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'May Take Legal Action...': Congress To Poll Body On Haryana Election

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Responding strongly to the Election Commission's reply to its complaints about "irregularities" in the Haryana Assembly elections, the Congress has accused the poll body of attacking the party and its leaders and threatened to take legal action for expunging such remarks if it continues to do so.

In a strongly worded letter on Friday, the Congress said its communications to the Election Commission of India (ECI) are restricted to the issues and respect the office of the Chief Election Commissioner and the election commissioners but the poll body's replies



are written in a condescending tone. "If the current ECI's goal is to strip itself of the last vestiges of neutrality, then it is doing a remarkable job at creating that impression," the Congress wrote.

Replying to the Congress' complaint on Tuesday, the Election Commission had criticised the party for making "baseless allegations when faced with inconvenient electoral outcomes" and cautioned it against making "unfounded and sensational complaints". The poll body had also

termed the allegations "irresponsible" and asked the party to take steps to curb a "tendency of frivolous complaints" while insisting that the electoral process in Haryana was flawless.

The Congress, in its response, said it was not surprised that the Election Commission had given a clean chit to itself but said the "tone and tenor of the ECI's response, the language used, and the allegations" made against the party compelled it to reply.

The party said the Election Commission had raised the "exceptional" nature of engaging with it on the issues raised and said it seemed the poll body had forgotten that it was its duty to do so.

SHORT TAKES

Welfare School Students Get More Allowances

Starting November 1, students in welfare hostels and residential schools saw enhanced diet and cosmetic allowances, as part of a new directive aimed at elevating the standard of living for students across institutions run by the SC, ST, BC, minority, and women and child welfare departments. Issued by the Telangana Scheduled Caste Development Department (SCP), the directive introduces a 40 per cent increase in these charges following a thorough review of inflation and essential commodity prices. The revised rates apply to all welfare hostels, residential schools, and similar institutions, as recommended by a committee of officers. This committee, formed to address the rising costs of food grains, vegetables, oils, and general mess charges over recent years, proposed the increases to ensure that students' needs are adequately met.

Pakistan MP Attends INLD's Diwali Event At Chautala Village In Haryana

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A felicitation ceremony of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) to mark the victory of its two legislators in the Haryana Assembly elections 2014, both hailing from the Chautala family saw the participation of Pakistani Parliamentarian Abdul Rehman Kanju.



The event, coinciding with Diwali celebrations turned many, with locals particularly youth, dis-

cussing the attendance of a Pakistani lawmaker in an event organised at the popular Chautala village in Sirsa.

The party also shared on its social media handle how Chautala residents held a grand reception for the chief guest of the event - Pakistani politician Abdul Rehman Kanju.

Congress exposed on fake poll vows: PM

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As political outfits fall over each other to woo voters with sops during election time, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge took a realistic route and told the party's state units to "announce guarantees on the basis of their Budgets". The Congress president warned that any unplanned approach and announcement could lead to a "crisis." Latching on to Kharge's advice to the Congress' state units, the BJP on Friday launched a fierce attack on the Opposition party. Leading the charge for the saffron party, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the



Congress stood "badly exposed" in front of people for promising what they know they will never be able to deliver.

In a series of posts on X, Modi said, "The Congress party is realising the hard way that making unreal promises is easy but implementing them properly is tough or impossible. Campaign after campaign, they promise things to the people, which they also know

they will never be able to deliver. Now, they stand badly exposed in front of the people! #FakePromisesOfCongress." Pointing at the "poor" fiscal health of Congress-ruled states, the Prime Minister said any state where the Congress has governments today, be it Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka or Telangana, the developmental trajectory and fiscal health are turning from bad to worse."

Modi posted: "Their so-called guarantees lie unfulfilled, which is a terrible deceit upon the people of these states. The victims of such politics are the poor, youngsters, farmers and women, who are not only denied the benefits of these promises

but also see their existing schemes diluted." "In Karnataka, the Congress is busier in intra-party politics and loot instead of even bothering to deliver on development. Not only that, they are also going to rollback existing schemes. In Himachal Pradesh, salaries of government workers are not paid on time. In Telangana, farmers are waiting for the waiver they promised. Previously, in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, they promised certain allowances that were never implanted for five years," Modi said, pointing out that there are numerous such examples of how the Congress works.

Indian Army begins patrolling in eastern Ladakh's Demchok

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The Indian Army began patrolling in the Demchok sector on Friday. This is a big step in easing tensions at one of Ladakh's two primary flashpoints where India and China had recently completed a disengagement. According to sources within the Indian Army, patrolling operations are also expected to start soon in the Depsang Plains. "In Demchok, Indian Army patrolling was carried out as per operational requirements and in accordance with the agreement between the two sides," the sources added. Demchok is considered the less contentious of the two flash-



points, with disengagement having been completed on Wednesday.

As part of the agreement, coordinated patrolling will be conducted in both Demchok and Depsang sectors. This coordination ensures that both Indian and Chinese patrols are aware of each other's schedules, thereby minimising the risk of any face-offs. The specific modalities for patrolling

were determined during meetings between ground commanders at the brigadier level and below. In a gesture of goodwill, Indian and Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops exchanged sweets at various border points in the Ladakh sector on Thursday to celebrate Diwali. The exchanges took place at Hot Springs, Karakoram Pass, Daulat Beg Oldi, KongkLa, and the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point.

The recent disengagement at Demchok and Depsang concludes a four-and-a-half-year period of direct face-off between Indian and Chinese forces in the Ladakh region.

Chess prodigy from Kolkata makes history

In a country that has consistently produced chess world champions and Grand Masters of the extraordinary kind, a three years, eight months and 19 days lad from Kaikhali in north Kolkata has pipped the best of them. On an epoch-making Friday, Anish Sarkar became the youngest rated chess player in the game's history. Building on his fascination for making moves and strategies as a toddler, Anish has embarked on a journey that has amazed the finest of GMs.

Born on India's Republic Day in 2021, Anish made his debut in competitive chess with the West Bengal state Under-9 Open as a bundle of talent in October. It was not a mere appearance as he logged an overwhelming 5.5 out of the maximum points to finish at an envious No. 24 in the overall standings. His extraordinary flair for matching wits with his more experienced opponents across the board will be vouched by two rated players - Arav Chatterjee and Ahilana Baishya, whom he defeated along the way.

Such was his poise and talent that he got an opportunity to play against India No. 1 and World No. 4 Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi in a simultaneous exhibition.

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Trump vows to boost ties with India if re-elected

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Days ahead of the United States presidential polls next Tuesday, former US president and Republican contender Donald Trump on Friday (IST) promised to strengthen the "great partnership" with India and "good friend" Prime Minister Narendra Modi if elected to power. Eyeing the Indian-AmerTrump vows to boost ties with India if re-elected vote, he also condemned atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh and vowed to "protect Hindu Americans against the anti-religion agenda of the radical Left".

Wishing the community on the occasion of Diwali on X, Trump said, "I strongly condemn the barbaric violence against Hindus, Christians and other minorities who are getting attacked and looted by mobs in Bangladesh, which remains in a total state of chaos. It would have never happened on my watch." "Kamala (Harris) and (US President) Joe (Biden) have ignored Hindus across the world and in America. They have been a disaster from Israel to Ukraine to our own southern border, but we will Make America Strong Again and bring back Peace through Strength! We will also protect Hindu Americans against the anti-religion agenda of the radical left. We will fight for your freedom."

Trump added: "Under my administration, we will also strengthen our great partnership with India and my



good friend, Prime Minister Modi. Kamala Harris will destroy your small businesses with more regulations and higher taxes. By contrast, I cut taxes, cut regulations, unleashed American energy and built the greatest economy in history. We will do it again, bigger and better than ever before -- and we will Make America Great Again. Also, Happy Diwali to All. I hope the Festival of Lights leads to the Victory of Good over Evil."

