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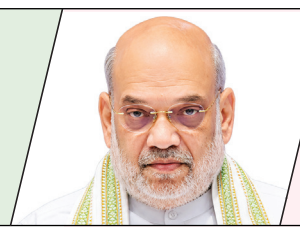
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Supreme Court Cancels Anand Mohan's Release, Orders Surrender

Bihar's 2023 prison rule amendment struck down; fresh remission consideration possible only after surrender

Munsif Desk, New Delhi:

The Supreme Court on Thursday cancelled the premature release of former MP Anand Mohan, convicted in the 1994 murder of IAS officer G. Krishnaiah, and directed him to surrender within one month.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Sheel Nagu declared unconstitutional Bihar's April 10, 2023 amendment to its prison rules, which removed restrictions on the early release of prisoners convicted of murdering public servants on duty. The court also quashed the April 24, 2023 remission order, describing the decision as legally unsustainable.

It found serious deficiencies in the process, including the consideration of the trial judge's opinion.





Krishnaiah, who hailed from Telangana, was serving as Gopalganj District Magistrate when a mob killed him in Muzaffarpur in December 1994. Mohan, then a legislator, was convicted of instigating the attack. His death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 2008.

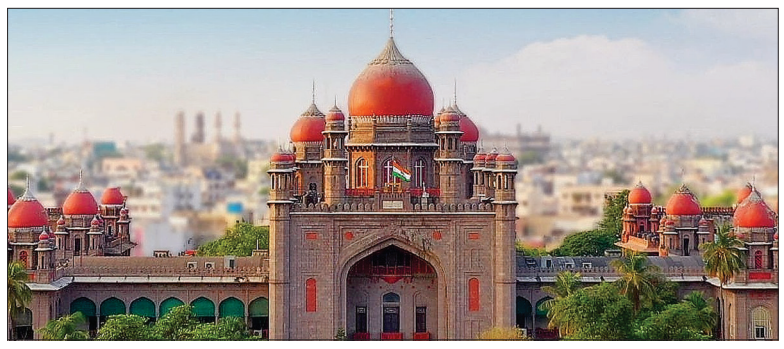
The judgment followed a petition by Krishnaiah's widow, Uma Krishnaiah, challenging the legality of the remission.

The court clarified that Bihar could reconsider remission through lawful procedures after Mohan's surrender, with an opportunity for the victim's family to be heard.

The ruling reinforces the requirement that executive remission decisions follow constitutional safeguards, transparent procedures and equal treatment under law.

If Mohan does not surrender within the specified month, prison authorities have been directed to secure his custody.

The judgment underscores judicial oversight of remission powers, ensuring legal safeguards, accountability and equal treatment regardless of a convict's influence.



Telangana HC Jails Cyberabad CP, DCP for Contempt

Two-week sentences suspended for seven days as court faults non-compliance in land dispute

HYDERABAD: The Telangana High Court on Thursday sentenced Cyberabad Police Commissioner M. Ramesh and Medchal Zone DCP N. Koti Reddy to two weeks of simple imprisonment for wilfully disobeying judicial directions in a Jeedimetla land dispute.

Justice C.V. Bhaskar Reddy fined each officer Rs 2,000. The case involved a petitioner's request for police protection over 6.15 acres, with a civil court injunction already in force. The High Court had earlier directed police to consider protection in accordance with that order.

The court found non-compliance and declined to accept the officers' apology. However, it suspended their jail sentences for one week to allow a legal challenge. If they fail to obtain a stay, they must surrender before the High Court Registrar.

Proceedings against senior Home Department official Shikha Goel were closed for insufficient evidence of involvement.

The ruling underscores police responsibility to implement court orders, particularly where citizens seek protection in property disputes.

Kavitha Renames Women's Wing, Seeks Equal Representation

At Constitution Day conference, leader calls for greater rights, economic independence and political participation

Hyderabad: Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) president Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday called for equal opportunities for women in political leadership and decision-making, promising financial and moral support from village panchayats to Parliament.

Addressing a "Women and Constitution" conference at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Bagh Lingampally, on Constitution Day, she said women must gain representation in positions of authority, not merely be assigned organisational work. She urged women to study the Constitution and demand equal rights, fair wages and economic independence.

Kavitha also announced that her party's women's wing would be renamed "Telangana Rudrama Sena". She called for greater protection against violence and discrimination and advocated access to education and healthcare for disadvantaged women, including minorities and backward classes.



Citing reformers Savitribai Phule and Fatima Sheikh, she urged women to document their own history and participate actively in public life.

Azharuddin Urges Unity to Defend Constitution

Minister praises turnout at Congress-led Constitution Day march in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Telangana Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin urged citizens to defend constitutional values during the Congress-led Samvidhan Raksha March held in Hyderabad on Thursday to mark Constitution Day.

The procession, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, began at the Ambedkar statue near Liberty and concluded at the Indira Gandhi statue on Necklace Road.

Azharuddin praised what he described as strong public participation, saying it demonstrated support for democratic rights. He accused the BJP-led Centre of attempting to weaken constitutional safeguards and said Congress would continue campaigning to protect the Constitution. His criticism was a political allegation.



Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Ponnam Prabhakar and Uttam Kumar Reddy, along with government adviser Mohammed Ali Shabbir and other Congress leaders, attended. The march formed part of the party's nationwide Constitution Day mobilisation.

CERT-In Issues High-Risk Alert Over WhatsApp Flaws

Android, iPhone and desktop users advised to update after agency flags risks to data and device security

New Delhi: India's cybersecurity agency CERT-In has issued a high-severity warning about multiple security flaws in WhatsApp and WhatsApp Business, urging users and organisations to install the latest software updates.

In advisory CIVN-2026-0576 released Thursday, the agency identified affected versions for Android phones, iPhones, Windows computers and Mac desktops. It warned that attackers might exploit specially crafted messages, attachments or links to obtain sensitive information, bypass security restrictions or run unauthorised code.

The weaknesses involve several technical issues, including misleading file attachments, insufficient checks on links and messages, database manipulation and certificate verification. The precise risk differs by operating system and software version.

The warning does not mean every WhatsApp account has been compromised. WhatsApp's published security information says it has not seen evidence of exploitation in the wild for some listed flaws.

Users should update WhatsApp and WhatsApp Business through official app stores or trusted desktop channels, avoid unfamiliar attachments and links, and keep device software current.

Businesses, schools, hospitals and public offices exchanging confidential information should maintain central update policies, check installed versions and educate staff about suspicious files. Prompt patching and clear incident-reporting procedures can reduce the risk of preventable data exposure.



Training Aircraft Hits Tree During Forced Landing

Conflicting injury reports emerge after Cessna emergency landing in Golconda cantonment

HYD: A Cessna 152 training aircraft of the Telangana State Aviation Academy struck a tree while making an emergency landing inside Golconda Army Cantonment on Thursday.

The aircraft, carrying flight instructor M. Prashanth Kumar and trainee Anushka Bajpai, reportedly developed a power-related problem during flight.

An aviation official initially said both occupants escaped unhurt. However, subsequent local reports said the trainee sustained a head injury and the instructor suffered minor injuries. Other accounts reported head injuries to both, with treatment provided at a hospital in Langer House.

Golconda police are investigating further. The incident highlights the need to examine aircraft maintenance records, the reported technical fault and emergency procedures to protect trainees and people on the ground. Authorities must investigate the malfunction and strengthen aircraft maintenance and emergency safeguards.

Two Held in Hyderabad Online Harassment Cases

Hyderabad: Cyber Crime Police have arrested two men in separate cases involving alleged harassment of women and circulation of altered or private photographs without consent.

Police said Bandela Deepak of Siddipet district allegedly created several fake Instagram accounts impersonating a woman from Shamshabad, then posted morphed obscene images through Instagram Stories and shared them with her contacts. A complaint led to a case under the Information Technology Act and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

In the second case, Edunoori Akshith of Hanamkonda district was apprehended after a Khairatabad woman complained that her private photographs had been circulated through Snapchat without permission. Police registered a separate case under provisions dealing with privacy violations and sexually explicit electronic material.

Officers seized mobile phones allegedly used in both cases. The accusations remain under investigation, and the arrests do not establish guilt.

Police warned anonymous harassment and sharing intimate images without consent, urging victims to report offences via cybercrime.gov.

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Rohit Distributes Cheyutha Pension Letters



Munsif Desk
Adilabad :

Under the special 'Cheyutha' pension drive launched by the Telangana government to provide social security to over 4.5 lakh new beneficiaries across the state, the distribution of sanction letters is currently underway in Adilabad town. In this regard, local municipal representatives are actively working in their respective wards to ensure the benefits of government welfare schemes reach eligible individuals.

TTD receives record 121-kg gold ornament donation from Chennai couple

Munsif Desk,
Tirupati:

Chennai-based devotee Vardhaman Jain and his wife, Radhika Jain, on Thursday donated 121 kg of gold ornaments and diamonds valued at around Rs 208 crore to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) in the presence of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

The donation comprises 46 ornaments in nine sets, including a Srivaru crown, Padma Paadalu (ornaments for the feet) and diamonds weighing 238.2 carats, among other items.

"The Jain couple from Chennai donated 121 kg of gold ornaments to Srivaru in the presence of CM Chandrababu," an official press release said.

According to TTD sources, this is the largest offering ever made by an individual devotee to Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala.

Of the jewellery donated, the gold ornaments offered to Srivaru weighed 106 kg, while Goddess Sri Padmavati Ammavaru received a 15-kg costume. A golden tiger nail, various types of chains, crowns, gems and several other ornaments were part of the donation. The Chief Minister thanked the Jain couple for their substantial offering to the deity and observed that the glory of Srivaru was inexplicable. "An unprecedented development unfolded today in Tirumala," Naidu said, observing that the deity is adorned with 120 kg of gold ornaments every day.

Naidu said he was fortunate to have been part of the historic occasion, during which valuable diamonds were also donated along with the gold ornaments, taking the total value of the offering to around Rs 206 crore.

From the medieval ruler Sri Krishnadevaraya to the Jains, devotion to the deity had continued and was growing, the Chief Minister said.

According to Naidu, Pallava, Chera, Chola and Pandya kings had contributed to the development of the Tirupati temple, while the kings of Mysuru and the Maratha rulers had donated several gifts and ornaments.

Naidu noted that Vijayanagara ruler Sri Krishnadevaraya had promoted the Hindu faith and donated several ornaments to Lord Venkateswara.

He pointed out that the 'Ratna Keeretam' (a crown encrusted with precious stones) and 'Peetambaram', donated by the ruler, had a chequered history.

Although several temples had been attacked in the past, nobody had dared to undertake such an act against the Sri Venkateswara temple, Naidu said.

