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### SHORT TAKES

#### President Murmu on two-day visit to Telangana from Thursday



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President Droupadi Murmu will be on a two-day visit to Telangana beginning Thursday, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said. Murmu will grace the 'Koti Deepotsavam-2024' in Hyderabad on November 21, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a statement issued on Wednesday. "On November 22, the President will deliver inaugural address at the Lokmanthan-2024 at Hyderabad," it said.



TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu met BRS Working President KTR at his Nandhinagar residence and presented him with Lord Venkateshwara's prasadam. KTR reciprocated by gifting a memento of the deity to the Chairman.

## Maharashtra records 65% voter turnout



People wait in queues to cast their votes at a polling booth during the Maharashtra Assembly elections.

## Exit Polls Predict BJP-led Alliances' Victory in Maha, Jharkhand

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Several exit polls on Wednesday gave a clear edge to the BJP-led alliances in Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly polls while some put the Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition ahead in the western state. Axis MyIndia was the only one to predict victory for the Congress-JMM alliance in Jharkhand with 53 seats out of 81 as against only 25 for BJP-led NDA and three seats for others. Exit polls were out soon after the close of polling in Maharashtra and the

second phase of voting in Jharkhand, predicting victory of the BJP-led Mahayuti government in Maharashtra and the NDA in Jharkhand. In the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, 145 is the majority mark while it is 41 in the 81-member Jharkhand Assembly. The BJP-Shiv-Sena-NCP alliance is in power in Maharashtra while JMM-Congress is ruling in Jharkhand. Counting of votes would take place on November 23 for the single-phase Maharashtra election held on Wednesday and the two-phased

voting in Jharkhand on November 13 and 20. While the Matriz exit poll conducted in a tie-up with several news organisations predicted 150-170 seats for the BJP and allies in Maharashtra with a 48 per cent vote share, it gave the Congress and other allies only 110-130 seats with a vote share of 42 per cent. The poll gave others 8 to 10 seats, with a vote share of 10 per cent. In Jharkhand, the Matriz Exit poll predicted 42-47 seats for NDA and 25-30 seats for the INDIA bloc and gave 0-4 seats to others.

## CM Revanth unveils projects worth Rs 602 cr in Vemulawada

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inaugurated development projects worth Rs 602.19 crore during his visit to the Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy

temple in Vemulawada, Rajanna Sircilla district, on Wednesday. The Chief Minister began his visit by offering prayers and performing Kode Mokku to the temple's presiding deities. He later participated in the Praja

Palana-Praja Vijayotsava Sabha, organised under the leadership of Government Chief Whip and Vemulawada MLA Aadi Srinivas at the Gudicheruvu ground. During the event, he inaugurated several completed projects

and laid foundation stones for others through virtual mode. These projects include the construction of Indiramma houses worth Rs 236 crore for families displaced by the Mid Manair Dam (MMD) reservoir, additional

blocks for the Government Medical College at Rs 166 crore, and the establishment of a Yarn Depot in Vemulawada with an allocation of Rs 50 crore. Other sanctioned works include Rs 47.85 crore for widening roads

from Mulawagu to Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple, Rs 42 crore for an Advanced Technical Centre (ATC) in Rudrangi mandal, Rs 28 crore for constructing a district police office building, Rs 1.45 crore for a district

library, Rs 4.8 crore for a working women's hostel, Rs 3.8 crore for drainage canal works in Vemulawada town, Rs 1.4 crore for a Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Veernapally- mandal, and Rs 5 crore for establishing a government

## Telangana largest producer of paddy in India: Uttam

Telangana leads the country in paddy production with 153 lakh metric tonnes cultivated across 66.7 lakh acres, according to irrigation minister and in-charge of the united Karimnagar district, Uttam Kumar Reddy. On Wednesday, Uttam Kumar, accompanied by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, attended a massive public meeting led by Government Chief Whip Aadi Srinivas at Gudicheruvu ground in Vemulawada, Rajanna Sircilla district.

Speaking at the event, Uttam Kumar expressed his happiness to visit the Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple as the in-charge minister of the united Karimnagar district and participate in its development initiatives. Highlighting the government's achievements, Uttam Kumar stated that the Congress government surpassed the expectations of BRS leaders by fulfilling poll promises, recruiting 50,000 youth within 11 months, and attracting significant

## PJTSAU VC, UGC Chair discuss NEP, campus development, and girls' hostel proposal

Hyderabad: Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University Vice Chancellor Prof. Aldas Janaiah met UGC Chairman Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar in New Delhi on

Wednesday. They discussed several issues related to National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and infrastructure development besides a new proposal of girls' hostel construction on the

campus. During the meeting, the UGC chairman clarified doubts raised on NEP and gave several inputs to reform the agricultural university in the State. He assured to support the

varsity especially to build a hostel block for girls on the university campus in Rajendra Nagar. Prof. Janaiah extended an invitation to Prof. Kumar to attend the upcoming university's



The interaction at the Cultural Center was memorable as young scouts and guides experienced the President's warmth. Four students, selected for their endurance and leadership, had the opportunity to meet the President.

## Tribal Farmers Allege Land Grab by Non-Tribals

Visakhapatnam: Tribal farmers of Panasalapadu in Rolugunta mandal of Anakapalli district have accused officials of transferring their agricultural lands in survey numbers 8-1, 6-9, and 6-1 to real estate developers without the consent of their rightful owners.