The Indian-American community in the United States is at least four million-strong and is considered one of the most prosperous immigrant communities. It has traditionally voted for the Democrats, but Trump, like his successful campaign in 2016, has made concerted attempts to woo the community with some success. The partial Indian origins of Harris could tip the scales in her favour within the community. Nevertheless, the pitch of Trump for great ties with India and his known camaraderie with Modi could strike a chord at least within sections of the community.

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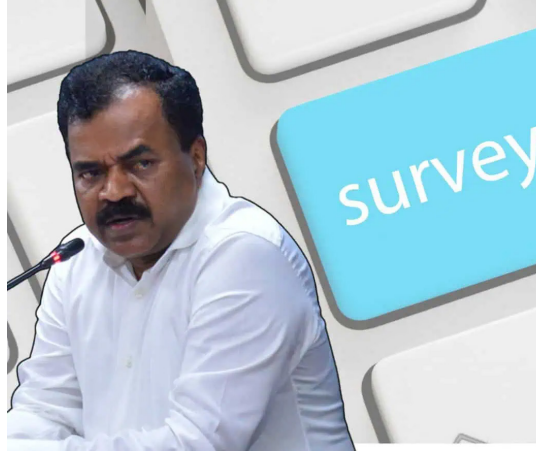
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Caste survey should be carried out with 100 pc accuracy: Dana Kishore

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Social, economic, educational, employment, political and caste surveys should be conducted comprehensively with 100 percent accuracy said the principal secretary of the state municipal urban development department, M Dana Kishore.

The announcement was made on Friday, November 1, at a training program held for supervisors



and enumerators on the upcoming household survey in the Khairatabad zone, hosted at Gauri Shankar Community Hall in Banjara Hills.

The survey is set to begin on November 6 and will involve 21,000 enumerators deployed across the Greater Hyderabad area. Each supervisor will oversee the work

of ten enumerators to ensure a systematic and efficient process.

Dana Kishore urged the enumerators to accurately record the social and economic conditions of various communities, stressing that any uncertainties should be clarified with their supervisors to maintain the integrity of the data collected. He highlighted that the comprehensive survey aims to enhance the effectiveness of government schemes

aimed at aiding the underprivileged.

Additionally, Dana Kishore advised enumerators to familiarise themselves with the survey documentation before beginning fieldwork to ensure accurate data collection.

He noted that 21,000 enumerators will be involved in the survey across the Greater Hyderabad area. Each supervisor has been assigned to oversee ten enumerators to ensure a systematic approach.

Telangana govt increases allocation of funds for social welfare hostel students

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The Telangana government on Friday increased the allocation of funds for providing food and other basic needs of students staying in social welfare residential institutions in the state.

The government increased the 'diet and cosmetic charges' for students by about 40 per cent, official sources said.

The enhancement would benefit as many as 7,65,705 students in the state, they said.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy asked the officials to introduce new diet in the hostels as per the hike in funds allocation in 10 days.

Reddy said the changes in diet



should ensure that the students get nutritious food everyday.

The hike, announced as a Diwali gift, was welcomed by students of the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TSWREIS), an official release said.

State Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka and other leaders thanked the Chief Minister for the decision.

SHORT TAKES

Communities seek caste name changes at BC Commission's public hearing

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While many communities wanted to change their group in the BC category, a few communities wanted to change their caste name. In this regard, people from various BC communities are presenting representations to the Telangana Commission for Backward Classes in the public hearing conducted in different districts. People belonging to Pichakuntla, Dommari, Reddygandla and others wanted the commission to change their caste name since they and their children were feeling shy to tell their caste name to others.

While interacting with media persons here on Friday, BC Commissioner Chairman G Niranjan said that they were getting representations from different communities for the change of their caste name besides groups change in BC category. He said he felt very sad when the people from the Pichakuntla community informed that they were feeling shy to tell their caste's name in schools for their children's admission.

At the same time, many communities wanted to change their group from upper category to lower category to get more benefits. Thagara Uppara community, which is in BC 'B' category, wanted to change to BC 'A'. Gangaputra from BC



'A' to SC, Medari BC 'A' to ST, Dudekula from BC 'B' to 'E', Mudiraj BC 'D' to 'A'.

While some of the Muslim communities were there in BC 'E', others in BC 'B'. Meanwhile, Syed and a few other communities were not there in any group. So, they wanted all of them to be in a single category, the Chairman informed. A few families migrated to Kamareddy and Nizamabad areas about 400 years ago. Surprisingly, they do not know their caste name though they claim themselves as Lodha community.

As they do not have caste, they were getting certificates by claiming themselves as Mudiraj community. Local Mudiraj community people were opposing it. There are Lodha community people in Mangalhat and Dhoolpet areas in Hyderabad. They enquired about relation between both the communities but no relation was established, he informed. When asked about the upper caste people from Andhra Pradesh settled in Telangana were getting benefit by claiming themselves as BCs, he said.

Problematic elephant 'ME3' returns to Chhattisgarh

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Problematic elephant named 'ME3' returned to Chhattisgarh, providing relief to locals and forest department officials in the district.

Moving in Chhattisgarh, the elephant entered into Wadsa division in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra on the borders of Telangana, barely around 30 kilometers from the district a fortnight ago.

It killed a person for trying to take a selfie in front of it in the neighboring state a week ago, sparking a panic among locals of Chintalamanepalli, Bejjur, Koutala, Penchikalpet mandals.

Forest officials, who were tracking movement of the elephant with the help of their counterparts from Maharashtra said that it returned to Chhattisgarh. But they were still on a caution mode and were trying to create awareness among the rural folks over its presence in the neighboring state.

The pachyderm had already trampled

Alluri Shankar (50) to death at Burepalli village before killing Karu Posham (65) at Kondapalli village on April 3 and 4 respectively. However, it was later successfully diverted towards Maharashtra on April 6.

ME3 is a lone elephant moving in Chhattisgarh forests and often strays into Maharashtrian forests also. A herd of 27 elephants were presently found in the forests of Maharashtra for quite a long time. The Maharashtra forest department was monitoring the elephant movement with the help of a Kolkata-based NGO Stripes and Green Earth Foundation (SAGE).

Meanwhile, a tiger which strayed into Telangana's Boath mandal returned to Maharashtra. It moved in the forests of Boath and Sarangapur mandals in October last week.

It killed cattle at Chintalbori village on October 24, triggering panic among farmers and shepherds. It was a resident tiger of Kinwat in Maharashtra which drifted towards Telangana for mating, officials say.

KTR slams Kharge, demands Congress to apologise for betraying Telangana people with unrealistic guarantees

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao trained his guns at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and the Telangana Congress leadership for misleading Telangana voters with impractical guarantees and pushing the State toward economic turmoil. He demanded that the Congress leaders apologise to people of Telangana for betraying their trust



and not delivering the six guarantees.

He was reacting to Kharge's caution to the Karnataka Congress that unplanned approach could lead to financial problems including bankruptcy and impact on future generations.

In a statement, Rama Rao expressed concern over Congress's track

record of "guarantees" in Karnataka, warning that similar actions in Telangana could have far-reaching negative impacts on future generations. "Dear Kharge ji, do you understand now that empty guarantees lead to financial ruin?" he asked, citing the Karnataka government's plans to review one of its five guarantees due to financial strain.

Referring to Telangana's robust decade of progress under the

BRS, he accused the Congress of jeopardising this growth with unrealistic promises aimed solely at gaining power. "The juggling act of Congress guarantees has brought Telangana to a standstill within a year," he added.

Rama Rao demanded that the Congress leadership apologise to the four crore population of Telangana for betraying their trust. He said Telangana, which has been progressing

steadily for a decade, has been derailed by false promises. He argued that the Congress's guarantees are unsustainable and will have lasting consequences on the State's financial health and development.

"The damage caused by trusting the Congress's guarantees is irreparable," he said, warning that this approach could leave a heavy burden on future generations in Telangana.