Man Arrested for Killing Daughter Over Love Marriage in Adilabad

Munsif Desk
Mancherial :

A man was arrested on charges of murdering his daughter after she expressed her wish to marry his cousin's son, a day before her engagement to another youngster, at Umri village in Narnoor mandal on Wednesday. Utnoor Assistant Superintendent of Police Ruthwik Kotte Sai said Ade Kailash was taken into custody for allegedly smothering his daughter, Kalyani, 18, to death with a pillow while she was asleep and staging it as a suicide early on Wednesday morning. Kailash was produced before mediapersons in Narnoor on Thursday. Police said Kailash admitted during interrogation that he committed the offence, fearing that his daughter's decision would ruin his family's image in society. He allegedly confessed to murdering Kalyani in a fit of rage after she expressed her desire to marry the son of Kailash's sister.



State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member Maripelli Chandana and District Collector Garima Agrawal appealed to the public to extend their cooperation in making Rajanna Sircilla district free from child marriages. Narella village in Tangallapalli Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district was declared a "Child Marriage-Free Model Village" on Thursday after no child marriages were reported there during the past one year.

AP: Four killed, eight injured as Toofan vehicle collides with lorry in Anantapur



Munsif Desk,
Anantapur:

Four people killed and eight others were seriously injured after a Toofan vehicle travelling from Hyderabad towards Tadipatri collided with an oncoming lorry near Rayalacheruvu in Yadiki mandal of Anantapur district on Thursday morning.

The accident occurred when the passengers were returning to Tadipatri after attending a wedding in Hyderabad.

Fire service personnel and police controlled the flames and shifted the injured to hospital.

Police identified two of the deceased as Siddhu and Lakshmi Prasad, both from Yadiki. The identities of the remaining deceased are yet to be established. Police registered a case and are investigating the cause of the accident.

Collector Directs Officials to Utilise Old Children's Hospital Building for Public Needs

Munsif Desk,
Narayanpet:

District Collector C.H. Priyanka, IAS, inspected the former Children's Hospital building located near the old bus stand in Narayanpet town and directed the concerned officials to make all vacant rooms in the building fully functional to meet public needs.



The Children's Hospital, which was earlier functioning in the building, has since been shifted to the Medical College. In view of this, the Collector instructed the District Women and Child Welfare Officer (DWO) to explore possibilities for effectively utilising the vacant portions of the building in the public interest. She directed the Municipal Commissioner and Assistant Engineer (Public Health) to take necessary measures and conduct a detailed assessment of the basic amenities, repair works and other requirements of the building. The Collector further instructed the officials to identify deficiencies in the existing infrastructure and submit a comprehensive report with necessary proposals within two days.

Medical College Superintendent, Municipal Commissioner, District Women and Child Welfare Officer L. Rajender Goud and other concerned officials were present during the inspection.

Special Cleaning Drive Conducted on Jangaon ROB Using Sky Lifter

Munsif Desk, Jangaon:

Jangaon Municipality conducted a special cleanliness drive on the city's important Railway Over Bridge (ROB) to remove accumulated dust, soil and garbage.



During the drive, modern machinery, including a sky lifter vehicle, was used to clean the upper portions of the railway overbridge, sidewalls and adjoining areas. The sky lifter enabled sanitation workers to reach elevated sections and carry out thorough cleaning, improving the appearance of the bridge and providing relief to commuters from flying dust.

Speaking on the occasion, Jangaon Municipal Commissioner C.H. Rajasekhar said providing citizens with a clean, healthy and pollution-free environment was the municipality's top priority. He added that special cleanliness drives would continue regularly to enhance the city's appearance and improve the sanitation and drainage systems.

Sridhar Babu lays foundation for 1,500-crore coffee plant in Siddipet

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu laid the foundation stone for a freeze-dried instant coffee manufacturing facility at the Wargal Food Processing Zone in Siddipet district on Thursday. Being set up by Vintage Coffee & Beverages with an investment of ₹1,500 crore, the project will be developed in two phases and is expected to generate employment for 1,000 people.

In its first phase, the facility will operate with an annual production capacity of 5,500 metric tonnes. It will be the first plant in South Asia to deploy advanced ROTO technology.

KU to Award 91 PhDs and 408 Gold Medals at 24th Convocation

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed,
Hanumakonda:

Kakatiya University Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Pratap Reddy announced that all arrangements have been completed for the successful conduct of the university's 24th Convocation, scheduled for November 28 (Saturday).

Addressing a press conference at the University Senate Hall on Thursday, along with Registrar Prof. V. Ramachandram, Officer on Special Duty Prof. B. Venkatarama Reddy and Controller of Examinations Prof. Rajender Katla, the Vice-Chancellor said the convocation would be held at the university auditorium from 9:25 AM to 12:45 PM. Degrees will be awarded to students who completed their courses during the academic years 2022–2025.

He said Dr. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, founder of Hyderabad-based Cyient and Padma Shri awardee, would attend as the chief guest and deliver the convocation address.

He is expected to arrive at 10:50 AM. University Chancellor and Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla will arrive at 11 AM and preside over the ceremony. Former Vice-Chancellors, Executive Council members, Academic Senate members and Deans of various faculties will also participate. As per protocol, the proceedings will begin with the Academic Senate meeting, group photograph and academic procession, followed by the National Anthem.

Nizamabad Excels in SIR Implementation: Additional CEO

Mohd Baleeg Ahmed
Nizamabad:

Telangana Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Vasam Venkateshwar Reddy appreciated Nizamabad district for its excellent performance in implementing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He particularly appreciated the meticulous and transparent manner in which the process was conducted from Booth Level Officer (BLO) to Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) level under the supervision of District Collector and District Election Officer Ila Tripathi, in accordance with Election Commission guidelines. Dr. Vasam Venkateshwar Reddy held a review meeting with EROs, Assistant EROs (AEROs) and Additional AEROs at the Integrated District Offices Complex on Thursday.

Collector Ila Tripathi briefed him on the progress of SIR implementation in the district. The Additional CEO reviewed constituency-wise details with EROs, enquired about the guidelines followed and examined the procedures adopted for preparing the ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Death and Deleted) list.

62 Candidates Selected at Nizamabad Job Mela

Mohd Baleegh Ahmed,
Nizamabad:

A Job Mela organised at the District Employment Office in Shivaji Nagar, Nizamabad, received an encouraging response, with 62 candidates selected for employment out of 160 unemployed youth who participated in the interviews. The job fair was organised under the leadership of District Employment Officer Velpula Vijetha, with Varun Motors conducting interviews for the post of Relationship Manager.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijetha said District Employment Offices were working towards providing employment opportunities to unemployed youth across the erstwhile Nizamabad district. She informed that two Job Melas were being organised every month to facilitate placements. She urged local unemployed youth to make use of these opportunities and take steps towards securing employment and building their careers. Varun Motors representatives Shiva Kumar and Atiq, along with District Employment Office staff members Anith Goud, Swathi, Sainadh, Satyanarayana and Ravinder, among others, participated in the programme..

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AP CM OFFERS PRAYERS IN TIRUMALA TEMPLE

(NSS), Tirumala :

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandra Babu Naidu on Thursday offered prayers in Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple accompanied by his spouse Bhuvaneshwari during his brief visit to Tirumala.

On his arrival to the main temple through Vaikuntham Queue Complex, the CM was welcomed by the Specified Authority Chairman and the TTD EO M Ravichandra along with the Additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary. After the traditional Isthikaphal honours, the CM paid visit to the sanctum sanctorum and offered prayers to the presiding deity.

Later at the Ranganayakula Mandapam he was offered Vedasirvachanam by the Vedic Scholars followed by the presentation of Theertha Prasadams by the EO and Additional EO.

JEOs Dr Sharath, Gopinadh, District Collector Dr Venkateswar, SP Subbarayudu, CVSO Murali Krishna, temple DyEO Bhaskar and others were present. (NSS)

Governor Calls for AI-Based Transformation of Library Services

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Thursday called for transforming library services through Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technology, stressing that access to quality information should not be restricted by economic or geographical barriers. Speaking at the inaugural of the 29th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN–2026), organised by DELNET (Developing Library Network), New Delhi, at Hotel The Park in Hyderabad, he said libraries must evolve beyond book repositories into centres of knowledge creation, research, innovation and social transformation.

The Governor emphasised that AI, digital technology and networking had opened new avenues for knowledge creation, preservation and dissemination. He called for wider access to digital resources in universities, colleges and rural libraries to ensure equitable learning opportunities for students and researchers.

Referring to the convention theme, "AI-Powered Libraries: Access, Services, Learning and Research," Shukla stressed the importance of ethical AI, data

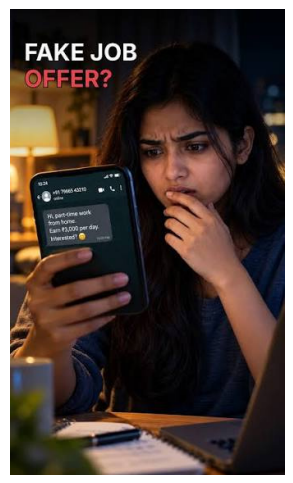


security and responsible technology use. He said AI should complement human capabilities, improve research quality and enhance library services.

He also underscored the need for digital literacy, user-friendly services and inclusive knowledge systems, observing that librarians played a crucial role not only in managing information but also in fostering reading habits, curiosity and scientific temper among students. Appreciating DELNET's contribution to institutional networking.

Kothapet woman cheated of Rs 10.39 lakh in Instagram part-time job scam

(NSS), Hyderabad:



A woman from Kothapet was allegedly cheated of Rs 10.39 lakh in a part-time job fraud, according to her complaint to the Malkajgiri Cybercrime Police.

The complainant said she was lured through an Instagram advertisement that offered earnings of Rs 5,000 to Rs 8,000 a day for rating restaurants on Google Maps. She alleged that she was later persuaded to invest money for higher returns and transferred Rs 10.39 lakh in multiple transactions.

I Developed Huzurabad: MP Eatala Rajender

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Malkajgiri BJP MP Eatala Rajender asserted that he had made significant contributions to the development of Huzurabad Assembly constituency and challenged his critics to demonstrate the development achieved by the present leadership. Rajender said he had not been able to visit Huzurabad frequently because of his continuous fight on public issues across Telangana. He expressed hope that the people of the constituency would understand his commitments and assured them that he would visit whenever he found time.

The MP further said he had been responding to public grievances and fighting against injustice wherever it occurred in the state. His efforts on issues relating to assigned lands and Section 22-A prohibited properties had benefited people across Telangana, he claimed.

Stating that he was regularly touring the Malkajgiri Lok Sabha constituency, which has a population of nearly 70 lakh, he said



he was working continuously to resolve public grievances. He asserted that he had never taken a break from public service, even when suffering from fever or requiring rest. Referring to farmers' problems in Huzurabad, Rajender said he was pressing the government to ensure adequate water supply, address the issue of electric motors getting burnt and procure farmers' agricultural produce.