Gemila Chinnabbai of Panasalapadu alleged that former sarpanch of Ratnampet Tamatapu Satyanarayana, who is not an Adivasi, had colluded with other non-tribals and grabbed over 12 acres of agricultural lands of tribal people for real estate purposes.

## Jagan quotes CAG saying YSRC's AP debt only Rs 6.4 lakh crore Andhra Pradesh

Vijayawada: YSRC president and former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy criticised the budget presented by N. Chandrababu Naidu government, alleging it reveals organised crime behind Naidu's governance. Speaking to media here on Wednesday, he charged that the budget presentation exercise is an attempt to cover up the inefficiency of the NDA alliance government in implementing its super six and other poll promises. The former chief minister gave a detailed rebuttal of what he called "bundle of lies" by presenting figures ratified in the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports and tabled in the State Legislative Assembly. He said, "Firstly, Naidu, his associates and friendly media, in an orchestrated and organised manner, spread lies about AP's debt varying from Rs 10 lakh crore to Rs 14 lakh crore. But the actual document presented in the house and CAG report have mentioned the debt figure of only Rs 6.4 lakh crore." Jagan Mohan Reddy maintained that despite Covid, the YSRC government has shown more financial discipline than the 2014-19 Chandrababu Naidu regime, apart from better performance on many counts. He further pointed out that during 2014-19, the Naidu government had drawn Rs 28,457 crore above the FRBM limit, which negatively impacted the YSRC government that took over.

## 30 Students Sick from Food Poisoning in Narayanpet

In yet another case of food poisoning in government-run schools in the State, about 30 students of the Zilla Parishad High School in Maganoor mandal fell ill after consuming mid-day meals in the school in the afternoon on Wednesday.



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Around 30 students of Zilla Parishad High School in Maganoor mandal fell ill after consuming the mid-day meal on Wednesday afternoon. Four students, including an 8th-class student in critical condition, were transferred to Mahabubnagar Government Hospital for better treatment. Initially, a girl student showed severe symptoms but is now stable, according to authorities. Students complained of stomach aches and vomiting after consuming rice, sambar, and egg at 1 pm. School staff rushed the students to the local

hospital, and nine students were further shifted to Maktal Government Hospital. Parents accused the school of serving poor-quality eggs and meals, claiming that similar incidents had occurred previously. Maktal MLA Vakiti Srihari visited the affected students and vowed to take strict action against those responsible. District Medical Officer Dr. K. Sowbhagyaxmi reported that only 15 students were affected, with the majority now stable, except for the four serious cases. This marks the latest incident of food poisoning in government-run schools across the state.

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## Union Minister Kishan Reddy Watches 'The Sabarmati Report' Movie

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Union Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Development of North Eastern Region, G. Kishan Reddy, recently attended a screening of the movie 'The Sabarmati Report'. While details about the film's plot remain limited, it is expected to explore significant historical or social events related to the Sabarmati River and its surrounding region, an area with deep cultural and historical importance in India.

Reddy, known for his strong commitment to promoting India's rich cultural heritage, has consistently supported initiatives that highlight the nation's



historical narratives. His engagement with films such as 'The Sabarmati Report' aligns with the Ministry of Culture's efforts to preserve and showcase India's diverse legacy. While further information on the film's reception or content is awaited, official statements from the Ministry of Culture are expected to shed more light on the film's significance.

## AIMIM MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Reviews Water Supply, Resumes Development Work

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In a bid to address pressing water supply issues in his constituency, AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin convened a review meeting with water works area managers today at the Hakimpet Sana Hotel, which also serves as the AIMIM office for the Karwan Constituency. The meeting, which focused on assessing and resolving water-related challenges, comes as part of his ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and public services in the area.

Following the completion of recent election campaigning, MLA Mohiuddin has shifted his focus back to development work, prioritizing



key community needs such as water supply and infrastructure upgrades. His proactive approach aims to ensure that essential services are improved and more accessible to the residents of Karwan.

After the meeting, the MLA took a moment to relax with a long drive alongside his grandchildren, marking a brief pause before continuing his work for the betterment of the constituency.

## BRS leaders stage protest in front of Mahabubabad SP office demanding permission for dharna

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BRS Parliamentary Party Deputy Leader Vaviraju Ravichandra along with several party leaders staged a sit-in protest in front of the Mahabubabad Superintendent of Police camp office on Wednesday night seeking permission to hold a maha dharna to protest the attack on tribal, dalit and poor farmers.

The BRS had planned the Maha Dharna on Thursday at the Mahabubabad district headquarters, in which party working president KT Rama Rao was slated to take part. However, the SP, who agreed to sanction permission earlier, denied it in the last minute. The BRS leaders have been appealing to the police for the last two days for permission for the dharna, but the



authorities did not respond. Following this, the BRS leaders staged a protest in front of the Mahabubabad SP office on Wednesday, demanding immediate permission.

Party MLCs Thakkallapally Ravinder Rao, Satyavathi Rathod, Pochampally Srinivas Reddy, former MP Malothu Kavitha along with other senior BRS leaders took part in the protest and demanded the government to grant permission for the protest. They also demanded withdrawal of cases filed against farmers of Lagacherla.

