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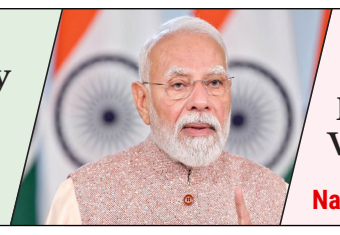

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TRADE TALKS FACE FRESH US TARIFF PRESSURE

US Proposes 25% Tariff on India, 17% With Trade Deal

Trade agreement could lower the rate to 17% as exporters await final terms

Munsif Desk, New Delhi:



The Indian exporters face renewed uncertainty after the United States proposed tariffs of up to 25 per cent on Indian goods under a trade investigation, while indicating a lower rate of 17 per cent if both countries conclude an agreement addressing Washington's concerns.

The Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) announced the proposal on Wednesday after determining, under Section 301 of the Trade Act, that certain Indian industrial and trade practices burden American commerce. The move is not a final tariff order and does not immediately change duties paid by exporters.

The proposal provides exemptions for certain goods and would account for existing Section 301 duties. Washington also said rates could be adjusted in light of other US trade measures and commitments made through a reciprocal agreement.

USTR criticised India's industrial expansion plans, market-access barriers, labour protections and financial policies. Its findings particularly referred to pharmaceuticals, medical devices, steel, solar equipment and information technology.

For Indian manufacturers, the difference between 25 per cent and 17 per cent could influence orders, prices and employment. However, the actual effect will depend on exemptions, product classifications and the agreement's final terms.

Any negotiations will also involve domestic concerns, including farmers' access to markets and protection for sensitive industries. India has previously drawn firm boundaries over certain dairy and genetically modified agricultural imports.

USTR has invited comments until January 5, 2027, with hearings scheduled from January 25. Exporters now await clarity on the final tariff structure and the concessions either side may seek.



RBI Flags Broad Rise in Essential Food Prices

Key Highlights

- Retail inflation reached 6.09% in October, up from 5.54% in September.
- Cereals, pulses, edible oils and some vegetables rose in November.
- RBI's next monetary policy decision is due December 4.

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India's November bulletin warned Wednesday that food prices remain under broad pressure, squeezing family budgets despite continued economic resilience.

RBI staff analysis said prices of major cereals, pulses, edible oils and some vegetables rose in November. High-frequency observations through November 19 suggested increases were widespread rather than confined to a few commodities.

Annual retail inflation rose to 6.09 per cent in October from 5.54 per cent in September, crossing the RBI's 6 per cent upper tolerance threshold. Higher food prices were a major contributor.

For low- and middle-income families, rising grocery costs can reduce spending on education, healthcare and other necessities. The findings renew questions about whether supply measures and market monitoring adequately protect consumers.

The bulletin is a staff assessment, not a fresh policy decision. The RBI's next interest-rate announcement is due December 4, when controlling inflation will remain a central concern.

SC Defers Khalid, Imam Interim Bail

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought Delhi Police's response to bail pleas by Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam in an alleged conspiracy case linked to the 2020 Delhi riots.

The court declined to consider interim release for now and said a three-judge bench would examine whether prolonged detention can justify bail under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Both have been in custody since 2020. The question is whether lengthy imprisonment without trial can justify bail despite the law's restrictions.

NEW ELECTRICITY RULES 2026: Faster Connections, Protection Against Erroneous Bills

New Delhi: The Union Power Ministry has proposed safeguards against abnormal electricity bills, quicker connections and improved complaint handling under draft consumer-rights rules issued November 23.

Distribution companies would have to review bills exceeding five times, or falling below one-fifth, of a customer's average consumption over the previous six billing cycles. Disputes must be resolved within 30 days. Supply could not be disconnected during review if the customer pays the six-month average bill.

Connection deadlines are proposed at three days in municipal corporation areas, seven in other municipalities, 15 in rural areas and 30 in designated hilly regions. Network expansion could extend the period to 90 days.

Complaint forums would resolve grievances within 30 to 45 days through online and offline channels.

Time-of-day tariffs and demand-response incentives are also proposed. From April 2028, rooftop solar systems exceeding 10 kW could face a 20 per cent storage requirement.

Stakeholders may submit comments by December 23. Most changes are proposed from April 1, 2027, but are not yet binding.

Union Cabinet Clears ₹19,934-Crore Development Package

Manufacturing incentives lead five approvals covering ports, aviation and postal services

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved five proposals with a combined estimated value of Rs 19,934 crore, covering construction equipment manufacturing, port expansion, an airport and postal services. Their impact on jobs and public services will depend on implementation.

The largest component is an Rs 11,000-crore incentive scheme for construction and infrastructure equipment manufacturing over eight years. It aims to reduce reliance on imported machinery and components through sales-linked incentives and a dedicated testing facility. The government expects the programme to attract around Rs 21,000 crore in investment.

A second container terminal at Kamarajar Port in Tamil Nadu received approval at an estimated Rs 4,288 crore. It will be financed by a private concessionaire under a public-private partnership, rather than directly by the Centre.

The new greenfield airport at Doloo near Silchar, Assam, is estimated to cost Rs 2,014 crore,



funded through the Airports Authority of India's own resources.

Two postal schemes totalling Rs 2,632 crore will modernise mail and parcel operations and improve postal infrastructure through 2030-31.

With different funding arrangements and timelines, authorities will need to disclose project milestones, contracts, safety standards and employment outcomes.

Approval alone does not guarantee completed infrastructure or improved services.

Telangana Declares 365 Mandals Drought-Hit

Hyderabad: Telangana has declared 365 mandals in 31 districts drought-affected for the Kharif 2026 season, following deficient southwest monsoon rainfall.

The declaration was issued through Government Order No. 3 on October 24, according to a November 17 reply from the Revenue (Disaster Management) Department to an RTI query filed by activist Kareem Ansari.

Of the affected mandals, 111 were classified as severely hit and 254 as moderately affected.

Between June 1 and September 30, the state recorded 615.5 mm rainfall against normal 740.6 mm, a deficit of 17 per cent.

Eighteen of Telangana's 33 districts received deficient rainfall.

The disclosure highlights the need for timely crop-loss surveys, compensation, drinking-water arrangements and employment support.

The drought order identifies affected areas, but farmers will need clear information on relief eligibility, application procedures and payment timelines to avoid financial distress.

SC Seeks Centre's Reply on Alleged Detentions During Anti-CEC Protests



New Delhi: The Supreme Court directed the Centre and Delhi government to file comprehensive responses within 10 days to petitions alleging unlawful detentions during October 10 protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant issued the direction after being told that replies covered only some petitions. The complaints concern the treatment of protesters, political leaders, lawyers and journalists amid demonstrations over alleged irregularities in electoral administration.

Delhi Police has disputed the allegations, saying in a related petition that no one was arrested or detained during the October 10 protests.

The court has not decided whether the police actions were lawful.

The proceedings raise questions about the documentation and legality of preventive police measures, alongside constitutional protections for peaceful assembly and public order.

Hyderabad's Punjagutta Police Station to Pilot AI-Based Policing

Hyderabad: 2026: Telangana DGP C.V. Anand and Hyderabad Police Commissioner Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat inspected Punjagutta Police Station on Wednesday, reviewing preparations for an artificial intelligence-based policing pilot.

Officials said AI tools would assist with complaint registration, investigation records and charge-sheet preparation, aiming to improve speed and accuracy. During the visit, officers spoke with complainants and examined installations.

The station is expected to be inaugurated soon. Safeguards for personal data, correction of automated errors and human review will be important to protect citizens' rights.

Authorities must ensure that AI-generated records undergo human verification, with strict privacy safeguards and clear accountability. The pilot's success should be judged by accuracy, faster service and fair treatment of all complainants.

Ten Girls Fall Ill at Telangana Welfare Hostel; Officials Inspect Premises

SANGAREDDY: Ten students of a Scheduled Caste girls' hostel in Jogipet were taken to a government hospital on Wednesday after falling ill following breakfast, according to the latest local report. An earlier account put the number at seven.

The girls reportedly developed vomiting after eating lemon rice. Students alleged that insects were found in the food and claimed earlier complaints about meals had gone unheeded. The cause of the illness has not been established through laboratory testing.

Revenue Divisional Officer Srinivas, Social Welfare Deputy Director Akhilesh Reddy and police officials inspected the hostel.

Officials promised action against those responsible for poor-quality food.

The incident raises questions about kitchen inspections, food suppliers and whether students can safely report repeated complaints before illnesses occur.

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Parakala MLA Inspects Indiramma Life Insurance Scheme

Munsif Desk,
Warangal:

Parakala MLA Revoor Prakash Reddy on Wednesday conducted a surprise inspection at the Teegarajupalli Gram Panchayat office in Sangem Mandal to review the implementation of the Indiramma Life Insurance Scheme.

During his visit, the MLA examined the registration process of beneficiaries, verification of applications and the problems being faced in implementing the scheme. He also enquired about the performance of the officials and staff involved in the registration process. Revoor Prakash Reddy directed the officials to ensure that every eligible family receives the benefits of the Indiramma Life Insurance Scheme. He stressed that the scheme must be implemented in a transparent manner without any negligence or unnecessary delays.

AP: Five killed in Bhogapuram highway crash

Munsif Desk,
Vizianagaram:

Five people were killed after a speeding Thar SUV hit a tanker parked on the Bhogapuram highway near Sundarapeta in Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh in the early hours of Wednesday.

They were returning to Visakhapatnam after visiting the Sri Mukhalingam temple in Srikakulam district.

Reports said four of them died on the spot, while another person who was critically injured died while undergoing treatment at a hospital.

The front portion of the car was completely crushed in the impact. According to reports, the vehicle caught fire soon after the crash. The deceased were identified as Konda Sooribabu, Borra Satish, his wife Shruti, Vakalapudi Srinu and Kusuma Ranjani. Vakalapudi Srinu and his wife were from the Tagarapuvalasa area, while the others were from the Bheemili surroundings, according to reports.

Reliance Digital manager Vakalapudi Srinivas was among those killed, sources said.

Records showed that the car travelled towards Srikakulam at 12.50 am and crossed the Bogapuram tollgate at 7.35 am while returning. The vehicle was completely damaged in the crash.

Officials reportedly found money and valuables in the bags carried by the victims. Police reached the spot after receiving information about the accident and launched rescue operations. The bodies were shifted to a hospital for postmortem examination.