PPA Chief Satisfied with Quality of Polavaram Dam Works

(NSS), Polavaram:



Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) Chief Executive Officer Sanjeev Vohra on Thursday conducted an extensive three-hour inspection of the Earth-cum-Rock Fill (ECRF) dam works at the Polavaram project, reviewing construction quality and carrying out on-site tests to assess soil and rock-fill compaction.

Accompanied by senior officials of the PPA, Water Resources Department and Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL), Vohra walked nearly 1.5 km across the construction area and examined the placement of soil, rock and sand at various stages.

During the inspection, selected portions of the embankment were excavated to a depth of about one metre to assess the compactness of underlying layers. The excavated soil was subsequently refilled and compacted using a sheep-foot roller. Tests comparing compaction levels before and after the exercise showed no significant variation, with the PPA CEO expressing satisfaction over the results.

Vohra stressed the need for proper placement of soil and rock to prevent voids between layers and directed officials and the construction agency to strictly follow prescribed quality standards.

He also inspected monitoring instruments installed in the lower reaches of the ECRF structure to measure seepage and soil moisture levels and expressed satisfaction with their functioning.

Separately, a team of scientists from the Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS), comprising Harindra Prakash, Srihari T. Nair and Amit Sen, conducted a three-day assessment of construction materials at the project site. The team inspected soil stockpiled at Paidipaka and Gap-3 for future construction requirements and collected samples for detailed laboratory testing.

EFLU, British Council Symposium Focuses on Bridging Research and Classroom Practice

(NSS), Peddapalli:

The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) and the British Council have stressed the need to bridge the gap between educational research and classroom practice to improve English language teaching and learning.

The two institutions concluded a two-day international symposium, "Connecting Research and Practice in English Learning: From Insight to Classroom Impact", on Thursday, bringing together researchers, teacher educators, teachers, school leaders, educational institutions and policy stakeholders from India and abroad.

Addressing the inaugural session, EFLU Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Nagaraju emphasised translating academic research into meaningful classroom outcomes. He called for ethical and equitable use of educational technology, recognising learners' home languages as valuable learning resources and ensuring that technology neither displaces educators nor widens existing inequalities.

He said the symposium offered an opportunity to strengthen collaboration among researchers, teacher educators and classroom practitioners in alignment with NEP 2020 and the India-UK Vision 2035.

Vani Devi, Ramchander Rao Asked to Release White Papers on Graduate Contributions

(NSS), Hyderabad:



Dundra Kumara Swamy, National President of BC Dal and Independent candidate for the Mahabubnagar–Rangareddy–Hyderabad Graduates' MLC constituency, has demanded that former MLCs Surabhi Vani Devi and N. Ramachander Rao release white papers detailing their contributions to graduates during their respective tenures. Kumara Swamy said Vani Devi, who represented the constituency for six years, should explain her efforts to address graduate unemployment, create job opportunities and promote educational development. She should also disclose the issues she raised with the government and the problems she helped resolve.

He said Ramachander Rao, who won the constituency in 2015 and is currently Telangana BJP president, should similarly present a report on his performance and contributions to graduates.

Questioning the commitment of political parties, he alleged that graduates and unemployed youth were remembered only during elections.

Jurist Calls for Greater Transparency in Collegium System

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Eminent jurist and former judge Dr. Mangari Rajender (Jimbo) has called for greater transparency, accountability and clearly defined timelines in the Collegium system of judicial appointments, stressing that executive interference and delays could undermine judicial independence.

Delivering a keynote address on "The Invisible Veto in Judicial Appointments: Executive Control" at a Constitution Day programme organised by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) here on Thursday, he said that keeping Collegium recommendations pending or delaying decisions could serve as an indirect veto by the executive.

He also expressed concern over informal government consultations before the Collegium formally considers candidates, observing that such practices could weaken the independence of the appointment process.

At the same time, Dr. Rajender pointed out internal shortcomings in the Collegium system, including the absence of transparent selection criteria, fixed timelines and accountability. He said judicial independence must be accompanied by public confidence and called for reforms from within the system.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, who attended as chief guest, said protecting the Constitution was the responsibility of today's youth. Recalling Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's democratic principle of "One person, one vote – one vote, one value", he expressed concern over voter deletions and urged young people to safeguard constitutional values, democracy and the rule of law.

Kasturba Gandhi College Holds Mega Medical Camp, Organ Donation Awareness Programme

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Kasturba Gandhi Degree and PG College for Women, West Marredpally, Secunderabad, organised a free mega medical camp and an organ donation awareness programme on Thursday in association with Lions Club of Hyderabad Greenlands and in collaboration with KIMS, Renova Cancer Centre and Swasthava.

The medical camp, held under the theme "Early Detection if Better", offered free health check-ups, blood pressure and blood sugar tests, blood investigations, eye examinations and screening for breast and cervical cancers. More than 500 people benefited from the services. Doctors and healthcare professionals provided consultations and stressed the importance of preventive healthcare, regular medical check-ups and early diagnosis.

An organ donation awareness programme was also organised, with Lion Nagaraju highlighting the importance of organ donation in saving lives. He explained that a single donor could potentially save up to eight lives and help several others through tissue donation.

MGIT Celebrates Constitution Day with Preamble Recitation, Rally

(NSS), Hyderabad:

Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Technology (MGIT), Gandipet has celebrated Constitution Day with enthusiasm on Thursday, with faculty members and students participating in programmes organised by the National Service Scheme.

Principal Prof. G. Chandramohan Reddy, addressing the gathering, described the Indian Constitution as one of the finest constitutions in the world and urged citizens to uphold constitutional values and discharge their fundamental duties responsibly.

Congress Holds Constitution Day March in Hyderabad

(NSS), Hyderabad:

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) organised a 'Samvidhan Raksha March' in Hyderabad on Thursday to mark Constitution Day, following a call by the All India Congress Committee (AICC), seeking to highlight the importance of protecting the Constitution and upholding its core values.

The rally began at the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Tank Bund (Liberty) and culminated at the statue of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Necklace Road. A large number of Congress leaders, workers and party cadres participated in the march.

Cong Seeks Correction of Polling Stations, Removal of Duplicate Votes in MLC Rolls

Munsif Desk, Hyderabad:

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Election Commission Co-ordination Committee has urged the Chief Electoral Officer to rectify discrepancies in the draft electoral rolls for Graduate MLC constituencies, including allotment of distant polling stations and duplicate voter entries. A delegation led by Pulipati Rajesh Kumar, Chairman of the TPCC Election Commission Co-ordination Committee, met Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy and submitted a representation seeking immediate corrective measures. The delegation pointed out that several graduates had been allotted polling stations located 10 to 14 kilometres from their residences.



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday described the donation of 121 kg of gold ornaments, valued at approximately Rs.206 crore, by Chennai-based philanthropists Vardhman Jain and Radhika Jain as unprecedented in the history of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).

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At a Glance



Delhi gets 3.37 lakh Form 6 applications in SIR

(IANS) New Delhi, Delhi received 3,37,970 Form 6 applications for voter enrolment in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) from August 31 to November 25.

The CEO said on Thursday pending claims would be cleared by December 15. The electoral roll will be published on December 22.

Notices were issued to 33,14,032 electors over discrepancies; 33,00,164 have been parked for inclusion in the roll.

Booth Level Officers are distributing forms to electors marked Absent, Shifted, Dead and Duplicate. The deadline is November 30. Late Form 6 applications will be processed after publication of the roll.

Panna tigress dies in wire-snare, poaching suspected

(IANS) Panna, A young tigress was found dead with a clutch wire snare around her neck in Manki beat of Madhya Pradesh's Panna forest range on Thursday. Officials suspect she remained trapped for days and died of starvation.

Krishna Maravi, Sub-Divisional Officer of North Panna Forest Division, said the department was investigating suspected poaching and trying to identify those responsible. Officials are checking whether the tigress had cubs through past records and M-STrIPES data.

Wildlife activist Ajay Dube alleged lapses in protection and questioned poaching near the tiger reserve.

Constitution continues to guide us to build Viksit Bharat, says PM Modi on Samvidhan Divas



(IANS) New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday extended heartfelt greetings to the countrymen on the occasion of Samvidhan Divas and paid homage to the architects of the Constitution, stating that their teachings will continue to serve as inspiration to build a 'Viksit Bharat'.

Taking to X, PM Modi said, "Heartfelt greetings to all fellow citizens on Constitution Day. On this auspicious occasion, I offer my respectful salutations to the revered Babasaheb and all the other great luminaries of the Constituent Assembly."

"The gift they bestowed upon us in the form of the Constitution is an invaluable heritage of Indian democracy; it will continue to guide us in realising the resolve of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India)," he added.

Paying homage to the architects of the Constitution, PM Modi called the day an occasion to "reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the values enshrined within it".

Constitution Day, also known as 'Samvidhan Divas', is celebrated in our country on November 26 every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect from 26th January 1950.

Under the leadership of PM Modi, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on November 19, 2015, notified the decision of the Government of India to celebrate the 26th day of November every year as 'Constitution Day' to promote Constitution values among citizens.

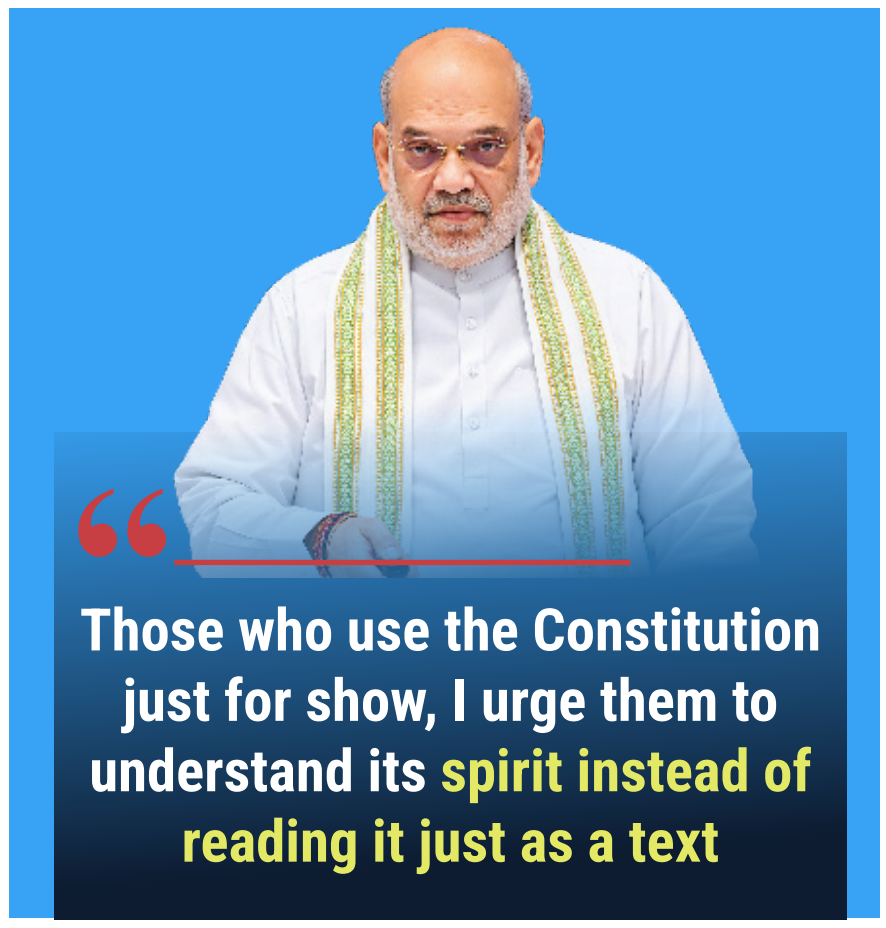
Meanwhile, on the occasion of Constitution Day, Bharatiya Janata Party National President Nitin Nabin and other senior party leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda, will address public programmes as part of the BJP's 'Samvidhan Gaurav Diwas' celebrations.