BRS president KCR will be back in action from next year, reveals KTR

BRS working president says the former Chief Minister is giving the Congress government enough time to deliver on their '420' promises

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BRS supremo and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, who kept a low profile following a surgery last year, is set to return to public life in 2025. The party working president KT Rama Rao announced that Chandrashekhar Rao deliberately allowed the Congress government one year time to settle and fulfill its electoral promises.

"He is perfectly healthy and guides us daily. As a responsible opposition leader, he is giving the Congress government enough time to deliver on their '420' promises," he said, while interacting with netizens during a 90 minute Q&A session on social media platform X (#AskKTR) on Thursday. Countering the recent statements by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy suggesting Chandrashekhar Rao's political end, the former Minister asserted that the BRS



supremo's legacy would remain indelible in Telangana's political sphere. "As long as Telangana exists, the legend named K Chandrashekhar Rao will live on," he said.

Reflecting on the BRS's recent electoral setback, Rama Rao pointed to the party's failure in perception management, people management and effective communication of development and welfare initiatives, as factors for the party's defeat. He also attributed it to general voter fatigue and anti-incumbency as well as a vertical polarisation between NDA and INDIA camps.

"On top of that,

Congress through its false promises created a false hope which was key. People in districts believed Congress party's fake promises and propaganda," he said. However, he noted that it would be unfair to solely blame MLAs, as multiple factors contributed to the election outcome.

Determined to hold the Congress accountable, the BRS working president vowed that the party would intensify its focus on ensuring the Congress government delivers on its commitments, including the six guarantees promised in Telangana. "We will hold them accountable both in the Assembly and in the people's court," he affirmed, urging citizens to extend their support and strengthen BRS to fight on their behalf. He also suggested them to raise their voice on issues like roads and sanitation with local representatives. Rama Rao admitted that recent desertions by BRS MLAs and leaders

to Congress posed a challenge, but viewed it as an opportunity to groom loyal and effective new-age leaders. He asserted that bye-elections are inevitable in 10 constituencies where BRS MLAs defected to the ruling Congress.

Ahead of Maharashtra Assembly elections, the BRS working president clarified that the party was focus more on regaining traction in Telangana. He urged Maharashtra's citizens to consider regional alternatives over Congress and BJP. On plans for elections to Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), he wondered if it would remain in its current form, considering rumours that the State government plans to divide it into multiple units.

He also shared plans to strengthen the party wings including BRS legal cell and social media wing, apart from decentralisation of operations to make it more

powerful. He appreciated the party's social media warriors for their efforts, terming social media as best alternative to communicate to the people as a section of mainstream media is biased to the government.

With netizens repeatedly asking whether he had any plans for a State-wide Padayatra (walkathon), Rama Rao responded on a lighter note, stating that as people appear to be keen about it, he needs to work on strengthening himself first. "Who knows what the future has in store?" he remarked cryptically. With an eye on the future, he exuded confidence in BRS making a strong comeback, crediting people's power as the real force behind political leadership. "It is the people that make the leaders, not the other way around. Wait and watch for our strong comeback," he said.

Telangana Government Launches Comprehensive Caste Census

Hyderabad

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Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamb Prabhakar addressed the citizens of Telangana in a letter regarding the comprehensive caste census initiated by the Telangana Congress government. The announcement came during a public meeting in Kamareddy, attended by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, following a commitment made by Rahul Gandhi.

The Telangana Cabinet has resolved to conduct a detailed house-to-house survey encompassing social, economic, educational, political, and caste



dimensions, as determined during a Council of Ministers meeting on February 4, 2024. This initiative aims to enhance opportunities for the upliftment of backward classes, SCs, STs, and other marginalized groups in the state. The Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the resolution on February 16, 2024, leading to the issuance of Government Order A.Y. No. 26.

With the caste enu-

meration set to begin on March 15, 2024, the BC Welfare Department has initiated the release of ₹150 crores for this purpose. On September 6, 2024, the government appointed Shri Niranjana as Chairman of the Caste Census Committee, with members including Rapolu Jayaprakash, Tirumalagiri Surender, and Bala Lakshmi Gar.

The Planning Department has been des-

ignated as the nodal agency for the census, effective October 10, 2024. Starting November 6, 2024, 85,000 enumerators, supervised by officials at various levels, will begin collecting data across Telangana. Prabhakar urged citizens to cooperate in this ambitious undertaking, which aims to conclude by November 30, 2024. "This survey, the first of its kind in the country, is essential for future welfare schemes and can be likened to a mega health check-up for our society," Prabhakar stated. He emphasized the importance of participation from every citizen to ensure the success of the census.

Congress implements its promises made during polls: T'gana DyCM

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday said Congress is the only party that can implement the promises made during elections.

Reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's criticism of the party, Vikramarka said they had made a promise in Telangana to provide free bus rides for women, and that initiative is now being implemented. "Congress is the only party that can implement the promises and assurances given at the time of elections," he told reporters at



Ranchi's Birsa Munda Airport.

Vikramarka said they promised to provide a gas cylinder for Rs 500 and 200 units free electricity and they all are being implemented.

Congress general secretary KC Venugo-

pal told reporters here that the PM's remark about the party was wrong.

"We are implementing our promises. The Prime Minister's statement is wrong. Actually, the government of India is not delivering what they promised,"

he said.

Earlier in the day, Modi said the Congress stands "badly exposed" in front of people for promising to them what the party knows it will never be able to deliver.

"The Congress party is realising the hard way that making unreal promises is easy but implementing them properly is tough or impossible. Campaign after campaign they promise things to the people which they also know they will never be able to deliver. Now, they stand badly exposed in front of the people!"; Modi said.

Farmers suffering due to collusion of Congress govt, middle-men over paddy procurement: KTR

Hyderabad

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao slammed the State government for colluding with middlemen and delaying paddy procurement from farmers. Due to rains, he said paddy is getting wet and gaining moisture at market yards and drying platforms.

"The Congress government promised to purchase 91.28 lakh tonnes of paddy this season. The Civil Supplies department promised to purchase 8.16 lakh tonnes of paddy in October itself. But as on October 28, only 7,629 tonnes of paddy has been purchased from 913 farmers," he said. Sharing the videos of plight of farmers with wet paddy at a market yard on X, Rama Rao attacked the Congress govern-



ment for repeatedly failing to support farmers since assuming office in the State. He said even though harvesting has commenced, the State government did not disburse Rythu Bandhu amount to farmers for Vaanakalam (Kharif) season and also made no arrangements to procure paddy.

He said the government has not only failed to commence paddy procurement pro-

cess through Indira Kranthi Patham, but also did not finalise allocation of rice mills to supply procured paddy for milling. "While farmers are struggling to sell their produce, our Chief Minister Chitti Naidu (referring to Revanth Reddy) is busy with his rhetorics and diversion politics," he remarked.

MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Inspects Proposed Christian Graveyard Site in Ibrahim Bagh

Hyderabad

R santosh chowdary
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MLA Kausar Mohiuddin from the Karwan constituency, accompanied by officials from the Joint Collector's office, Additional Collector, Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), and project teams, conducted an inspection of Survey Numbers 166 and 177 in Ibrahim Bagh.

The site visit, aimed at assessing land designated for a proposed Christian graveyard, follows a prior meeting between MLA Mohiuddin and the Hyderabad Collector



to address the community's needs.

A total of two acres has been allocated for the burial grounds, marking a signifi-

cant step towards providing adequate facilities for the Christian community in the area.

World Fertility Day: Apollo Fertility Assists Over 4,000 Couples with Early Diagnosis of Fertility Health

Hyderabad

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In observance of World Fertility Day on November 2, Apollo Fertility has announced its ongoing success in assisting over 4,000 couples with early fertility health diagnoses through their "Score Over Infertility" campaign. The initiative, launched by the leading fertility care provider, offers couples comprehensive screenings to proactively assess their reproductive health.