Bala Maya Devi held a review meeting with District Collector Garima Agrawal, Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) at the District Collectorate on Wednesday. On the occasion, Bala Maya Devi stressed the importance of preventing misuse of voting rights while ensuring that all eligible individuals get an opportunity to register as voters. Expressing satisfaction over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in the district, she appreciated the Collector's efforts.

Sircilla Collector Gifts Wheelchair to Elderly Woman

Munsif Desk
Rajanna Sircilla :

Rajanna Sircilla District Collector Garima Agrawal displayed compassion and humanitarian concern by responding promptly to the difficulties faced by an elderly woman with mobility challenges.

On Monday, Konda Lalithamma, an elderly resident of Padma Nagar in Sircilla town, visited the Collectorate. Noticing her difficulties, Collector Garima Agrawal personally approached her, spoke to her warmly and enquired about her problems and circumstances.

Understanding her plight, the Collector immediately instructed District Welfare Officer Lakshmi Rajam to arrange a wheelchair for Lalithamma. Officials promptly made the necessary arrangements, and the Collector personally handed over the wheelchair to the elderly woman.



District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha said teachers should play a key role in improving the academic performance and capabilities of students. On Wednesday, District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha visited and inspected the primary school at Patelgudem village in Lingala Ghanpur Mandal of the district.

Kavitha Opposes Merger of Intermediate Board with School Education

Mohd Baleeg Ahmed,
Nizamabad:



Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha has strongly opposed the proposed merger of the Intermediate Education Board with the School Education Department, stating that the government cannot take such a decision unilaterally.

Speaking to the media in Nizamabad, Kavitha said extensive consultations should first be held with parents, junior college managements, school managements and educationists before taking any decision. She demanded clarity on whether Intermediate Education would be merged with School Education or vice versa.

She also sought clarification on the future of laboratories, infrastructure and teaching staff following the proposed merger.

Collector Chahat Bajpai Calls for Improved Student Learning Abilities

Abdul Aleem,
Hanumakonda:



District Collector Chahat Bajpai directed teachers to give special attention to improving students' academic performance and learning abilities by adopting simple, effective and easy-to-understand teaching methods.

On Wednesday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the Government Primary School and High School at Venkatapur village in Damera Mandal of Hanumakonda district and reviewed the educational activities in detail.

She interacted with teachers and students and enquired about the quality of education, students' learning levels, breakfast arrangements before the midday meal and distribution of milk.

During her interaction with students of Classes I, II and III, the Collector examined their notebooks and asked them the meanings of words they had written to assess their understanding and learning abilities. Pleased with their satisfactory responses, she appreciated their performance and encouraged them with the words, "Very Good."

Collector Ila Tripathi Inspects Salura High School

Munsif Desk,
Nizamabad:



Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi conducted a surprise inspection of the Zilla Parishad High School at Salura Mandal headquarters on Wednesday. She inspected the school premises and classrooms. She checked the attendance process of students and teachers under the FRS system. She enquired whether mid-day meals were being served as per the menu.

She asked about and learned about the infrastructure and available facilities. When HM Raji Manjushree brought to the Collector's notice that students were facing several difficulties locally, and that there were not enough classrooms in proportion to the number of students, the Collector assured that five additional classrooms would be sanctioned.

She revealed that a compound wall and playground would also be sanctioned for the school. However, she advised the teachers to work with dedication so that the number of students increases significantly further in the coming academic year.

She said that all teachers must necessarily follow punctuality and attend teaching duties. The Collector made it clear that those who are absent from duties without any permission will be directly suspended, instead of issuing show-cause notices. Similarly, she said to ensure that 100 percent of students attend school regularly without fail.

Vivek Launches Indiramma Insurance Drive in Mancherial

(NSS), Hyderabad:

The State government is implementing the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme to ensure financial security for every eligible household in Telangana, Minister for Labour, Employment, Training and Factories (SHAKTI) and Mines Dr Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy said.

Urging all eligible households to enrol, the Minister formally launched the registration drive at Gangipalli gram panchayat in Jaipur mandal of Mancherial district on Wednesday.

Addressing the gathering, Vivek Venkatswamy stated that eligible family members aged between 18 and 59 years will receive life insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh, linked to their ration cards.

DCC Chief Warns Against Attacks on Government Offices

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed,
Hanumakonda:



Hanumakonda District Congress Committee (DCC) President Inagala Venkat Ram Reddy has said that the Congress party is always ready for open discussions and debates on development issues, but attacks on government offices in an attempt to maintain political relevance will not be tolerated.

Addressing a press conference at the District Congress Committee office (DCC Bhavan) on Wednesday, he said people were closely observing the political developments in the Warangal West Assembly constituency over the past two days.

He questioned why BRS leaders were attempting to attack government offices instead of discussing public issues, when MLA Naini Rajender Reddy had challenged them to participate in an open debate on development works at a public junction.

Targeting BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), he alleged that KTR had visited Warangal not to resolve people's problems but to protect his political existence.

He accused former MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar of pushing Warangal into administrative mismanagement during his ten-year tenure instead of focusing on development.

CP Sai Chaitanya Inspects Water Sports Arrangements at Raghunath Cheruvu

Mohd Baleeg Ahmed
Nizamabad:

As part of the closing ceremony of the 5th Telangana State Police Sports and Games Meet – 2026 to be held in Nizamabad district, Nizamabad Police Commissioner Sri Sai Chaitanya, IPS., thoroughly inspected and supervised the arrangements for the water sports to be held at Raghunath Cheruvu. On this occasion, he examined the arrangements being made for conducting sports programmes in the lake, facilities required for sportspersons, safety measures, suitable environment for water sports and other aspects. He instructed the concerned officials to make all arrangements comprehensively so that sportspersons participating in water sports do not face any inconvenience.

On this occasion, CCS ACP Sri Srisailam, Water Sports Coach P. Krishna Rao, Director Sri Anandam, Coach N. Srinivas.

POCSO Case: 20-Year Jail Term, ₹16 Lakh Compensation for Victims

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed,
Nizamabad:

The Fast Track Special Judge for POCSO Cases (In-charge Women's Court), Nizamabad, has sentenced an accused to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment in a POCSO case registered at Edapally Police Station following a complaint lodged by the victims' family members.

The case (PSC No. 165/2020, Crime No. 77/2020) was registered under Sections 376 AB, 363 and 506 of the IPC and Sections 5(m) read with 6 of the POCSO Act. Judge D. Durga Prasad pronounced the verdict in open court.

The accused, Machkuri Narayana, 53, son of Abbanna, a farmer and resident of Jankampet village in Edapally, Nizamabad district, was sentenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 20,000 under Section 5(m) read with Section 6 of the POCSO Act. In case of default in payment of the fine, he will undergo an additional six months' imprisonment.

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Anil Ravipudi: making audiences laugh is serious business

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Making audiences laugh is a demanding creative exercise, said National Award-winning filmmaker Anil Ravipudi at the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa on Wednesday. Speaking at a press conference on his Telugu film "Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu", selected for the Mainstream Cinema section of Indian Panorama, Ravipudi said blending comedy with family emotions while meeting audience expectations was a challenging task, particularly when directing a superstar like Chiranjeevi. The 164-minute entertainer revolves around a national security officer who becomes estranged from his wife and children due to his professional commitments.

Six years later, he attempts to reunite with his family by taking up a job at their school.

The film combines comedy, action and family sentiment. Recalling his experience of working with Chiranjeevi, Ravipudi said growing up watching the actor's films helped him understand his strengths and develop a family-oriented story suited to his personality.

Governor calls for renewed commitment to constitutional values

(NSS), Peddapalli:

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has extended his greetings to the people of Telangana and the nation on the occasion of Constitution Day, observed on November 26.

In a statement on Wednesday, the Governor said the invaluable contribution and vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, along with the dedication of the members of the Constituent Assembly, laid a strong foundation for the world's largest democracy.

The ideals of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution continue to guide the nation towards unity, integrity and progress, he said. The Governor noted that the Constitution not only guarantees fundamental rights but also reminds every citizen of their duties and responsibilities towards the nation. Shiv Pratap Shukla called upon people to reaffirm their commitment to constitutional values, strengthen democratic institutions and uphold the ideals of the Constitution, particularly among the youth, by discharging their fundamental duties with a sense of responsibility.

The Governor urged citizens, particularly the youth, to uphold constitutional values, fulfil their fundamental duties and strengthen democratic institutions through participation.

AP REVENUE RISES 18.7%, REACHES Rs.74,342 CR: CM NAIDU

(NSS), Amaravati:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday directed revenue-generating departments to improve collections without imposing any additional tax burden on people, stressing the need for transparency, technology adoption and systemic reforms to plug revenue leakages.

AP's revenue, including special margin, reached Rs.74,342 crore during the current financial year up to November 23, registering an 18.7 per cent growth over the corresponding period last year. Against the annual target of Rs.1,27,506 crore, the State achieved 58 per cent of its target, officials informed the Chief Minister during a review meeting at the Secretariat. Naidu said online systems, greater transparency and reforms across departments had contributed to improved revenue collection. He directed officials to ensure that the outcomes of development programmes implemented across the State were reflected in revenue growth. The State's tax revenue increased by Rs.10,104 crore, from Rs.53,692 crore to Rs.63,796 crore, registering 18.8 per cent growth. Non-tax revenue rose by 31.3 per cent, from Rs.1,330 crore to Rs.2,091 crore.



Commercial Taxes department revenue grew by 18.3 per cent to Rs.5,917 crore, while GST collections registered 18.1 per cent growth, increasing by Rs.3,694 crore. Excise revenue, including special margin, rose by 19.6 per cent to Rs.20,083 crore, an increase of Rs.3,287 crore.

Seven Tirumala pilgrims' families receive Rs 2 lakh each under TTD insurance scheme

(NSS), Tirupati:

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Tuesday paid compensation of Rs 2 lakh each to the families of seven pilgrims who died in Tirumala over the past two months.

The payout was made under 'Srivari Yatra Suraksha', a group life insurance scheme jointly launched by the TTD and the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

"In a unique initiative, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has handed over compensation to the families of seven pilgrims who died in Tirumala in the last two months under 'Srivari Yatra Suraksha'," the temple body said in a press release.

TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch Venkaiah Chowdary and LIC Chairman and Managing Director R Doraiswamy handed over the compensation to the beneficiaries.

Deep Trust Screens 2,500 Women for Cancer, Offers Free Tests Worth Rs. 10 Crore

(NSS), Hyderabad:

DEEP (Disease Eradication Through Education and Prevention) Trust, a 12-year-old non-profit organisation, has screened over 2,500 underprivileged women for breast and cervical cancers through more than 25 free medical camps across Hyderabad this year, providing diagnostic services worth approximately Rs.10 crore.

As part of the initiative, the trust organised a free screening camp at Patigadda, near Risalagadda, on Wednesday, covering around 250 women. The camp offered mammography and Pap smear tests through its mobile health screening bus.

The trust said its screening programmes had identified over 300 suspected breast cancer cases and around 40 suspected cervical cancer cases.

Women requiring further investigation are referred to specialised hospitals for diagnosis and treatment, with assistance also provided to eligible Aarogyasri beneficiaries.

Founder Trustee Dr. Rakesh Kalapala stressed the importance of early detection, while Dr. Madhu Vasepalli said the trust would support patients through diagnosis, treatment coordination and follow-up. CEO Swati Mohanty said the organisation was committed to taking preventive healthcare to underserved communities.



DEEP Trust aims to transform five million lives by 2030 through preventive healthcare and community development initiatives.

No compromise on quality of Khelo India arrangements: Revanth

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to ensure high-quality food and accommodation facilities for athletes and invitees attending the Khelo India Games in Telangana, making it clear that there would be no compromise on quality in the renovation of stadiums and other arrangements.



The Chief Minister called for concrete measures to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the State and suggested recruiting the best coaches in the country to identify sporting talent at the grassroots level and provide aspiring athletes with quality training.

Revanth Reddy held a review meeting with officials on preparations for the Khelo India Games at MCRHRD on Wednesday and issued several instructions to ensure the smooth conduct of the event. He announced that the Games would be held from December 11 to 22 and directed officials to make elaborate arrangements for the grand inaugural ceremony on December 11.

The opening ceremony will be held at LB Stadium, while the closing ceremony will take place at Gachibowli.

Stressing that Hyderabad should reflect the spirit of sports throughout the city during the event, the Chief Minister asked police and municipal officials to work in close coordination and complete the arrangements within the stipulated time. He also suggested appointing separate officers as departmental in-charges to ensure accountability and effective coordination.

The Chief Minister further proposed appointing Ministers as district-wise in-charges to monitor the preparations. He asked Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari to coordinate with Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and D. Sridhar Babu, who are in charge of Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts, respectively.

Uttam Orders 15-Month Fine Rice Buffer Amid El Niño Concerns



(NSS), Hyderabad:

Anticipating potential agricultural disruptions from emerging El Niño conditions, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday directed officials to step up fine paddy procurement and build a fine rice buffer stock sufficient to meet Telangana's public distribution system (PDS) and institutional needs for at least 15 months.

Reviewing the functioning of the Civil Supplies Department and Corporation with Commissioner Y. Nagi Reddy, Corporation Director G.V. Shyam Prasad Lal, Additional Director Rohit Singh and other senior officials, the Minister stressed the need for advance planning to insulate the State's food security network against adverse weather. While Telangana currently holds fine rice stocks adequate for about 14 months, Uttam Kumar Reddy noted that expanding the buffer is a prudent safeguard given the uncertainty surrounding upcoming agricultural seasons.

He instructed officials not to scale down procurement operations and to maximise the purchase of fine varieties to ensure uninterrupted supplies under the State's flagship Sannabiyyam scheme.

TG ACB Warns Corrupt Officers of Strict Action

(NSS), Hyderabad:

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has reiterated its zero-tolerance policy towards corruption within its own ranks, warning that no officer found guilty of misconduct will be spared.

Responding to allegations against one of its officers, which have appeared in the media recently, the ACB said its personnel were not above the law or departmental rules and were fully accountable for their conduct.

The allegations, levelled by an officer booked by the ACB in a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case, are being examined through a detailed and impartial departmental enquiry.

The Bureau said the complainant had been summoned three times but had failed to appear before the enquiry.

The ACB said it was awaiting the completion of the enquiry and assured that the officer concerned would face the strictest action under law if the allegations were substantiated.

Emphasising the importance of internal vigilance, the Bureau said it was committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, transparency and accountability.

It also urged citizens to report any misconduct or corrupt practices by ACB personnel, assuring that complaints would be examined seriously and the identity of complainants kept confidential.

The Bureau reiterated its commitment to fighting corruption round the clock, throughout the year.

Keeravani to Compose Four-Language Songs for Telangana Summit



(NSS), Hyderabad:

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju announced that renowned music director M.M. Keeravani will compose special songs in four languages for the upcoming Invest Telangana Global Summit.

The Chief Secretary chaired a high-level review meeting with the Protocol, Food and Cultural Committees to assess arrangements for the Global Summit.

Sanjay Jaju said elaborate cultural programmes showcasing Telangana's rich folk traditions and cultural heritage would be organised on the morning of the inaugural day, December 7. Cultural performances will also be a major attraction during the Climate Concert scheduled for December 9.

Highlighting local hospitality, more than 45 stalls will be set up at the summit venue, including around 30 dedicated food counters offering Hyderabad's famous culinary specialities.

Prominent personalities from both the Telugu and Hindi film industries, along with leading members of the film fraternity.

Telangana needs stronger public transport: Cyberabad Police Commissioner

(NSS), Hyderabad:

While 97 per cent of commuters in London depend on public transport, 74 per cent of people in Telangana rely on personal two-wheelers, highlighting the need to strengthen public transport infrastructure, Cyberabad Police Commissioner M. Ramesh said on Wednesday. Addressing a press conference along with Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr G. Srijana, Ramesh announced that the three-day international summit, "Cyberabad Moves", would begin on Thursday. The summit, jointly organised by the Telangana government, Cyberabad Police, CMC and the Traffic and Transport departments, aims to develop practical solutions to traffic congestion and improve urban mobility.

TGHRC Takes Suo Motu Notice of Three Worker Deaths at Bachupally STP

(NSS), Hyderabad:

The Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of the deaths of three workers who allegedly died after inhaling poisonous gases while cleaning a septic tank / Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) sump at Dinesh Auric Apartments here in Bachupally area.

Taking serious note of the incident, TGHRC Chairperson Justice Shameem Akther expressed concern over the alleged lack of adequate safety measures and protective equipment during the hazardous cleaning operation.

Mennonite Brethren Church Delegation Meets Minister Azharuddin

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad:

A delegation of the newly elected Governing Council of the Mennonite Brethren Church of India met State Minister for Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin and submitted a representation regarding the newly constituted committee following the recent elections.

During the meeting, the delegation introduced the newly elected office-bearers to the Minister. The committee comprises Dr. C.S. Joel as President, K.E. Raja Ratnam as Vice-President, A. Shyam Rao as General Secretary, Prasad as Assistant Secretary and Bandari Prasad as Treasurer.

CM to Launch Rs. 450-Crore Projects in Nagarkurnool

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will visit Achampet Assembly constituency in Nagarkurnool district on November 26 and lay foundation stones for various development works worth Rs. 450 crore. The Chief Minister will reach Mudumudugu by helicopter on Thursday afternoon.

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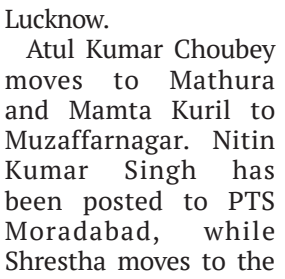

UP Transfers 18 Additional SPs in Major Police Reshuffle

(IANS) Lucknow, The Uttar Pradesh government has transferred 18 Additional Superintendents of Police (ASPs) and Deputy Subedar Commandants in a major police reshuffle aimed at strengthening law and order.

Kumar Ranvijay Singh has been shifted to Azamgarh, Anoop Kumar to Sonbhadra and Devendra Singh to Shahjahanpur. Induprabha Singh has been appointed Additional DCP in Lucknow.

Atul Kumar Choubey moves to Mathura and Mamta Kuril to Muzaffarnagar. Nitin Kumar Singh has been posted to PTS Moradabad, while Shrestha moves to the 49th Battalion PAC.

Naveen Kumar Singh has been transferred to DGP Headquarters. Several other officers have also received new assignments across the state.

Woman Found Dead in Palamu; Father Accuses Husband

(IANS) Palamu, Duja Devi, 30, was found hanging at her home in Medininagar, Jharkhand, on Wednesday, police said. Her father accused her husband, Amit Kumar, of murder.

Police received a Dial 112 alert 3.30 a.m. The body was sent for post-mortem. The father alleged quarrels and suspected she was killed before being hanged to resemble suicide.

Amit told police two children were with their mother and the family found her after hearing child cry. Police are questioning those present. The cause of death will be known after the post-mortem.

Manipur, Nagaland CMs discuss peace, development and mutual cooperation



(IANS) Imphal, Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Wednesday met his Nagaland counterpart, Neiphiu Rio, in Imphal and discussed issues relating to peace, development and mutual cooperation between the neighbouring states, officials said.

The meeting was held at the Manipur Chief Minister's official residence in Babupara. According to a senior official of the Chief Minister's Office, the discussions focused on strengthening mutual trust, peace and development.

Taking to X, Khemchand Singh said the meeting was constructive and aimed at further strengthening cooperation between the two states. Rio was accompanied by Nagaland MLA and Advisor to the Chief Minister Achumbemo Kikon.

Manipur Deputy Chief Minister Losii Dikho and Naga People's Front (NPF) state president and MLA Awangbou Newmai also attended the meeting.

The NPF, which has five MLAs in the 60-member Manipur Assembly, is an ally of the BJP-led government. Dikho is also a senior NPF leader.

Three Manipur districts — Tamenglong, Senapati and Ukhrul — share a boundary with Nagaland. Naga communities also live in Tamenglong, Chandel, Ukhrul, Kamjong, Noney and Senapati districts.

The meeting assumes significance amid continuing ethnic tensions and violence in parts of Manipur. More than 60 people have reportedly been killed and several houses torched in clashes between Naga and Kuki-Zo communities since February this year.

On November 13, at least four members of the Naga community, including a mother and her son, were shot dead in a suspected ambush along National Highway-2 in Ukhrul district.

