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### SC flags influx of migrants, calls for enhances border regulation

The Supreme Court on Thursday flagged the on-going influx of migrants through various border states of India and called for more robust policy measures to curb illicit movements and enhance border regulation.

A Constitution Bench, headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud, was dealing with a clutch of petitions challenging Section 6A of the Citizenship Act 1955, which confers citizenship on a specific class of migrants from Bangladesh to Assam, on the ground that it violates Articles 6,7,14, 29 and 355 of the Constitution.

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### Agartala-Mumbai Lokmanya Tilak Express derailed in Assam; no casualties

A total of six coaches besides the engine and the power car of the Agartala-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express derailed on Thursday at Dibalong in Assam's Dima Hasao district, an official said, adding no casualties, however, were reported.

The derailment took place in the Lumding Division of the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR).

NFR officials said that some people sustained minor injuries. One of them was admitted to a hospital. However, no casualties or major injuries have been reported, the officials said.

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## US Congressman seeks briefing on 'plight of Hindus' in Bangladesh

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US Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has requested a briefing from the State Department on reports of "the rise in harassment and violence against Hindus" and other minority communities in Bangladesh following the ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Krishnamoorthi's office said the Congressman has sought the briefing by month-end.

"As you are aware, Bangladesh's Hindu community has historically faced challenges, but recent incidents following the ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have heightened concerns about their safety," the Congressman wrote in a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

"The Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council recently reported over 2,000 incidents of communal violence targeting minorities, mostly Hindus, across the country from August 4 to August 20, 2024. This included nine deaths of people belonging to minority groups, rapes, and attacks on 69 places of worship, which were vandalised or set



on fire. "Given the alarming rise in violence against religious minorities," he continued in the letter.

"I respectfully request a briefing by October 31, 2024, on the treatment of religious minorities in Bangladesh and the State Department's efforts to promote the security and safety of religious minorities in Bangladesh, including during the Durga Puja festival, in addition to an assessment of the efforts of Bangladesh's government to combat violence against religious minorities and prevent additional attacks," he wrote.

Krishnamoorthi noted Blinken's meeting with Bangladesh interim government Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus in September in which "you stressed the need to protect minority communities in Bangladesh".

## Revanth Reddy Calls Out KTR, Harish, and Eatala on Musi River

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CM Revanth Reddy has expressed his willingness to engage in discussions regarding the rehabilitation of people affected by the Mallanna Sagar project in the Gajwel constituency. He has challenged KTR, Harish, and Eatala to spend three months in Musi, promising to cover their expenses under the rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) package. If they do, he will cancel the Musi project and personally cover all related legal expenses.

Reddy clarified that Musi's purpose is rejuvenation, not mere beautification, as suggested by some who have sought cosmetic enhancements abroad. He emphasized



the historical significance of Musi, connecting it to its etymology: "Musa," meaning Moses, and "esa," meaning Yesu, originating from the Ramalingeshwar temple at Anantagiri.

The CM aims to understand the challenges faced by the Musi residents to plan effective rehabilitation. He criticized those using social media for misinformation, defending the HYDRAA

polluted area, drawing comparisons to other cities suffering from rainfall-related issues. He asserted that his motivations are not financially driven, dismissing suggestions of personal gain.

He highlighted that the Kaleshwaram project involves ₹1.5 lakh crore, while only ₹140 crore has been allocated for Musi. A consortium of five companies is currently developing the detailed project report (DPR) and financial plans for the next six and a half years.

Lastly, he criticized BRS for inciting communal tensions and called for a special assembly session to address Musi's challenges, urging BRS, BJP, and MIM to present a timeline and action plan by Saturday.

## BJP to hold crucial meeting on Oct 21 for organisational poll preparation

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to organise a crucial meeting on October 21 at the party's headquarters here in the national capital.

The purpose of the meeting is to take stock of the preparations for the upcoming organisational elections and expedite the remaining steps necessary for the exercise. The office-bearers will be giving instructions to other party leaders and workers on whatever has to be done for the preparations.

The meeting has been convened by BJP national president J.P. Nadda who will be presiding over the interactive session. All

the party leaders across organisational levels will be participating in the meeting. The BJP's Central Election Committee (CEC) leaders and state-level leaders will also be present in the meeting.

The meeting is set to begin at 12 pm on October 21 and is expected to last for seven hours. The meeting will be held to elect leaders at the state level, starting with the mandal (block), district, and then state presidents.

A workshop focussing on the organisational elections will also be held. This session aims to equip leaders with the necessary tools and strategies to effectively conduct the elections and strengthen the party's

## Omar Abdullah promises more relief to Kishtwar fire victims

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Mumbai-bound Agartala-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express left Agartala station on Thursday morning. Six coaches, the power car and the engine, went off track in Dibalong at around 4 p.m.

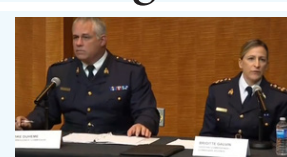
Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of the NFR Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said that an accident relief train and accident relief medical train have already left for the site from Lumding along with senior officials of the Lumding Division to supervise the rescue and restoration works. Meanwhile, the movement of trains on the Lumding-Badarpur single line section has been suspended.

## Canadian police runs for cover after making baseless allegations against India

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Under mounting pressure for its botched-up and without "hard evidentiary proof" investigation on the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is now evading international media even as the government led by Justin Trudeau continues to work on its deliberate strategy of smearing India for domestic political gains.

The RCMP on Monday held a much-publicised media conference, stating that an "extraordinary situation" compelled it to speak about what its multiple ongoing



investigations into the "involvement of agents of the Government of India in serious criminal activity in Canada" have discovered.

RCMP Commissioner Michael (Mike) Duheme alleged that investigations revealed that Indian diplomats and consular officials based in Canada leveraged their official positions to engage in clandestine activities and the information collected was then used to target members of the South Asian community.

It was widely expected that Duheme would pro-

vide substantial evidence to back the claims made by Canada's national police force. However, it never happened.

When approached by IANS to provide his insights into the complexities of the issue, Duheme responded through RCMP's Acting Media Relations Office with his colleague Camille Boily-Lavoie suggesting that RCMP spokesperson Brigitte Gauvi could be made available for the interview.

However, on Thursday, the RCMP backed out completely, insisting that they would not be able to accommodate the interview request and RCMP's statement on the issue remains sufficient.

## NDA committed to furthering national progress of poor: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is committed to furthering national progress and empowering the poor and downtrodden.

The Prime Minister made the remarks after chairing a meeting of NDA Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Minister here, following the swearing-in ceremony of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and his ministerial



colleagues. "We had extensive discussions on aspects of good governance and ways to improve people's lives. Our alliance is committed to furthering national progress and empowering the poor and downtrodden," PM Modi wrote on X. After the oath ceremony in Panchkula, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a half-day NDA conclave, the first of its

kind after many years, in Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana, where all chief ministers and deputy chief ministers of the ruling NDA attended.

The conclave focused on covering national development issues. It also discussed subjects like the observance of Sanvidhan Ka Amrut Mahotsav and the Year of 50th anniversary of an attempt to murder democracy.

The BJP currently has 13 Chief Ministers and 16 Deputy Chief Ministers, while the Chief

Ministers of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Nagaland, and Meghalaya are from its allies.

The BJP won the Assembly elections in Haryana for the third straight time-fighting anti-incumbency, winning 48 seats in the 90-seat assembly of Haryana. The Congress won 37 seats, while the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) secured two and three Independents were elected. All three have extended unconditional support to the government.

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## BJP Criticizes Congress-BRS Handling of Unemployment

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State General Secretary Kasam Venkateshwarlu held a press conference at the party's state office, where he criticized the Congress and BRS parties for their inadequate response to unemployment and Group 1 examinations in Telangana.

Venkateshwarlu refuted comments made by KTR, who had accused the BJP of neglecting the needs of unemployed youth. He stated, "In Telangana, the unemployed youth



and students are in panic due to the state government's actions." He accused the Congress party of unjustly arresting unemployed individuals who traveled to Hyderabad for educational opportunities, claiming they have failed to fulfill their promises.

The BJP leader expressed strong

opposition to the state government's decision to increase police presence in Ashok Nagar, describing it as a form of oppression against the unemployed. He also highlighted the government's failure to address ongoing concerns regarding the conduct of Group 1 examinations, noting that 17 cases related

to unemployment are pending in the High Court.

Venkateshwarlu criticized the BRS for its insincerity, asserting that the party has a history of making promises while in power and lamented the government's lack of action following the tragic suicide of a young woman preparing for competitive exams. He questioned KTR's understanding of the people and culture of Telangana, accusing him of prioritizing power over public welfare.