## CM Revanth Reddy Leads Praja Palana – Praja Vijayotsavalu, Slams Opposition

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy participated in the "Praja Palana – Praja Vijayotsavalu" event in Vemulawada today, where he outlined several key initiatives and took aim at the opposition, particularly the ruling BRS party.

During his address, Reddy highlighted his visit to the Vemulawada Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple as part of his padayatra, reaffirming the state government's commitment to developing Vemulawada under the Indiramma housing scheme. He also pledged to resolve the issues faced by victims of the Mid Manair dam floods and assured the completion of the Kalikota Suramma project.

On the subject of unfinished projects, the CM reiterated that initiatives started during the previous Congress regime would be completed once Congress returned



to power. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy will review pending projects in the district by November 30, he confirmed.

The CM also spoke about Karimnagar's historical significance, noting that it was the birthplace of former Prime Minister PV Narsimha Rao, who led the country in a new direction. He recalled that Sonia Gandhi, during a public meeting in Karimnagar, had promised Telangana statehood, a commitment that she fulfilled. However, Reddy questioned

what the BJP had done for the district's development since their election victory, alleging they had failed to bring any funds for local projects.

Reddy also slammed Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR) for his governance, questioning why, despite spending Rs. 20 lakh crore over 10 years, the Vemulawada temple was not developed with an investment of Rs. 100 crore, and why the promised Package 9 remained incomplete.

Addressing the wel-

fare of Gulf workers, Reddy announced plans to establish a Gulf Board to provide support, including Rs. 5 lakh accident insurance for workers who die in the line of duty. He claimed that his government had achieved more in 10 months than KCR's administration had in 10 years.

The CM took aim at the BRS for its poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections, criticizing their claims despite being defeated. "What did they do for 10 years?" he questioned, accusing the

opposition of spreading misinformation about the farm loan waiver and promising a robust response in the upcoming assembly session.

Reddy also boasted about providing 50,000 jobs in his first 10 months in office and challenged the opposition to compare this with the BRS's record over the past decade. He cited the state's record harvest of 1 crore 53 lakh metric tonnes of paddy as evidence of the government's agricultural success, despite the failed Kalashwaram project.

In his address, Reddy also accused BRS leaders, particularly Finance Minister Harish Rao, of land encroachments and criticized KCR for not supporting industrial development in Telangana. He claimed that opposition groups were hindering land acquisition for local projects in his constituency and instigating violence against officials.

## MBBS student with OCD jumps off college building in Siddipet

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In a bid to end her life, a first year MBBS student of Surabhi Medical College jumped off the first floor of the college building on November 17.

The 19-year-old student, who left a suicide note, had said she was ending her life because she was not able to control her obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) despite taking medicines for seven years. However, the management of the college kept the entire

incident a secret, allegedly after a request by the student's parents. On Wednesday, when the police got information on the suicide attempt, Siddipet Three-Town police reached the medical college and enquired into the incident. The student, who sustained fracture injuries, was undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Hyderabad. Her condition was stated to be stable.

ACP Madhu said they would take appropriate action after enquiry.

## Telangana gets another deemed to be university

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Telangana has added another deemed to be university. The Union Ministry of Education has recently issued a gazette notification declaring Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, Suraram, Hyderabad, with seven units as an institution deemed to be university under distinct category.

Malla Reddy Institute of Pharmaceuticals Sciences, Malla Reddy College of Engineering for Women, Malla Reddy Institute of

Medical Sciences, Malla Reddy Medical College for Women, Malla Reddy Institute of Dental Sciences, Malla Reddy Dental College for Women and Malla Reddy College of Nursing are part of seven units. The status came with riders. The institution has been asked not to engage or indulge in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature. It has also been asked to get rating for courses by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) and valid accreditation by the National

Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The institute has been told not to confine only to presently new emerging areas but make endeavour to expand in other areas in accordance with the UGC regulations / guidelines as well as National Education Policy-2020. Presently, there are four institutions – Aurora Higher Education and Research, Chaitanya, ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education and IIT-Hyderabad – with the deemed to be university status in the State.

## 375th Urs-e-Sharif of Hazrat Syed Hasan Dule Shah Qadri (RA) Celebrated with Devotion at Bowenpally

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The 375th Urs-e-Sharif of Hazrat Syed Hasan Dule Shah Qadri (RA) was celebrated with deep reverence and devotion at the Muslim Board Crematorium in Bowenpally Pension Line. The event, organized by the Qader Jhanda Intejamiya Committee, attracted devotees from various backgrounds who gathered to honor the memory of the revered Sufi saint.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Jampana Pratap, former Vice President of the Cantonment Board, who attended as the



Chief Guest. He presented a sacred chadar (cloth) at the Dargah and offered prayers for communal harmony, peace, and prosperity. In his address, Pratap spoke about the significant spiritual and social contributions of Hazrat Syed Hasan Dule Shah Qadri (RA), urging the gathering to uphold the

saint's teachings of unity and service.

The event also saw the participation of several prominent figures, including: Safdar Hussain, President of the Qader Jhanda Intejamiya Committee; Sheikh Javid, Vice President; Abdul Kaleem, General Secretary

Abdul Sajid, Joint Secretary; Syed Awaiz, Treasurer; Hifjur Rahman, President of the Muslim Board. In keeping with the saint's message of compassion, a food donation program was organized to support the underprivileged. The initiative reflected the spirit of service to humanity that Hazrat Syed Hasan Dule Shah Qadri (RA) embodied.