Samvidhan Gaurav Diwas is observed by the BJP on November 26 to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution on November 26, 1949.

BJP chief Nitin Nabin will address the public programme to be held in Patna's Gyan Bhawan Auditorium, where he will highlight the significance of the Constitution and the legacy of its principal architect, Dr B.R. Ambedkar.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will address the 'Samvidhan Gaurav Diwas' programme at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre in New Delhi at 3.30 p.m. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta will also address the gathering on the National Constitution Day on November 26 in the presence of all city MPs and invited intellectuals.

Meanwhile, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda will participate in two programmes in Ahmedabad.



Amit Shah urges critics to understand Constitution's spirit

(IANS) New Delhi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday criticised the Opposition, particularly the Congress, saying those who use the Constitution merely for show should take time to understand its spirit and values.

Addressing a gathering on Samvidhan Gaurav Diwas, Shah said the Constitution was not merely a book but a document reflecting the hopes and aspirations of freedom fighters who fought for India's independence between 1857 and 1947.

He said the Constitution provided citizens the right to choose their rulers while laying down limits within which governments must function. However, attempts were made after Independence to treat it merely as a manual for governance, neglecting the need to strengthen constitutional values among citizens, he alleged.

Referring to the original handwritten Constitution, Shah said it contained illustrations depicting Lord Ram, Lord Buddha, Lord Mahavir, Guru Gobind Singh, Rani Lakshmibai, the Dandi March and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He urged those carrying copies of the Constitution to visit the Parliament Library and examine its original manuscript, illustrated under the leadership of Nandalal Bose.

"Those who use the Constitution just for show, I urge them to understand its spirit instead of reading it just as a text," Shah said.

Recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of Samvidhan Gaurav Diwas in 2015, he said the initiative aimed to take constitutional values to the people.

Shah said constitutional values could be summed up as coverage, reach and dignity. He cited financial inclusion, infrastructure and the digital economy as measures taken under the Modi government to benefit the poor.

He also referred to the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and the government's action against Naxalism, claiming that the BJP-led government had ended problems that persisted for 60 years within 12 years.

Delhi AQI stays very poor at 319

(IANS) New Delhi, Delhi's air quality remained 'very poor' on Thursday, with an AQI of 319. Anand Vihar recorded 319, DTU 308, and Pusa and North Campus 302 each.

Mist and weak winds may limit pollutant dispersion. The IMD forecast a minimum temperature of around 9 degrees Celsius and a maximum of 27 degrees. Stage II of GRAP remains in force across Delhi-NCR, with curbs on dust-generating construction, road cleaning and water sprinkling. On Wednesday, Safdarjung recorded a season-low minimum temperature of 10 degrees Celsius in the city.

Punjab CM launches Smart Ration Card Scheme for 10 lakh beneficiaries

(IANS) Moga (Punjab), Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday launched the Smart Ration Card Scheme to extend food security benefits to 10 lakh beneficiaries, asserting that his government has ensured that only the genuinely needy receive rightful entitlements.

Along with the party's national convenor Arvind Kejriwal, the CM distributed 'Meri Rasoi' kits to beneficiaries on stage, containing pulses, sugar, salt, turmeric and mustard oil, while assuring them of five kg of free wheat per member per month after completion of an e-KYC.

On the occasion, CM Mann said, "Our government has undertaken a special drive to issue 10 lakh new ration cards to the most deserving and needy families. The entire exercise has been conducted through a digital, transparent and impartial system to ensure that genuine beneficiaries receive their rightful entitlements without any discrimination or political interference."

The Chief Minister noted that 19.25 lakh online applications were received during the special campaign launched in July. "People applied through Sewa Kendras, Common Service Centres (CSCs) and online platforms, while the district administration conducted door-to-door verification to identify eligible families."

Highlighting the transparent selection process, CM Mann said the government has relied on digital data and impartial scoring criteria to identify the most deserving families. The entire campaign has been conducted on the principle of 'no cash, no recommendations'. "We have ensured that only genuine and needy families are selected so that the benefits reach those who actually deserve them."

CM Mann said under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, Punjab currently has 1.36 crore beneficiaries belonging to 39.73 lakh families.

Announcing additional benefits for new ration card holders, he said all new ration card beneficiaries will receive a special 'Meri Rasoi' kit comprising two kg pulses, two kg sugar, one kg salt, 200 grams turmeric powder and one litre mustard oil. Besides, they will also continue to receive free wheat under the National Food Security Act.

Tamil Nadu introduces 15-day paternity leave for male government employees

(IANS) Chennai, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister S. Joseph Vijay on Thursday announced 15 days of paternity leave for married male government employees to support their wives around childbirth and help care for newborns.

Under the order, employees can take the leave during the 15 days before the child's birth or within six months after delivery. This is the first time the State government has introduced paternity leave for its male employees.

The decision follows a request from government employees. The government said it had considered the demand sympathetically and issued an order granting the leave.

It said childbirth was a critical period for both mother and baby, and fathers had a role in providing physical and emotional support to their wives and helping care for newborns.

Women employees in government institutions receive 365 days of maternity leave. The government said the new provision reflected its concern for maternal and child welfare and would help couples share family responsibilities. Fathers taking leave after delivery can choose any 15 days within the six-month period.

Nishant Kumar urges doctors to perform duties with dedication after dismissal of 11 doctors

(IANS) Patna, Bihar Health Minister Nishant Kumar has urged doctors and healthcare workers to perform their duties with dedication and integrity after the government dismissed 11 doctors for dereliction of duty and prolonged unauthorised absence.



In a post on X, Kumar said the Bihar Cabinet had approved their dismissal. The proposal was cleared at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Wednesday, November 25.

The doctors were posted as Medical Officers and Specialist Medical Officers in hospitals and health institutions in Saharsa, Bhagalpur, Supaul, and Madhepura.

Kumar said the decision was not easy, but negligence and indiscipline had made action necessary under established rules.

He said the medical profession was a commitment to serving humanity. The government's priority was to ensure better healthcare services, and negligence would not be tolerated.

Describing doctors and healthcare workers as key members of the Health Department, he said he held them and their profession in high regard. He urged them to discharge their responsibilities with competence and honesty.

Providing quality healthcare to Bihar's people was a collective responsibility requiring every doctor's cooperation, Kumar said. He hoped Health Department employees would take their duties seriously and work together to improve healthcare delivery across the State and serve people with dedication every day.

Jharkhand assembly passes resolution seeking withdrawal or review of MMDR Amendment Act

(IANS) Ranchi, The Jharkhand Assembly on Thursday passed a resolution seeking withdrawal or reconsideration of the Centre's Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act. Chief Minister Hemant Soren said compensation for mining damage was the State's right, not charity.



Moving the resolution, Soren said Jharkhand had fought legal battle to secure compensation. He alleged that the Centre amended the law when the State's demand gained momentum, restricting its rights.

"The compensation amount is our right. This is not about additional money coming into the state treasury; it is about making up for the damage caused by mining," he said.

BJP legislators accused the State government of misleading people over the MMDR Act and staged a walkout during Soren's address.

The Chief Minister raised concerns over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He said the government was not opposed to the exercise but wanted local conditions to be considered, especially in remote villages.

He said every citizen had equal voting rights, irrespective of economic status, and alleged that names of eligible voters had been deleted. He questioned the Election Commission's functioning.

On Constitution Day, Soren criticised growing centralisation by the Centre and said states must be allowed to exercise their constitutional rights in federal structure.

"Jharkhand does not want to become an obstacle to the country's development, but any attempt to curtail the rights of the state cannot be accepted," he said.



Nine Russian, Ukrainian children reunited with families:

(IANS) Washington, Nine children separated from their families during the Russia-Ukraine war have been reunited through a humanitarian initiative led by US First Lady Melania Trump, taking the reported total to 43, the White House said.

The reunions marked the initiative's seventh round, the Office of the First Lady said on Wednesday (local time).

Melania Trump said Russian and Ukrainian leaders had cooperated to bring the children and their families together.

"Every child reunited with their parents brings humanity one step closer to a better world for everyone," she said. She also urged adults to put children's welfare above divisions caused by the war.

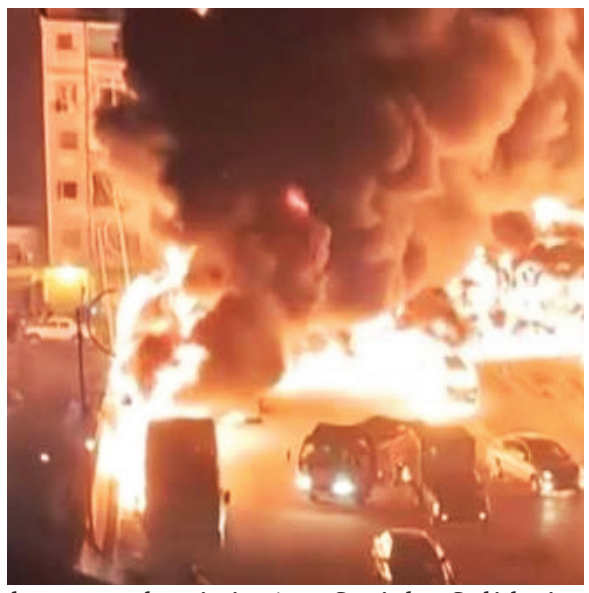
The White House did not identify the nine children, give their ages or nationalities, or say where the reunions took place.