Dikho had earlier called for dialogue and reconciliation to resolve the ongoing crisis. Several Naga organisations, including the United Naga Council, Tangkhul Naga Long and All Naga Students' Association Manipur, have also organised protests over the killings

The discussions between the two Chief Ministers are seen as important for promoting peace, mutual understanding and cooperation in the region.

PM Modi highlights India's journey towards 'Viksit Bharat 2047'



(IANS) New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday highlighted how India's journey towards 'Viksit Bharat 2047' is being shaped by sustained reforms and investment across key sectors.

PM Modi referred to an article by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president R. Mukundan, underscoring the foundations for growth laid through infrastructure investment, GST, digital public infrastructure, corporate tax reforms, PLI schemes, and trade agreements. He also emphasised the importance of government and industry working together as Team Bharat to turn India's economic potential into lasting prosperity.

R. Mukundan published an opinion piece, in a leading financial daily, imagining what a CII president might write in August 2047 on India's 100th Independence Day — and outlining the roadmap needed to reach a developed "Viksit Bharat".

Mukundan envisions India as a high-income nation where manufacturing contributes 25 per cent of output, formal employment and female labour participation expand, and Indian companies lead in sectors like semiconductors, clean energy, and pharmaceuticals.

Highlighting the current economic benchmarks, he states that as of 2025, per capita Gross National Income (GNI) stood at $2,760, manufacturing hovered at around 15 per cent of GVA, and R&D spending stood at 0.84 per cent of GDP.

The article further states that financial year 2025-26 saw smartphones become India's top export, 12 semiconductor initiatives greenlit, non-fossil capacity surpass 300 GW, and private capital drive 86 per cent of the ₹26.6 trillion in project announcements tracked between April and September 2026.

It underlines that India's economic growth anchored near 8 per cent, supported by GST reforms, digital public infrastructure, infrastructure investments, and PLI schemes.

The roadmap centres on six key pillars, urging companies to scale capacity ahead of demand, build domestic R&D depth instead of relying on imports or permanent protection, and transition from mere ease of doing business to speed through state-level reforms.

43 fall ill after eating chicken shawarma in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi



(IANS) Mumbai, At least 43 people, including 10 children, fell ill due to suspected food poisoning after consuming chicken shawarma purchased from a roadside stall near Vanjar Patti Naka in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi, officials said.

The affected individuals include people ranging in age from a two-year-old child to adults aged up to 40 years. A pregnant woman is also among those admitted to the hospital following the incident.

According to the information, the total number of people affected has reached 43, comprising 17 men, 16 women and 10 children. Several of them reportedly developed symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhoea and fever after consuming the shawarma.

Those experiencing health complications have been admitted to the Indira Gandhi Memorial (IGM) Sub-District Hospital in Bhiwandi, where they are currently receiving medical treatment.

The incident has raised concerns after several people who reportedly ate food purchased from the same stall fell ill within a short period.

One of the patients, speaking to IANS, recounted falling sick a day after eating shawarma from the stall.

Describing the difficulties faced after consuming the food, the patient said, "I ate shawarma on Monday, and the next day I fell ill. I remained sick throughout the day and was unable to even stand up. Following this, I was admitted to the hospital. After coming here, I came to know that several other people had also fallen ill after eating shawarma."

Another patient, who also reported falling sick after eating shawarma from Vanjar Patti Naka, said the symptoms had persisted since then.

"I had shawarma from Vanjar Patti Naka, and I have been sick ever since. I have been vomiting continuously since then. There are many patients admitted here, and all of them are suffering from food poisoning," the patient told IANS.

Another person, whose brother was admitted to the hospital after falling ill, said the family learnt about the larger outbreak only after reaching the medical facility.

"My brother is here. He suffered food poisoning after eating shawarma. When we came here, we got to know that many other people who had eaten shawarma had also fallen ill," the person said.

The affected patients are currently undergoing treatment at the IGM Sub-District Hospital.

Delhi HC declines urgent hearing on Saurav Das's plea over being stopped from flying to London



(IANS) New Delhi, The Delhi High Court on Wednesday declined an urgent hearing on a plea filed by Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leader Saurav Das, who claimed he was stopped at Delhi airport from travelling to London to deliver a lecture at the University of Oxford.

Das's counsel mentioned the matter before Acting Chief Justice Nitin Wasudeo Sambre, seeking an urgent listing, and told the court that immigration officials had stopped him without showing any order or Look Out Circular (LOC) restricting his travel.

The counsel said Das's flight was scheduled for Thursday evening and urged the court to hear the plea on Wednesday, warning that it could become infructuous if delayed.

However, the Acting Chief Justice declined the request, saying, "Let it be tomorrow." The matter will now be taken up on Thursday.

Das had claimed in a post on X on Monday night that he was prevented from travelling abroad to deliver a lecture at Oxford University.

The issue has triggered a political exchange, with the Delhi BJP accusing Das of making misleading claims about the alleged travel restriction.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said on Tuesday that Das was scheduled to attend an event organised by the Oxford Union and not deliver a lecture at the University of Oxford.

Kapoor further alleged that Das had independently paid the registration fee for the event and intended to travel abroad to defame India on Constitution Day, November 26, drawing a comparison with Rahul Gandhi.

22-year-old woman gang-raped by colleagues at Delhi cafe

(IANS) Kolkata, A 22-year-old woman was allegedly gang-raped by two colleagues during a party at a cafe in East Delhi's Preet Vihar, with police arresting three people, including two women, officials said on Wednesday.

The survivor and the accused worked at Saltanate Cafe, where the incident reportedly occurred on Monday night. The group allegedly continued drinking and dancing inside the premises after the cafe closed at 11.30 p.m., as one employee had a key.

The party continued until around 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday. The woman alleged that two men sexually assaulted her, while other colleagues facilitated the crime.

She approached the police at around 5.45 a.m. and lodged a complaint. An FIR was registered against six people, including four men and two women, under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Three accused, including two women, have been arrested, while efforts are underway to trace the remaining three.

CCTV footage reportedly showed the woman leaving the cafe in a vehicle with a male friend and two women. Police are recording her detailed statement, which will also be placed before a magistrate.

In a separate incident, two men were arrested on August 31 for allegedly gang-raping a 16-year-old girl inside a moving bus in Greater Noida.

Temperatures drop in Kashmir Valley – 1.9°C

(IANS) Kolkata, Cold conditions intensified across Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, with Srinagar recording the season's lowest minimum temperature so far at minus 1.9 degrees Celsius, the Meteorological Department said.

Gulmarg recorded zero degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam shivered at minus 3.6 degrees Celsius. The MeT department forecast dry weather across the Union Territory until December 3, with clear skies likely to cause further temperature drops.

Srinagar's air quality has also deteriorated due to dry weather and rising pollutants. Environmentalists said rain and snowfall would help settle suspended particulate matter and improve air quality.

Jammu recorded a minimum temperature of 9.8 degrees Celsius, Katra 10.2, Batote 10.6, Banihal 8.9 and Bhaderwah 3.2 degrees Celsius.

Residents have started wearing traditional woollen Pherans to protect themselves from the biting cold. Authorities said school winter vacations would be decided based on the intensity of cold. Adequate stocks of essential commodities and LPG have been maintained for winter.

Delhi's air quality remains 'poor', IMD predicts morning fog

(IANS) New Delhi, Delhi's air quality remained in the 'poor' category on Wednesday, with the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded at 228 at 6 a.m., according to the Delhi Environment Department.

Delhi Technological University (DTU) recorded the highest AQI at 331, followed by Anand Vihar (327), North Campus (314), and IGNOU-Maidan Garhi and Burari Crossing (304 each).

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast mainly clear skies, with mist and shallow fog likely during morning hours over the next few days. Day temperatures are expected to range between 24 and 26 degrees Celsius, while minimum temperatures may remain between 8 and 11 degrees Celsius.

Moderate fog is likely at isolated places on November 25 and at a few places on November 26.

On Tuesday, Delhi's average AQI stood at 200 at 8 a.m., with PM2.5 remaining the prominent pollutant.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) continues to enforce Stage II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across Delhi-NCR. Measures include mechanised road sweeping, dust suppression, water sprinkling and stricter enforcement of construction-site norms.

CAQM Member Secretary Tarun Kumar Pithode also reviewed winter pollution-control measures and District Action Plans 2027 with officials, stressing the need to achieve stipulated emission-reduction targets.

US extends health entry rule for green-card holders

(IANS) Washington, The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has extended by six months a regulation allowing green-card holders to be covered by public health entry restrictions.

The extension preserves a May amendment that removed their automatic exemption. It does not bar anyone from entering the US or impose a new travel restriction on India. US citizens and nationals remain exempt.

The amendment, due to expire on November 27, will remain in force for six months from publication unless ended earlier by the health secretary.

A separate Ebola order sets the restrictions currently in force. It applies to travellers, including green-card holders, who left or were present in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda or South Sudan during the previous 21 days, subject to exceptions.

The CDC cited the continuing Bundibugyo virus outbreak in Congo. It said Uganda had contained its outbreak but remained vulnerable to imported infections. South Sudan had reported no confirmed cases, but cross-border movement and limited surveillance remained concerns.

Some public comments urged individual assessments of travellers based on their location, duration of stay and possible exposure. The CDC said this could identify differences in risk but would be difficult with available staff and resources.

The latest separate order, issued on November 10, retained existing restrictions. Public comments are being accepted until November 30.

Airstrikes rock Yemen's capital after Houthi drone attack on Riyadh financial district



(IANS) Sanaa/Riyadh, Airstrikes hit Yemen's capital Sanaa late Tuesday amid escalating tensions between the Houthi group and the Saudi-led coalition.

The Houthi-run al-Masirah TV said what it described as "Saudi aggression" targeted the vicinity of Sanaa International Airport, without immediately reporting casualties or damage.

Local residents told Xinhua that powerful explosions rocked the area, rattling the windows in nearby homes.

In a statement posted on social media platform X, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said Saudi forces had launched 72 airstrikes and missile attacks across Yemen over the past 24 hours, claiming the attacks had caused civilian casualties.

The strikes came amid intensifying hostilities between Yemen's Houthi group and government forces supported by the Saudi-led coalition, with the Houthis claiming repeated missile and drone attacks on targets deep into Saudi Arabia, Xinhua news agency reported.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Saudi-led coalition said one of the towers of the financial center in Riyadh had been subjected to what it described as a "cowardly terrorist attack."