The BJP leader reiterated his party's commitment to integ-

rity and transparency, stating that the BJP has made significant contributions to Telangana's development. He urged the state government to address unemployment issues urgently and warned that the BRS could face dire consequences if it continued to criticize the BJP without merit.

Venkateshwarlu concluded by reaffirming the BJP's support for unemployed youth and their demands, positioning the party as a champion for their rights against what he termed the failures of the Congress and BRS alliances.

## Pallavi Aware International School Celebrates LohithAnand's Gold Medal in Archery

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Pallavi Aware International School (PAIS), located in Saroornagar, recently celebrated the success of Master LohithAnand, who clinched the Gold medal in the Under-15 category at the SFA Championship Archery Competition. The event was held at Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad, on 16th October 2024. LohithAnand's victory underscores both his talent and the school's commitment to nurturing sporting excellence.

During a special ceremony, PAIS Principal Ms. Charu Jain extended her congratulations to LohithAnand, recognizing his dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship. "His achievement is a testament to his hard work and perseverance," Ms. Jain said. "We are immensely proud and encourage all students to strive for excellence, not just in academics but also in sports." Physical Education Teacher Mr.



Sandeep Kumar, alongside the entire school staff, also praised LohithAnand's remarkable performance, highlighting the importance of this win in fostering a sporting culture at the school and motivating other students to engage in athletics.

LohithAnand's success has not only brought honor to the school but also serves as an inspiration for his peers, reinforcing the value of dedication and hard work in achieving one's goals. The PAIS community celebrates this milestone and looks forward to more future accomplishments.

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### Telangana Opposition Leader Submits Petition Against Police in Mahbubnagar



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Madhusudana Chari, the Leader of the Opposition in the Telangana Legislative Council, has submitted a petition to DGP Jitender IPS, calling for action against police officials in Mahbubnagar district. Accompanied by former ministers V. Srinivas Goud, MLC Naveen Kumar Reddy, and Yadagiri, President of the

Sarpanch Association JAC, Chari's petition alleges that illegal cases have been filed against leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party.

The petitioners expressed concerns over what they describe as unjust treatment of BRS members and are demanding an investigation into the matter. They advocate for the protection of their party leaders' rights, highlighting the growing tensions between the BRS party and law enforcement in the region.

## BRS Pledges Support to Moosi Project Victims Amid Housing Concerns

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In a show of solidarity with families affected by the Moosi project, Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has pledged to provide legal assistance and support for those facing potential eviction. During a meeting at Telangana Bhavan, KTR emphasized the government's commitment to protecting vulnerable communities.



KTR warned against any attempts to demolish homes in the

name of the Moosi project, stating, "We will resist any ac-

tions that threaten the housing of the poor." He criticized Congress leaders for previously approving constructions and collecting taxes, only to now target the very families they once supported.

"The BRS will fight for you and provide legal aid at no cost," KTR assured the victims, emphasizing that they need not live in fear of losing their homes. The minister's remarks came as families, many of

whom have resided in the Moosi Parivahaka area for over 50 years, voiced their anxieties about potential evictions.

KTR encouraged affected families to reach out to local leaders for further assistance and reiterated that the BRS would not condone forced evictions under any circumstances. In response, the victims expressed gratitude for KTR's steadfast support and commitment to justice.

## 68th School Games State-Level Wrestling Tournament Concludes in Hyderabad; Gold Medalists to Compete at Nationals

Hyderabad Hosts 68th State Wrestling; Gold Medalists Head to Nationals

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The 68th School Games State-Level Wrestling Tournament for boys under 19, for the year 2024-25, took place from October 15 to 17, 2024, at Veer Abhimanyu Vyayamshala, Gangaputra Sangam Sabji Mandi, Hyderabad. The event was graced by Chief Guest Shri Kausar Moinuddin, MLA of Karwan constituency, along with Siri Swamyadav, Corporator of Karwan.

This Telangana state-level wrestling championship was organized by the Hyderabad District School Games Federation under the



guidance of Smt. Rohini, District Education Officer of Hyderabad. The Organising Secretary was Kum. Sridevi from SGF, Hyderabad, with Katta Srinivas serving as the Tournament Secretary and Wrestling Coa-

ch. Other notable attendees included CH Shyamrao, Physical Director, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Balraj Serena, Swathi Khadar Basha, members of the Gangaputra Sangam, and officials from the education, police, and medical

departments. The gold medalists from this tournament have qualified to represent Telangana at the 68th National Wrestling Championship to be held in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, from October 23 to 27, 2024. Hyderabad

District emerged as the overall team champion.

The wrestlers selected for the national competition include:

- Gurram Nirikshith (Hyderabad)
  - Ayush Singh (Hyderabad)
  - Ayush Gupta (Hyderabad)
  - Sanjay Satish (Hyderabad)
  - Mahesh Manav Patel (Hyderabad)
  - D. Raju (Ranga Reddy District)
  - Tanish Yadav (Ranga Reddy District)
- These athletes will now compete at the national level, aiming to bring further recognition to Telangana in wrestling.

## Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender Unveils Shivaji Statue in Khammam

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Malkajgiri Member of Parliament Etala Rajender inaugurated a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji in Khammam town, celebrating the legacy of the revered historical figure.

During the unveiling ceremony, Rajender expressed pride in the statue's installation and thanked all those involved in its creation. "Chhatrapati Shivaji is a great person who is worshipped by the people of India," he stated, emphasizing the statue's significance in honoring national pride.

Rajender addressed the crowd, urging unity among citizens regardless of caste, creed, or political affiliation. He highlighted historical injustices, stating, "This race was crushed under the feet of foreigners for several hundred years," and criticized past oppressive regimes, specifically referencing the Nizam's rule and the actions of the Razakars.

The MP also raised concerns about recent attacks on Hindu temples in



Hyderabad, asserting that these incidents were not random but rather planned assaults on the community's self-respect. He called for immediate government action to investigate these attacks and ensure justice for the affected.

He noted that the atmosphere in Hyderabad has been tense, mentioning a specific incident in which locals apprehended individuals accused of vandalizing a Durga Mata idol. "People of India want freedom, love, growth, and peace," he affirmed, warning that the central government would intervene if the state administration remained inactive.

Rajender concluded his remarks by stressing the importance of safeguarding communal harmony in a city that has historically prided itself on peaceful coexistence.

## SHORT TAKES

### Modi Ji good idea union govt order to stop money begging from today onwards: Kashetty Kumar

Hyderabad Prashanth reddy WUT | Oct. 18



BJP's senior leader and kk banners film producer said in his Media statement to all Indian citizens on Thursday October 17, this thought was born from our beloved prime minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji initially Street Beggars Free Bharat Movement was started by Bangalore HUDA .Now it is a national movement and is spreading rapidly to the entire country.Union government guided to all states Give beggars (food+water+clothes). But not even a single rupee should be given in cash. A different movement has started in Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad not to give money to any beggar. This movement is correct. If anyone (female / male / old / disabled / children)

begs we will give (food + water) instead of money, but they will not beg for money from this day onwards. As a result, the 'gangs of beggars will be disbanded and child abduction will stop on its own, at the international / national level and at the state level. Get started Share this propaganda. Please don't give a single rupee to a beggar. Keep biscuits in the car if you feel like it. But don't pay cash... If you agree with this campaign, spread this idea to your neighbours individually kashetty Kumar BJP's senior leader urged to responsible citizens .

### BJP's member ship drive programme in the Goshmahal 15,16,17 booths held grandly



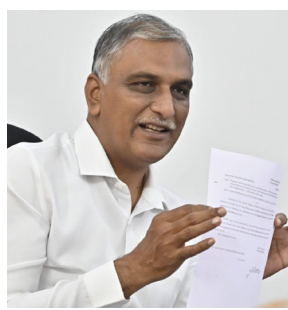
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BJP's Goshmahal constituency Jambagh division party cadre participated in the membership drive programme in the respective 15,16,17 Booths under the aegies

of Rakesh Jaiswal Corporator Jambagh division today. In this programme BJP's key leaders AmarSingh, Aju, Raju, Sandeep, Vinod, and Karyakartas Attended the Program. All cadre shouted Jai Sri Ram slogans at the end of the membership drive programme

## Harish rao Criticizes Government Over Delayed Allowances for Employees

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former minister Harish Rao accused the government of failing to honor its commitments to employees regarding pending dearness allowances (DAs). He emphasized the urgent need for the immediate release of five pending DAs and called for discussion in the upcoming cabinet meeting scheduled for October 23.