The celebrations concluded with heartfelt prayers and supplications, seeking divine blessings for the well-being of the community and reinforcing the values of unity, peace, and faith.

## Drive against modified silencers, 55 bikers fined in Khammam

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As part of a special drive conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday by traffic police against the use of modified silencers on two-wheelers, penalties were imposed on 55 bike riders in Khammam city.

ACP (Traffic) Srinivasulu said that the special drive was conducted at the directions of Commissioner of Police Sunil Dutt as bikers riding Royal Enfield vehicles were using modified silencers after changing silencers installed by the manufacturer. A large number of bikers were resorting to that practice recently and creating loud noise while some were fitting their vehicles with horns that produce loud sound and causing noise pollution. Henceforth legal action would be taken by seizing the vehicles causing noise pollution, he said. On Tuesday as



many as 25 modified silencers were removed today and a fine of Rs.1,000 was imposed on each motorist. On Wednesday, around 30 modified silencers were removed and a Rs 1000 fine was imposed on each biker.

Those using modified silencers have to replace them with silencers provided by the company. Action would be taken against motorists if found with incorrect license and number plates, number plate tampering, the ACP said.

## You'll go to jail for Lagcherla conspiracy: CM Revanth to KTR



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Strongly criticising Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) chief K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and BRS working president K T Rama Rao (KTR) for attempting to obstruct the land acquisition for the proposed Pharma Village in Kodangal constituency, Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy warned that

KTR would "certainly go to jail" for allegedly conspiring to attack government officials in Lagcherla. "I'm just watching you run here and there to stop the land acquisition. But finally, you'll have to stop here. How far will you run?" Revanth asked, addressing a public meeting during the "Praja Palana Vajrotsavalu" held in Vemulawada temple

town, Rajanna-Sircilla district, on Wednesday, November 20. Revanth questions KCR Revanth Reddy also questioned KCR's actions, asking whether he had not acquired land for the construction of the Mallanna Sagar, Ranganayaka Sagar, Kondapochamma Sagar, and other reservoirs under the Kaleshwaram Project, which displaced thousands of farmers. He also pointed out the acquisition of 14,000 acres for the construction of Pharma City near Shamshabad Airport. He questioned how industries could be established without acquiring land for such purposes.

## Harish Rao Criticizes CM Revanth Over Unfulfilled Farmer Promises

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Former Telangana Minister T. Harish Rao launched a strong attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of failing to deliver on promises made to the people of the state, particularly farmers. Rao, speaking during his visit to the Kurumurthy Swamy temple in Mahabubnagar district on Wednesday, slammed the Congress government for its inability to implement key election commitments, leaving farmers and rural communities in distress. "Revanth Reddy is skilled at breaking promises and hurling abuses at those



who challenge him, but when it comes to fulfilling his vows to the people, he has done nothing," Harish Rao remarked. He emphasized that the plight of farmers remains unchanged, citing the Chief Minister's failure to honor the promises outlined in the Warangal Declaration. "Farmers are still suffering. Not a single promise has been fulfilled, and crucial schemes such as

production—rising to 1.59 crore metric tonnes from a meager 30 lakh metric tonnes at the time of Telangana's formation. Rao went on to criticize Revanth Reddy's remarks about former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, calling them inappropriate for someone in the position of Chief Minister. "Chandrashekar Rao has been a Kalpavruksha, a boon who has brought prosperity to Telangana, while Revanth Reddy offers only noise with no substance," Rao stated. Rao also raised concerns over the Congress government's mishandling of paddy procurement, accusing them of failing to protect farmers from exploitation by middlemen. "While the Congress touts crop loan waivers in Maharashtra, the reality in Telangana is very different. The crop loan waiver here remains incomplete, and loans for women have been stalled for the past eight months," he remarked. Confident in his party's future, Harish Rao predicted a resounding victory for the BRS in the upcoming elections, forecasting that the party would secure 100 seats. He expressed optimism that the people of Telangana were eager to "teach the Congress a lesson" for its unfulfilled promises.

## BRS leader Gadari Kishore slams Revanth Reddy, calls him 'incompetent' CM

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Launching a scathing attack on the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for his disparaging remarks against the BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao, BRS leader and former MLA Gadari Kishore called him the most incompetent Chief Minister the country had ever seen. Addressing a news conference, he questioned Revanth's ability to wipe out the name of KCR from the history of Telangana. He accused Revanth Reddy of being a "vote-for-note thief" and a person who has done nothing but chant KCR's name since morning. Kishore further alleged that Revanth Reddy's administration has led



to a situation where people are praying for his downfall within just one year of his rule. He criticized Revanth Reddy for his past actions, including firing at Telangana activists during the movement, and called him a "liar Chief Minister." He accused Revanth Reddy of deceiving farmers and all sections of society. According to Kishore, every meeting held by Revanth Reddy in the past year has involved criticizing KCR.

