach these questions from different perspectives, provided their respective methods and limitations are clearly understood.

The exact number of animals aboard the Ark remains unknown. No authenticated passenger record or universally accepted archaeological identification has resolved the question.

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Backed my strengths after reading the pitch,' says Vaibhav on record double ton

(IANS) Doha, Teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi said he backed his strengths after realising that the pitch was not offering much assistance to the bowlers, as he produced a record-breaking 52-ball double century to guide India A to a seven-wicket win over the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and into the semifinals of the ACC Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars 2026 here on Tuesday.

The 15-year-old smashed 204 off just 53 deliveries, including 28 sixes and seven fours, as India A chased down a target of 250 in only 14.2 overs, finishing at 254/3. His innings featured the fastest century and double century in List A cricket.

Speaking after being named Player of the Match, Sooryavanshi said he initially intended to take his time at the crease after failing to convert his starts in the previous two matches.

"In the last two matches, I got set but couldn't convert those starts. So the plan was to go out there and take my time initially. But after facing a ball or two, I felt the bowlers weren't getting much help from the surface, so I backed my strengths," he said.

The left-handed batter reached his hundred in just 28 balls, surpassing the previous List A record of a 29-ball century by Australia's Jake Fraser-McGurk. He went on to complete his maiden double century in any format in just 52 deliveries.

Sooryavanshi said the conditions allowed him to play according to his natural game rather than adopt a cautious approach.

"There wasn't anything specific on my mind. The only thought was that if the wicket was helping the bowlers, I would take my time and play a longer innings. But thankfully, that wasn't the case. The wicket was good, the ball was coming nicely onto the bat, so I tried to back my game," he said.

He added that his approach remained unchanged despite the magnitude of the occasion, with his primary objective being to bat deep and take control of the game.

"Nothing different, sir. It was the same mindset of trying to bat deep. If the game wasn't in my control initially, I would look to take my time. But thankfully, I was able to take control early on, and then I played the game on my terms," he said.

The teenager also credited his coach Hrishi for repeatedly reminding him to focus on watching the ball closely, advice he has received since his Under-19 days.



"He has been saying this since Under-19. He tells me that if I just watch the ball properly, the game will be easy for me," Sooryavanshi said.

Having rediscovered his rhythm, the young batter said he was keen to maintain the same form in the remaining matches and help India A reach the final.

"It feels good. I've got my flow back in the game, so I'll try to carry this forward into the remaining matches of the tournament. Hopefully, we win the semi-final and reach the final, and I can continue playing with the same flow and in my own way," he said.

Earlier, UAE posted 249/8 in their allotted 50 overs, riding on Harpreet Singh's 130 off 144 balls. Arshad led the India A bowling attack with four wickets for 43 runs.

South Africa name eight uncapped players in Test squad for India series, Wolvaardt to lead



(IANS) Durban, South Africa have named eight uncapped players in their 15-member squad for the one-off Test against India in Gqeberha from December 9, with Laura Wolvaardt as captain.

The squad includes allrounder Marizanne Kapp and left-arm spinner Nonkululeko Mlaba, the only South African to have taken 10 wickets in a Test. Alexandra Candler, Oluhle Siyo, Nthabiseng Nini, Caitlin Wyngaard, Luyanda Nzuza and Nondumiso Shangase are among the uncapped players. Eliz-Mari Marx and Miane Smit are also yet to make Test debuts. Kapp may play on home ground.

Wicketkeepers Sinalo Jafta and Karabo Meso have been selected. Jafta has recovered from a hamstring injury, while Meso is likely to keep wickets. South Africa have held two red-ball camps, having last played a Test two years ago.

South Africa have not beaten India in their three previous Tests. The teams will also play three ODIs and three T20Is. Coach Mandla Mashimbyi said the tour would test his team's progress against the ODI world champions.

Dane van Niekerk and Shabnim Ismail have not been selected. Neither has indicated whether she will remain available for South Africa, the report said.