Rao reminded Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of promises made in the Congress Abhaya Hastam manifesto, which included timely payments of DAs to government employees and pensioners. He highlighted that the government had previously assured the

release of DAs, particularly following discussions with teachers' and employees' unions before the last Parliament elections, but has since failed to deliver on those promises. "It has been ten

months since this government took office, and teachers, employees, and pensioners are still waiting for five pending DAs. Each employee is losing between Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000 per month due to these delays," Rao stated. He urged the government to

discuss the outstanding 17.29% of the five DAs in the upcoming cabinet meeting and to consider releasing the dues as a Diwali gift to employees.

Rao also criticized the government for not implementing the new pay revision commission (PRC) as promised, asserting that it was stated in the manifesto that changes would be made within six months of coming to power.

Additionally, he expressed concern over the pending supplementary bills, including those related to the General Provident Fund (GPF) and Surrender Leave, which have remained unresolved for months. Rao reiterated the demand for the government to

fulfill its commitments to release these arrears.

He further called for the abolition of the existing Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and the reintroduction of the old pension system, urging the cabinet to take decisive action during the upcoming meeting.

Lastly, Rao highlighted the plight of approximately 5,000 workers and teachers who retired after March 31, whose retirement benefits are still pending. He called for immediate resolution of their dues, emphasizing the urgent need for the new Employees Health Scheme (EHS) policy to be implemented for the benefit of employees, teachers, and pensioners.

## Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Visits Zaheerabad, Addresses College Concerns



Hyderabad R santosh chowdary WUT | Oct. 18

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar visited Zaheerabad on [insert date], inaugurating the MP Suresh Shetkar camp office. During his visit, he addressed concerns raised by private colleges regarding teaching fees and stipend arrears.

Minister Ponnam acknowledged the legitimacy of the colleges' concerns, stating, "It is right for colleges to raise concerns." He warned that the government would take action

against any colleges that retaliate against students participating in protests. "Departmental action will be taken if the college acts to the detriment of the students," he emphasized. The minister attributed the current issues to arrears accumulated during the previous government's administration. He also announced plans to waive all farmers' loans below two lakhs in the near future. Additionally, he confirmed that new buses will be introduced to all RTC depots across the state, assuring that ten buses will be allocated to the Zaheerabad RTC

## Wayanad disaster man-made one: RSP MP Premachandran

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Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) MP from Kollam, NK Premachandran, on Thursday said the recent Wayanad disaster was a man-made one because the government could not rehabilitate the two villages though they knew that the two villages were prone to landslides.

The Kollam MP, who was addressing GI-TAM deemed to be University Hyderabad students at Rudraram in Sangareddy district on Thursday, said expert reports had alerted the government on the possibility of landslides here five years ago when another landslide occurred just five km away from Wayanad. He

underlined the importance of governments taking environmental conservation, ecology and combating climate change on priority, to avoid the repetition of such incidents in any parts of the country. However, he said they saw no such commitment from the government side because they faced challenges from industries. Premachandran observed that many destructions have resulted in India in the name of development. The Kollam MP observed the victims of the development in India were marginalised communities. The RSP MP appealed to the younger and more educated generation to enter into active politics to bring a change in society.

## L V Prasad Eye Institute Celebrates Landmark Achievement of 50,000 Corneal Transplants

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The L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) marked a historic milestone, performing over 50,000 corneal transplants, the highest number recorded by any eye care institution globally. This achievement, led by the Shantilal Shanghvi Cornea Institute, solidifies LVPEI's position as the world's top center for cornea care. The institute held a special celebration at its Dr. Kallam Anji Reddy Campus to honor this monumental feat.

Former Vice-President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, addressed the gathering through a video link, congratulating LVPEI on its remarkable journey. Naidu, himself a beneficiary of the institute's services, lauded the team's efforts, stating, "LVPEI has become a beacon of hope in the battle against corneal blindness. The institute's tireless dedication has ensured that no one in



Dr. CK Rao (6th from left), Founder - Chair, LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), felicitating the Eye Donor Volunteers and Organizations, at a special event organized to celebrate LV Prasad Eye Institute's remarkable achievement of performing over 50,000 corneal transplants, the highest by any eye care institution globally, today at the Institute's Banjara Hills campus.

Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha needs to wait for a corneal transplant." He praised the institute for its role in transforming the landscape of cornea donation and transplantation in India, particularly in a country where organ donation is not widespread. Naidu highlighted LVPEI's pioneering role in eye banking, with the institute's eye bank network having collected over 1,20,000 corneal tissues, making it the largest in the Asia-Pacific region. He called for replication of this achievement across the country to eliminate waiting lists for corneal transplants

nationwide. Key Insights from the Celebration: Dr. Gullapalli N Rao, Founder Chairman of LVPEI, shared the institute's journey to this milestone, recalling the challenges and skepticism faced when the journey began. He credited his dedicated team for their tireless work and perseverance in achieving this goal. Dr. Prashant Garg, Executive Chairman of LVPEI, spoke on the current state of eye banking in India and outlined future goals for continued progress in corneal care. Dr. Pravin Krishna, Director

of the Shantilal Shanghvi Cornea Institute, presented the potential advancements in corneal transplantation with the help of evolving technology, ensuring continued innovation in treatment. The evening also featured tributes to LVPEI's key partners and supporters, whose contributions were crucial to the success of the institute's eye bank network. A Visionary Legacy in Eye Care Founded in 1987, LVPEI's mission is to provide equitable and excellent eye care services to all, regardless of socioeconomic status. Over the years, the institute has served more than 36.89 million people, with over 50% of services offered free of charge. Its Eye Health Pyramid model ensures comprehensive care, from community-based primary care to advanced tertiary care at specialized centers like the Shantilal Shanghvi Cornea Institute.

## Kedam Lingamurthy Appointed Chairman of Siddipet District Library

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Kedam Lingamurthy has officially taken charge as the Chairman of the Siddipet District Library, with a ceremony held at the Sri Venuganti Narasimha Charyulu Memorial District Library. The event featured Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar as the chief guest, who extended his heartfelt congratulations to Lingamurthy during the swearing-in ceremony at Vipanchi Auditorium.

The ceremony was attended by key figures including Siddipet District DCC President Tunkunta Narsa Reddy, Congress in-charge for Dubbaka Pujala Harikrishna,



Cheruku Srinivas Reddy, Additional Collector Srinivas Reddy, and other party leaders and officials.

Minister Prabhakar emphasized the importance of community awareness in Lingamurthy's new role, urging him to enhance Siddipet's reputation. He outlined his commitment to addressing local needs, noting that two mandalencies in Karimnagar, two in Hanmakonda, and three in Siddipet.

Prabhakar also discussed plans for the Young India Integrated Residential School complex and stressed the need for government transparency regarding library operations and employment opportunities. He reassured attendees that efforts would continue to create jobs in Siddipet, particularly through government examinations.

Addressing various public welfare initiatives, the minister highlighted

the provision of 200 units of free electricity and 500 units of cooking gas to village households, urging residents to report any discrepancies. He also mentioned the Arogya Sri health scheme and free RTC bus services.

Amidst challenges posed by the state's financial situation, Prabhakar reiterated the government's commitment to fulfilling promises, including the distribution of 3,500 Indiramma houses and the completion of loan waivers for amounts up to 2 lakh rupees.

The minister confirmed the recruitment of teachers and the launch of significant educational infrastructure projects, including the foundation stone for 29 Young India Integrated Residential

## KCR govt has done corruption like no other chief minister in the United state :TPCC Dr Srirangam

Hyderabad Prashanth reddy WUT | Oct. 18

TPCC spokesperson and congress senior leader Dr Satyam srirangam, who took part in a media conference organized at Gandhi Bhavan today, refuting the comments made by KTR that KCR' incurred debts of eighty thousand crore rupees during the nine years of his tenure as Chief Minister. Satyam Srirangam. On this occasion, Satyam Srirangam said that KTR's comments against the Congress government and the Chief Minister that they have incurred debts of eighty



thousand crore rupees within nine years are bankrupting the state. He asked whether it is your responsibility to turn this state into a heap of debt for ten years. He asked whether the KCR government has committed corruption which no chief minister has done in the United state, and when the separate state was formed ten years ago, the state of Telangana, which had a surplus budget, was

in debt of more than seven lakh crores, and today is the reason for the debt of 2 lakhs per person. After the formation of our people's government, there was a debt of sixty nine thousand crores, but fifty thousand crores of it was almost enough to pay the interest of your previous government's debts, twenty thousand crores of which was waived off the farmer's loan, and many welfare programs are being implemented, he said that he had arrived. He asked if it was you or KTR who started the clean-up by giving more SFT to the builders with illegal assets, and

started the clean-up. They have made this state a heap of debt on top of everything as if nothing is unworthy of debt. If Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is trying to wash away your sins, where is your moral right to question him Dr srirangam questioned KTR baseless allegations. Later along with TPCC chief Dr srirangam interacted with group 1 exam appearing candidates. TPCC chief assured the candidates will take to their problems honorable CM Shri Revanth Reddy notice and also promised to them as soon as possible will try to resolve their problems.