## Telangana govt providing ex-gratia of Rs 5L to kin of deceased Gulf workers: CM

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An ex-gratia of Rs five lakh is being provided to the families of Telangana natives who die while working in the Gulf countries, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said on Wednesday. State Congress NRI Cell convenor Manda Bheen Reddy said about 160 people from Telangana died in Gulf countries till date since December 7 last year. Addressing a public meeting in Rajanna Sircilla district as part of the Congress government's first anniversary celebrations, the CM said the government is considering setting up a special



board for the welfare of the 'Gulf workers'. He said a large number of youth from the Rajanna Sircilla and its neighbouring districts go to Gulf countries in search of livelihood. As part of welfare measures for the Gulf workers, the state government issued an order

in September for providing ex-gratia of Rs five lakh from December 7 last year when the Congress assumed office. Manda Bheen Reddy said 200 workers from Telangana die in Gulf countries on an average every year. The state government released Rs 6.45 crore last month and Rs one crore on Wednesday to provide ex-gratia to the legal heirs of deceased Gulf workers, he said. Besides ex-gratia, the government also decided to constitute an advisory committee to study Gulf workers' welfare and give priority to their children for admission in government residential schools.

## Siddipet Commissioner launches Abhaya mobile app



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Commissioner of Police Siddipet Dr B Anuradha launched the Abhaya mobile app in which the details of auto owners and drivers will be uploaded. Later, the autos will be given a QR code. By scanning the QR Code the citizens can get the details of everything regarding the vehicle and driver. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said that the department had launched the mobile application for the safety of the citizens who commute in autos. Along with the QR code, the owner's name and phone number will also be found on the sticker pasted inside every auto. Anuradha said that the police had completed the issuing of QR codes to 1,250 autos on the first day and they will cover all the autos soon.

## Brewers body urges Telangana govt to approve price hike for alcoholic beer

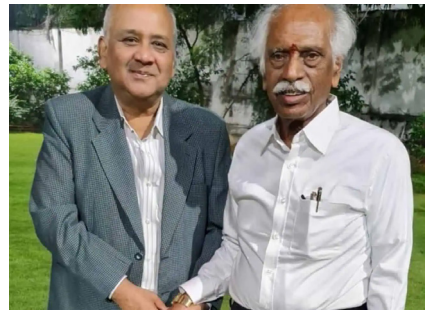
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The Brewers Association of India (BAI) representing major beer producers like United Breweries, AB InBev, and Carlsberg has urged the Telangana government to approve price increases for alcoholic beverages to offset inflation. In a letter to chief minister A Revanth Reddy, BAI director general Vinod Giri noted that the current prices allowed for beer suppliers are based on 2019 cost submissions despite production costs rising since then. He stressed that without an adjustment in prices operations in Telangana have become commercially unfeasible and future investments are no longer viable. While acknowledging that the association cannot speak for individual companies, Vinod Giri proposed a 35 to 40 percent average price increase to reflect the higher production costs. He also pointed out that beer prices in Telangana are currently 30-50 percent lower than in neighbouring states which is leading to losses for suppliers. A working paper titled "Revenue Mobilisation from Taxes on Alcoholic Beverages," published by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) reveals that Telangana ranks highest among Indian states for liquor spending, with the highest average annual per capita expenditure on alcoholic beverages at Rs 1,623.

## Dedicated commission on BC quota to hold public hearing in Warangal tomorrow

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The dedicated commission constituted to submit its report on BC reservations in local body elections will be holding a public hearing at the Warangal district collectorate on Thursday, November 21. The commission chaired by B Venkateshwara Rao received the opinions from political parties, BC



associations and intellectuals at the commission's office in Hyderabad on Wednesday, November 20.

Having completed touring five districts in the state, the dedicated commission will be conducting the public hearing for the undivided Warangal district on Thursday. Venkateshwara Rao has appealed to the people of Warangal to actively participate in the public hearing and give their valuable suggestions. Expressing happiness over the overwhelming response the commission was getting during its tour of dis-

## Telangana govt to hold free mock tests for TGPSC Group 2 exam candidates

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The department of minorities welfare in Telangana has announced free mock tests to support candidates preparing for the TGPSC Group 2 exam. The tests for the Group 2 exam will be held in various districts of Telangana under the supervision of district minority welfare officers. Candidates will have the opportunity to take part in two mock tests, each consisting of four papers that cover critical topics such as General Studies and General Abilities, History, Polity & Society, Economy and Development and Telangana Movement and State Formation. Applications for participation can be submitted until November 29. Registra-

tion is available at the Telangana minorities study circle office in Hyderabad as well as through the district minorities welfare officers' offices in each district. The Group 2 exam mock tests will be conducted in two sessions. Mock Test 1: December 2 Paper 1: 10:30 am to 01:00 pm Paper 2: 02:00 pm to 04:30 pm Paper 3: 10:30 am to 01:00 pm Paper 4: 02:00 pm to 04:30 pm December 3 Paper 1: 10:30 am to 01:00 pm Paper 2: 02:00 pm to 04:30 pm Mock Test 2: December 9 Paper 1: 10:30 am to 01:00 pm Paper 2: 02:00 pm to 04:30 pm Paper 3: 10:30 am to 01:00 pm

## Lagcherla violence: Telangana HC questions ex BRS MLA's arrest

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The Telangana High Court on Wednesday, November 20, questioned the arrest of former Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLA Patnam Mahendar Reddy in connection with the Lagcherla violence in Vikarabad district. It is to be noted that Reddy was arrested by the Telangana police following the violent protest against the proposed pharma city in Kodangal constituency in Vikarabad. While hearing the quash petition

filed by Reddy against his arrest and remand, the Telangana High Court reserved the judgment. The court questioned the need for arresting the former MLA like a terrorist and arresting him during a morning walk at KBR Park. The court pointedly asked the public prosecutor whether the former MLA was absconding and that such a high-handed approach was warranted. The court also noted a failure to adhere to Supreme Court guidelines during the arrest. It further pointed out discrepancies in the police report which described the injuries to police officers during the Lagcherla violence. While the police initially claimed serious injuries, subsequent reports mentioned. Defending the BRS leader's arrest, the public prosecutor alleged that Narendar Reddy was responsible for instigating the locals to attack the officials and for inciting unrest. He argued against quashing the remand order, stating that it would hamper the ongoing investigation.