The tour begins with the Test in Gqeberha on December 9. The ODIs are in Paarl on December 16, Cape Town on December 19 and Bloemfontein on December 22. The T20Is are in Benoni on December 26 and Potchefstroom on December 29 and 30. **South Africa squads: Test:** Laura Wolvaardt, Alexandra Candler, Annerie Dercksen, Marizanne Kapp, Sinalo Jafta, Suné Luus, Eliz-Mari Marx, Karabo Meso, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Nthabiseng Nini, Luyanda Nzuza, Nondumiso Shangase, Oluhle Siyo, Miané Smit, Caitlin Wyngaard. **ODI:** Laura Wolvaardt, Anneke Bosch, Tazmin Brits, Alexandra Candler, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Marizanne Kapp, Ayabonga Khaka, Sinalo Jafta, Suné Luus, Karabo Meso, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Tumi Sekhukhune, Nondumiso Shangase, Caitlin Wyngaard. **T20I:** Laura Wolvaardt, Anneke Bosch, Tazmin Brits, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Sinalo Jafta, Marizanne Kapp, Ayabonga Khaka, Yasmeen Khan, Eliz-Mari Marx, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Seshnie Naidu, Kayla Reyneke, Tumi Sekhukhune, Chloé Tryon, Faye Tunnicliffe.

Hand MI captaincy back to Rohit for one season': Aakash Chopra



(IANS) New Delhi, Mumbai Indians have a settled core heading into the IPL auction but must prioritise adding quality spinners and Indian fast bowlers to strengthen their squad, feels former India batter Aakash Chopra.

He also believes the franchise should consider handing the captaincy back to Rohit Sharma for one season before grooming Tilak Varma to take over in the future.

Chopra pointed out that Mumbai have already released several spin options, including Allah Ghazanfar and Mayank Markande, leaving them with a clear requirement to address at the auction.

However, he cautioned that finding the right players may not be straightforward, with limited availability and competition likely to drive up prices.

"MI's core is already ready, even before the auction arrives. That is what they always do. They have let spinners go, not just Ghazanfar but Mayank Markande as well, so they will have to go shopping for spinners. They will have the money, but the availability of talent is the key, because that is always the story of a mini-auction. Supply does not equal demand, and therefore you get inflated prices.

"Prices are going to be inflated anyway because teams have around 300 crore to spend with only a handful of slots to fill. Mumbai are strong, even if results have not justified just how strong they are. But they still need to shop for spinners, and I think they will also need an Indian fast bowler or two," Chopra told JioStar.

On the leadership front, Chopra believes Mumbai have multiple options, with Rohit, Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma offering different possibilities. He suggested a short-term arrangement with Rohit at the helm, while allowing the franchise to prepare Tilak for a longer leadership role.

"As for captaincy, they have Rohit Sharma for a one-year plan, Suryakumar Yadav leading Mumbai now, and Tilak Varma as vice-captain for the future. There is no shortage of choices for Mumbai. For now, the ideal situation would be to hand the captaincy back to Rohit for one season and once the mega auction arrives, Tilak Varma will be ready to take over from Rohit," Chopra added.

Stokes enters IPL 2027 auction at Rs 2 crore



(IANS) New Delhi, Former England captain Ben Stokes has registered for the 2027 Indian Premier League auction at the maximum base price of Rs 2 crore, two years after skipping the 2025 mega auction, a report said.

Stokes is among 30 players in the top price bracket. The auction is scheduled in Goa on December 16. He skipped the 2025 auction to extend his England career. A rule barred players who had previously featured in the IPL but did not register for the mega auction from taking part in the next mini auction.

The 34-year-old last played in the 2024 edition of The Hundred, where he suffered a hamstring injury. Another hamstring problem ruled him out of the 2025 SA20 with MI Cape Town.

Stokes has played for three IPL teams, including Chennai Super Kings in 2023. Rising Pune Supergiants bought him for Rs 14.5 crore in 2017, while CSK paid Rs 16.25 crore in 2023. A knee injury restricted him to two matches that season. In September, he agreed to a Big Bash League deal with Adelaide Strikers.

India's Avesh Khan and Deepak Chahar are the only other Indians in the Rs 2-crore bracket. Overseas names include David Warner, Rachin Ravindra, Devon Conway, Trent Boult, Jonny Bairstow, Tom Curran, Anrich Nortje, Gerald Coetzee, Shai Hope, Shimron Hetmyer, Matheesha Pathirana and Wanindu Hasaranga, among other names.

Tanishaa Mukerji calls Sai Pallavi as Sita in Ramayana a 'miscast'



(IANS) Mumbai, Actress Tanishaa Mukerji called Southern beauty Sai Pallavi playing Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's 'Ramayana' a miscast.

On Tuesday, Tanishaa shared her review of the mythological drama. She took to her official X (Earlier known as Twitter) handle and lauded Ranbir Kapoor as Ram.

Tanishaa wrote on the micro-blogging site, "Watching #Ramayana late but finally! Here's my take ! I just have to say the media is soooo misleading. It is all ram! #RanbirKapoor is outstanding. I thought after I loved him in animal I might not connect him with lord Ram. But OMG! He's perfect! (sic)."