Coalition spokesperson Turki al-Maliki said in a statement on X that the attack was carried out using a drone, vowing a firm response to the "deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian objects" by the Houthi group.

The attack drew condemnation from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and the Arab League, which described the attack as a violation of Saudi Arabia's sovereignty and a threat to its security and stability.

Separately, the British government announced Tuesday a package of sanctions against the Houthi group and four of its leaders, citing the group's military escalation, threats to security and stability in Yemen and the wider region, attacks on international shipping, and human rights violations.

The Houthi department responsible for foreign affairs later rejected the sanctions, accusing Britain of "legitimizing the daily crimes committed by Saudi Arabia in Yemen."

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

At turkey pardon, Trump says Iran 'wiped out'



(IANS) Washington, US President Donald Trump claimed Iran's military had been largely destroyed and oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz had increased, while also questioning his party's performance in the recent elections during the White House's annual Thanksgiving turkey pardon ceremony.

Speaking at the event on Tuesday (local time), Trump said Iran had no army or navy and retained only limited capacity to fire missiles.

"We're taking more oil through the Hormuz Strait right now than we did before the war started," he said, while praising the US naval blockade of Iran. He did not provide figures to support his claims.

The Strait of Hormuz is a crucial route for global energy supplies, particularly to Asian countries, including India. China, India, Japan and South Korea together received 69 per cent of crude oil and condensate shipments through the strait in 2024, according to the US Energy Information Administration.

Turning to domestic politics, Trump questioned his party's performance in this month's elections, saying, "I don't know what the hell happened with this last election. Somebody please explain it to me."

He also claimed that petrol prices had fallen 20 per cent in two weeks. However, federal data showed the national average price of regular gasoline declined 8.8 per cent, from $3.995 a gallon on November 9 to $3.642 on November 23.

The ceremony, held on the White House's South Lawn, featured the pardoning of two turkeys, Freedom and Feathers, raised at Deans Gap Farm in West Virginia. First Lady Melania Trump also attended.

Trump formally pardoned both birds, joking that they would "live forever". He said they would be sent to Texas A&M University and indicated that next year's ceremony could be held in the ballroom under construction at the White House.

Two US states report more measles-linked deaths



(IANS) Washington, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania have reported fresh measles-associated deaths, taking their respective tolls to three and nine this year, as outbreaks continue to spread across the two US states, health officials said.

Wisconsin reported its third death on Tuesday (local time), involving an adult in Lafayette County. The state Department of Health Services withheld further details to protect the family's privacy.

The state has recorded 920 measles cases this year, including 88 new infections since Friday. Of these, 918 were linked to an outbreak that began in August. Twenty patients have been hospitalised.

In Pennsylvania, an unvaccinated Centre County resident who tested positive for measles died, the state Department of Health announced on Monday. The person's age and other details were not disclosed.

Pennsylvania has reported 1,638 cases across 46 counties, including 49 additional infections since November 18. The state has recorded 330 hospitalisations and nine deaths across six counties.

Health workers have administered more than 7,400 measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine doses at 287 temporary clinics since the outbreak began in late April. More clinics are planned.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recorded 5,838 confirmed measles cases through November 19, compared with 2,289 during all of 2025. About 96 per cent of this year's cases were linked to outbreaks.

Wisconsin health officials urged people experiencing fever and rash to call their healthcare provider before visiting a clinic or hospital to prevent further exposure.

Measles spreads through the air and can remain infectious in a room for up to two hours after an infected person leaves. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, watery eyes and rash. Severe complications include pneumonia and brain swelling.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are about 97 per cent effective against measles, according to the CDC.

Two Indians injured in Riyadh attack, India condemns strikes



(IANS) New Delhi, India on Wednesday strongly condemned the November 24 attack on a tower in Riyadh's financial district in Saudi Arabia, allegedly carried out by Yemen's Houthi rebels, confirming that two Indian nationals were injured.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) expressed concern over continued attacks targeting civilian, economic and energy infrastructure in Saudi Arabia.

"We strongly condemn the attack on one of the towers of the financial district in Riyadh on November 24 as well as the continued attacks targeting civilian, economic and energy infrastructure in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," the Ministry said.

The MEA confirmed that the Indian Embassy in Riyadh was providing all possible assistance to the injured and their families.

Describing the attacks as a threat to civilian lives and regional stability, India called for their immediate cessation. It also reaffirmed its solidarity with Saudi Arabia and support for its sovereignty, territorial integrity and the safety of its citizens and residents.

Earlier, the Indian Embassy confirmed on X that two Indian nationals had sustained injuries and said it was gathering further details.

Meanwhile, the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen described the incident as a "cowardly terrorist attack". Coalition spokesperson Turki al-Maliki said the relevant authorities were responding at the site.

However, the coalition did not disclose details about the nature of the attack, identify those responsible or provide information about casualties and material damage.

India also expressed hope that peace and normalcy would return to the region at the earliest.

US proposes 17% tariff on Indian goods under new trade framework

(IANS) New Delhi, The United States has proposed a 17 per cent tariff on Indian goods under a trade framework announced by President Donald Trump's administration, placing India among 14 economies facing scrutiny over excess manufacturing capacity.

The Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) said tariffs on Indian exports could reach 25 per cent but would fall to 17 per cent if New Delhi reaches a trade agreement with Washington. The proposal also covers China, the European Union, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

The USTR launched an investigation in March into production beyond market demand and its impact on global trade. The probe covers batteries, cement, chemicals and processed food. US officials say excess production depresses prices and hurts American manufacturers.

The tariffs are not immediate. The administration has opened the proposal for public consultation. A senior US official said January was the earliest possible implementation date.



The proposal follows a Supreme Court ruling that struck down Trump's earlier global tariffs, finding he lacked authority under the law cited by the White House. Duties on automobiles and steel remain in place. Further details are awaited now.

Japan: Man stabbed to death near shopping mall in Fukuoka

(IANS) Tokyo, A man died after being stabbed near a shopping mall in Japan's Fukuoka city on Wednesday, while the suspect fled the scene, local media reported.

Fukuoka prefectural police said the suspect was believed to be about 170 centimetres tall. An emergency call reported that a person had been stabbed near Aeon Mall Fukuoka Ito in Nishi Ward, Kyodo News reported. The victim was found unconscious and taken to hospital after apparently being stabbed with a knife.

In a separate incident on April 29, a man allegedly attacked two high school students with a hammer and sprayed an unidentified substance at police officers in Fussa, a suburban area in western Tokyo.

The incident occurred at around 7.20 am (local time). One student suffered a facial injury and the other was injured in the shoulder. The suspect, believed to be in his 40s, allegedly attacked them after his mother asked a group of students talking on the street to be quiet, but they remained there.

A witness alerted police, reporting that a man was attacking someone with a hammer. When officers arrived and spoke to the man's mother, he allegedly threatened them with a knife brought from home and sprayed an unidentified substance, injuring three officers.

Police searched the man's house, suspecting he had barricaded himself inside, but found only a hammer, knife and spray. Security camera footage reportedly showed him fleeing through a back door after spraying the substance. None of the injuries was fatal.



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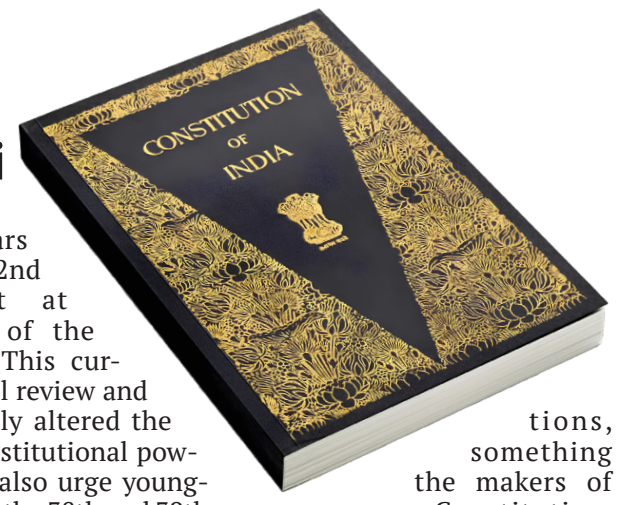

The CONSTITUTION of INDIA

"On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted our Constitution."

Today, we remember Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and every member of the Constituent Assembly. Their greatness lay in drawing extensively from the rich traditions and civilisational wisdom of Bharat while framing a modern Constitution.

For a nation as diverse as Bharat, with its numerous faiths, languages, customs and schools of thought, it is important that the Constitution have a resonance far beyond the precincts of Parliament and the courts. Our endeavour has been to deepen its connect with the collective consciousness of our people, especially our youth and strengthen the spirit of unity essential to India's bright future. That is why over a decade ago, our Government decided to mark 26th November as Constitution Day.

For crores of Indians, including me, the Constitution of India is an inseparable part of our life journeys. Whenever I look back at my childhood, the humble circumstances in which I grew up, the struggles that were a part of everyday life, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude towards our Constitution. That a child born into a family of modest means, with no privileges or advantages of birth, could one day be entrusted with the responsibility of serving the world's largest democracy speaks volumes about how extraordinary our Constitution is. It is due to our Constitution that circumstances of one's birth no longer determine the limits of one's future.

In our own humble way, we have sought to repay this debt of gratitude by strengthening our Constitution.

The distinguished constitutional scholar Granville Austin described our Constitution as **"first and foremost a social document."** The quest for social and economic justice runs through the very fabric of our Constitution. Thus, what can be more satisfying than working towards the realisation of this cherished vision of the makers of our Constitution?

A recent World Bank report highlights that nearly 50 crore Indians have moved out of poverty. Breaking free from generations of deprivation, crores of parents can now dream of a better future for their children.

When PM Awas Yojana ensures a family moves from a thatched roof to a pucca home, the constitutional promise of dignity acquires meaning.

When Ujjwala Yojana frees a mother from the hardships of a smoke-filled kitchen, we advance the ideals of equality and well-being.

When Ayushman Bharat enables a poor family to access quality healthcare without the fear of debt, social justice becomes a lived reality.

When MUDRA and PM-SVANidhi provide collateral-free credit to small entrepreneurs and street vendors, economic justice finds expression.