Apollo Fertility's "Score Over Infertility" package includes an array of diagnostic tests such as AMH levels, semen analysis,



Dr. Col. Sandeep Karunakaran
Sr. Consultant Fertility & IVF,
Apollo Fertility, Hyderabad.

ultrasound (USG), and thyroid screenings. These assessments are complemented by consultations with fertility specialists, enabling

couples to gain a clear understanding of their reproductive health.

With one in four couples in India reportedly facing fertility challeng-

es, as noted in a recent WHO report, Apollo Fertility's campaign aims to empower couples to address potential infertility issues early in their parenthood planning journey. The "Score Over Infertility" initiative, combined with advanced diagnostics and tailored treatment plans, has already helped over 30,000 couples achieve their dream of parenthood.

Dr. Col. Sandeep Karunakaran, Senior Consultant in Fertility & IVF at Apollo Fertility, stated, "We take pride in helping thousands of couples overcome infertility challenges through early diagnosis. Our

'Score Over Infertility' program allows us to provide compassionate care and innovative solutions, empowering couples to take control of their reproductive health."

In addition to "Score Over Infertility," Apollo Fertility offers future-focused programs like "Dream of Tomorrow" and "Now for Future," which address egg freezing and other forward-looking fertility options. The organization emphasizes the importance of reproductive health evaluations for both men and women, adhering to its "Think Equal" philosophy that highlights the need for balanced

Telangana Government Whip Criticizes Harish Rao's Election Aspirations

Hyderabad

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Adi Srinivas, the Government Whip, has sharply criticized Telangana Minister Harish Rao's ambitions of winning 100 seats in future elections. Addressing Rao's aspirations, Srinivas reminded him of the recent elections, questioning how he could still hold such hopes after significant losses.

Srinivas stated, "Have you forgotten what happened just two months ago? Aren't you ashamed of losing without securing even deposits?" He suggested that if voters overwhelmingly reject Rao and his party, they should reconsider their future.

The Government Whip asserted that Telangana's residents have become disillusioned with the current leadership, declaring, "The people of Telangana will never see KCR's face again." He warned that if voters support Rao as the leader of the opposition, it would only lead to further isolation.

Srinivas also raised concerns about drug cultivation in the region, stating, "If we come to power again, Telanga-



na will become an obstacle for drugs, with the potential for cannabis cultivation in Hyderabad."

He criticized Harish Rao's claims regarding cabinet expansion, recalling that after KCR's second victory, he ruled for three months without ministers. "You cry for a ministerial post while our chief minister knows exactly what to do," Srinivas remarked.

Emphasizing the Congress party's resilience, he concluded, "The Congress party has triumphed again in the state. Revanth Reddy is poised to lead as Chief Minister once more."

"Most Difficult Stage": Russia Begins Nuclear Drill, West Plans Response

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Russia's nuclear forces today began a special exercise after orders were received from President Vladimir Putin. The move comes at a critical point in the Ukraine war after senior officials in Moscow termed it the "most difficult phase".

This is the second such military exercise initiated by Putin in a fortnight and the West-led NATO alliance is still unsure of how to deal with the escalating situation. The rise in tensions began after western forces, led by the US were planning to allow Ukraine the use of long-range cruise missiles to target territories deep inside Russia.

Moscow has made it clear to the 'West' that if such a move was made by Ukraine with the backing of the

West, Russia would consider the use of its nukes to defend the motherland.

The Kremlin had said that its updated nuclear doctrine, approved by Putin last month, will allow Moscow to use nukes against non-nuclear states should be seen as a warning to the West.

Launching the nuclear weapons drill today, President Putin said, "We will work out the actions of officials to control the use of nuclear weapons with practical launches of ballistic and cruise missiles."

"We will work out the actions of officials to control the use of nuclear weapons with practical launches of ballistic and cruise missiles," President Putin said in a clip from the launch, adding that, "Using nuclear weapons would be an "extremely exceptional measure" but

they need to be kept ready for use.

Putin, however, said that "We are not going to get involved in a new arms race, but we will maintain nuclear forces at the level of necessary sufficiency."

WHAT THE 'WEST' SAYS The NATO has slammed Russia over reports that North Korea has sent troops to the western parts of the country to battle in Ukraine.

The Pentagon has said that North Korea is sending at least 10,000 troops to Russia while Ukraine's Zelensky claims the number could be well beyond 12,000.

"We believe that the DPRK has sent around 10,000 soldiers in total to train in eastern Russia that will probably augment Russian forces near Ukraine over the next several weeks," Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh told reporters.

"A portion of those soldiers have already moved closer to Ukraine, and we are increasingly concerned that Russia intends to use these soldiers in combat or to support combat operations against Ukrainian forces in Russia's Kursk Oblast," Sabrina Singh said.

Vladimir Putin has said that what Russia plans to do about its defence is purely "Russia's business". He also said that if Ukraine took a decision to join NATO, even Russia can choose to do "whatever it wants". FEARS OF NUCLEAR WAR The Russian military has started its latest drill today. This follows a similar exercise that happened in the country's Tver region, which lies to the northwest of Moscow. Among other equipment used, there was also a unit equipped with the Yars Inter-Continental

Ballistic Missiles or ICBMs, which are capable of striking every corner of the US.

Russia is the world's largest nuclear power. Together, Russia and the US control 88% of the world's nuclear warheads. Vladimir Putin, who portrays the West as a decadent aggressor, and US President Joe Biden, who casts Russia as a corrupt autocracy, have both warned that a direct Russia-NATO confrontation could escalate into World War III. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has also warned of the risk of nuclear war.

"Given the growing geopolitical tensions and the emergence of new external threats and risks, it is important to have modern and constantly ready-to-use strategic forces," Putin said, adding that Russia was moving to new "stationary.

"Cute", "Hawwt": HR Highlights Creepy Messages From Rejected Candidates

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An HR professional from Noida has shared screenshots of inappropriate messages she received from candidates who weren't selected for a job. In a LinkedIn post, Harshita Mishra, a talent acquisition specialist, raised the disturbing trend of rejected candidates crossing professional boundaries and sending inappropriate messages at odd hours. She called it a "regular occurrence". "Let's be clear, rejection is a chance for growth, not an invitation to overstep. My phone number is solely for professional communication. As professionals,

you're here to build your careers, if not then at least strive to be respectful human beings who value others' boundaries and time," she wrote.

One of the job-seekers called her the "most beautiful girl in the world", pleading with her not to get "angry". In a series of messages, the man reminded her, "You took my interview" adding, "You are so beautiful that I haven't been able to forget you ever since."

Screenshots show how the man messaged the HR professional repeatedly despite not receiving any response from her. He called her at least five times in a row and even requested

to hear her voice for a second or two.

"I am just asking," he said.

Another screenshot shows a man sending love poetry to Harshita after being rejected for a job. When asked for feedback, Harshita said, "Need improvement. Not fit for us." Soon after the rejected candidate started sending her love poems hinting that he could not live without her.

It doesn't end there. Another candidate first asked for a second chance to share a revised resume or "proper CV". He even asked for the years of experience required for the role. But within minutes, he changed the course of

the conversation and went on to pass lewd remarks on her physical appearance.

"You were looking hawwt that day!" he texted, adding that he had not been able to "sleep or wake up" since he saw her.

Harshita shared screenshots without hiding mobile numbers to "expose" the offenders.

"I'm committed to maintaining a respectful and calm demeanor, even in the face of inappropriate behavior. Don't mistake this for my weakness," she wrote, adding that people who cannot maintain "even a basic level of professionalism have already failed.

"Glorification Of Crime": HC Slams Punjab For Lawrence Bishnoi Jail Interview

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Mafia boss Lawrence Bishnoi's interview in September 2022 - to a private channel while, supposedly, incarcerated in jail - was red-flagged, again, by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday.

The court today reprimanded the Punjab government for failing to follow its August 2024 order, which directed disciplinary action against senior officers who facilitated Bishnoi's interview.

The court had also warned the ruling AAP against making "scapegoats" of junior officers.