However, the 'Sarkar' actress pointed out that, for her, Sai Pallavi completely disconnects her from the ongoing visuals on the screen.

She added, "Also #saipallavi I'm sure is a great actor but unfortunately for me completely miscast as #sita! She disconnects me completely from the visual ! And the visuals story acting are all fantastic!"

Tanishaa also called Yash 'superb' as Ravana.

"#yash As Ravan is superb! He has surpassed all expectations proving he takes his role to perfection! Both lord Ram and Ravan are played by actors who have embodied their roles to perfection! Ravan is A good match for Ram! A must watch !," concluded the post.

In the meantime, a complaint has been registered against the makers of 'Ramayana' for allegedly hurting the religious sentiments of the Hindu community.

Satish Kocharekar, the spokesperson of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti (HJS) has filed an official police complaint at Mulund (West) Police Station in Mumbai against the producer, Namit Malhotra, and the director, Nitesh Tiwari.

He claims that 'Ramayana' distorts the original Valmiki 'Ramayana' in the name of freedom of expression.

Produced by Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios, along with 8-time Oscar-winning DNEG and Yash's Monster Mind Creations, 'Ramayana' reached the cinema halls on November 5.

Esha Deol gets emotional talking about missing Dharmendra's presence in her life

(IANS) Mumbai, Actress Esha Deol became emotional while recalling her late father, veteran actor Dharmendra, on his first death anniversary on November 24. Speaking to IANS, she said his absence was deeply felt, particularly when she had to make decisions about her professional projects.

Esha said she had always shared news about her work and film discussions with her parents, whose support had been important throughout her journey. Recalling how she approached project decisions, she said: "Whenever I signed a project, we were in a discussion about movies. I have always shared with my parents what I have been doing and doing. They have always been very supportive."

During the interview, Esha used gestures to indicate that she continued to feel her father's presence. She has often spoken about his influence on her personal and professional life.

Dharmendra died on November 24, 2025, aged 89, weeks before his 90th birthday. In a tribute shared on his birthday in December 2025, Esha described their relationship as "the strongest bond" and said they would always be together, "be it heaven or earth".



She recalled his warmth, guidance, unconditional love and strength, and wrote about missing his protective hugs, holding his hands, hearing him call her name, his conversations, laughter and shayaris. She also pledged to carry his legacy forward with pride and respect.

Known as Bollywood's 'He-Man', Dharmendra is survived by children Sunny, Bobby, Vijeta and Ajeeta from his first marriage to Prakash Kaur, and daughters Esha and Ahana with Hema Malini. His career spanned more than six decades, with films including Sholay, Chupke Chupke, Satyakam, Seeta Aur Geeta and Phool Aur Patthar.

Esha is currently receiving appreciation for her performance in Pratap, which stars Amit Sadh. Released on November 20, the Sachin Saraf-directed film features her as Poonam, wife of Sadh's character, a police encounter specialist who finds himself behind bars.

Harish challenges Revanth to show one new reservoir built under Congress rule



Hyderabad (NSS) : BRS MLA and former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao on Tuesday challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to show whether a single new reservoir had been constructed during the Congress government's tenure, demanding a white paper on the number of days lift irrigation schemes were operated over the past year.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao accused the Chief Minister of citing an incorrect Government Order (GO) number during Monday's media interaction and confusing the Nagarjuna Sagar canal with the Ongole Branch Canal.

Defending the previous BRS administration's record, Harish Rao contrasted his party's decade-long governance with the three decades of combined Congress and TDP rule in erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. He claimed that while previous regimes irrigated only 30,000 acres in the region, the K. Chandrashekar Rao government spent ₹30,000 crore on Palamuru irrigation projects and extended water to 10 lakh acres.

"Has Revanth Reddy provided water to even an additional one lakh acres in Palamuru since taking office?" Harish Rao asked, accusing the Chief Minister of betraying his home district and pushing Telangana towards drought.

He also flagged Andhra Pradesh's December 3, 2024 orders (GOs 403 and 405) for canal lining works towards Kuppam. He questioned how Krishna river water was being taken nearly 700 km to Kuppam while Palamuru, located much closer to the river basin, was being denied its rightful share.

Asserting that the BRS had secured Telangana's water rights by invoking Section 3 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, Harish Rao alleged that Congress leaders had remained silent on irrigation inequities including disparities between the Nagarjuna Sagar right and left canals and the limited ayacut under Jurala during the united Andhra Pradesh era.