When digital technology and platforms like UPI transcend all divides and place opportunities once available to a privileged few within the reach of every citizen, we advance the constitutional ideal of inclusivity.



There are many more manifestations of this constitutional vision.

The list of amendments we brought can be viewed through the same prism. The 101st Amendment ushered in GST, a long-awaited reform. The 102nd Amendment granted constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes, fulfilling a long-standing dream of the marginalised sections of society.

The 103rd Amendment received broad social acceptance. By providing reservation to Economically Weaker Sections, it addressed the long-overlooked aspirations of economically disadvantaged families from communities outside the existing reservation framework.

For the first time since 1950, an updated version of our Constitution is now available in all 22 languages of the Eighth Schedule. This has brought our Constitution closer to the people.

Even after our Constitution came into force in 1950, we continued to be governed by the colonial penal code dating back to the 1860s. With the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, we have sought to bring about a fundamental shift in our criminal justice system, moving from the colonial emphasis on punishment (Dand) to a citizen-centric pursuit of justice (Nyay).

Over the past decade, we have laid special emphasis on Kartavya, or the duties of a citizen. Our civilisation has always emphasised the responsibilities that accompany every role in society. The spirit of Kartavya has found expression in several mass movements, from Swachh Bharat to water conservation and environmental protection.

However, there is another reality that I feel compelled to share. There have been occasions in our history when those entrusted with upholding the Constitution chose to weaken it. Ironically, they are the same people who had the opportunity to govern India for five decades.

This year marks 75 years since the First Amendment of 1951, when a government that was not popularly elected used its majority in the Provisional Parliament to restrict fundamental freedoms. Its timing, barely months before India's first general election, proves that it was intended to influence the electoral process and stifle public opposition. It is also 50 years since the 42nd Amendment at the height of the Emergency. This curtailed judicial review and fundamentally altered the balance of institutional powers. I would also urge youngsters to study the 38th and 39th Amendments to know what a power-hungry and anti-constitutional leadership can do.

The repeated misuse of Article 356 to dismiss elected state governments presents another troubling chapter. One party has the dubious record of imposing Article 356 almost a hundred times and one former Prime Minister has scored a half-century in this field.

The makers of our Constitution had hoped that it would be implemented in letter and spirit across India. But, for over 70 years, Articles 370 and 35A did not allow the full Constitution to be implemented in Jammu and Kashmir, thus trampling over the rights of SC, ST, OBC communities and women. It was only in 2019 that this historical wrong was corrected.

For decades, in several parts of India, particularly in tribal areas, Naxalites used the might of the gun to deny the poorest people the rights guaranteed to them by our Constitution. The successful elimination of Naxalism this year is particularly heartwarming because it has ensured that the poorest of the poor can finally exercise their constitutional rights without fear. Now, we are left only with **'Dimagi Naxals'**, far removed from the realities of our times but persistent in their efforts to derail our growth trajectory.

It is most appalling that the biggest party in the Opposition wants to reduce OBC reservations, something the makers of our Constitution, notably Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, were totally against.

The journey of our Constitution would be incomplete without recognising the remarkable women who helped shape it. But what happened earlier this year should fill our hearts with shame. A legislation aimed at giving women adequate representation in legislative bodies was disallowed from being passed by the one Opposition party, once again showing its disdain for constitutional values. I assure the Nari Shakti of India that no force can prevent us from ensuring that justice is done to them.

Our constitutional democracy has a clearly defined role for the Opposition. Sadly, the leading Opposition party seems to have become more of an Avrodh Paksh (obstructionist) than a Virodh Paksh (opposition). They should know that disrupting democratic processes is no substitute for discharging constitutional responsibilities.

Today, India stands at a defining moment. As we work towards Viksit Bharat by 2047, two simple yet powerful principles can guide our collective endeavours:

India First in our thinking and Kartavya (Duties) in our actions. With these as our guiding principles and the Constitution as our source of strength, we can secure a bright future for generations to come.

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LuLu Mall Hyderabad Launches 12-Day Beauty Fest 2026

Femina Miss India Telangana 2026 Ramya Kailasa inaugurates the beauty and wellness festival, featuring international brands, exclusive collections, live makeovers and personalised skincare consultations.

LuLu Mall Hyderabad Unveils **'LuLu Beauty Fest 2026'** — A 12-Day Extravaganza of Glamour, Skincare, and International Beauty brands.

Event Dates: November 25 – December 6, 2026
Chief Guest: Ms. Ramya Kailasa, Femina Miss India Telangana 2026
Venue: LuLu Mall, Kukatpally, Hyderabad

LuLu Mall Hyderabad today kicked off its much-awaited annual beauty and wellness extravaganza, LuLu Beauty Fest 2026.

The 12-day celebration of skincare, cosmetics, and personal care was officially inaugurated by Ms. Ramya Kailasa, Femina Miss India Telangana 2026, amidst great fanfare, fashion showcases, and enthusiastic shoppers.

Running from November 25 to December 6, 2026, the festival brings together an extensive lineup of premier Indian and international beauty, skincare, and fragrance brands under one roof.

Shoppers and beauty enthusiasts can explore exclusive collections, festive combos, and interactive experience zones from leading global names including L'Oréal, Lakmé, Nivea, Fiama, Yardley, and mny more.

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TODAY'S YOUTH AT A CROSSROADS: Between Ambition And Distraction

While some young people pursue education, careers and meaningful ambitions, others struggle with distractions, uncertainty and lost opportunities in an increasingly demanding world.

By: Hafiz Bilal Basheer

History demonstrates that young people have played a decisive role in shaping nations, inspiring revolutions and transforming societies. Their energy, determination and creativity have often become the driving forces behind progress and reform.

However, today's younger generation faces growing challenges despite possessing unprecedented opportunities for education, communication and personal development.

Some young people remain focused on education, employment, entrepreneurship and social responsibility. They recognise their abilities, establish clear goals and work persistently towards a better future.

Others possess similar ambitions but struggle with financial difficulties, limited opportunities, inadequate guidance and repeated disappointments. Despite sincere efforts, unexpected obstacles sometimes leave them discouraged and uncertain.

A third group appears increasingly disconnected from purposeful living, spending valuable hours on mobile phones, video games, social media and unproductive activities.

The concern is not technology itself, but the excessive consumption of time without meaningful achievement.

Many young people gradually become accustomed to immediate entertainment, overlooking the importance of discipline, patience and long-term planning.

Yet youth represents the most valuable period for developing knowledge, character and professional skills.

Time wasted during these formative years cannot easily be recovered.

"Success belongs not merely to those who dream of a better future, but to those who dedicate their time and efforts towards achieving it."

Parents, teachers and society share responsibility for guiding young people towards constructive opportunities. Encouragement, practical education, career counselling and emotional support can help them overcome uncertainty and discover their potential.

Young people must also recognise that genuine progress requires personal responsibility. Setting realistic goals, developing useful skills and learning from failures can transform difficulties into opportunities.

Comparing personal achievements with others often creates unnecessary pressure. Every individual follows a different journey, and meaningful success requires perseverance rather than immediate results.

The future belongs to those who recognise the value of time, remain committed to their aspirations and develop the courage to overcome challenges.

Ultimately, the greatest responsibility of today's youth is not merely to dream of success, but to build a purposeful life through knowledge, discipline, determination and meaningful action.

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1,220 players named in IPL 2027 Auction Register, includes 939 Indians, 281 overseas players

New Delhi, (IANS): A whopping 1,220 players have been named in the IPL 2027 Auction Register, the tournament's statement said on Wednesday. The list includes 939 Indians and 281 overseas players, but only 66 of them can secure contracts when franchises bid in the auction to be held in Goa on December 16. The ten franchises have already retained 184 players ahead of the auction, and no more than 25 of the open slots can go to overseas cricketers. The register is heavily tilted towards uncapped talent, with 994 players who have not played international cricket registering for it. The rest are 184 capped players and 42 cricketers from Associate nations.

The list is divided into six categories. Capped internationals are at 170, and capped Indians are at 14. The other four are the 42 Associate players, the 127 uncapped Indians with IPL experience, the 798 uncapped Indians who have never featured in the league before and the 69 uncapped overseas players.

Australia has the most overseas players on the register, with 53 representatives. South Africa have 40, while West Indies 36, New Zealand 25, Afghanistan 23 and Sri Lanka 21 players respectively. England followed with 16, Bangladesh with 12, Ireland with seven and Zimbabwe with six, respectively.



Thirteen players from the USA are on the register, the most from any Associate nation. The UAE and Nepal have 10 each, the Netherlands three, and Canada, Japan and Scotland two each. The franchises have Rs 295.60 crore left between them for the auction, after spending Rs 1,004.40 crore so far. Lucknow Super Giants have the most money left, at Rs 47.45 crore, and seven slots to fill. Gujarat Titans have the least, with Rs 8.75 crore and only three openings. Delhi Capitals (Rs 39.50 crore) and Mumbai Indians (Rs 30.25 crore) need nine players each, the most of any team.

Kolkata Knight Riders have eight slots to fill with Rs 41.65 crore, and Sunrisers Hyderabad have seven slots to fill with Rs 40.15 crore. Chennai Super Kings, Rajasthan Royals and Punjab Kings each need six players, with budgets of Rs 28.05 crore, Rs 27.05 crore and Rs 18.60 crore, respectively. Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru have Rs 14.15 crore to fill five places. DC also have to fill four overseas slots, the most of any team, while RCB have only one foreign player to sign up.

The franchises will now tell the tournament organisers which players from the register they want in the final auction pool. The final Auction List and player sets will be released on December 4.

Georgia Voll ruled out of WBBL 12 with concussion

Sydeny, (IANS): Sydney Thunder opener Georgia Voll has been ruled out of the remainder of the WBBL 12 regular season after suffering a concussion, dealing a blow to the team's playoff hopes.

The 23-year-old sustained a head injury after colliding with teammate Jemma Barsby during the match against Hobart Hurricanes on November 21. Although she initially cleared the head injury assessment, delayed symptoms led to a medical diagnosis of concussion. Voll will miss Thursday's match against Adelaide Strikers and the November 28 clash against Sydney Sixers. Young all-rounder Lucy Finn has been added to the squad.

Voll has scored 66 runs and taken six wickets, while Thunder sit sixth with three wins from eight matches.