The initiative has involved repeated contacts with both governments. In July, the White House announced that five children had been reunited in its fifth round. By October, six rounds had reunited 34 children, it said.

The White House said communication channels developed through the effort were later used to negotiate a temporary halt to fighting around Oleshky in southern Ukraine. The deal aimed to bring aid into the city and prepare a safe evacuation route.

Russian and Ukrainian teams coordinated transport, assistance for residents and demining, the White House said. On November 5, Melania Trump hosted officials from both countries and said nearly 800 people had been evacuated from Oleshky and surrounding areas.

Egypt: 30 killed, 25 injured in truck fire in Giza, investigation underway



(IANS) Cairo, At least 30 people were killed and 25 others injured when a truck carrying petroleum products crashed and caught fire on Wednesday in Egypt's Giza governorate, near the capital Cairo, the Egyptian public prosecution said.

The prosecution said in a statement that it had launched an investigation into the accident on the Ring Road in Al-Warraq district, which also burned out 27 vehicles, including cars and motorcycles.

Teams of prosecutors were dispatched to the scene to investigate the circumstances of the incident, and to local hospitals to interview the injured and examine the deceased, it added, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The prosecution also ordered DNA testing on the remains of unidentified victims to confirm their identities, noting that final casualty figures and material losses were still being assessed.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi expressed his condolences to the victims' families and wished the injured a speedy recovery, the Egyptian presidency said in a statement.

Sisi also directed relevant authorities to provide full support and care to the injured and the victims' families, promptly clear the scene, and ensure public safety.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly ordered medical care, compensation for those affected, and an urgent investigation into the circumstances of the accident, according to a cabinet statement.

Social Solidarity Minister Maya Morsy directed coordination with the Egyptian Red Crescent for relief assistance at the scene.

The Health Ministry said in an earlier statement that 39 ambulances participated in rescue operations and Health Minister Khaled Abdel Ghaffar headed to hospitals to follow up on the injured.

On November 24, 10 people were killed and seven others injured in a collision between a minibus and a truck on a road in Egypt's southern Aswan province, the state-run Ahram newspaper reported.

The accident occurred at kilometre 110 of the Aswan-Abu Simbel road, the report said.

The injured were taken to hospital for medical treatment.

The relevant authorities took the necessary legal measures, filed a report on the incident, and notified the investigative authorities to investigate the circumstances of the accident.

The Aswan Governorate said in a statement that Aswan Governor Amr Lashin had directed officials to provide the injured with the necessary medical care and ensure continuous monitoring of their health.

Egypt arrests driver after tanker fire kills 31

Egyptian authorities arrested a driver accused of causing a tanker crash that triggered a fire on Giza's Ring Road, killing 31 and injuring 26. Prosecutors said he admitted speeding and changing lanes before his car hit the tanker. DNA tests have also been ordered to identify victims.

Storm delays New York's Thanksgiving parade



(IANS) Washington, New York's 100th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been postponed to Saturday as an approaching storm threatened to bring strong winds and heavy rain, forcing organizers to move one of America's best-known holiday celebrations.

The parade, originally scheduled for Thanksgiving morning on Thursday, will begin at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time on November 28, the city's emergency notification service announced Wednesday.

"Due to severe weather, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been postponed to Saturday, 11/28, at 8:30 AM," a media statement said.

NBC, which broadcasts the event, said the decision was made jointly with Macy's and New York City "in the interest of safety for both the participants and spectators."

The network said the approaching coastal storm was expected to bring heavy rain, strong winds and coastal flooding.

NBC and Peacock will carry the rescheduled parade on Saturday. On Thanksgiving morning, NBC will instead show a replay of the 2025 parade, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in each time zone.

The postponement interrupts preparations for a milestone edition of the spectacle, known for its giant character balloons, floats, marching bands and musical performances.

In its advance announcement, Macy's said the 100th parade would feature a record 100 inflatables and more than 11,000 volunteers and participants.

The planned celebration included performances by country singer Megan Moroney and singer Teddy Swims, with Santa Claus appearing at the finale. Those details were announced before the weather-related schedule change.

Weather has affected earlier editions. High winds grounded the balloons in 1971, while the parade proceeded through a snowstorm in 1989, according to NBC.

The parade began in 1924, organized by Macy's employees, their friends and families. This year marks its 100th edition rather than its centenary because it was canceled in 1942, 1943 and 1944 during World War II. Materials normally used for the celebration, including rubber, were redirected to the war effort, according to Macy's.

Saudi-led coalition intercepts three Houthi missiles



(IANS) Riyadh, The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said it had intercepted and destroyed three missiles launched by the Houthi group towards Saudi Arabia, including two aimed at Riyadh, overnight Wednesday.

Coalition spokesman Turki Al-Maliki said on Thursday that air defences had intercepted two ballistic missiles fired towards Riyadh. Late Wednesday, he said a cruise missile launched towards the kingdom's western region had also been intercepted. Neither statement reported casualties or damage.

The interceptions came amid escalating exchanges. The Houthi group said on Wednesday it had attacked the Saudi ports of Jeddah and Jazan in retaliation for Saudi airstrikes on Yemen's Red Sea port of Hodeidah.

On Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, military spokesperson Yahya Sarea claimed the attacks had caused damage at both ports. He did not specify the weapons used. Sarea warned that further attacks on Hodeidah would prompt an "immediate and direct" response under a "port-for-port" policy. He said Houthi operations inside Saudi Arabia would continue until airstrikes stopped and what the group described as a blockade on areas under its control was lifted.

The coalition said it had intercepted and destroyed seven drones in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday. Al-Maliki said four were intercepted in Ras Tanura in the Eastern Province and one near Jeddah Islamic Port. No civilian injuries were reported.

Al-Maliki said coalition forces had targeted "operational capabilities" in Hodeidah and destroyed targets in Yemen's northern provinces of Saada and Amran. He confirmed that a Houthi-launched projectile had struck Jazan port, causing "minor damage" but no civilian injuries.

Houthi media reported that Monday's airstrikes on telecommunications facilities in Hodeidah had killed 17 people and injured 11, citing the Houthi telecommunications department.

The escalation follows Houthi claims of missile and drone attacks on Saudi airports and energy facilities, alongside reports of intensified Saudi airstrikes across Yemen.

Yemen's conflict began in late 2014, when the Houthis seized Sanaa and much of the north. Saudi Arabia intervened in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government in Yemen.

US clears SpaceX plan for 1 million AI satellites



(IANS) Washington, US regulators have authorised SpaceX to deploy up to a million satellites as data centres in orbit. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) called it the first such approval. Astronomers objected, warning the network may disrupt research and alter the night sky.

The proposed Starmind network would process data in space, supporting demand for artificial intelligence computing, the FCC said. The authorisation permits deployment; the satellites have not been launched.

They would use optical links, with radio links as a backup. The FCC said the system complied with orbital debris rules.

FCC Chairman Brendan Carr said the approval would support US leadership in advanced computing and attract investment. He called the one million orbital compute modules a new frontier for infrastructure to power "super intelligence" (SI).

The FCC said it was reviewing other orbital data-centre proposals.

The American Astronomical Society (AAS) said it was "disheartened and dismayed" by the decision. It warned that larger, more numerous satellites could remain bright longer and interfere with observations. Radio emissions and heat from the equipment could also affect radio and infrared astronomy.

The society cited risks of orbital collisions, launch pollution and atmospheric reentry. It said the constellation could undermine investment in astronomy and limit the public's ability to study the night sky.

The AAS noted that SpaceX had modified Starlink satellites to reduce their impact on astronomy. Those changes had helped but not eliminated the problems, it said, adding that the proposed network was a fundamentally different undertaking.

According to the society, SpaceX must begin deployment by 2033, have 100,000 satellites in orbit by 2035 and complete the constellation by 2040.

The AAS petitioned the FCC in March to reject the application. It hopes SpaceX will continue working with the National Science Foundation, but said the licence lacked formal coordination requirements.

Israel Backs India's Fight Against Terrorism on 26/11 Anniversary



(IANS) Jerusalem, Israel on Thursday paid tribute to the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, reaffirming solidarity with India.

In a post on X, the Israeli Foreign Ministry honoured the resilience of Indians and those who risked their lives to save others. "Terrorism knows no borders, and neither does our shared commitment to defeating it," it said.

Israeli Consul General Yaniv Revach visited Leopold Cafe, one of the sites targeted on November 26, 2008. He told IANS that Israel stood with India and would continue to fight terrorism together. He called for closer cooperation against groups and their supporters.

Israeli Ambassador Reuven Azar also paid tribute. The embassy remembered all 166 people killed, including five Israelis murdered at Nariman House: Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg, Leibish Teitelbaum, Bentzion Chroman and Yocheved Orpaz.

The attacks were carried out by 10 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists from Pakistan. Targets included Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Leopold Cafe, Nariman House and the Taj Mahal Palace and Oberoi-Trident hotels.

The four-day siege killed 166 people and injured around 300. Nine attackers were killed by security forces. Ajmal Amir Kasab was captured, sentenced to death in 2010 and executed in 2012.

Brazil expresses indignation over proposed new US tariffs



(IANS) Rio De Janeiro, CBrazil on Wednesday xpressed indignation over a US proposal to impose additional tariffs on its aircraft and sugar, saying the move sought to pressure it into changing domestic regulations.

The presidential communications office said Brazil had negotiated in good faith with the United States for over a year on the Section 301 action. Washington had promised in August to provide terms for a trade agreement but had not done so despite repeated requests.

The tariffs were aimed at forcing Brazil to change rules concerning its PIX payment system, digital commerce and preferential agreements.

Calling the move unacceptable, the government said it would not yield. Brazil would pursue talks while retaining the option of approaching the World Trade Organization (WTO) and considering reciprocal measures.

The Office of the United States Trade Representative proposed an additional 10 per cent tariff on finished aircraft imported from Brazil and higher duties on certain out-of-quota sugar imports. A public hearing is scheduled for January 14, 2027.

Separately, Brazil's Chamber of Deputies approved a fiscal package proposed by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's administration. The bill passed with 353 votes in favour, 128 against and five abstentions.

The plan seeks to stabilise public debt through spending cuts and higher revenue. The government estimates savings of up to 56 billion reais (about 9.51 billion US dollars) in 2027.

From next year, the bill lowers the spending growth cap from 2.5 per cent to 2 per cent above inflation, reduces tax exemptions and gives Congress 60 days to frame rules on payments above salary caps.

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The Courage to Grow: No Horizon Is Too Narrow

Education beyond classrooms must inspire responsible citizenship, ethical leadership and innovation, empowering Hyderabad's youth to shape a progressive society.

By: Faheem Ansari Mahwish, Kagaznagar



Education is not merely the pursuit of academic qualifications or professional success. Its greater purpose is to develop responsible citizens capable of contributing meaningfully to society. True educational leadership nurtures knowledge, character, creativity and social awareness, preparing younger generations to confront emerging challenges with confidence.