"Raising one's voice does not turn falsehoods into facts. Whenever we question why water is not being lifted, the Chief Minister diverts the issue by levelling allegations against the BRS," he said.

Trainee IPS officer's brother named co-accused for evidence tampering



Hyderabad (NSS) : The investigation into the sexual assault case involving trainee IPS officer Uday Krishna Reddy has taken a fresh turn, with police naming his brother, Pranay Krishna Reddy, as a co-accused for allegedly tampering with evidence.

Uday Krishna Reddy, who is listed as Accused No. 1 (A1), was earlier arrested following a complaint by a woman IPS officer accusing him of sexual assault, criminal intimidation, and harassment. During the course of the investigation, police added Pranay Krishna Reddy as Accused No. 2 (A2) after uncovering his alleged role in concealing key material linked to the case. According to investigators, Pranay hid a suicide note purportedly written by Uday during an earlier suicide attempt, and also concealed an iPhone containing crucial video evidence.

Following these findings, police formally named Pranay as the second accused. However, he has secured anticipatory bail from the court, protecting him from immediate arrest.

Sridhar Babu reviews Global Summit arrangements at Bharat Future City



Hyderabad (NSS) : Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu conducted an on-ground inspection at Bharat Future City on Tuesday to review arrangements for the upcoming Global Summit.

During the visit, the Minister assessed key preparations, including the main venue, expo zone, security protocols, traffic management, connectivity, and guest accommodation.

Addressing officials, Sridhar Babu emphasised that the event's execution must further enhance Telangana's global brand image and directed departments to expedite all pending works ahead of the summit.

Stressing the need for meticulous planning without any lapses, he called for a focused action plan to meet stipulated deadlines and urged seamless inter-departmental coordination to ensure the summit's success.

Telangana launches Khelo India Global Quiz to showcase state's heritage

Hyderabad (NSS) : The Telangana government has launched the 'Khelo India Global Quiz' as part of the Khelo India Youth Games–2026 to promote sports awareness among youth and showcase the State's sporting, cultural and tourism heritage globally.

Minister for Youth Services and Sports Vakiti Srihari launched the quiz at the Ministers' Residential Complex in Hyderabad on Monday. Special Chief Secretary Vani Prasad and Sports Authority of Telangana Managing Director Dr A. Sonibala Devi attended the programme.

The Minister said the initiative would inspire young people, improve their knowledge of sports and introduce Telangana's history, culture and heritage to a global audience.

The online quiz features 20 questions on sports, Telangana tourism, culture, history and Invest Telangana. Participants can make up to five attempts, with one attempt permitted per day. The platform can accommodate 5,000 participants simultaneously. Invitations have been emailed to around two lakh people living abroad. The quiz is available in Telugu, Hindi and English. All participants will receive participation certificates, while those scoring above 15 marks out of 20 will receive merit certificates.

Singareni to provide free education to children of 30,000 contract workers

Hyderabad (NSS) : In a major welfare initiative directed by the State government, the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) management has decided to provide free education up to Class X for the children of approximately 30,000 contract and outsourced workers across its 12 operational areas.

The decision stems from a recent welfare review meeting of elected representatives from the coal belt region, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka.

Following the directive, the General Manager of the Singareni Collieries Educational Society issued formal orders to all areas, granting eligible children free admission to Singareni schools within their respective jurisdictions.

The tuition waiver takes immediate effect for over 400 students currently enrolled across the nine schools operated by the Singareni Educational Society. From the upcoming academic year, the facility will be extended to all newly enrolling children of contract and outsourced staff.

Dr Chandrakant Agarwal Unanimously Elected FBDOI President



Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Dr Chandrakant Agarwal, President of the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), has been unanimously elected President of the Federation of Blood Donors Organisations of India (FBDOI).

His election recognises his longstanding contribution to promoting voluntary blood donation, supporting thalassemia patients and strengthening access to safe blood across the country.

FBDOI Secretary General Apurba Ghosh expressed confidence that Dr Agarwal's leadership would strengthen the federation's national network and encourage greater public participation in voluntary blood donation. Dr Agarwal said he would focus on bringing blood donor organisations onto a common platform, encouraging youth participation and creating greater awareness about the need for safe and adequate blood, particularly for patients requiring regular transfusions.

He also heads the Navdurga Group of Industries and the Bhartiya Federation of Thalassemia Societies. He is associated with several national and international organisations working for people with inherited blood disorders.