Fatima Sana Returns as Pakistan Name Squad for West Indies Tour

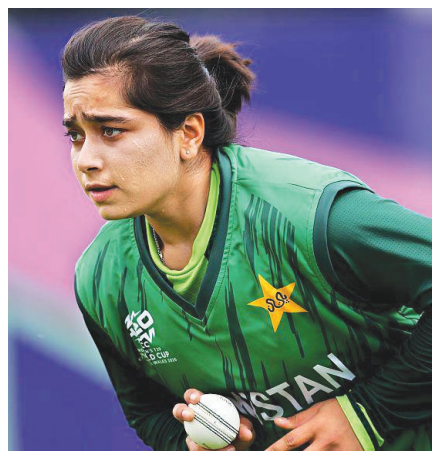
Lahore, (IANS): Pakistan have reinstated Fatima Sana as captain for their upcoming white-ball tour of the West Indies, announcing a 15-member squad for the six-match series in December.

The 25-year-old all-rounder returns to leadership duties after missing Pakistan's recent ICC Women's Emerging Nations Trophy campaign due to her commitments in Australia's Women's Big Bash League (WBBL).

The tour will feature three T20Is and three ODIs, all to be played at Windsor Park in Roseau, Dominica, from December 8 to 20. The T20I matches are scheduled for December 8, 10 and 12, followed by ODIs on December 15, 17 and 20.

The ODI series is part of the ICC Women's Championship 2025-29, which serves as the qualification pathway for the next Women's ODI World Cup. Pakistan are currently fifth in the standings with five wins from nine matches.

Pakistan squad: Fatima Sana (captain), Ayesha Zafar, Gull Feroza, Momina Riasat, Muneeba Ali, Najiha Alvi,



Nashra Sundhu, Sadaf Shamas, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Sidra Amin, Syeda Aroob Shah, Tasmia Rubab, Tuba Hassan, Umm-e-Hani and Waheeda Akhtar.

Shane Deitz will continue as head coach, while Ayesha Ashhar has been appointed team manager. The support staff includes Abdur Rehman (spin bowling coach), Umaid Asif (fast bowling coach), Abdul Majeed (fielding coach) and Imran Farhat (batting coach).

Punjab Kings rope in Paras Mhambrey as fast bowling coach for IPL 2027

Lahore, (IANS): Punjab Kings (PBKS) on Wednesday appointed former India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey as their fast-bowling coach for the 2027 Indian Premier League (IPL) season. Mhambrey, 54, joins the franchise after leaving Mumbai Indians.

The appointment reunites him with PBKS head coach Ricky Ponting, with whom he worked at MI in 2015 when the team won the IPL title.

Mhambrey served as India's bowling coach from 2021 to 2024 under Rahul Dravid, a period that ended with India's T20 World Cup triumph. He later returned to MI and is currently the bowling coach of ILT20 side MI Emirates.

PBKS are also expected to appoint former Jharkhand player Rajiv Kumar as their fielding coach.

Led by Shreyas Iyer, PBKS will enter the December 16 auction in Goa with 19 retained players, a purse of Rs 18.60 crore and six available slots, including two for overseas players.

Bartlett undergoes knee surgery, BBL and Test hopes suffer setback

New Delhi, (IANS): Australia fast bowler Xavier Bartlett has undergone arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and is expected to be out of action for four to six weeks, dealing a blow to his Test debut hopes.

Bartlett sustained the injury while fielding in the third ODI against England in Hobart last week. His recovery could also affect his participation in the upcoming Big Bash League (BBL) for Brisbane Heat.

The 27-year-old had claimed 16 wickets in two Sheffield Shield matches at an



average of 11.81, strengthening his case for a Test spot. He has taken 127 wickets in first-class cricket and represented Australia in 37 international white-ball matches.

Spoke to Yuvraj for half an hour before record-breaking double ton, reveals Sooryavanshi

New Delhi, (IANS): Teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has revealed that a 30-minute conversation with former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh helped him overcome a lean patch and score a record-breaking double century against the UAE in the Asia Cup Men's Rising Stars tournament.

The 15-year-old smashed 204 off just 53 balls, including seven fours and 28 sixes, in Tuesday's Group B match. He reached his double century in 52 balls, registering the fastest double hundred in List A cricket. His 28-ball century and 28 sixes also set new records in the format.

Speaking in a video posted by BCCI, Sooryavanshi said he discussed his batting problems openly with Yuvraj, who advised him to spend more time at the crease and provided technical guidance.

The youngster admitted that a series of low scores in domestic matches had affected his confidence. After the conversation, he reviewed videos of his batting, identified mistakes and worked on correcting them against the UAE.



Sooryavanshi said he did not plan an aggressive innings but decided to play his natural game after finding that the pitch was favourable for batting.

India A will face Sri Lanka A in the semi-final on Thursday.

IPL 2027: Surprised RCB released Bethell, says Irfan Pathan

New Delhi, (IANS): Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has questioned Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) decision to release England batter Jacob Bethell, calling him a generational talent capable of winning matches single-handedly.

Pathan said Bethell could have been a valuable backup for Phil Salt. However, the youngster has since withdrawn from IPL 2027 due to another right knee surgery.

RCB will enter the December 16 auction with Rs 14.15 crore and five slots to fill. Pathan identified finding a reliable backup for Josh Hazlewood as their main priority.

Former India opener Abhinav Mukund said RCB already have Jacob Duffy and Nuwan Thushara as backup options for Hazlewood and may make only a few additions at the auction.

Rankings: Bumrah climbs to joint-second, Pant, Gill and Jaiswal stay among top 10 batters

Mumbai, (IANS): India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has climbed three places to joint-second in the latest ICC Test bowling rankings, while Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal continue to feature among the top 10 batters. Bumrah, who took five wickets in the first Test against New Zealand, shares second place with England's Ollie Robinson and is 25 rating points behind top-ranked Australia pacer Mitchell Starc.Among Indian batters, Pant is sixth following his 128-run knock, while Gill (98) is seventh and Jaiswal ninth with 85 runs. KL Rahul has moved up four places to 25th, while Devdutt Padikkal climbed 15 spots to 39th after scoring 80.

South Africa captain Temba Bavuma has risen to third in the batting rankings, while Kagiso Rabada moved up two places to sixth among bowlers after taking eight wickets.



New Zealand's Henry Nicholls is 30th and Glenn Phillips has reached a career-best 17th. Bangladesh's Towhid Hridoy climbed 28 places to 33rd, while Litton Das moved up to 24th.

In the ODI rankings, England's Ben Duckett rose to fourth among batters, while Gus Atkinson and Liam Dawson moved up to 23rd and 39th among bowlers, respectively. In T20Is, Phil Salt is sixth among batters, Tom Banton climbed 26 places to 34th, and Adil Rashid retained second position among bowlers.

Pooja Hegde asks 'Does working out in GTA count as a workout?'



Mumbai, (IANS): Actress Pooja Hegde has joined the GTA craze, humorously asking her fans whether playing the popular video game counts as a workout.

Sharing a candid picture of herself in an orange dress on Wednesday, Pooja wrote, "Does working out in GTA count as a workout for the day? Asking for a friend."

Known for her fitness routine, the actress often shares glimpses of her workout sessions on social media.

On the professional front, Pooja was recently seen alongside Varun Dhawan and Mrunal Thakur in David Dhawan's comedy film Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai, which was released on June 5. The film also features Mouni Roy, Kubbra Sait, Maniesh Paul, Rohit Saraf, Rajeev Khandelwal and Sreeleela, among others.

Khawaja sends draft team apology to Cricket Australia chief to end Sandpapergate row

New Delhi, (IANS): Former Australia opener Usman Khawaja has revealed that he sent Cricket Australia chief executive Todd Greenberg a draft apology on behalf of the 2018 Test squad, hoping to end the ball-tampering controversy known as Sandpapergate.

Speaking on 'The Grade Cricketer' podcast, Khawaja said the proposed statement acknowledged that the team knew about the ball-tampering during the 2018 South Africa tour and accepted collective responsibility. It also recognised the punishment faced by Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft. Bancroft was banned for nine months, while Smith and Warner received one-year suspensions. Khawaja said Greenberg was sympathetic to his proposal but unsure whether it would be accepted. He also welcomed the assurance that players providing further information about the incident would



not face sanctions.

Khawaja expressed disappointment over Test captain Pat Cummins' remarks about his claims at a November 13 press conference. However, he clarified that he never wanted Cummins to lose the captaincy and had contacted him seeking a compromise to resolve the issue.

He also maintained that the condition of the ball during the 2018 series indicated deliberate tampering. Khawaja said the scandal had deeply affected Bancroft, who has not played for Australia since the 2019 Ashes.

Diljit Dosanjh explores Gujarat's rich culture, shares glimpses from his visit

Mumbai, (IANS): Punjabi singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh has shared glimpses of his Gujarat visit, posting pictures of the state's desert landscape, camel rides and local experiences on Instagram.

Sharing a series of photographs, Diljit simply captioned the post, "Gujarat." He was seen wearing an orange T-shirt, white top, jeans and a cowboy hat. The pictures also featured his flight journey, a bike ride and an interaction with a fan.

Diljit performed at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium on November 21 as part of his RuPay Aura India Tour 2026. Ahead of the concert, he visited Gir National Park for a wildlife safari and offered prayers at Girnar Temple in Junagadh.

His Ahmedabad concert also drew attention after objections were raised to four of his songs over their alleged promotion of alcohol, drugs and gun culture, citing a 2019 Punjab and Haryana High Court order. Some tracks consequently faced restrictions.



Reacting to the restrictions, Diljit questioned the "double standards" faced by Indian artists compared to international performers. Addressing the audience, he said he was born in India and that the musicians accompanying him on international tours were also Indians.

Single-window clearance soon for poultry farms in Telangana: Revanth



Hyderabad (NSS) : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced on Wednesday that the State government would soon introduce a 'Single Window' clearance system to streamline the establishment of poultry farms in Gram Panchayats.

Addressing the Poultry India Expo 2026, the Chief Minister stated that the poultry sector will be recognised as a priority area and assured industry stakeholders of comprehensive government assistance, including long-term policy solutions and support during periods of crisis.

Emphasising the need to periodically revise existing regulations to match industry requirements, he noted that entrepreneurs had already apprised him of the hurdles faced in setting up new units.