Expressing concern over a possible criminal conspiracy between Punjab cops - seven were finally suspended last week - and the gangster Bishnoi, the court also ordered a fresh investigation, to be conducted by a three-member team led by Human Rights Commission chief Prabodh Kumar.

The interview, the court said, was "an apparent jail security breach" and the extended time taken for the cops to submit "an inconclusive report" - over eight months - was also flagged.

A bench of Justice Anupinder Singh and Lapita Banerji pointed out five of the seven suspended officers were of a junior rank - only two officers of Deputy Superintendent-rank, Gursheer Singh and Sammer Vaneet were penalised, and noted the cops "allowed the criminal to use electronic device(s) and provided a

studio-like facility for the interview, which tends to glorify crime..." Involvement of senior cops suggests "illegal gratification from the criminal..." the court said.

The court was also irked by copies of the interview resurfacing online despite a December order that it be removed from all social media platforms.

"These interviews are stated to have garnered over 12 million views. It would have an adverse impact upon youngsters with impressionable minds. Punjab is a border state and any deterioration in law and order or increase in crime could affect national security," the court said.

Copies of the interview resurfaced online after the October 13 murder of Maharashtra politician Baba Siddiqui, who was a member of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's NCP faction.

The court noted that in the interview Bishnoi - "involved in 71 cases in the State of Punjab and convicted in four cases, which includes offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (which is the anti-terror law)" - was "justifying target killings and his criminal activities".

"He has reiterated and justified (his) threat to a film actor," the court noted, referring to death threats to Bollywood star Salman Khan that have made headlines over the past months.

Jagan Reddy's Mother Sides With Sister Sharmila, Party Calls Her "Biased"

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Amid YSR Congress chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's dispute with his sister and Congress leader YS Sharmila over an inheritance worth crores, their mother YS Vijayamma has written an open letter, putting her weight behind Ms Sharmila and saying that it's her "duty to speak up for the unfairly treated child".

In response, the YSR Congress Party released an open letter, saying "mother has not been neutral". The Jagan Reddy-led party said Vijayamma backed Sharmila and the Con-

gress before and after the Andhra Pradesh Assembly polls. In the state polls held earlier this year, YSRCP suffered a rout and Jagan Reddy lost power to arch-rival, TDP's N Chandrababu Naidu. The YSRCP said YS Sharmila joined the party that had put Jagan Reddy in jail. She wrote that Sharmila was not involved in the family business but worked selflessly in politics on Jagan Reddy's instructions. "Jagan's rise to power owes much to Sharmila's efforts. As a mother, all children are equal. It's painful to see injustice done to one child. As a mother, it's my

duty to speak up for the unfairly treated child," Vijayamma wrote. She said it is "deeply painful" for her to watch these events unfold. "My late husband, Rajasekhara Reddy, our children, and I were a happy family. I'm unable to comprehend why our family is facing such difficulties. Despite my efforts to stop it, unfortunate events are unfolding before my eyes," she wrote. Vijayamma slammed baseless claims being spread about her family and said this must stop. "It's not good for my children, nor for the state. I hesitated to bring this up, but the situation demands

it. I implore those who have spoken wrongly about our family to cease."

"Blood is thicker than water. My children will answer for themselves. I trust in God, who will provide solutions to their problems," she wrote.

Dismissing claims that YSR distributed his assets among his children while he was alive, she wrote, "YSR had transferred some assets to my younger daughter, Sharmila's name, and some to my son, Jagan's name, while he was alive. That's not dividing assets; it's just allocating them."

YS Rajasekhara Reddy, chief minister of undivided

Andhra Pradesh and a popular Congress leader, died in a helicopter crash in 2009.

"YSR's wish was for his children to have equal shares, and that's the truth. Jagan worked hard to grow our assets, but all assets belong to the family," Vijayamma wrote.

"After YSR's untimely passing in 2009, Jagan and Sharmila lived together until 2019. Jagan gave Sharmila 200 crores from his share as per their agreement. According to the MoU, Jagan would get 60%, and Sharmila 40%. However, before the MoU, they shared equal dividends since Sharmila had

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.



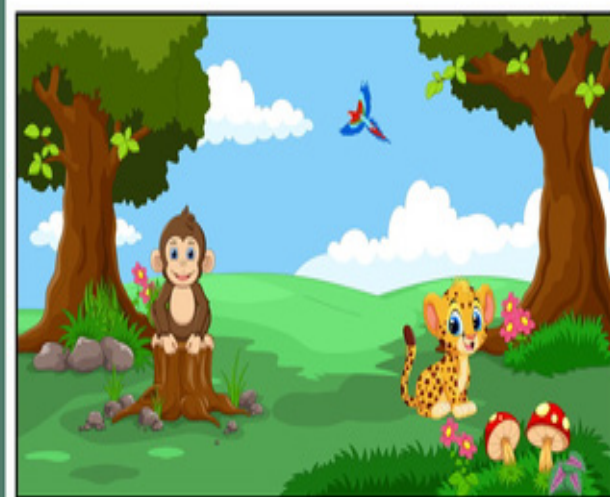
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“O Alah, i haven't worshiped you because of lusting of heaven or fearing of hill. I've worshiped you because you deserve to be worshiped.”

Spot The Difference: sudoku puzzles



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3rd Test: India struggles at 86/4 as Jadeja, Sundar bowl out NZ for 235

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Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill shared a half-century partnership but India wasted the opportunity to end Day 1 of the third Test at 86/4 after Ravindra Jadeja claimed his 14th five-wicket haul and Washington Sundar bagged a four-fer to bowl out New Zealand for 235 at the Wankhede Stadium here on Friday.

Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill had shared a half-century partnership for the second wicket, with the Mumbai open-



er surviving some anxious moments and scoring 30 off 52 balls, hitting four boundaries. He and Gill added 53 runs for the second wicket before Jaiswal fell to Ajaz Patel, getting bowled while attempting a reverse sweep. India's troubles compounded when nightwatchman Mohd Siraj was

trapped LBW by Patel for a golden duck and Virat Kohli ran himself out for four. At stump, Shubman Gill was batting on 31 with Rishabh Pant on 1 as India dug themselves into a hole.

Playing on home turf, opener Jaiswal and skipper Rohit Sharma survived some anxious overs before

India lost their first wicket with 25 runs on the board. Rohit, who was put down by William O'Rourke near the fine-leg boundary, was caught by his counterpart off a thick edge as he shaped up to play defensively to a length ball just outside off-stump by Matt Henry. Rohit scored a run-a-ball 18, hitting three boundaries.

Jaiswal, who was beaten off successive balls by O'Rourke in the fourth over, struck Glenn Phillips for back-to-back boundaries on the leg-side as he and Shubman Gill took

India past fifty surviving some testing moments. The absence due to injuries of Tim Southee and Michell Santner was in their favour as Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips and Ish Sodhi could not make a breakthrough.

Gill, who survived a chance as an edge off his bat struck keeper Tom Blundell on the helmet, struck Ajaz Patel for back-to-back fours and jumped out to hammer Phillips for a fine six. He and Jaiswal reached fifty of their second wicket partnership off 58 balls.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 Review: Vidya Balan And Madhuri Dixit Are Never Out Of Step With The Spirit Of The Film



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There is something intrinsically and inevitably amusing in even the most frightening of ghost stories if the anything-goes on-screen antics of spectral apparitions are taken in the right spirit. That explains why horror-comedies usually have a such a committed constituency. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, for all its flaws, is unlikely to face a dearth of takers this Diwali weekend.

The film may not be as spooky as all-out horror flicks are supposed to be - and that certainly isn't for want of trying - but its unbridled lunacy and spontaneous comic energy more than make up for what it lacks as a movie that is seeking to scare the audience out of their wits.

Like the first two films, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, mispronounces Manjulika in a variety of different ways and degrees and gets away with it. That is one guessing game that this critic has always played with the entries of the franchise. Each time the name of the alleged vengeful phantom is mentioned, it sounds different. Nobody seems to have ever bothered to figure out what the right enunciation should be. In the third instalment, as in the past, the audience is asked to spot who, what and where Manjulika is. It isn't until the very end of the film that the secret is revealed and it isn't what we expect it to be. In that regard, Bhool Bhulaiyaa does catch us by surprise.