# 'Trudeau is a joke,' Indian Opposition stands strong with PM Modi amid Nijjar killing row

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India's opposition parties have launched a strong rebuke of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau following his accusations that India was involved in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Sikh separatist leader labeled a terrorist by New Delhi. Despite Trudeau's claims, Indian opposition leaders have emphasized the lack of concrete evidence supporting the allegations, sparking diplomatic tensions between the two nations.

The Indian National Congress (INC), the country's largest opposition party, took a particularly sharp stance, with some members describing Trudeau as

a "joke." Previously, Congress had called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to take the opposition into confidence regarding the escalating diplomatic row with Canada, urging a unified approach in handling the situation.

Congress spokesperson Shama Mohamed was quick to criticize Trudeau's allegations. Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Mohamed questioned the credibility of a world leader making serious accusations without substantial evidence. "A world leader makes accusations based on intelligence inputs without any shred of evidence! He is a joke," she wrote, echoing widespread disapproval among



opposition ranks. Senior Congress leader and lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi suggested that Trudeau's political motivations might be influenced by pressure from pro-Khalistan groups in Canada. He speculated that Trudeau may be prioritizing his political interests over national ones, especially with Canadian elections on the horizon. "There

seems to be growing fear among Canadian sycophants," Singhvi posted on X, hinting at possible electoral calculations. In addition to Congress, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) also joined in the condemnation. Saket Gokhale, a TMC Rajya Sabha member, accused Trudeau of hypocrisy in his stance on terrorism. Gokhale

highlighted the double standards employed by Canada and its allies, particularly the Five Eyes intelligence alliance, which has backed Trudeau's claims. He pointed to the differing attitudes towards global terrorism, noting how figures like Nijjar are labeled "activists" by Western countries, while groups such as Hezbollah are branded as terrorists. "Israel entering Lebanon is 'anti-terrorism' & 'self-defense.' But while Hezbollah are terrorists for Canada, the US, & UK, people like Nijjar are termed as 'activists'... This is a shameless example of double standards," Gokhale tweeted.

The ongoing diplomatic standoff comes in the wake of India's

decision to withdraw six of its senior diplomats from Ottawa and expel six Canadian diplomats from New Delhi, signaling a serious escalation in tensions. These moves were seen as a direct response to Trudeau's allegations, further complicating relations between the two countries.

As the Modi government continues its diplomatic battle with Canada, the Indian opposition's sharp criticism of Trudeau and his handling of the Nijjar case adds another layer of complexity to the growing international controversy. Both nations now find themselves in the midst of a tense standoff, with little sign of resolution in the immediate future.

## SC flags influx of migrants, calls for enhances border regulation

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The Supreme Court on Thursday flagged the ongoing influx of migrants through various border states of India and called for more robust policy measures to curb illicit movements and enhance border regulation.

A Constitution Bench, headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud, was dealing with a clutch of petitions challenging Section 6A of the Citizenship Act 1955, which confers citizenship on a specific class of migrants from Bangladesh to Assam, on the ground that it violates Articles 6,7,14, 29 and 355 of the Constitution.

Section 6A, introduced in 1985 by the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 1985,

grants citizenship to persons of Indian origin who migrated to Assam from Bangladesh.

In a 4:1 decision, the Supreme Court turned down the challenge to the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act 1955 but said it was imperative to acknowledge and address the valid concerns regarding the persistent immigration in Assam post-1971.

"Although Section 6A conferred citizenship rights exclusively to immigrants arriving before this cut-off date, there seems to still be an ongoing influx of migrants through various border states of India. Due to porous borders and incomplete fencing, this unceasing migration imposes a significant challenge," the

SC said.

It referred to the statement made on behalf of the Union government that it was not possible to collect accurate data regarding illegal immigrants as such people entered the country in a clandestine and surreptitious manner. In the course of the hearing, the top court had called for a common affidavit from the Union and Assam governments about the number of Bangladeshi immigrants granted citizenship under section 6A in Assam between January 1, 1966, and March 25, 1971.

Issuing a slew of directions to restrict illegal immigration post-1971, the Supreme Court said that while the statutory scheme of Section 6A is constitutionally valid, there is

inadequate enforcement of the same, leading to the possibility of widespread injustice.

In substance, it held that immigrants who entered Assam prior to 1966 are deemed citizens, immigrants who entered between the cut-off dates of January 1, 1966, and March 25, 1971, can seek citizenship subject to the eligibility conditions prescribed in Section 6A, and immigrants who entered Assam on or after March 25, 1971, are not entitled to the protection conferred under Section 6A and declared to be "illegal immigrants".

Section 6A has become redundant with respect to those immigrants who entered Assam on or after March 25, 1971, the top court held.

## Agartala-Mumbai Lokmanya Tilak Express derails in Assam; no casualties

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A total of six coaches besides the engine and the power car of the Agartala-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express derailed on Thursday at Dibalong in Assam's Dima Hasao district, an official said, adding no casualties, however, were reported.

The derailment took place in the Lumding Division of the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR).

NFR officials said that some people sustained minor injuries. One of them was admitted to a hospital. However, no casualties or major injuries have been reported, the officials said.

The officials said that the Mumbai-bound Agartala-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express left Agartala station on Thursday morning.

Six coaches, the power car and the engine, went off track in Dibalong at around 4 p.m.

Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of the NFR Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said that an accident relief train and accident relief medical train have already left for the site from Lumding along with senior officials of the Lumding Division to supervise the rescue and restoration works.

Meanwhile, the movement of trains on the Lumding-Bardarpur single line section has been suspended.



The CPRO said that as a result of the derailment, several trains were cancelled.

The cancelled trains include, Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Special train, Rangiya-Silchar-Rangiya Express, New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati Special train and Silchar-Guwahati-Silchar Express.

According to railway officials, due to the derailment of coaches, train services between Manipur, southern Assam, Tripura and Mizoram would be affected on Thursday and Friday.

Many express and local trains connecting Manipur, southern Assam, Tripura and Mizoram pass through the single track of the Lumding-Bardarpur Hill section located in the mountainous Dima Hasao district.

People of southern Assam, Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur bear the brunt of floods during monsoon every year while the railway tracks, stations and other infrastructure get damaged due to flooding and landslides during the four-month-long monsoon, lasting from June to September.

## Israel investigating possibility of Hamas top leader Sinwar getting killed in Gaza

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Israel on Thursday evening announced that it is investigating the possibility of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar getting killed during its ongoing military operations in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) said that it killed three terrorists during an operation, north of the Gaza Strip. "The IDF and Shin Bet are investigating the possibility that one of the terrorists is Yahya Sinwar. At this stage, the identity of the terrorists cannot be



confirmed," the IDF said in a statement.

It added: "In the building where the terrorists were killed, no signs of the presence of abductees were found in the area. The IDF and Shin Bet forces operating in the

and many weapons and buildings that the enemy has fortified for terrorist activities have been destroyed.

Sinwar was appointed head of Hamas' political bureau, succeeding Ismail Haniyeh who was killed in Tehran while attending the swearing-in ceremony of Iran's newly-elected President Masoud Pezeshkian in July, this year.

Israel claimed that Sinwar, 61, who has not been seen publicly since last year's horrific October 7 attacks, remains at large in Gaza's extensive tunnel network, moving

frequently and possibly surrounded by hostages.

Last month, a Hamas official said that Sinwar will remain in the Gaza Strip and is "willing to die for Palestine".

The statement was made in response to an Israeli proposal offering a safe exit for Sinwar from Gaza in exchange for the release of Israeli hostages, Al-Aqsa TV reported.

Israel accuses Sinwar, a top Hamas figure, of being the chief planner for the October 2023 attack, in which Palestinian militants killed 1200 people in Israel and took over 250 hostages.