Dismissing any notion of 'policy paralysis' in Telangana, Revanth Reddy said the administration is committed to introducing progressive reforms while retaining effective policies implemented by previous governments. "We are moving forward with a goal of transforming Telangana into a $3-trillion economy by 2047," he said.

To address immediate operational concerns, the Chief Minister assured that the ongoing shortage of maize for poultry feed would be resolved, adding that the concerned ministers have been directed to take swift action on the matter.

Commending the organisers for hosting the large-scale expo, Revanth Reddy highlighted Telangana's daily production of 5.3 crore eggs and praised poultry entrepreneurs for providing affordable nutrition to students and youth.

Appreciating the sector's resilience in sustaining operations despite challenges, he urged the industry to generate greater employment opportunities for farmers and agricultural labourers, noting that poultry farming significantly strengthens the rural economy beyond just meat and egg production.

Speaking on broader agricultural preparedness amid El Niño weather conditions, the Chief Minister also noted that the State government has stockpiled sufficient fine rice to meet requirements for the next two years.

Hyderabad's inclusiveness makes it a global investment destination: Uttam

Hyderabad (NSS) : Hyderabad's ability to embrace people regardless of caste, religion, region, or nationality has emerged as one of its greatest economic strengths, making the city a preferred global investment destination, Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

Addressing the Deccan Icons Awards ceremony organised by Zee Salaam and Zee Network on Wednesday, Uttam Kumar Reddy asserted that the Congress government is committed to transforming minorities from mere welfare beneficiaries into active stakeholders and leaders in Telangana's growth story.

He noted that the city's cosmopolitan character, world-class infrastructure, favourable climate, and centuries-old tradition of communal harmony give it a distinct competitive edge globally.

"Hyderabad is the very embodiment of Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb. People from any part of the country or the world find themselves at home here. This remarkable inclusiveness is one of the reasons why Hyderabad is emerging as a favourite destination for global investors," the Minister said.

Draft rolls for two Graduates' MLC constituencies released

Hyderabad (NSS) : Election authorities in Telangana have released the draft electoral rolls for two Graduates' constituencies ahead of the upcoming Legislative Council elections, enrolling a total of 11,89,191 voters.

According to the draft rolls published on Wednesday, the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' constituency accounts for 6,21,086 voters, while the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar constituency has 5,68,105 registered graduate voters.

Voters can verify their names and details on the Chief Electoral Officer's official website (ceotelangana.nic.in). The window for filing claims and objections is open until December 10.

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudharsan Reddy stated that eligible graduates who have not yet registered can also submit applications for fresh enrolment until the December 10 deadline.

Following the disposal of claims and objections, the final electoral rolls will be published on December 30. Sudharsan Reddy added that the window for fresh voter enrolment would remain open even after the publication of the final rolls.

Germany keen to strengthen agricultural cooperation with Telangana

Hyderabad (NSS) : Germany has expressed keen interest in deepening cooperation with Telangana in agricultural investment, research, and modern farm technologies, with a particular focus on food processing and storage infrastructure.

A German delegation called on Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms and Textiles Tummala Nageswara Rao at the Secretariat on Wednesday.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed investment avenues in the State's farm sector, challenges faced by cultivators, technology transfer, and ways to expand bilateral agricultural trade.

The visiting representatives conveyed their readiness to support Telangana in addressing farm-sector challenges through modern technological solutions. They also expressed willingness to work in coordination with both the Telangana and Central governments to advance collaboration in food processing, cold storage facilities, research, and technology transfer.

Highlighting Telangana's vast potential in agro-based industries and food processing, Nageswara Rao expressed confidence that more German firms would invest in the State in the coming days. He also urged the delegation to facilitate measures to boost exports of agricultural produce from Telangana to Germany.

Reiterating the State's commitment to strengthening Indo-German business ties, the Minister underscored the need to adopt cutting-edge technologies suited to local requirements and expand bilateral cooperation for mutual benefit.

PANJAGUTTA TO BECOME INDIA's FIRST AI-POWERED POLICE STATION

Hyderabad (NSS) : Panjagutta Police Station is set to become the country's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered police station, with AI technology being integrated into every stage of policing, from complaint registration to preparation of charge sheets.

Telangana DGP C.V. Anand and Hyderabad City Police Commissioner Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat conducted a surprise inspection of the police station on Wednesday and reviewed the ongoing technical works under the pilot project.

The senior officers interacted with complainants to understand their experience with the AI-enabled services and assessed how police personnel were using the technology to address public grievances. They also monitored the performance of staff and inspected the AI infrastructure being installed at the station.

Accompanied by Khairatabad Zone DCP Shilpavalli, ACP Murali Krishna and Inspector Jahangir Yadav, the officials reviewed the implementation of the project at the ground level.

The DGP and Commissioner said the AI-powered police station would be formally inaugurated shortly as a pilot initiative. The project is aimed at leveraging advanced technology to improve policing efficiency, service delivery and grievance redressal.

Several senior police officials, including Additional DGP (Law and Order) Akun Sabharwal, Additional Commissioner of Police (Crimes and SIT) M. Srinivasulu, Intelligence DIG Bhaskaran and other officers, participated in the inspection.

Atria University opens admissions for 2027-28, offers 270 undergraduate seats

Hyderabad (Munif Desk) :



Atria University, Bengaluru, has opened admissions for the 2027-28 academic year across its BS, MS by Research and PhD programmes, offering 270 proposed undergraduate seats in four disciplines.

The university, which describes itself as India's first Liberal STEM University, combines science, technology, engineering and mathematics with interdisciplinary, research-based learning. Its programmes cover Digital Transformation, Life Sciences, Energy Sciences and eMobility, with new specialisations in Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, AI in Healthcare and 3D Bioprinting.

The university integrates industry experience into its programmes, offering students opportunities to work with organisations such as Johnson & Johnson, Altair, Ather Energy, GalaxEye Space and WRI. It said 100% of its students received merit scholarships during the 2026-27 academic year, with around ₹20 crore disbursed.

Highlighting its focus on Telangana, the university said its academic disciplines align with Hyderabad's growing sectors, particularly AI, life sciences and clean energy. Its 2026-27 student cohort includes 84 students from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Atria University Vice Chancellor Dr Rajeevan Madhavan Nair said Hyderabad was expanding rapidly in AI, life sciences and clean energy, creating demand for graduates with interdisciplinary skills. He said the university aims to welcome more students from Telangana into its next academic year.

Applications are open until October 31, 2027, through the university's official website. The selection process includes application assessment and a personal interview, while SAT, JEE and CUET scores will also be considered for merit scholarships.

Centre Court Pickleball League partners with Youth Feed Foundation to support children



Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : Centre Court Pickleball League (CCPL) Hyderabad has partnered with Youth Feed Foundation (YFF) as its official NGO partner for Season 2, joining hands to support children and families from underserved communities.

The partnership will focus on fundraising, creating awareness about the foundation's work and encouraging the league's players, franchise owners and supporters to participate in its initiatives.

Founded in 2020, Youth Feed Foundation works to improve nutrition, healthcare and educational opportunities for children from migrant and marginalised communities. Through its Project Gyan Shakthi initiative, the foundation supported 1,074 children across 51 community learning centres in Hyderabad during 2024-25. This year, it aims to expand its reach to 7,000 children in brick kilns and urban settlements. CCPL, which features eight franchise teams, plans to use its platform to mobilise support through fundraising campaigns, community activities and matchday initiatives. The partnership will also provide opportunities for spectators to learn about the foundation's work and contribute to its efforts.

CCPL founder Yashwanth Biyyala said the league wanted to extend its impact beyond the sporting arena by bringing its community together to support meaningful causes. He said Youth Feed Foundation was doing important work in Hyderabad and expressed hope that the league's network would help strengthen its efforts.

Youth Feed Foundation chairperson Shaaz Mehmood said children from migrant and daily-wage families often lacked access to adequate nutrition and healthcare, despite their families playing an important role in building the city. He said the partnership with CCPL would help raise awareness and mobilise wider community support for these children.



Telangana DGP C.V. Anand and Hyderabad Police Commissioner Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat inspect the ongoing work to transform Panjagutta Police Station into the country's first AI-powered police station during a surprise visit in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

MP EATALA CALLS FOR BETTER HEALTHCARE FACILITIES FOR ALL

Hyderabad (NSS) : Malkajgiri BJP MP Eatala Rajender on Wednesday inaugurated the newly established Lifetone Multispecialty and Multidisciplinary Clinics at Moulali, calling for quality and affordable medical services for people.

Speaking on the occasion, he appreciated the establishment of a multispecialty clinic in Moulali, a locality predominantly inhabited by poor and middle-class families. He also highlighted the area's tradition of communal harmony, reflecting the spirit of Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb.

Congratulating the young doctors who have completed their medical education and entered public service, Rajender expressed hope that the clinic would provide quality healthcare to local residents and earn their trust. He wished the institution success and hoped it would establish a strong reputation in the medical field.

Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, former corporator Gunnala Sunitha Shekhar Yadav, BJP state executive member R.K. Srinivas, senior leader Kanula Rajinikanth, Moulali division president Shiva, Kiran, local leaders, party workers and clinic staff attended the inauguration.

SIO to hold public meeting on youth's role in shaping society on November 29



Hyderabad (Munsif Desk) : The Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO), Hyderabad, will organise a public meeting titled "You Are the Architect of the World" at Exhibition Grounds, Nampally, on November 29. The meeting will begin at 6.30 pm after Maghrib prayers.

Announcing the programme at a press conference at the Press Club, Basheerbagh, on Wednesday, SIO office-bearers unveiled the event poster and appealed to students, youth and members of the public to attend in large numbers.

The meeting aims to address the moral and social challenges facing today's youth and highlight their role in building a better society. It will also focus on the responsibilities and potential of Muslim youth as members of Khair-e-Ummah.

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind president Syed Sadatullah Husaini will attend as the chief guest. Other speakers include Jamaat-e-Islami Hind vice-president Malik Motasim Khan, SIO of India national president Abdul Hafeez, Telangana Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer-e-Halaqa Mohammed Azharuddin, SIO Telangana president Mohammed Faraz Ahmed and Jamaat-e-Islami Greater Hyderabad city president Dr Mubashir Ahmed.

The newly elected national president of SIO of India will also be welcomed and address the gathering. Separate seating arrangements will be made for women.

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