The mispronunciation of a proper noun is but a minor drawback in a film that thinks nothing of

indulging in a merciless mutilation of the Bengali language. The onslaught never stops because every character in the plot has a shot at it and comes up way, way short of phonetic accuracy. But for large swathes of the film's audience that drawback will hardly matter.

Apart from Aami je tomaar, which is of course a musical leitmotif that has survived all these years, one of the characters in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 hums the Tagore song Aami chini go chini tomare ogo bideshini without anybody around bothering to reveal the provenance of the number.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, is wildly erratic in quality but notwithstanding its many obvious failings, it is way better than any of the hyper-masculine actioners that open in our multiplexes (and on the streaming platforms) week after week and revel in glorifying insatiable bloodlust expressed through innumerable means. Give us the harmless silliness of the BB3 kind any day. It does not do as much harm as big screen violence does.

After a brief prelude in which we see a dancer turn into an angry ghost after being dragged away mid-performance from a royal court and burnt at the stake in a part of Bengal two centuries ago, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, scripted by Aakash Kaushik (who co-wrote the previous instalment as well) and helmed by returning director Anees Bazmee, wastes no time at all in plunging into the mad, mad, mad world of 'ghostbuster' Ruhaan (Kartik Aaryan).

Anil Kapoor Spends Diwali On The Set Of Subedaar With 300 Crew Members, Says "Worth Staying Away From Home"

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Veteran actor Anil Kapoor, who recently began filming his upcoming OTT action drama Subedaar, celebrated the festival of lights on set and explained why staying away from home on the occasion was a worthwhile experience. On Friday, he shared a series of images capturing the festive moments with the Subedaar team. Sharing the images, he wrote in the caption, "Chaliye is Diwali ki kahaani sunte hain... Is baar Diwali ghar se door zaroor hai, par apno se door nahi. Iss ghar mein mere 300 apne rehte hain aur hum sab aapke liye ek sensational kahaani banana mein din raat ek kar rahe hain. Thank you to the entire crew for choosing us as your family this year :) Can't thank you enough."



The actor added, "Let's make a story that we can all be proud of, a story that's worth staying away from home for. SUBEDAAR TAIYYAR! Happy Diwali!" In one of the shared pictures, Anil Kapoor is seen wearing a black kurta pyjama as he lights a phuljhadi, a traditional sparker. Other images

show him posing with Team Subedaar. Recently, the makers shared a picture on Instagram to announce the filming of Subedaar. The snap features Anil Kapoor exhibiting an angry expression while firmly holding the hand of another person whose face was not revealed. "From the

frontlines to the hometown - a fauji never backs down! Subedaar, Now Filming," read the side note.

Anil Kapoor will be slipping into the shoes of Subedaar Arjun Singh in the film. Radhikka Madan will play his daughter Shyama. Directed by Suresh Triveni, Subedaar is bankrolled by Anil Kapoor, Suresh Triveni and Vikram Malhotra under the banners of Anil Kapoor Film & Communication Network Pvt. Ltd, Abundantia Entertainment and Opening Image. The script is penned by Suresh Triveni and Prajwal Chandrashekar.

The movie will be released on Prime Video. Anil Kapoor, who recently completed 40 years in the film industry was last seen hosting the third season of the reality show Bigg Boss OTT.

Chess prodigy from Kolkata makes history

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In a country that has consistently produced chess world champions and Grand Masters of the extraordinary kind, a three years, eight months and 19 days lad from Kaikhali in north Kolkata has pipped the best of them. On an epoch-making Friday, Anish Sarkar became the youngest rated chess player in the game's history. Building on his fascination for making moves and strategies as a toddler, Anish has embarked on a journey that has amazed the finest of GMs.

Born on India's Republic Day in 2021, Anish made his debut in competitive chess with the West Bengal

state Under-9 Open as a bundle of talent in October. It was not a mere appearance as he logged an overwhelming 5.5 out of the maximum points to finish at an envious No. 24 in the overall standings. His extraordinary flair for matching wits with his more experienced opponents across the board will be vouched by two rated players - Arav Chatterjee and Ahilaan Baishya, whom he defeated along the way.

Such was his poise and talent that he got an opportunity to play against India No. 1 and World No. 4 Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi in a simultaneous exhibition match during the Bengal rapid rating open. A week later, Anish, born



into a lower middle-class family to parents for whom chess was Greek and Latin, demonstrated

his skills in the West Bengal state u-13 open, where he faced older and experienced players. This

championship was a vital step in his journey, meeting the requirement of facing five rated players, ultimately earning him an initial FIDE rating of 1555, which was updated on Thursday.

In doing so, he surpassed the previous record standing in the name of Tejas Tiwari, who had become the youngest FIDE-rated player at five years, said India's second GM and his coach Dibyendu Barua. "He reminds me of Mitrabha Guha (who became a GM at 20). Anish certainly has the potential but he has a long way to go," Barua, director of Dhanuka Dhunseri Dibyendu Barua Chess Academy, said.

Anish's emergence comes during a par-

ticularly exciting era in chess, with young talents like Erigaisi, R. Praggnanandhaa, and D. Gukesh sparkling on the international firmament. Recently, India celebrated a historic double-gold triumph at the Chess Olympiad in both the open and women's categories. What makes for a wonderful sight is that during tournaments, Anish sits on a stack of chairs just to reach the chessboard. In one video, Anish is seen playing against three GMs, including Barua and Surya Sekhar Ganguly, while balancing on the chairs, playfully pinches his cheek. "We've put him in a special group, where he trains for seven to eight hours. Sometimes,

he even comes to my house to play. Once he sits down at the board, he simply won't get up. His focus is truly astounding," points out Barua. "We introduced him to different YouTube channels, including cartoons like Peppa Pig, but he was only drawn to chess videos," his mother said. "By January, his interest had grown, and he would watch those videos endlessly. I bought him a chess set thinking that it was safe for him to handle even if I couldn't supervise him closely. Since he was already good with numbers and counting, chess quickly became his favourite. That's when we decided to place him under the guidance of Dibyendu Sir," recalls the mother, who prefers to

stay anonymous for now. "I would rather avoid the limelight at this stage. This is his moment, and he deserves to be the one in focus. We'll be happy to share our names when he becomes a GM," she said. Although she holds a master's degree, she chose to be a housewife to support her son. So who is his idol? "He absolutely loves watching GothamChess on YouTube, but his real hero is Magnus Carlsen," his mother says with a smile. In what could be a major morale-booster to the rising young prodigy, Barua said that they are trying to field him in the upcoming Tata Steel Kolkata Chess where Carlsen has confirmed his participation.