## PM Modi Meets Caribbean Leaders At India-CARICOM Summit To Strengthen Ties

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has met with the top leaders of Caribbean nations on the margins of the India-CARICOM Summit here and discussed strengthening bilateral ties and enhancing cooperation across several key areas. The Prime Minister arrived in Guyana earlier in the day -- the first visit by an Indian head of the state to the country in more than 50 years. He met leaders of the Caribbean partner countries on Wednesday at the sidelines of the second India-Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Summit. "Had an excellent meeting with Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana.

The President himself enjoys a strong bond with India," PM Modi said in a post on X. The two leaders reviewed the bilateral developmental cooperation, including in sectors like skill development, capacity building, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, education and energy. "India will always be a trusted partner for Guyana in sectors like infrastructure, shipping, technology and more," he said, calling the Caribbean nation's support for initiatives like the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and Global Biofuels Alliance "noteworthy". He also met Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley.



"During the meeting, Prime Minister of Barbados announced the decision of her government to confer on the Prime Minister the Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados Award, recognising his leadership in assisting during the Covid-19 pandemic and commitment to India-Barbados ties," the Ministry of Exter-

nal Affairs said in a post on X. The award will be bestowed on November 30 in Barbados, it said. "This high-level engagement provided an opportunity for both leaders to reaffirm and strengthen the India-Barbados relationship while reviewing ongoing cooperation across several key areas, including health

& pharma and collaboration at the United Nations," it added. Prime Minister Modi also met his Bahamas counterpart Philip Davis and had a "fruitful" discussion focused on strengthening economic ties, climate change action and green partnerships. "The leaders also exchanged views on the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'

campaign," the MEA said in an X post. On the sidelines of the India-CARICOM Summit, PM Modi also met Prime Minister Keith Rowley of Trinidad and Tobago. He congratulated Dr Rowley for adopting India's flagship UPI platform. "The leaders discussed ways to strengthen relations in areas of digital transformation, health, defence and maritime security, transportation and cultural exchanges," the MEA said in a separate post. The two leaders also witnessed the exchange of an MoU on setting up Integrated Automatic Fruit and Vegetable Primary Processing Activities in Trinidad and

Tobago. PM Modi also met the President of Suriname Chan Santokhi and the two leaders reviewed progress on the bilateral partnership and emphasised the importance of strengthening economic cooperation. "They agreed to expand bilateral cooperation in areas including defence and security, trade & commerce, agriculture, digital initiatives including UPI, ICT, healthcare, traditional medicine and pharmaceuticals, capacity building, human resource development, cultural and people-to-people engagements," the MEA said.

## 1.5 TONNES OF WASTE CLEARED IN BADRINATH'S CLEANUP DRIVE POST YATRA SEASON



After hosting an impressive 47 lakh devotees this season, the Badrinath Nagar Panchayat initiated a comprehensive cleaning drive to restore the sacred shrine and its surroundings to their pristine condition ahead of the winter closure. A dedicated team of 50 'Paryavaran Mitra' conducted the cleanup, collecting 1.5 tonnes of waste from key areas such as Brahm Kapal, Astha Path, Tapt Kund, Main Bazaar, and Mana village.

This effort underscored the commitment of local authorities to maintaining the sanctity and cleanliness of the revered Char Dham pilgrimage site. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, a consistent advocate for cleanliness at Char Dham shrines, praised the initiative. Highlighting the importance of sustainable waste management, the municipality reported earnings of ₹ lakh from the disposal of 110 tonnes of inorganic waste collected during the Yatra season. The post-season cleanup at Badrinath Dham exemplifies the adage "Cleanliness is next to godliness," blending devotion with environmental responsibility. Earlier, on Monday, November 18, the sacred thrones of Uddhav, Kuber, and Shankaracharya began their winter journey from Badrinath Dham to their designated locations. According to temple officials, the palanquins, accompanied by the tunes of an army band and rights holders, departed for their winter sojourn. They halted at Pandukeshwar for the night, where Uddhav Ji and Kuber Ji will remain in the Yogadhyan Temple for winter worship, allowing devotees to offer prayers to Lord Badri Vishal during the off-season.