Jamiat Ulama Organises Seerat Quiz Competition for Students in Makthal



Makthal (Munsif Desk) : Jamiat Ulama of Narayanpet district organised a Seerat Quiz competition for students of government and private schools at the historic Jamia Masjid in Makthal on Tuesday. A total of 80 students from different schools participated in the written competition with enthusiasm. The competition, held from 10 am to 12 noon under the supervision of district Jamiat president Maulana Abdul Qavi Khatib Al-Hassami, was open to students from Class V to SSC. Question papers were provided in both Urdu and English to facilitate participation.

Jamiat leaders and volunteers guided the students and made arrangements for the smooth conduct of the event. Several prominent citizens visited the venue and appreciated the initiative, describing such programmes as important for promoting religious and educational awareness among the younger generation. The competition concluded with a vote of thanks and prayer by Maulana Abdul Qavi Hassami. Prizes for the successful participants will be announced at a programme to be organised shortly.

Centre for Sight Opens New Eye Care Centre in Gachibowli



Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Centre for Sight – Group of Eye Hospitals has inaugurated its new centre in Gachibowli, expanding access to specialised eye care in Hyderabad.

The centre offers a range of ophthalmic services for children, working professionals and senior citizens, with facilities for diagnosis and treatment of various eye conditions.

Dr Vijaya Anand Reddy, Director of Radiation Oncology at Apollo Hospitals, inaugurated the facility as the chief guest. Centre for Sight Managing Director Dr Ritika Sachdev, Director – Medical Services Dr Santosh Honavar and Hyderabad Clinical Lead Dr Akhil Bevara attended the event.

Dr Mahipal S. Sachdev, Chairman and Medical Director of Centre for Sight, said the expansion aimed to make comprehensive eye care accessible to more people. He stressed the importance of timely diagnosis and treatment of conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and eye cancers. The Gachibowli centre is equipped with advanced technology for cataract surgery, refractive procedures and corneal treatments. It also offers pharmacy and optical services to support coordinated patient care.

Founded in 1996, Centre for Sight has a presence across 17 states, with more than 350 eye specialists.

HYD traffic diversions announced for Kishan Reddy's anti-drug padayatra on Nov 25

Hyderabad (NSS) : Traffic restrictions and diversions will be implemented at several places in Hyderabad on Wednesday, November 25, in view of the 'Hyderabad Walks for Nasha Mukth Bharat' padayatra led by Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy.

The padayatra, expected to attract a large number of participants, will begin at Amberpet MCH Ground and conclude at Kashish Function Hall in Musheerabad. The procession will pass through Mahankali Temple, Amberpet T Junction, 6 No. Junction, Tilaknagar, Fever Hospital, Hindi Mahavidyalaya, Vidyanagar, NCC Junction, Osmania University, EFLU, Seethaphalmandi, Chilkalguda, Padmarao Nagar and Gandhi Hospital before reaching its destination.

Hyderabad Traffic Police said diversions would be implemented at around 20 locations along the route, depending on the movement of the procession and prevailing traffic conditions. Vehicles heading towards Ramanthapur, Golnaka, Shivam Road, Vidyanagar, Tarnaka, Mettuguda, RTC X Roads, Chikkadpally, Ashok Nagar and Himayatnagar may be diverted through alternative routes.

Commuters have been advised to avoid the procession route wherever possible, plan their journeys in advance and follow traffic police instructions. Updates will be available on the Hyderabad Traffic Police Facebook page and X handle. For emergency travel assistance, the public can contact the traffic helpline at 9010203626.



Devotees offer prayers and seek blessings during a grand Kirtan Darbar organised on the occasion of the 557th Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj at Numaish Grounds, Nampally, in Hyderabad on Monday. The event was organised under the aegis of Sardar Gurcharan Singh Bagga, President of Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Ashok Bazar, Afzalgunj, and Sardar Kuldeep Singh Saluja, President of Secunderabad Gurdwara Management Committee. **(Photo by: Syed Omar)**

Tragedy in Bachupally: Three workers die while cleaning septic tank

Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Three workers died of suspected suffocation while cleaning a septic tank at Dhatri Apartments in Bachupally. The deceased, identified as Suman (24), Suresh (25), and Pawan (25), were employed by a private sanitation agency, H&R Investis Septic Tank Cleaners. According to preliminary reports, the trio entered the tank to clean it and lost consciousness inside. Alerted by local residents, Bachupally police reached the spot and initiated operations to retrieve the bodies from the tank. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation to determine the exact sequence of events. Investigators are examining whether the deaths were caused by toxic gas inhalation and if the employer failed to provide mandatory safety gear. The exact cause of death will be confirmed following the post-mortem and further inquiry.

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