Editorial

# Jammu & Kashmir Shows The World Democracy Is Not An Optional Activity

## US Election: What Exactly Would A Trump Or A Harris Mean For The World?

The 2024 U.S. Presidential Election is being keenly watched around the world, both for the outcome and for the consequences. One month out, the polls suggest a virtual tie. Vice President Kamala Harris, a Democrat, had seen an increase in popularity after donning her party's official nomination in August. But over the past two weeks, a series of events - a devastating hurricane in North Carolina, growing tensions in the Middle East, the Vice Presidential debate, and concerns about recurring inflation - appear to be shifting the momentum back toward former President Donald Trump. Much could still happen over the next month, but ultimately, the outcome will be determined by seven 'swing states' - Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia, Nevada, Arizona, and Wisconsin - and each could be decided by only a few tens of thousands of voters. Although Democrats are likely to win more votes overall (as they have in seven of the last eight presidential elections), their ability to ensure higher voter turnout among their supporters in these swing states may well turn out to be the decisive factor.

### Impressions Over Issues

This election campaign is being waged less on issues and more on impressions and attitudes. Trump is playing on dissatisfaction with the bureaucratic state, a scepticism of international entanglements, lower taxes for businesses and investors, curbs on immigration, and social conservatism, although he has attempted to dilute the latter to appeal more to moderate voters. Harris has positioned herself as appealing to youth, urban voters, ethnic minorities, responsible governance, and progressive social causes. Their competing world-views reflect a rigid divide in American society across age and class lines, ethnic groups, and especially urban and rural constituencies, across which Republicans and Democrats have consolidated deeply entrenched if 'big tent' coalitions. Suburban voters, white women, second-generation Hispanics, and union workers are among the constituencies in which Republicans and Democrats are still battling to sway opinion.

The 2024 US presidential election outcome will matter to India, although less directly perhaps than it will to some other countries and regions. For US adversaries (China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea) the election will determine negotiations over future relations. For US allies (NATO members in Europe, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, and Australia), the election could signal changes to US force posture, assistance, and commitment. For those actively involved in current or prospective conflicts (Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan), the outcome will determine the nature of US military aid. And for major trade partners (Mexico, ASEAN, the UK), the election could have deep ramifications for their economies.

### India Will Be Affected, But Not Directly

India is less directly affected than many of these countries, not being an adversary, a treaty ally, or a country dependent on military or financial assistance from the United States. To be sure, India is the United States' ninth-largest trade partner and enjoys about a \$30 billion trade surplus.

"It's good these people are in jail," a fruit seller shared his frustration, keeping his shop open despite a lowered shutter in response to the lockdown called on by the separatists. The year was 2019, precisely a month after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government announced the abrogation of Article 370, and "these people" in question were the leaders of Jammu & Kashmir's regional parties: the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP). Five years later, these very people are not just out of jail, but some of them are also set to form the government in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The world can draw an essential lesson from what has transpired in Jammu & Kashmir in the last five years. And this lesson has nothing to do with the polling outcome. Despite the previous unstable assembly (the BJP opted out of the ruling PDP-led coalition), the geopolitical turmoil in the aftermath of the abrogation of Article 370, and the controversy around delimitation, Jammu & Kashmir chose democracy yet again.

Democracy As A Lived Reality When an insurgency or an armed conflict continues for too long, democracy is the first to fall. Increased securitisation of a conflict-ridden space undermines democracy not just as a political philosophy concept but also as an everyday lived reality. Political alienation is often the beginning and the end of a conflict. It is also the means and the end of most insurgencies. Secessionists in Jammu & Kashmir, therefore, leaned on boycotts of political processes in the region. These boycotts were

successful in forging a sense of identity, delinked from New Delhi, in a section of Jammu & Kashmir's population.

Jammu & Kashmir's voter turnout in 2024 has fallen marginally short of 2014. Still, considering the political and security volatility during the past decade, the political remapping of the region, and the trends from the 2024 general election turnout, the absolute figure of 63.88% is a big round of applause for Indian democracy. Not only were the calls for boycotting the elections negligible, but voters also didn't even think twice before ignoring them. The pre-poll sentiment in Jammu & Kashmir was defined by buoyancy and optimism.

Reigniting Faith Participation in electoral processes should not be seen as an indicator of peace in Jammu & Kashmir or any other conflict-riddled region. Democracy does not suit all, and efforts to derail it are the strongest whenever it appears to work and emerge as a choice. For peace, the synergy of formal institutions is a prerequisite. The BJP has done well to reignite people's faith in at least one of them: electoral polity. Jammu & Kashmir, under the governor's rule for six years, grabbed this chance to assert itself and make its voice heard in New Delhi. The JKNC-Congress alliance has trumped religious extremism-driven parties on the one hand and heavy-handed nationalism on the other. After almost a decade of aggressive and kinetic strategy in dealing with the hardliners in J&K, this is a perfect moment for the Indian establishment to rethink its attitudes towards conflict resolution. The temptation to discard

democracy as a defunct system is at its highest during an armed conflict. But this is also the time when democracy can shine the brightest. A rights-based approach to conflict resolution may appear counter-intuitive, but this is the only lasting solution. The rejection of the right to vote by a dissatisfied bunch of people as a means of their political expression can be the first sign of trouble. The converse is also true.

This Is True 'Normalcy' The BJP may not feel warm and fuzzy about the assembly poll results, but New Delhi has all the reasons to rejoice. This is what 'normalcy', an oft-touted catchword of the current dispensation, looks and feels like. This almost violence-free election is the festive bonus that everyone hoped for, but nobody could have been sure of it. Reams will be written about the "success" of this election within the security paradigm. However, the real success is allowing the decriers of democracy to come into the fold. After long periods of violence and quasi-violence directed primarily against the Indian state, this election is an affirmation of the core principles of participatory democracy.

No political system, even the good old democracy, can and should be treated as the panacea for all ills. At best, democracy can achieve an environment where people who are affected by policies feel like stakeholders. This precludes compulsive resistance and fosters a sense of ownership. Jammu & Kashmir's 'problem' is both a function and an origin of political alienation and disempowerment. Increased participation on the population's part.

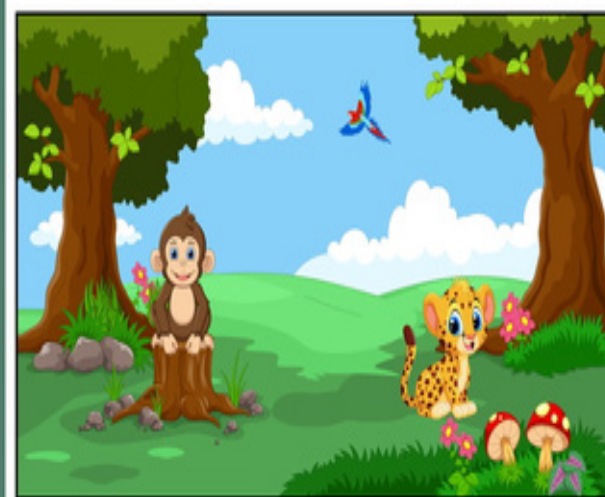


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## Thought for the Day

“O Alah, i haven't worshiped you because of lusting of heaven or fearing of hill. I've worshiped you because you deserve to be worshiped.”

## Spot The Difference: sudoku puzzles



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## HYDERABAD HOSTS HISTORIC PKL KICKOFF

### THE BATTLE OF BREATH TAKES CENTRE STAGE AS SEASON 11 IS SET FOR A GRAND OPENING

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The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) will make its much-awaited return to the mat on Friday, October 18. The Battle of Breath will kickstart with a thrilling opener where the Telugu Titans and the Bengaluru Bulls square off at the GMCB Indoor Stadium, Gachibowli in Hyderabad.

In anticipation of the new season, a grand launch was held at the Hyatt Place, at Banjara Hills, in Hyderabad. The event was graced by PKL League Commissioner & Head of Sports Leagues at Mashal Sports, Mr. Anupam Goswami, along with team captains Pawan Sehrawat (Telugu Titans) and Pardeep Narwal (Bengaluru Bulls). Captains of the remaining 10 teams were also present as they kicked off the PKL season.

One of the most exciting

moments of the day was when an exhibition match was held featuring the PKL captains and a team of prominent creators, as a result of our partnership with Meta. Some of the prominent creators present at the match included the Big Nerds, Hardik Banga, Sidhant Sarfare, Ashish Singh, amongst others, bringing a fresh and engaging dynamic to the sport.

Expressing his thoughts on the journey so far and the upcoming season, Mr. Anupam Goswami, League Commissioner, Pro Kabaddi League said, "The first decade of the PKL has been a huge achievement, but for us, the focus is on using the experiences to help prepare for the next phase, and further build on the success stories. The players have received a lot of support over the years. And one of the standout aspects is the confidence with which the players



say they are kabaddi athletes. After helping rediscover a world class Indian sport, the next phase of this important journey involves going to newer shores. There has been a significant amount of interest internationally for the PKL. We have always worked with a fan-first thought process, and we promise to be relentless in our approach

towards that." Telugu Titans' captain Pawan Sehrawat also shared his excitement for the opening match by saying, "I am very happy that we, Telugu Titans, will play the opening game of the season at Hyderabad in front of our home fans. The fans have always supported us a lot, and we are sure there will be more of the

same when we walk onto the mat. The team is in a good place and we are confident of doing well."