## PM Modi Receives Dominica's Highest National Honour

Dominica has conferred its top award on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his contributions to the Caribbean nation during the COVID-19 pandemic and his dedication to enhancing the bilateral partnership between India and Dominica. The prime minister, who is in Guyana on the last leg of his three-nation visit, was conferred the "Dominica Award of Honour" by President Sylvanie Burton of Dominica during the India-CARICOM Summit here on Wednesday. "Honoured to be conferred with highest national award by Dominica. I dedicate it to the 140 crore people of India," Modi said in a post on X. "The award is a recognition of PM's statesmanship and contribution to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and his commitment to strengthening India-Dominica ties," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a



post on X. Guyana and Barbados will also confer their top awards on Prime Minister Modi, bringing his tally of international honours to 19. Dominica announced its top award to Modi a few days ago. "In February 2021, Prime Minister Modi supplied Dominica with 70,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine - a generous gift which enabled Dominica to extend support to its Caribbean neighbours," read a statement

## Maharashtra polls: Mumbai top cop urges city electors to vote Nation

Mumbai: Mumbai Police Commissioner Vivek Phansalkar has appealed to people in the metropolis to keep aside their leave plans and vote in the Maharashtra assembly elections scheduled on Wednesday. Voting will be held from 7 am to 6 pm on Wednesday. The Mumbai district election officer has said all establishments, businesses and other workplaces here are mandated to grant leave to their employees for voting on Wednesday. humbly request all Mumbaikars to exercise their voting right with responsibility and in a peaceful manner," Phansalkar said in a video message on Tuesday. Earlier, in a post on X, he appealed to the people to vote to ensure their future is in "genuine and responsible hands". "Just keep your long leave plans aside and make sure you will not miss the opportunity of pressing the button quietly thereby discharging your responsibility," he said.

## India, Guyana Sign 10 MoUs On Key Sectors During PM Modi's Visit

New delhi WUT | NOV. 21 India and Guyana signed 10 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the country, covering areas such as agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and the deployment of UPI in the Caribbean nation. Key agreements include an MoU on Cooperation in the Hydrocarbons Sector, focusing on joint efforts in crude sourcing, natural gas collaboration, and infrastructure development. This partnership also aims to enhance

capacity building and expertise sharing across the hydrocarbon value chain. An MoU on Bilateral Cooperation in Agriculture and Allied Sectors seeks to foster joint activities and the exchange of scientific materials and expertise to advance agricultural development, according to an official press release from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). To celebrate and preserve cultural heritage, a Cultural Exchange Programme (2024-2027) was signed, emphasising cooperation in theatre, music, fine arts, literature, libraries, and museums.

## Chief Of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan Highlights 3 Key Trends In Modern Warfare

General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), addressed an audience at the International Centre on Wednesday, highlighting the transformative changes in modern warfare driven by technological advancements. Speaking at the C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, he elaborated on the evolving nature of warfare and India's preparedness for future conflicts. CDS Chauhan identified three major techno-

logical trends reshaping future warfare: robotics and automation, celerity (speed and velocity), and the intelligentisation of warfare. "Warfare has always been a contest between humans. One may be better armed, equipped with superior body armour, a sword, a lance, or a modern rifle, or possess better mobility. Yet, at its core, combat has always been between human beings," he explained. He warned of an



impending shift to human-machine warfare, stating, "We are at the cusp of a new era. While combat today remains between humans, tomorrow it could involve humans versus machines or even machines versus machines." Discussing the second trend, 'celerity,' he noted advancements in hypersonics, drones, and orbital defence systems. "The second trend I've

identified is celerity, which relates to velocity and speed. This is being driven by technologies like hypersonics--glide and cruise--fractional orbital systems capable of circling the globe, and stealth technologies. Small cross-section drones, often deployed in swarm formations, are becoming armed, invisible, inaudible, and undetectable--making them untargetable," he said. He further highlighted the third

trend of "intelligentisation," focusing on the digitisation of the battlefield through artificial intelligence and other advanced technologies. "The third change is the intelligentisation of warfare, encompassing artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data, large language models, supercomputing, and edge computing. The result is the pervasive digitisation of the battlefield," he said.

## All Educational Institutions In Manipur's Imphal Valley Shut Till November 23

Imphal WUT | NOV. 21 Schools, colleges and universities in Manipur's Imphal Valley would remain closed till November 23 for the safety of the students, teachers and staff, officials said on Wednesday. An order issued by Daryal Juli Anal, the Joint Secretary (Higher and Technical Education Department), said that in view of the curfew imposed by District Magistrates in many of the districts and considering the safety of the students and teachers, all the government and government-aided educational institutions, including state universities in these districts where curfew has been imposed, will remain closed till November 23. After the widespread vio-

lence broke out in several districts, especially in Imphal East and Imphal West districts, on November 16 following the recovery of six bodies of three missing children and three women in the Jiribam district on November 15 and 16, the state government considered the safety of the students and teachers, closing all educational institutions in the five valley districts where curfew has been imposed. The five valley districts include Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur, and Kakching. However, like Wednesday, curfew was relaxed in four Imphal Valley districts for five hours on Thursday. Officials said that with no major incident reported from any of the four districts, curfew was relaxed in Imphal East.