Hyderabad, renowned for its cultural heritage, educational institutions and historic traditions, stands at an important stage of transformation. While rapid urbanisation creates new opportunities, it also presents challenges involving environmental protection, infrastructure, social inequality and the preservation of civic values.

The future of this historic city depends not merely on physical development but on the vision, determination and responsibilities of its educated youth.

Education Beyond Academic Achievement

Schools, colleges and universities must extend their responsibilities beyond classroom instruction and examination results.

Educational institutions should encourage students to participate in community initiatives, environmental campaigns, cultural programmes and voluntary activities.

Such experiences strengthen leadership abilities, communication skills and social consciousness while preparing students to become responsible citizens.

Academic excellence becomes truly meaningful when knowledge is translated into actions benefiting society.

Environmental Protection and Civic Responsibility

Hyderabad's expanding urban landscape demands greater attention to environmental sustainability and responsible civic behaviour.

Students can contribute through cleanliness drives, tree plantation campaigns, plastic reduction initiatives and awareness programmes promoting water conservation.

Rapid population growth, increasing traffic and environmental pollution require coordinated efforts involving educational institutions, government authorities and local communities.

By participating in these initiatives, young citizens can become active contributors to a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable city.

Social Welfare and Educational Inclusion

Education must also address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Students and educational institutions can support underprivileged children through voluntary teaching programmes, community learning centres and literacy initiatives.

Such efforts encourage compassion, strengthen social relationships and help reduce educational inequalities.

Opportunities for learning should not remain confined to privileged sections of society.

A progressive community ensures that knowledge and educational opportunities reach those who need them most.

Preserving Hyderabad's Cultural Heritage

Hyderabad's distinctive identity reflects centuries of cultural interaction, architectural achievement and linguistic diversity.

Preserving this heritage requires awareness among younger generations.

Educational institutions should encourage students to understand the historical importance of monuments, traditional arts and the city's multicultural character.

Respect for different communities, languages and traditions strengthens social harmony and helps preserve Hyderabad's unique cultural identity.

Modern development should complement historical preservation rather than diminish it.

Innovation and Creative Leadership

Meaningful progress requires the courage to challenge outdated practices and explore new possibilities.

Educational leadership should encourage independent thinking, scientific curiosity, technological awareness and entrepreneurship.

Students must be provided opportunities to develop practical solutions to social and environmental challenges.

Creativity flourishes when young people are encouraged to question conventional approaches, experiment responsibly and learn from failure.

> **"True education empowers young minds not merely to follow established paths, but to discover new possibilities for society."**

Innovation should serve humanity, ensuring that technological and intellectual advancement contributes to collective well-being.

Ethical Values and Responsible Citizenship

Knowledge without moral responsibility cannot guarantee meaningful progress.

Educational institutions must cultivate honesty, compassion, discipline, fairness and respect for others alongside academic development.

Students should understand the significance of constitutional values, democratic participation and responsible citizenship.

Leadership requires more than authority or professional achievement. It demands integrity, accountability and a willingness to serve others.

A responsible educational environment encourages constructive dialogue, tolerance and respect for differing opinions.

Overcoming Challenges Through Collective Effort

Educational reform often encounters institutional limitations, financial difficulties and resistance to change.

However, meaningful transformation requires determination, cooperation and consistent commitment.

Teachers, parents, administrators and community organisations must work together to provide supportive learning environments.

Young people should be encouraged to recognise their abilities, overcome obstacles and pursue purposeful ambitions.

> **"The greatest investment in a city's future is the knowledge, character and courage cultivated among its youth."**

Hyderabad's continued progress depends upon educational leadership that combines academic excellence with moral integrity, innovation and social responsibility.

Ultimately, the purpose of education is not simply to prepare individuals for successful careers, but to inspire them to improve the communities they belong to.

A brighter society emerges when learning becomes purposeful action, leadership becomes service and young minds discover the courage to grow beyond limitations.

"A brighter Hyderabad begins with educated minds, responsible hearts and the courage to lead."

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LIFESTYLE MARRIAGE & SOCIETY

BEYOUND EXTRAVAGANCE: The Return of Simple Weddings

As extravagant wedding celebrations place increasing financial pressure on families, a growing preference for simpler marriages offers hope for meaningful social reform.

By: Mohammed Ismail Javed



Marriage is among the most significant occasions in family life, symbolising companionship, commitment and the beginning of a new relationship. Yet elaborate celebrations, social expectations and unnecessary expenditure have increasingly transformed this joyful occasion into a financial burden.

In many communities, wedding arrangements have become an opportunity to demonstrate wealth and social standing. Expensive decorations, lavish receptions, elaborate menus and large gatherings often overshadow the true purpose of marriage.

The desire to impress others sometimes compels families to spend beyond their means, even resorting to loans and financial sacrifices that create difficulties long after the celebrations end.

The Burden of Social Expectations:

Society frequently measures the grandeur of weddings through expenditure rather than the happiness of the couple.

Families with limited resources often feel pressured to imitate wealthy households, fearing criticism or embarrassment if celebrations remain modest.

Consequently, marriage expenses can delay weddings, increase financial anxiety and place unnecessary burdens upon parents.

The pursuit of social recognition should never become more important than the well-being of newly married couples.

The Growing Preference for Simplicity

Encouragingly, some families are reconsidering these traditions and choosing simpler wedding ceremonies.

Instead of extravagant celebrations, they are conducting Nikah ceremonies with close relatives and limited guests, prioritising religious values and meaningful relationships.

Islam encourages simplicity in marriage and discourages unnecessary extravagance.

Such decisions demonstrate that happiness and dignity do not depend upon elaborate arrangements or expensive celebrations.

"The beauty of marriage lies not in lavish celebrations, but in sincerity, simplicity and the blessings of family."

A modest wedding also enables couples to begin married life without unnecessary financial obligations.

Society Must Embrace Meaningful Change

Lasting reform requires cooperation among families, community elders, religious scholars and social organisations.

Parents should resist competitive spending and recognise that their children's future security matters more than temporary displays of wealth.

Community leaders can encourage affordable marriages, discourage excessive demands and promote practical alternatives to costly ceremonies.

The responsibility also rests with individuals who possess the financial means to organise extravagant weddings. Their example can influence wider social attitudes.

Marriage should unite families rather than expose them to financial hardship.

Ultimately, the growing acceptance of simple weddings offers an opportunity to restore dignity, affordability and genuine happiness to this important institution.

True social progress begins when communities value character and relationships above extravagance and public display.

EDUCATION CONSTITUTION DAY 2026

SUCL Celebrates Constitution Day With Justice Sudarshan Reddy

Former Supreme Court Judge Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy emphasises secularism, fraternity, constitutional safeguards and democratic accountability during Constitution Day celebrations at Sultan-ul-Uloom College of Law.

Sultan-ul-Uloom College of Law (SUCL) celebrated Constitution Day on November 26 with an informative programme highlighting the principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity enshrined in the Indian Constitution.



Former Supreme Court Judge Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy attended as Chief Guest, while Mohammed Waliullah, Chairman of Sultan-ul-Uloom Education Society (SUES), was the Guest of Honour.

Zafar Javeed, Honorary Secretary, Aamer Javeed, Joint Secretary, and Syed Abdul Wahab, Vice Chairman of SUES, attended alongside institutional heads, faculty members and students.

CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND DEMOCRATIC RESPONSIBILITY

Addressing the gathering, Justice Sudarshan Reddy led participants in reading the Preamble and paid tribute to the freedom fighters and members of the Constituent Assembly.

He recalled the historical significance of the freedom movement and the vision of Poorna Swaraj, emphasising the Constitution's enduring role in safeguarding democratic institutions.

Justice Reddy particularly highlighted secularism and fraternity as essential foundations of India's constitutional framework.

Referring to Articles 15 and 19 and the Directive Principles of State Policy, he explained the importance of equality, fundamental freedoms and social justice.

He also stressed that constitutional checks and balances are necessary to prevent excessive concentration of political power and preserve democratic accountability.

STRENGTHENING CONSTITUTIONAL AWARENESS

Dr V. Geeta Rao, Principal of SUCL, welcomed the dignitaries and acknowledged Justice Reddy's distinguished contributions to constitutional jurisprudence.

She highlighted the institution's commitment to academic excellence, extracurricular participation and developing socially responsible legal professionals.

Zafar Javeed emphasised Constitution Day's significance alongside Independence Day and Republic Day.

He appreciated Justice Reddy's judicial contributions, including his involvement in important legal and social matters, and highlighted the college's academic achievements and growing interest in legal education.

RECOGNITION OF YOUNG LEGAL TALENT

The programme featured the prize distribution ceremony of Lex Verdictum 2026, a judgment-writing competition.

Justice Sudarshan Reddy interacted with the winners, questioned them about their judgments and encouraged critical legal reasoning.

"The Constitution's true strength lies in citizens who understand its values and institutions that uphold them." (Editorial reflection)

Justice Reddy was felicitated with a shawl and memento in recognition of his distinguished judicial service.

The celebration reinforced the importance of constitutional awareness, responsible citizenship and the legal profession's role in safeguarding India's democratic principles.

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Coetzee, Maphaka ruled out of Bangladesh series



Johannesburg, (IANS): South Africa have suffered a setback ahead of their white-ball series against Bangladesh, with fast bowlers Gerald Coetzee and Kwena Maphaka ruled out due to adductor and hamstring injuries, respectively.

Coetzee was injured while playing for DP World Lions, while Maphaka suffered a setback during training. Tiaan van Vuuren has been named in the ODI squad, while Eathan Bosch and uncapped pacer JJ Basson have joined the T20I squad. Basson had earlier recorded the best figures by a fast bowler on first-class debut in South

Africa, taking 11-99. The three ODIs will be played from December 1 to 7 in East London, Gqeberha and Cape Town, followed by T20Is in Kimberley, Benoni and Centurion from December 10 to 13. South Africa had earlier won the Test series 2-0. Meanwhile, Bayanda Mojola and Okuhle Cele have been added to the South Africa A squad for the one-day series against England Lions, starting December 1.

2nd Test: India seek clinical finish against NZ as WTC hopes hinge on decisive game

Christchurch, (IANS): India will aim to turn their batting dominance into a decisive victory when they face New Zealand in the second and final Test at Hagley Oval, Christchurch, starting Friday. Following a high-scoring draw in the opening match, Shubman Gill's side must win to level the series and keep their World Test Championship (WTC) campaign on track.