Indiramma is not a individual ,she is a history - TPCC spokesperson Dr. Satyam Srirangam

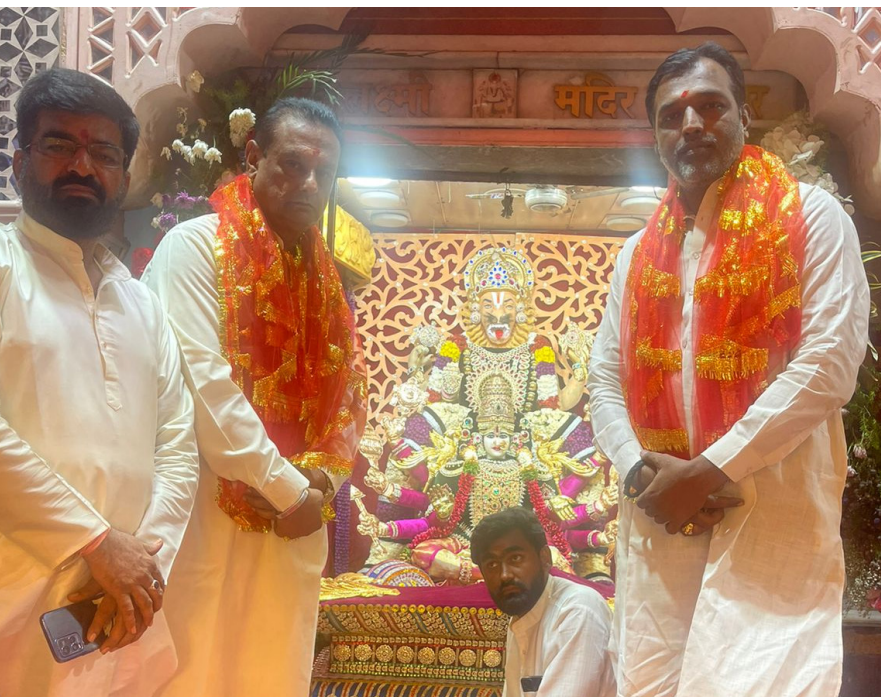
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On the occasion of the death anniversary of India's first woman Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna Mrs. Indira Gandhi, TPCC spokesperson Dr. Satyam Srirangam. On this occasion, - said that Indira Gandhi is memorable as a mother for the people of this country who made many reforms in democracy and took decisions of public interest. Be it agriculture, economy or military power, Mrs. Indira Gandhi's efforts



as an example by the youth of this country. In this program, A block president P. Nagireddy, Kukat Palli former Presidents Sheri Satish Reddy, OBC Chairman Tumu Santosh, Tumu Vinay, Karke Pentiah, Divisions Presidents Moinuddin, Tammeneni Praveen, Narasimha Yadav, Kamc Vice Chairman Prakash Mudiraj, Director Pasha, Tumu Kondal, Akbar, MD Nazir, Jojomma, Bharatamma, Karremma, Venkata Swamy and Kanakaiah were present in a large scale of Congress Party workers.

BJP's corporator shri Rakesh Jaiswal made a darshan Bhagya



BJP's senior leader and jambagh division corporator shri Rakesh Jaiswal Today made a darshan priest offered the Pooja's and Took Blessings Of Sri BHAGYALAXMI MATA Of Charminar, In this visiting Nitin Jaiswal Also Seen in the picture

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Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple Celebrates Diwali Amavasya with Special Pujas and Food Donation Program

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On the auspicious occasion of Diwali Amavasya, a special puja ceremony was held at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple in New Boinapally Bapujinagar, organized by the temple committee. The event, conducted with utmost devotion, highlighted the spiritual significance of Amavasya, marking it as a time when Goddess Lakshmi is revered for her grace and compassion.

The ceremony witnessed the presence of prominent dignitaries and community leaders. Temple committee chairman and former Vice Presidents, including Jampana Pratap, presided over the proceedings. They were joined by Boinpally Circle Inspector (CI) Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, Prakash Bhatia, Founder of the Human Foundation, and Dr. Nandakishore, MD of VR Hospital. Each of them actively participated in the special puja, seeking blessings from the goddess for peace, prosperity, and wellbeing for the community.

Following the puja, a food



donation program was organized, aimed at providing meals to the underprivileged. The event emphasized the spirit of sharing and compassion that Diwali represents, spreading warmth and support to those in need. Speaking on the occasion, Jampana Pratap expressed the importance of worshipping Goddess Lakshmi with dedication on Diwali Amavasya. He highlighted that this day holds great significance as it is believed the goddess bestows her compassion upon devotees who seek her blessings with sincerity.

Several members of the temple committee were also present and took an active role in organiz-

ing the event. Notable attendees included Durgayya, Ajith Kalyan, Prem Mudiraj, Jahangir Goud, Born Narsimha, Rama Rao, Narender, and Srikanth, among others. Their collective efforts made the event a meaningful celebration, fostering a sense of unity and devotion within the community.

The ceremony and food donation program at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple provided an opportunity for the community to come together, pray, and give back, underlining the true essence of Diwali. The event concluded on a positive note, leaving devotees and attendees with a renewed sense of devotion and purpose.

Telangana govt allots 211 acre land for central tribal university worth Rs 10 cr

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The Telangana government on Friday, November 1, allotted 211 acres and 26.5 guntas land to establish the campus for Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University, in Mulugu, free of cost.

According to the government order, the state government is giving away its land to the proposed campus in Mulugu.



The basic value of the land that is being allotted to the central university is Rs 3,37,500 per acre and

the prevailing market value is Rs 5,00,000 per acre. The total land value 211 acre and 26.5 guntas is Rs 10,58,31,250.

Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University (SSCTU), is currently working under the mentorship of the University of Hyderabad.

The university was established in 2023, after the Indian Parliament passed the bill to set up a central tribal university in the Mulugu district of Telangana. The construction of permanent buildings is ongoing, which would span over 335 acres of

land.

The academics of the newly set up university is currently being overseen by the University of Hyderabad (UoH). The university is currently offering Bachelor courses in English and Economics in the current academic year. It aims to set up 11 departments and offer various UG, PG and doctoral courses shortly.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Celebrates Diwali with Students at BC Gurukul in Karimnagar

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Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar visited Sharma Nagar BC Gurukul in Karimnagar on the occasion of Diwali, celebrating the recent increase in diet and cosmetic charges for students.

During the festivities, Minister Prabhakar cut a cake with students and expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister for approving the revised charges. The diet charges have risen from Rs. 950 to Rs. 1,330 for students in grades 3 to 7, and from Rs. 1,100 to Rs. 1,540 for those in grades 8 to 10. For students from Intermediate to Postgraduate levels, the charges increased from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,100. Additionally, cosmetic charges for girls in grades 3 to 7 rose from Rs. 55 to Rs. 175,



while those for grades 8 to 10 increased from Rs. 75 to Rs. 275. Boys in grades 3 to 7 saw their charges go from Rs. 62 to Rs. 150, and those in grades 8 to 10 from Rs. 62 to Rs. 200.

Prabhakar emphasized that it had been a decade since the last increase in these charges, despite rising market prices. He credited his role as a student leader and the support of the Chief

Minister and Deputy Chief Minister for this significant adjustment.

The event was attended by several local leaders, including Library Committee Chairman Sathu Mallesh and Jagityal Municipal Chairman, along with RCO Anjali and Principal Venu-gopal.

In his address, Prabhakar outlined further initiatives, including the planned deve-

lopment of sports facilities and integrated buildings to support student athletes. He urged local MLAs and MLCs to visit Gurukul hostels in their constituencies and address the issues raised by students.

Prabhakar also mentioned that 50% of the rent for Gurukuls operating in private buildings should be paid, noting that only 320 out of 1,020 buildings are government-owned. He called for the prompt resolution of outstanding rent issues, emphasizing the government's commitment to improving infrastructure for the BC, SC, ST, and minority communities.

With 7.65 lakh individuals benefiting from these initiatives, Prabhakar reassured attendees of the government's financial stability, highlighting efforts to streamline payments for staff and facilities.

SHORT TAKES

Telangana Raj Bhavan Celebrates Foundation Day of Eight States and Five Union Territories

MP Etala Rajender Performs Special Pooja at Charminar Mandir

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The Raj Bhavan in Telangana hosted a grand celebration on November 1 to mark the Foundation Day of eight states and five Union Territories as part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative. The event took place in the Samskruthi Hall and was graced by the Honorable Governor of Telangana, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, who served as the Chief Guest. November 1 is recognized nationally as the Foundation Day for Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana,



Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, and Tamil Nadu, along with the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry. Governor Varma extended his heartfelt greetings to the

residents of these regions, highlighting the importance of cultural and student exchange programs under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative. He emphasized the unifying power of music and dance in bridging language and cultural gaps, fostering a deeper sense

of national integration. The Governor also praised the artists for their engaging performances that enhanced the celebration. Attendees enjoyed a diverse array of culinary offerings that showcased the rich flavors and unique food heritage of the eight

states and five Union Territories. The cultural program featured a variety of performances, including: Kuchipudi dance by Padmasri Padmaja Reddy and troupe from Andhra Pradesh Thiruvathira and Mohiniyattam from Kerala Haryanvi folk dance from Haryana Gadag Kala Tanda folk dance from Karnataka Bhangra and traditional martial arts Veena recital by Kumari Keerthivasini and Bharatanatyam performances by Baby S. Sai Sahasra Vani and Kumari R. Sri Rakshitha

The event was attended by notable figures, including Principal Secretary to the Governor Shri B. Venkatesham, IAS; Smt. Tejdeep Kaur Menon, IPS (Retd.); Sri V.C Sajjanar, IPS MD TGRTC; Joint Secretary Shri J. Bhavani Shankar; and other senior officials from Raj Bhavan, alongside delegates representing the eight states and five Union Territories. This celebration not only honored the diverse cultural tapestry of India but also reinforced the bonds of unity and togetherness among its states and territories.