Bengaluru Bulls' captain Pardeep Narwal was ready for the challenge that lies ahead as he returns to the team that gave him his PKL debut. Ahead of the opening match, he said, "Season 11 of the PKL will be huge and we are very

excited to come into the tournament and we have prepared well throughout the pre-season for this. Our team is very well balanced and the Bulls are keen to start off with a bang."

Preparations for PKL 11 began on a historic note as eight players were sold for over INR 1 crore in the auction held in Mumbai. After

Pawan and Pardeep take to the mat on Friday, the second match of the night will see U Mumba's Sunil Kumar – the most expensive Indian defender in PKL history after being bought for INR 1.015 Crores – take on the attacking prowess of Naveen Kumar, who is among the star raiders for Dabang Delhi K.C.

This time around, PKL will be returning to a three-city format, with the 2024 edition commencing at the GMCB Indoor Stadium, Gachibowli in Hyderabad from October 18 to November 9. It will then move to the Noida Indoor Stadium for the second leg starting on November 10 till December 1. The third leg will begin at the Badminton Hall in the Balewadi Sports Complex in Pune from December 3 to December 24.

As the PKL moves into Season 11, our commitment to putting fans first,

both digitally and on-ground, remains stronger than ever. This season, we are thrilled to provide our superfans with once-in-a-lifetime experiences, a tradition we plan to build on in the future. Through immersive digital interventions and unforgettable in-stadia moments, we aim to create more memorable connections and make our fans an integral part of the PKL journey.

For all updates on the Pro Kabaddi league, log on to www.prokabaddi.com, download the Official Pro Kabaddi app or follow @prokabaddi on Instagram, YouTube, Facebook and X. The Pro Kabaddi League Season 11 will be broadcast live on the Star Sports Network and streamed on Disney+ Hotstar from October 18. Moreover, there will be a lot of interesting content to watch on PKL's WhatsApp channel.

## Karisma Kapoor shares a glimpse of 'magical night'

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Karisma Kapoor shares a glimpse of 'magical night'

Mumbai, Oct 17 (IANS) Actress Karisma Kapoor, known for her timeless beauty and impeccable sense of style, recently delighted fans by sharing a series of stunning photos from her appearance at an event in London. The actress took to Instagram to give her followers a glimpse of the 'magical night', showcasing her sophisticated look. In the photos, the 'Dil To Pagal Hai' actress can be seen radiating elegance in a chic ensemble, perfectly complementing the high-end vibe of the event. She complimented her multi-coloured co-ord suit with minimalist accessories, allowing her natural beauty to shine. She completed her look with subtle makeup and sleek hair, exuding effortless grace. Sharing the images,



Karisma wrote in the caption, "An exquisite evening celebrating the upcoming festivities Thank you for this magical night."

Fans flooded the comment section with compliments, praising Karisma's timeless beauty. Many expressed their admiration for her ability to effortlessly pull off any look, no matter the occasion.

Meanwhile, the 'Hero No. 1' actress recently appeared on 'The Great Indian Kapil Show Season 2' with her sister Kareena Kapoor

Khan. During their appearance on the show, both sisters shared several surprising revelations. Karisma recalled the moment Kareena first confided in her about her relationship with Saif Ali Khan. She mentioned that it happened while she was in London, describing the news as almost earth-shattering.

Karisma Kapoor has numerous hit films to her credit. Some of her most notable works include, 'Raja Hindustani', 'Andaz Apna Apna', 'Dil To Pagal Hai', 'Haseena Maan Jaayegi', 'Judwaa', and 'Hum Saath-Saath Hain', to name a few.

She took a break from acting after starring in the television soap opera 'Karishma: The Miracles of Destiny' and has appeared in select projects since then. Karisma made her comeback with the web series 'Mentalhood' in 2020. She was most recently seen in Netflix's mystery thriller 'Murder Mubarak'

## Ananya Panday enjoys African Safari up close with wildlife

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Bollywood actress Ananya Panday, who was recently seen in the streaming movie 'CTRL', is enjoying her time on a safari.

On Thursday, the actress took to her Instagram, and shared an array of pictures and videos from her recent trip to Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

She wrote in the caption, "Took a walk on the wild side".

The pictures and videos show the actress in the company of wild animals. One of the videos also shows a



lion after a kill.

Ananya Panday is set to join the world of podcasts. The actress will be seen engaging in conversations pertaining to positivity in order to promote healthier online habits, with her 'So Positive

Podcast'. The podcast series is aimed at navigating mental health in the digital age.

In a candid conversation about mental health and social media, Ananya will be seen engaging in conversation with some

of the top influencers like Prajakta Koli, Sumukhi Suresh, who has also written the dialogues of 'CTRL', Yashraj Mukhate, Ankush Bahuguna, and BeYouNick.

Talking about the podcast series, Ananya Panday shared, "In today's digital age, our lives are so intertwined with social media, and while it brings many positives, it also comes with its own set of challenges. Through the So Positive Podcast, I hope we can all take a step back, reflect on our online habits, and prioritise our mental well-being.

## We were fortunate to get Virat Kohli's wicket on that delivery, says William O'Rourke

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New Zealand pacer William O'Rourke feels that he was fortunate to take Virat Kohli's dismissal on the ball which was going down the leg in the first Test against India on Thursday.

Kohli departed on a nine-ball duck as he edged the ball which was taken by Glenn Phillips at the leg gully on the second day in Bengaluru. India had an abysmal outing in the first innings under overcast conditions as they were bowled out for just 46 runs, their lowest-ever Test

score at home and their third-lowest in history.

"I think just with my angle back in, having that leg gully in place was meant to bring him into play. It was obviously an attacking option for us. We were fortunate to get the wicket. I don't think that was exactly the delivery I intended, but it worked and I got his wicket, so I'm happy about it," O'Rourke told JioCinema.

The weather conditions and moisture on the pitch supported Kiwi seamers and O'Rourke said he felt like playing at home. "Very similar



to the conditions back home. I think we weren't expecting too much assistance in

the morning. We were probably going to bat as well if we won the toss. So, it was nice to

see the ball nipping around, and I could just run in and do my thing," the pacer said.

"I think we were excellent in the field today. A few diving chances and I think

that's what we pride ourselves on. We probably haven't been as good as we wanted to be in the last few Tests. So, coming out here and putting on a show like that was really special," he added.

Playing for the first time in India, O'Rourke returned with the figures of 4-22 in his 12 overs and credited the Sri Lanka series for getting a sense of the subcontinental conditions.

"It's my first time playing in the subcontinent so it's obviously a little bit different from back home, but playing

those first two Tests in Sri Lanka really helped prepare me to come out here and just focus on doing my own thing," he said.

After dismissing India for a dismal total, the visitors ended day two on 180 for 3, leading by 134 runs. Devon Conway was the standout for the visitors, scoring 91 runs, while Will Young contributed 33. Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, and Ravindra Jadeja bagged one scalp each but India face an uphill task to recover from their nightmare start in the series opener.

## Indian Paramotor Pilot Sukumar Das Soars Over Giza Pyramids, Promotes Aero Sports Globally

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Sukumar Das, an Indian paramotor pilot, recently made headlines by flying over the iconic Giza Pyramids in Egypt with the Indian flag, demonstrating India's talent on the global stage. This feat follows his historic flight over the Christ the Redeemer statue in Brazil in 2022, further cementing his reputation as a trailblazer in aerial sports.

With extensive travel experience spanning countries like Thailand, Laos, Egypt, Brazil, Nepal, and India, Sukumar is on a mission to promote paramotoring and paragliding, aiming to inspire others to embrace aero sports. His goal is not just to showcase the thrill of



Shri Venkatesh Naidu, Former Vice-President of India, addressed the gathering via video link at a special event celebrating L V Prasad Eye Institute's remarkable achievement of performing over 50,000 corneal transplants, the highest by any eye care institution globally. The event was held today at the Institute's Banjara Hills campus.

flying but also to highlight the opportunities and joys of being an aero sports pilot.

Sukumar is also passionate about integrating aero sports with cultural celebrations. He regularly participates in events like Bathukamma, Mysore Dussehra, and Telangana Formation Day, using these festivals to bridge the gap between culture, tourism, and aerial sports. "These events promote culture while highlighting the

beauty of aero sports," Sukumar shared.