The first Test at Wellington highlighted India's batting strength but also exposed their inability to finish the contest. New Zealand posted 368 in their first innings, with Henry Nicholls scoring an unbeaten 175 and Glenn Phillips contributing 118. In reply, India piled up 720/9 declared, their highest Test total in New Zealand, with KL Rahul (136) and Rishabh Pant (128) scoring centuries. Gill narrowly missed his hundred with 98, while Yashasvi Jaiswal, Devdutt Padikkal and Dhruv Jurel made valuable contributions.

However, New Zealand showed remarkable resilience in their second innings, batting for 120 overs to finish at 239/5. Daryl Mitchell and Phillips played key roles in frustrating the Indian bowlers on the final day. The conditions at Hagley Oval are expected to offer a different challenge, with the Christchurch surface traditionally assisting fast bowlers, particularly in the opening sessions. Grass cover and favourable overhead conditions could make the new-ball attack crucial.

India's pace attack will be under focus, with Jasprit Bumrah expected to lead the bowling effort. Mohammed Siraj's possible return could strengthen the pace department, while Anshul Kamboj, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna and Gurnoor Brar are also among the options.

New Zealand will rely on Matt Henry and Kyle Jamieson to exploit familiar conditions. The hosts have suffered a setback with Blair Tickner ruled out due to a hamstring injury, with Matt Fisher named as his replacement. Their batting will once again depend on Nicholls, Phillips, Daryl Mitchell and Rachin Ravindra.

The match carries added significance for the WTC standings. India are currently fourth with 50 percentage points, while New Zealand occupy third place with 66.67. India need to win their remaining six Tests, including the upcoming five-match home series against Australia, to keep their qualification hopes alive, while also depending on results elsewhere.

Match details:

Match: India vs New Zealand, 2nd Test
Date: Friday, November 27
Time: 3:30 AM IST
Venue: Hagley Oval, Christchurch
Live telecast: Sony Sports Network
Live streaming: Sony LIV app and website

Squads:

India: Shubman Gill (c), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul (vc), Devdutt Padikkal, Rishabh Pant (wk), Dhruv Jurel (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Anshul Kamboj, Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Sai Sudharsan, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Mohammed Siraj, Gurnoor Brar.

New Zealand: Tom Latham (c), Tom Blundell (wk), Devon Conway, Jacob Duffy, Dean Foxcroft, Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson, Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Nathan Smith, Blair Tickner, Will Young.



India head coach Gautam Gambhir inspects the pitch at Hagley Oval ahead of the second Test against New Zealand, scheduled to begin on Friday.

'Never ran that fast': Harbhajan recalls India's historic 2001 BGT win

New Delhi, (IANS): Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh has recalled scoring the winning runs against Australia in the historic 2001 Kolkata Test, saying he had never run so fast in his life.

With two runs needed, Harbhajan guided Glenn McGrath's yorker through the vacant point region to seal victory. India, after being forced to follow on, won by 171 runs, with VVS Laxman (281) and Rahul Dravid (180) starring in a remarkable comeback. Harbhajan claimed 13 wickets in the match as India ended Australia's 16-match winning streak and clinched the series 2-1.

Hockey India League 2026/27 season to begin early January; players' auction on Dec 7



New Delhi, (IANS): The Hockey India League (HIL) 2026-27 season will begin in the first week of January 2027, with the player auction for the men's and women's competitions scheduled for December 7, Hockey India announced on Thursday.

The upcoming edition will feature six franchises in the men's competition and four in the women's tournament, bringing together leading Indian and international players.

The player trading window will open on November 29 and close on December 2. Franchises must submit their final team lists by noon on December 2, while the auction list will be circulated later that day. Teams can submit their final pruning lists by 5 pm on December 3.

Indian women's captain Salima Tete and men's skipper Harmanpreet Singh welcomed the league's return, highlighting its role in providing Indian players with exposure to international talent. England's Sam Ward also expressed excitement about the new season.

The salary cap has been fixed at Rs 4 crore per franchise in the men's competition and Rs 2 crore in the women's tournament. Auction base prices will be Rs 2 lakh, Rs 5 lakh and Rs 10 lakh.

Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh said the league would play a key role in strengthening India's professional hockey ecosystem, providing opportunities to emerging players and improving the competitiveness of the national team. He expressed confidence that the new season would further boost the growth and popularity of hockey in the country.

Trust the journey, success takes time - Shami's advice to young cricketers



Mumbai, (IANS): Veteran Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami has advised young cricketers to remain patient, trust the process and stay committed to hard work, saying success comes only after the struggles every career demands.

Shami, who retired from Test cricket earlier this month, has faced several injury setbacks during his career. He played through knee pain during the 2015 ODI World Cup before undergoing surgery and a lengthy rehabilitation. In 2023, he also underwent surgery on his right Achilles tendon and returned to action in 2024.

"Everything takes time, and you have to trust the journey. It is important to stay committed, keep working with dedication and remain loyal to your efforts. Keep putting in the hard work, and one day, you will get your platform," Shami said at KDAH APEX, an annual educational conclave organised by Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital.

The fast bowler, who recently picked up four wickets for Bengal in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy group stage, also highlighted the improvement in medical and fitness facilities available to sportspersons in India.

He said access to physiotherapists, training centres and expert guidance had become much easier across the country.

Around 200 delegates, including orthopaedic surgeons, sports medicine specialists and physiotherapists, attended the two-day inaugural 'Sports Knee Conclave'.

RR need a death-overs finisher after Hetmyer, Curran exits: Chopra

New Delhi, (IANS): Rajasthan Royals still need a proven finisher for the death overs ahead of IPL 2027, according to former India opener Aakash Chopra, following the release of Shimron Hetmyer and the trade of Sam Curran to Lucknow Super Giants.

Chopra said RR must find a lower-order big-hitter in the December 16 mini-auction in Goa, despite having freed up funds through player releases. He also noted that Dhruv Jurel has moved up the batting order, leaving a gap in the finishing role.

Chopra, however, praised RR's Indian bowling options following Mohammed Shami's arrival alongside Sandeep Sharma and Brijesh Sharma.



Former India batter Abhinav Mukund said Hetmyer's release was expected as RR look to reshape their squad around a strong new-ball attack featuring Jofra Archer and Shami. He added that releasing Tushar Deshpande had also helped the franchise free up funds ahead of the auction.

SRK's legal team denies sending defamation notice to influencer



Mumbai, (IANS): Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's legal team has denied reports that the actor issued a defamation notice to a social media influencer.

In a clarification shared on social media, the actor's authorised legal representatives said a purported notice dated November 23, 2026, circulating online was neither issued by Khan nor on his behalf. They also urged media organisations and social media platforms to verify the claims and remove misleading reports.

Earlier, an Instagram Reel featuring Shah Rukh Khan at an event had claimed that he was allegedly snubbed by a billionaire's son. Subsequent media reports suggested that the actor had sent a legal notice to the content creator who posted the video.

On the work front, Shah Rukh will next feature in Siddharth Anand's film 'King', also starring Deepika Padukone, Suhana Khan, Abhishek Bachchan and others. The film, produced by Red Chillies Entertainment and Marflix Pictures, is scheduled for a worldwide release on December 24, 2026.

Eklavya and Vaidhika win U-23 Titles in Karnataka State U-23 Tenpin Bowling Tournament



Bengaluru, (IANS): Eklavya Shukla and Vaidhika Vengala, both from JIRS, won the boys' and girls' titles respectively at the inaugural Vimos Karnataka State U-23 Tenpin Bowling Tournament held at Amoeba Cosmos, Jayanagar.

Eklavya edged out Shamit K S by just four pins (314-310) in a closely fought boys' final, while Vaidhika defeated Naisha Sanjiv by 51 pins (295-244) to claim the girls' title. Shamit and Eklavya had reached the boys' final after defeating Chirag Jain and Vikram Deepak Jain, respectively, in the semi-finals. In the girls' semi-finals, Vaidhika beat Kashish Bhuva, while Naisha overcame Aditi Periwal.

Shamit recorded the highest six-game average in the boys' category with 926 pins, while Vaidhika topped the girls' four-game average with 640 pins. Harshul Jain recorded the highest single-game score in the boys' section with 192 pins.

In the special awards category, Vaidhika also recorded the highest single-game score among girls with 185 pins and the highest average in the girls' U-19 section with 640 pins in four games. Harshul Jain secured the highest six-game average in the boys' U-19 category with 883 pins, averaging 147.17.

Gaikwad rested for Maharashtra's final SMAT match

Chandigarh, (IANS): Ruturaj Gaikwad was rested for Maharashtra's final Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match against Andhra on Thursday due to a hectic schedule, not dropped for poor form, a source told IANS.

After the New Zealand ODI series, Gaikwad played three matches in quick succession. With Maharashtra out of contention, the team rested him and gave youngsters a chance, with Prithvi Shaw leading the side.

Andhra chased Maharashtra's 181-run target in 19.2 overs. Maharashtra's next assignment is the Vijay Hazare Trophy from December 14.

Sindhu targets maiden Uber Cup title with India in 2028

New Delhi, (IANS): Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu has expressed her desire to help India win its maiden Uber Cup title when the country hosts the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals in New Delhi in 2028.

Sindhu, who helped India win its first-ever Uber Cup medal, a bronze, in 2014, said she would be proud to represent the country again and lift the trophy on home soil.

"I am proud of the bronze we won in Delhi in 2014. If I get another chance to play the Uber Cup at home, I want us to go all the way," she said in a statement released by the Badminton Association of India (BAI).

Sindhu also praised BAI for securing the 2028 event, saying hosting major international tournaments in India would inspire young players to take up the sport.

India last hosted the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals in 2014. The Indian men's team won the Thomas Cup title in 2022, defeating Indonesia 3-0 in the final.

The hosting rights follow India's successful staging of the 2025 BWF World Junior Championships in Guwahati and the 2026 BWF World Championships in New Delhi. Sindhu said these events had given Indian players and fans greater opportunities to experience top-level badminton at home.



She added that the 2028 championships, which will be held in an Olympic year, would inspire young shuttlers to represent the country. India has also enjoyed a strong 2026 season, winning a record nine BWF World Tour titles at Super 300 level or above outside the country.

Azharuddin calls for united fight to protect Constitution

Hyderabad (NSS) : Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin called upon people across the country to unite in defending the Constitution of India, asserting that the Congress party would continue to safeguard its principles and values.

He said that whenever the ruling regime at the Centre attempted to undermine or weaken the Constitution, people had stood firmly with the Congress in defending its ideals.

He was speaking at the conclusion of the Samvidhan Bachao Rally held on Thursday. The rally began at Ambedkar Chowrasta in Liberty and culminated at the Indira Gandhi statue on Tank Bund.

The rally was led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and other Cabinet Ministers.

Azharuddin said Telangana was among the few States to organise such a large-scale rally in defence of the Constitution. He described the Constitution as the ultimate safeguard of people's rights, freedoms and democratic values, and asserted that the Congress would not allow anyone to tamper with its fundamental principles.