Etala Rajender, Member of Parliament from Malkajgiri, visited the iconic Charminar to perform a special pooja at the shrine of Goddess Bhagalakshmi. This visit underscores Rajender's devotion and commitment to the community, as such rituals are deeply rooted in cultural and spiritual significance. The Charminar area, renowned for its rich heritage, serves as a reminder of the enduring connection between public figures and local traditions.

Traffic diversions in view of Sadar Utsav Mela on Sat, Sunday

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In view of the Sadar Utsav Mela, which will be celebrated at YMCA, Narayanaguda between 7 pm on Saturday and 3 am on Sunday, the Hyderabad Traffic Police will divert traffic at following places and routes:

- Ramkoti towards YMCA, Narayanaguda will be diverted at Kachiguda X Road towards Tourist Junction.
- Lingampalli X Road towards YMCA, Narayanaguda will be diverted at

Kachiguda X Road towards Bata X Road.

- Old MLA Quarters and Cemetery towards YMCA will be diverted at Vittalwadi X Road towards Ramkoti X Road.
- Vittalwadi X Road towards Rajmohalla chilla will be diverted at Padmashali Bhavan towards Ramkoti X Road.
- RTC X Road and Crown Café towards YMCA will be diverted at Narayanaguda X Road towards Himayathnagar Y junction.
- Narayanaguda X road towards RBVRR college will be diverted at Baba Tent

House towards Crown Café.

- Traffic from Bagh Lingampally Colony towards YMCA will be diverted at Reddy College Junction towards Baba Tent House.
- Barkathpura chaman towards YMCA will be diverted at Post office Jn. towards Crown Café.
- Lingampally X Road and bylanes of Lingampally colony towards RBVRR college will be diverted at Matha Temple towards Post office junction
- Traffic from Kachiguda X road and Tourist Junction towards Post office Jn. will

be diverted at Lingampally X Road towards Tourist Jn and Kachiguda X Road respectively.

RTC Buses Diversion:

- RTC Buses coming from Chilakalaguda X Road towards Koti (DM&HS) via Narayanaguda X Road and YMCA may take the route from RTC X Road - VST - Baghlingampally - Crown Café - TY Mandali - Barkathpura Chaman - Tourist Junction - Kachiguda X Road - Bata X Road - Koti (DMHS).
- RTC Buses coming from Ashok Nagar X Road towards Koti via Street No. 9

- Himayath Nagar Y Junction - Old MLA Quarters - Cemetery - YMCA may take the route from Street No. 9 - Narayanaguda X Road - Crown Café - TY Mandali - Barkathpura Chaman - Tourist Junction - Kachiguda X Road - Bata X Road - Koti (DMHS).

Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Hyderabad, P Viswa Prasad urged people to call police helpline 9010203626 in case they face any inconvenience.

Hyderabad cab drivers boycott Uber demanding fair fares, ban on pvt vehicles

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Under the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union (TGPWU), Hyderabad cab drivers working for Uber have initiated a boycott against the ride-hailing service. This campaign is a response to the growing dissatisfaction among drivers with app-based platforms that, without transparent pricing policies, reduce

their earnings. The Hyderabad cab drivers put forward two demands which include Uniform Fares and Transparent Policies as they are calling for Uber to introduce a fair pricing structure that guarantees consistent and sustainable earnings. Further, the drivers demand a ban on private vehicles, particularly 2 and 4-wheelers with white number plates, that operate as taxis

without the necessary commercial registration. The TGPWU is urging the government of Telangana to intervene by enforcing appropriate regulations and collaborating with the union to develop a state-run ride-hailing app that would prioritize fair practices, promote driver welfare, and ensure safer services for passengers.

BRSV Leaders meet Harish rao, Extended Dewali wishes



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In celebration of Diwali, BRSV GHMC Coordinator Mir Qurram Ali, along with Dilip Reddy, BRSV OU President, and BRS Senior Youth Leader Sai Teja, visited former Minister and siddipet MLA Harish Rao at his residence. The group extended their warmest wishes for the festive occasion, reflecting the spirit of unity and celebration within the community.

Bengali Devotees Hold Grand Kali Puja Procession at Charminar



A large gathering of Bengali devotees participated in a grand procession for the Sarbojanin Sri Sri Shyama Kali Puja, organized by the Kalikam Bengali Association in Hyderabad. The procession, which traveled from Panjeshan to Charminar, was attended by notable guests including Dipanker Pal, President of Telangana Bengali Samiti; SHO Charminar PS, Chandra Sheker; and association leaders Santosh Poria (President), Mohitosh Jana (Vice President), Tapas Patra (Secretary), Susanta Kole, Krishna G Manna, Santu Pokhira, among others. The event celebrated cultural devotion with a spirited display around the historic Charminar.

Food Secretary of India meets civil supplies min Uttam Reddy

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Sanjeev Chopra IAS, secretary, department of food and public distribution, government of India, met Telangana civil supplies minister Nalamada Uttam Reddy on Friday, November 1 at Hyderabad. During the meeting, the state civil supplies minister and the food secretary discussed various aspects of procurement and public distribution and made a potential road map for further improvements to the public distribution system (PDS) of the state. Sanjeev Chopra, during his maiden visit to the state, visited Jan Poshan Kendra, working under SMART FPS Scheme, the fair price shop no 819 located at AG Colony



in Erragadda, Hyderabad. The food secretary reviewed the details of products available, assessed consumer demand and verified various schemes on offer at the smart PDS shop. After inspecting the quality of the rice and wheat sold at the fair price shop, the food secretary also interacted with ration card beneficiaries, who expressed satisfaction about their receiving entitled quantity and quality ration on time.

The food and public distribution chief also visited the office of the commissioner of civil supplies. The principal secretary of the civil supplies department of Telangana, DS Chauhan made a detailed presentation to the food secretary, on systemic changes brought about in various aspects of paddy procurement in Telangana. The principal secretary sought support from the Union government in certain aspects for further improvements and strengthening of the system. Assuring the Union government's support, the food secretary also appreciated the efforts being made by Telangana in streamlining paddy procurement and said that it could be replicated by other states in India.

Hyderabad CP holds meeting with Central Peace Committee to discuss sensitive religious issues

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Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand held an interaction with the Central Peace and Welfare Committee from all zones of the city to discuss recent sensitive religious issues in the city. Vikram Singh Mann, Additional CP, L&O, Hyderabad and Chairman of the Central Peace and Welfare Committee; P Viswa Prasad, Additional Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Hyderabad; other

officials and 350 members of the peace committee participated in the meeting. Unanimously condemning any disturbances caused by certain individuals, the participants emphasised the necessity for respectful dialogue among communities. A commitment was made to enhance communication channels between communities and law enforcement to ensure prompt and effective resolution of grievances. Additionally, plans were proposed for community engagement

initiatives aimed at fostering understanding and cooperation among different religious groups. The committee highlighted the importance of preventive measures, including educational programmes designed to promote tolerance and respect for diversity. They also discussed strategies to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of misinformation and rumors that can escalate tensions within the community