Despite his achievements, Sukumar's journey has been marked by financial challenges. "I faced financial difficulties while flying in different countries," he said, recalling how he supported himself by teaching freelance classes and saving to represent India internationally. Born on Independence Day, August 15, his flights symbolize resilience and the spirit of freedom.

Looking ahead, Sukumar plans to launch a startup called Vertical World, aimed at inspiring young people to pursue careers in aero sports. "I want to train the next generation of pilots who can represent India on the global stage," he said, emphasizing the vast potential in the field.

Sukumar, who represented India at the World Championship in Brazil, dreams of hosting similar events in India. "I've welcomed international pilots to Telangana, and I hope to showcase Indian talent on a larger scale," he added.

With his unwavering dedication, Sukumar Das is not only flying high but also inspiring a new generation of pilots to take India's flag to the skies.

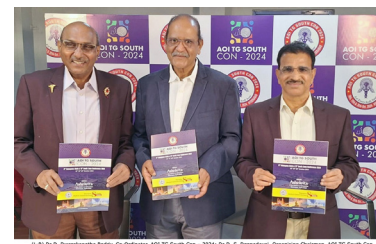
## Resonance School Achieves Unprecedented Success at IOQM 2024

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The 9th Telangana State and 19th South Zone ENT Surgeons Conference, themed "Basics and Beyond", is set to take place at the scenic Aalankrita Resort, Hyderabad, from October 18-20, 2024. Organized by the Association of Otolaryngologists of India, South Zone (AOI SZ), the prestigious event will gather over 1,000 delegates from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka to explore the latest advancements in ENT care.

Key topics at the three-day event include breakthrough procedures such as brain surgery through the eye, artificial intelligence (AI) and robotic surgeries in ENT, and advanced treatments for snoring, voice reconstruction, and vertigo management. This conference aims to bridge traditional ENT practices with modern technology through workshops, expert keynote sessions, panel discussions, and interactive orations.

Dr. D.S. Deenadayal, Organizing Chairman of AOI TG South Con 2024, emphasized the importance of ENT care in daily life. "Four



Dr. N. Venkatram Reddy, Organizing Secretary, stated that the conference will showcase groundbreaking technologies and research, including the use of cochlear and brainstem implants for hearing restoration in children with hearing loss. Discussions will also cover new treatments for snoring, such as nerve stimulation,

of our five sense organs—ears, nose, tongue, and skin—fall under the care of ENT specialists. With advancements in AI and technology, the field is evolving rapidly," he said. Highlighting the significance of the event, he added, "We are honored to have His Excellency, Governor of Telangana, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, inaugurate the conference, with Shri Karunakar Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences, Warangal, as the Guest of Honour."

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and advanced allergy management techniques.

Dr. D. Dwarakanatha Reddy, Coordinator of the event, remarked that this is the second time Telangana has hosted the South Zone conference since its formation. He noted the event's role in training young surgeons and providing a platform to discuss emerging technologies, including minimally invasive brain surgeries through the eye and robotic-assisted ENT procedures.

International faculty members, including Dr. Luis Lassaletta from Spain and Dr. Phua Chu Qin from Singapore, will present their expertise on cochlear implants and sleep apnea treatments. Indian experts like Padma Shri awardee Dr. Mohan Kameshwaran and Dr. Janakiram from Royal Pearl Hospital, Trichy, will also share their vast knowledge on auditory restoration and complex nasal surgeries.

The conference promises a vibrant exchange of knowledge against the backdrop of Hyderabad's rich cultural heritage and the natural beauty of Aalankrita Resort, blending science with culture for a truly unique experience.

## Secunderabad temple row: Case against motivational speaker, others for provoking hatred between communities

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The Gopalapuram police booked a case against motivational speaker Munawar Zama apart from Abdul Rasheed Basheer Ahmed and Rehman, owner and manager of Metropolis Hotel in Secunderabad, for allegedly outraging feelings and provoking hatred between communities.

According to the police, Munawar Zama, a Mumbai-based motivational speaker allegedly not only promoted enmity between different groups on religious grounds, but also provoked participants to cause riots. Due to his provocative speeches, Salim Salman Thakur alias Salman, the prime suspect in the Secunderabad temple desecration had damaged the idol of the goddess. Officials said Salman was

among the 151 people who lodged in the hotel and attended a month-long personality development workshop conducted Munawar Zama.

Based on a complaint from a Sub-inspector, a case was booked for deliberate insult or outrage of religious feelings, malicious provocation with the intent to incite a riot, promoting enmity and hatred between different groups based on various grounds, disobeying orders from public servants that can lead to obstruction or danger and abetment to commit a crime of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Meanwhile, the police on Thursday sealed the hotel and are also scrutinizing the conference recordings, material distributed to participants, and several other details.

## Indian Aero Sports Pioneer Sukumar Das Flies Indian Flag Over Giza Pyramids

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Sukumar Das has once again made headlines by flying a paramotor proudly adorned with the Indian flag over Egypt's iconic Giza Pyramids, drawing global attention to Indian talent. This latest achievement comes after his historic flight at Brazil's Christ the Redeemer statue in 2022, solidifying his reputation as a trailblazer in the field of aerial sports.

Das, who has journeyed to countries like Thailand, Laos, Nepal, Brazil, and various regions in India, is on a mission to promote paramotoring and paragliding, inspiring people to explore the skies. "I want to show the world the beauty and thrill of aero sports," he says, as he continues to break barriers in the field.



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In addition to his aerial feats, Das has integrated his passion for flying with cultural events such as Bathukamma, Mysore Dussehra, and Telangana Formation Day. By linking these festivals with tourism and sports, he aims to highlight the cultural significance and appeal of aero sports in India. "These events not only promote our culture but also open the doors to new sporting adventures,"

he explains. Das's journey has not been without hurdles. He recalls financial struggles during his flights abroad, but his dedication remained unwavering. "I taught freelance classes to save enough to represent India," he reveals. Born on August 15, his journey mirrors the spirit of independence and perseverance that defines his life's work. Looking ahead, Das is launching a startup called

Vertical World, designed to inspire and train young pilots. "I want to serve my nation by grooming the next generation of aero sports professionals who can represent India on the world stage," he declares, emphasizing the growing potential of the sport.

Having represented India at the World Championship in Brazil, Das now dreams of organizing similar international events in India. "I've welcomed pilots from around the world to Telangana, and I hope to see more such platforms for Indian talent," he states.

With every flight, Sukumar Das is not only soaring higher but also lifting the aspirations of young Indians, proudly flying the national flag and setting a course for the future of aero sports in India.



Shahnawaz Khan, Chairman of the Human Rights and Women's Safety Forum, along with members Rehan Khan, Sheikh Abdul Sultan, and Jaswant Hazrat Tajuddin Baba's shrine in Nagpur, Maharashtra, to seek blessings.

## CM Revanth's volte face, faux pas triggers more questions

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has demanded Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to tender an apology to oustees of the Musi River project before seeking suggestions from Opposition parties over their rehabilitation.

Nayini Anurag Reddy, a BRS supporter and entrepreneur, posted on X: "Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is now asking Opposition parties to come up with an Action Plan for the Musi victims, who are losing their homes. He also clearly tells that every single day is crucial for the victims... Chief Minister garu, without knowing what to do with them or having an action plan, how and why did you demolish their houses? Especially when you know every single day is crucial for them..." he asked.

"After the press meet, it became clear that your government had no action plan, no estimation of the after-effects, yet you went ahead with demolishing the homes of the poor. Before asking for suggestions or an Action Plan from the Opposition, Chief Minister garu must issue an unconditional apology to the people of Telangana for creating absolute chaos & disorder..." Anurag Reddy said. Similarly, sharing a video clip of the Chief Minister explaining about Meinhardt company's performance, BRS social media convener Manne Krishank pointed out that Revanth Reddy was defending hard for a private company, "which was absconding from Pakistan".

"CMO intervenes that CM Revanth is wrong and Meinhardt did not construct it. Government or circus...?" he asked. Krishank also shared videos of Revanth Reddy's speech at Gopanpally, where he had announced the Musi beautification project, clearly mentioning the cost as Rs.1.5 lakh crore, alongside Thursday's press conference visuals, where Revanth Reddy ridiculed the Opposition asking from where did they get the figure of Rs.1.5 lakh crore.