BJP trying to make its power permanent by weakening Constitution: Revanth



Hyderabad (NSS) : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and right-wing outfits of attempting to undermine the Indian Constitution to make their power permanent, asserting that the Congress party would counter such moves.

Addressing the 'Samvidhan Raksha March' rally in Hyderabad, Revanth Reddy recalled the Congress party's role in the freedom struggle and the drafting of the Constitution. He paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and Dr B.R. Ambedkar for establishing a framework that guaranteed equal opportunities and universal adult franchise.

"Congress was formed in 1885 to achieve independence and ensure equal opportunities for all. Nehru and Ambedkar recognised the importance of giving power to the people and envisioned the Constitution to end the legacy of power passing from kings to their kin," the Chief Minister said, noting that India granted voting rights to women, Dalits, tribals, and minorities from the outset, unlike several Western democracies.

Launching a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Revanth Reddy alleged that the BJP came to power in 2014 on unfulfilled promises such as doubling farmers' incomes and bringing back black money, and subsequently retained power by dividing society along caste and religious lines.

He further alleged a conspiracy to manipulate electoral rolls ahead of future elections. "The Constitution is meant to determine who governs. Unfortunately, the rulers themselves are deciding who gets to be a voter. Already, 13 crore votes of Dalits, Adivasis, women, and minorities have been deleted, and attempts are underway to remove another 7 crore votes," Revanth Reddy charged.

Drawing ideological lines, the Chief Minister stated that while Congress leaders are fighting to uphold Gandhian ideals, the ruling dispensation is carrying forward the legacy of Nathuram Godse.

Calling upon party cadres to rally behind the national leadership—including Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, and K.C. Venugopal—he set an electoral target for the state unit to win 90 Assembly seats and 15 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana in the next elections.

"We are all servants of the people. I stand on this platform today thanks to the opportunity given to me by the people," he added, addressing a large gathering of party leaders and workers.

Bhatti directs departments to expedite Global Summit preparations



Hyderabad (NSS) : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday directed heads of all government departments to expedite final preparations for the upcoming Invest Telangana Global Summit, scheduled to be held at Future City from December 7 to December 9.

Reviewing arrangements at the Invest Telangana Global Summit War Room in Praja Bhavan, Bhatti Vikramarka emphasised that the event goes beyond merely attracting investments and generating employment. He noted that the summit is a crucial step toward realising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's vision of transforming Telangana into a $3 trillion economy by 2047. He also stressed that every visiting delegate must experience the state's signature top-notch hospitality.

During the high-level meeting attended by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Chief Minister's Advisor and ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, along with special chief secretaries, principal secretaries, and senior officials the Deputy Chief Minister was briefed on the department-wise progress of arrangements.

To ensure seamless coordination and swift resolution of any logistical hurdles ahead of the large-scale event, Bhatti Vikramarka instructed officials to operate directly out of the War Room starting immediately. He also directed them to keep all cabinet ministers regularly updated on the progress within their respective departments.

With over 1,700 invitees, including prominent industry leaders, having already confirmed their attendance and another 1,300 guests expected to join, Bhatti Vikramarka said the summit must effectively showcase the present government's three-year governance track record, highlighting its key milestones across both welfare and development fronts.

Govt plans decade-long roadmap to tackle climate challenges



Hyderabad (NSS) : Telangana is set to chart a decade-long roadmap for climate resilience at the Telangana Climate Conclave 2026, scheduled to be held in Hyderabad from December 7 to 9. The event will bring together international experts, policymakers, scientists, industry leaders, and grassroots stakeholders to build a sustainable future for the State. A curtain-raiser event at ITC Kakatiya on Friday will set the stage for formulating the Telangana Climate Resilience Agenda 2026–2036—a transformative vision aimed at addressing emerging climate threats and strengthening adaptive capacities. The initiative marks a strategic shift from reactive disaster management to advance preparedness, scientific planning, and coordinated government intervention, particularly in anticipation of potential El Niño-induced disruptions.

According to Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, who is spearheading the event's arrangements, advance preparedness for El Niño conditions will be a primary focus of the deliberations.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will attend the conclave alongside Cabinet Ministers Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy (Irrigation & Civil Supplies), D. Sridhar Babu (Industries & IT), and D. Anasuya Seethakka (Panchayat Raj & Rural Development).

Special guests scheduled to attend the Friday curtain-raiser include Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Padma Shri awardee and organic farming innovator Chintala Venkat Reddy, and sustainable agriculture expert Dr. G.V. Ramanjaneyulu.

Osman Al Hajri reviews preparations for 'Samvidhan Bachao March' in Karwan



Hyderabad (Munif Desk) : Hyderabad: Karwan Constituency Congress in-charge Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri chaired a preparatory meeting with party leaders and workers from various divisions to ensure the success of the 'Samvidhan Bachao March', following the directions of TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud.

Addressing the meeting, Osman said the movement to protect the Constitution was being pursued under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. He said Telangana Congress leaders, under the guidance of Mahesh Kumar Goud and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, were working to strengthen the campaign.

He urged Congress leaders, workers and the public to participate in large numbers in the march, emphasising that safeguarding the Constitution and democratic values was the responsibility of every citizen.

The march was scheduled to begin at 10.30 am from the Dr B.R. Ambedkar statue at Liberty Circle and proceed towards the Indira Gandhi statue at Necklace Road Junction. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and other prominent leaders were scheduled to address the gathering at the concluding venue.

Several senior Congress leaders and representatives of the Mahila Congress, Youth Congress and Minority Department attended the meeting and shared suggestions for the successful conduct of the march.

Telangana to Witness Drop in Night Temperatures

Hyderabad, (Munsif Desk): Minimum temperatures across Telangana are likely to drop by 2 to 4 degrees Celsius over the next five days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, has forecast, warning of increased cold conditions across the State. The IMD said dry weather is expected to prevail until December 3, bringing down temperatures after recent light to moderate rainfall and cloudy conditions. Sirpur (U) in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district recorded the State's lowest minimum temperature of 15°C on Thursday morning, while parts of Greater Hyderabad recorded 19.9°C to 21.3°C.

The IMD has forecast a 2–4°C drop in minimum temperatures across Telangana over the next five days.

Constitution must be understood, protected & practised in everyday life: NALSAR VC



Hyderabad (NSS) : The Constitution must be understood, protected and translated into everyday practice, NALSAR University of Law Vice-Chancellor Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao said here on Thursday.

Addressing a Constitution Day awareness programme and photo exhibition organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Educational Institution here, he described the Constitution as a living instrument embodying the aspirations of the people. Prof. Deva Rao called upon students, teachers and citizens to uphold the constitutional principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Recalling the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and members of the Constituent Assembly, he highlighted the debates and deliberations that shaped the Constitution.

He explained the significance of November 26, 1949, when the Constitution was adopted, and January 26, 1950, when it came into force. He also stressed the importance of the Preamble, fundamental rights, constitutional governance, judicial independence and the Basic Structure Doctrine in safeguarding democracy.

Emphasising the Constitution's role in social transformation, he said it seeks to address structural inequalities, eliminate discrimination and ensure dignity and equal opportunities for all citizens. He urged students to read the Constitution and understand the debates of the Constituent Assembly, while stressing the importance of fundamental duties and responsible democratic participation.

Prof. Deva Rao appreciated the CBC's initiative and called upon educational institutions and civil society organisations to promote constitutional literacy through awareness programmes and exhibitions.

Dr. G. Vinod, Secretary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Educational Institutions, stressed the need to simplify constitutional provisions to help citizens understand their rights and duties. He highlighted the institution's commitment to quality and affordable education and said it had educated nearly 1.5 lakh students. In her inaugural address, CBC Additional Director General Smt. Shruti Patil said the exhibition, themed 'Our Constitution, Our Pride', showcased the framing of the Constitution, contributions of Constituent Assembly members, particularly women, fundamental rights and duties, and the cultural heritage reflected in the original Constitution.

The exhibition featured around 40 informative panels highlighting the Constitution's making, its framers and the values enshrined in the Preamble, aiming to sensitise students and visitors about their constitutional rights and responsibilities.

SCR ADDS 6.9 MW ROOFTOP SOLAR CAPACITY IN 31 MONTHS

Hyderabad (NSS) : The South Central Railway (SCR) has commissioned 6.9 MW of rooftop solar power capacity across its jurisdiction during the last 31 months under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, surpassing the Railway Board's target of 4.8 MW.

The installations across railway establishments in Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Nanded divisions and Lalaguda Workshop are aimed at promoting renewable energy, reducing dependence on conventional power and lowering carbon emissions. As of October 31, 2026, Secunderabad Division accounted for 2.93 MWp, Hyderabad Division 2.60 MWp, Nanded Division 0.50 MWp and Lalaguda Workshop 0.87 MWp of installed rooftop solar capacity.

During the financial years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 up to October 31, SCR generated 7.32 million units of solar energy, avoiding an estimated 4,963 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. The railway zone has also taken up installation of an additional 2.5 MWp of rooftop solar capacity, with works underway.

General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava appreciated the Electrical Department and officials for implementing the scheme and contributing to Indian Railways receiving the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award 2026.

He said Indian Railways had a significant responsibility to promote sustainable energy and build a greener transportation network, adding that renewable energy adoption would help safeguard the environment for future generations.

Telangana ranks first nationally in AIDS prevention initiative

Hyderabad (NSS) : Telangana has secured the top rank nationally in implementing the Mobilisation for AIDS Suraksha (MAS) initiative of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO).

According to data as of November 25, 31 of the State's 33 districts (94 per cent) have achieved 'Surakshit' status, against the national average of 35 per cent.

The initiative aims to strengthen HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care services through coordinated efforts at the district level. It is also monitored through the SOCH digital platform. Maharashtra ranked second with 92 per cent, followed by West Bengal (83 per cent), Arunachal Pradesh (74 per cent) and Tamil Nadu (71 per cent).

NIPER HYD TO AWARD DEGREES TO 225 STUDENTS AT 14th CONVOCATION

Hyderabad (NSS) : The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad, will confer degrees on 225 graduating students at its 14th convocation to be held on Friday, November 27, at its Balanagar campus.

The graduating batch comprises 15 Ph.D. scholars and 210 Master's students (2024–26 batch). Twelve meritorious students will receive gold medals for academic excellence.

Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary, Senior Economic Advisor, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, will be the chief guest, while D.S.N. Murthy, Managing Director and CEO of Dhanush Group, will be the guest of honour.

NIPER Director Dr. Shailendra Saraf will present the institutional report highlighting the institute's academic, research and institutional achievements and deliver the exhortation address to the graduating students.

The ceremony will celebrate the academic achievements of students and their contributions to pharmaceutical education and research.

Faculty members, students and staff will attend the convocation.

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