## Resonance School Achieves Unprecedented Success at IOQM 2024

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Resonance Gurukul School has once again made headlines by achieving an extraordinary feat at the Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics (IOQM) 2024. A total of 10 students from the school have successfully cleared the IOQM, considered one of the most challenging math olympiads globally, securing their places in the Regional Mathematics Olympiad (RMO) 2024. Resonance's remarkable performance is a testament to its commitment to excellence in education, with 60 students from its branches across India also advancing to RMO. Shri Purnachandra Rao, Managing Director of Resonance Educational Institutions for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, honored the achievers in a ceremony



Students from Resonance Gurukul campus, who qualified at the prestigious IOQM - the Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics, conducted by Mathematics Teachers Association, India; cutting the cake to celebrate the momentous occasion; as Shri Purnachandra Rao (Center), Managing Director, Resonance Educational Institutions, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; Faculty & Parents, applaud, at the Resonance Gurukul Campus, Patancheru, today.

ny attended by their proud parents. Speaking at the event, Shri Rao remarked, "The repeated success of our students in such a tough examination reflects our strong dedication to imparting the highest educational standards. Historically, students who clear IOQM and continue with the same level of dedica-

tion excel in IIT and NEET exams, and I encourage all our students to maintain this momentum."

Resonance has built a reputation for providing high-quality study material, equipping students with the skills needed to tackle complex problems. This solid foundation not only helps students excel

in competitive exams like the Olympiads but also prepares them for long-term success in highly competitive exams such as JEE and NEET.

Resonance School's unique curriculum, which emphasizes conceptual clarity and application-based learning, has been a cornerstone of its success. In

addition to preparing students for board exams, the school offers specialized training in competitive exams like IIT-JEE, NEET, and various national and international Olympiads, including IOQM, IJSO, and NSEP.

The IOQM exam is known for its high level of difficulty, with only a select few qualifying. Out of 6,407 students across India, just 255 students from Telangana were selected for RMO 2024, including the 10 from Resonance. List of Resonance School's Students Qualifying for RMO 2024:

G Sai Sri Meghana (Class IX) - 61 marks  
K Shanmukh Teja (Class IX) - 61 marks  
K Sarosh Karthik (Class IX) - 61 marks  
B Devharsh (Class IX) - 56 marks  
T Yashwant (Class IX) - 56 marks

C Akshay (Class X) - 56 marks  
B Pranav Reddy (Class X) - 53 marks  
R Lakshmi Niharika (Class IX) - 52 marks  
L Ravi Chandrika (Class IX) - 47 marks  
D Divyasree (Class IX) - 43 marks

The IOQM is the first stage in a six-stage journey to the prestigious International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO), with students moving through stages such as RMO, INMO, and eventually, the IMO itself.

Resonance educational institutions are renowned in the Telugu states for their success in IIT-JEE and NEET coaching. With over 15,000 students currently enrolled in various programs in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Resonance has created more than 3,800 success stories over the past six years.

## SHORT TAKES

### Case against unidentified person for derogatory post against Kishan Reddy



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The State BJP leaders lodged a complaint with the Hyderabad Cybercrime police over an offensive and derogatory video of the Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy posted by unidentified persons on social media on Thursday. A group of repre-

sentatives led by State General Secretary K Venkateswarlu met DCP N Swetha and submitted the petition. In the complaint, Venkateswarlu alleged that the miscreants intended to malign Kishan Reddy's character and personality. Hence they circulated the video widely on social media. Cybercrime police are investigating.

### Hyderabad faces sharp drop in luxury real estate

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Hyderabad's luxury real estate market, long seen as a rising star in India's property sector, has hit a stumbling block.

In recent years, the demand for high end luxury housing had been steadily rising in the city with a host of projects launched on the immediate city outskirts and beyond. The more spacious properties rolling out with greenery in abundance in pristine locations and dotted with amenities right from promenades to fitness centers and shopping facilities

to banking, went up the charts. This trend which sort of pushed out the affordable housing concept out of the residential real estate map also impacted the mid-range housing. However, while the luxury housing segment in other big metros sustained and kept growing, Hyderabad market in last few months appears to have taken a beating. A new report 'India Market Monitor Q3 2024 - Residential' from CBRE South Asia released on Thursday, reveals that luxury home sales in the city nosedived in the third quarter (July to September) of 2024.

## KTR Urges BRSV Students to Lead Grassroots Change

At a BRSV meeting at Telangana Bhavan, he urged students to use social media to fill the gaps left by print and electronic media, which have faced challenges since Congress took power in the state.

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday made a strong appeal to the student community, especially members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi Vidyarthi (BRSV), to re-engage with the public at the grassroots level. Speaking at a BRSV meeting at Telangana Bhavan, he emphasized

the crucial role students play in driving social and political change, particularly during times of poor administration and ineffective governance. Addressing the student wing of the BRS, Rama Rao highlighted the need for students to become the voice of the people and utilize social media to counterbalance the pressure on print and electronic media, which he said has been stifled since the Congress assumed power in Tel-

angana. He stressed that students represent a fresh wave of leadership, essential for shaping the future of the party and the state. "The BRS has a rich 25-year legacy, and many of its leaders today, including elected representatives and ministers, began their journey as student leaders," he said, underscoring the importance of student activism in the party's growth. He encouraged BRSV activists to take up the mantle of leadership and carry forward the party's mission of public

service. Rama Rao urged the BRSV to organize district-level meetings and engage with local issues, emphasizing that firsthand experience with community problems would prepare them to become effective leaders. He praised the resilience of students, noting that their commitment and determination have always been a beacon of hope, especially in challenging times. Paying tribute to the student activists who fought for Telangana's statehood under the

leadership of BRS founder K. Chandrashekhara Rao, Rama Rao reflected on the struggles against past leaders like N. Chandrababu Naidu and Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. He also criticized the current Chief Minister, mockingly referring to him as "Chitti Naidu," for his lack of understanding of basic facts. Rama Rao ridiculed the Chief Minister's recent statements, including absurd claims that Hyderabad is surrounded by the sea on three sides and that Bhakra Nangal is in Telangana.

The BRS leader expressed frustration over the Congress-led government's failure to fulfill promises, particularly those made to students. He condemned the government for neglecting students' concerns, mishandling reservations for SC and ST students, and delaying important exams like the Group 1 Mains. Rama Rao called on the BRSV to rise to the challenge, lead the charge, and fight for the betterment of Telangana's future.



K. Ilambarathi officially took charge as the Commissioner of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on Thursday morning.



Human Rights Activist Prof. Haragopal and CPI National Executive Member Chada Venkat Reddy addressed a CPI dharna at Indira Park in Hyderabad on Thursday, calling for the repeal of the UAPA Act and the release of undertrial political prisoners. Joining them on the dais were CPI Telangana State Secretariat Members E.T. Narasimha and V.S. Bose, State Executive Member A. Ravindra Chari, Hyderabad District Secretary S. Chayadevi, Assistant Secretaries Kamatham Yadagiri and B. Stalin, along with State Council Members M. Adi Reddy, K. Chandu, and others.

## Group-I aspirants pour out their woes to KTR, BRS promises all help

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Group-I aspirants from Ashok Nagar and other areas on Thursday met BRS working president KT Rama Rao appealing for support, pointing out that the State government was adamant and not responding to their repeated pleas to postpone the Group I mains examination from October 21 to a later date. Their main contention was that with 22 cases related to the exam pending with the court, the government should wait till the court gave its verdict. They argued that Government Order No 29 was unconstitutional and could lead to serious repercussions if not addressed. The



candidates also expressed concerns over incorrect question standards and confusing guidance they received regarding study materials. They shared these issues with Rama Rao, who assured them of his support and legal help. The aspirants said conducting the exams under GO 29 could have serious repercussions, as it might be struck down by the court, necessitating a re-examination. The

candidates highlighted that when they challenged incorrect questions in court, they were told that Telugu Academy books were not standard for references, and only Wikipedia should be considered. This has left them confused about which material to follow for Group-II exams. "The mains examinations are scheduled to begin on October 21, but the court's verdict

is reserved until November 20. If the court rules against GO 29, the government will have no choice but to conduct the exams again," one of the aspirants who poured out his frustration before Rama Rao, pointed out. The candidates also expressed confidence that the Supreme Court would strike down the GO, and they wanted the government to wait for the court's decision. Many candidates have appeared for the prelims multiple times, and the ongoing legal battles add to their mental stress, they said, urging the government to understand their situation. Another aspirant expressed the frustration and impatience of

the candidates, stating that they were at their breaking point. Despite supporting the Congress party in the elections, they were neglected, he said. Assuring Group-I mains candidates that his party would stand with them, Rama Rao called on the State government to positively consider their request for rescheduling their exams. He questioned why the government was being stubborn despite the candidates' requests to reschedule the exams and condemned the arrest of candidates protesting in Ashok Nagar and demanded their immediate release apart from withdrawal of cases registered against them.

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