## Editorial

# Reforming the Public Sector: A Necessity for Progress

## The Urgency of Local Action on Climate Change

As wildfires rage across the west, hurricanes grow stronger in the east, and flooding becomes an all-too-frequent occurrence in our cities, it is impossible to ignore the growing urgency of addressing climate change. While national and international leaders debate policies, it's clear that local communities must step up and take action. The health, safety, and economic stability of our towns, cities, and neighborhoods depend on it. At the global level, countries have made some progress in reducing carbon emissions and transitioning to renewable energy. But the pace has been far too slow, and the consequences are already being felt. Rising temperatures, unpredictable weather patterns, and extreme natural disasters are no longer future threats—they are present-day realities. For many localities, the effects of climate change are already being felt in the form of stronger storms, heatwaves, and rising sea levels. In our own community, we've seen the impact firsthand. Last summer, record heatwaves caused significant stress on our infrastructure, leading to power outages and water shortages. This year, flash floods have become more frequent and more intense. Many small businesses are struggling to recover from damages, while families living in vulnerable areas face the constant threat of displacement. But while these challenges are daunting, they also present an opportunity for positive change. Local governments, businesses, and residents can play a pivotal role in shaping a more resilient and sustainable future. First, cities can invest in green infrastructure: urban parks, green roofs, and permeable pavement to reduce flooding and cool down overheated neighborhoods. Local governments can also adopt building codes that ensure homes and businesses are more energy-efficient and better equipped to withstand extreme weather. Moreover, local solutions can have a far-reaching impact. For instance, community-wide efforts to reduce waste, improve public transportation, and invest in renewable energy sources like solar and wind can lead to significant reductions in carbon emissions. These measures not only contribute to a healthier planet but also create new jobs and economic opportunities. The clean energy sector, for example, has been one of the fastest-growing industries in recent years, and local municipalities can help foster its expansion by offering incentives and supporting green businesses. Yet, as much as local action is critical, it cannot be a substitute for federal and global cooperation. National and international leaders must continue to negotiate and implement policies that tackle climate change at scale. But as we wait for comprehensive global solutions, we cannot afford to wait for others to take the first step. It is on us, as individuals and communities, to act now. The reality is that climate change is not just an environmental issue

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement, shifting global economies, and evolving social needs, the public sector finds itself at a critical crossroads. Public institutions, once the backbone of governance and service provision, are now increasingly under scrutiny for their inefficiency, bureaucratic red tape, and slow response times. But while these challenges are undeniable, they also present a unique opportunity: an opportunity to modernize and reform the public sector to better serve the needs of citizens. For decades, the public sector has been a key player in providing essential services—healthcare, education, infrastructure, law enforcement, and more. However, despite the best intentions, many government agencies struggle to adapt to the demands of the 21st century. Outdated systems, inefficient processes, and a lack of coordination between different levels of government often hinder the delivery of services. Too many public sector workers find themselves bogged down in paperwork, frustrated by a lack of resources, and unable to deliver the level of service the public expects. The pandemic highlighted these shortcomings with brutal clarity. From vaccine distribution to unemployment benefits, public sector systems were tested in ways they had never been before. While many public servants worked tirelessly to address these challenges, the inefficiencies of outdated systems became all too apparent. Long wait times, delayed responses, and the lack of seamless coordination among different government departments left many citizens frustrated and in need of better solutions. This is where reform becomes essential. The need for modernization within the public sector cannot be overstated. Governments

must prioritize digital transformation to streamline operations, reduce bureaucratic hurdles, and improve access to services. Technology holds the potential to radically improve public sector efficiency. Automation, artificial intelligence, and cloud-based systems can help reduce human error, accelerate service delivery, and create more responsive government departments. One critical area for reform is the adoption of e-governance. By digitizing public services—from applying for permits to filing taxes—governments can reduce waiting times, cut down on paperwork, and make services more accessible to citizens. Moreover, the move toward digital platforms can help break down the silos that exist between different levels of government, allowing for more coordinated, holistic solutions to complex issues. However, the transition to a more modern public sector isn't just about technology; it's also about fostering a culture of accountability, transparency, and innovation. Too often, public institutions suffer from entrenched bureaucracies and rigid hierarchies that discourage creative problem-solving. Public servants should be empowered with the training, tools, and flexibility to innovate and find new solutions to age-old problems. Encouraging a culture of performance, where outcomes are measured and accountability is emphasized, is key to ensuring that reforms lead to tangible improvements for citizens. Additionally, reforming the public sector means addressing the issue of public trust. In many parts of the world, citizens feel disconnected from their government and skeptical of its ability to enact meaningful change. Restoring public trust will require not only improved service delivery but also a com-

mitment to transparency. Open data, clear communication, and citizen engagement must become the cornerstone of modern governance. Governments need to actively involve citizens in decision-making processes and ensure that their voices are heard in the policies that shape their lives. Perhaps most importantly, public sector reform should focus on equity. Public services must be accessible to everyone, regardless of income, location, or background. This means that modernization efforts should prioritize inclusivity, ensuring that vulnerable communities are not left behind as technology and services evolve. The digital divide remains a significant challenge; while some citizens have access to high-speed internet and digital devices, others do not. Governments must work to bridge this gap, ensuring that digital access and opportunities are available to all. Reforming the public sector is no easy task, and it will require significant investment, political will, and a commitment to long-term change. But the benefits of reform are undeniable. A more efficient, transparent, and responsive public sector can drive economic growth, improve the quality of life for citizens, and foster greater trust in government. The challenges we face today—climate change, healthcare reform, inequality, and economic instability—demand a public sector that is agile, forward-thinking, and ready to tackle the complexities of a changing world. In the end, reforming the public sector isn't just about improving the way government works—it's about ensuring that governments are equipped to meet the needs of their citizens in a rapidly evolving world. If we are to build a future that is inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous, the public sector must evolve alongside it.



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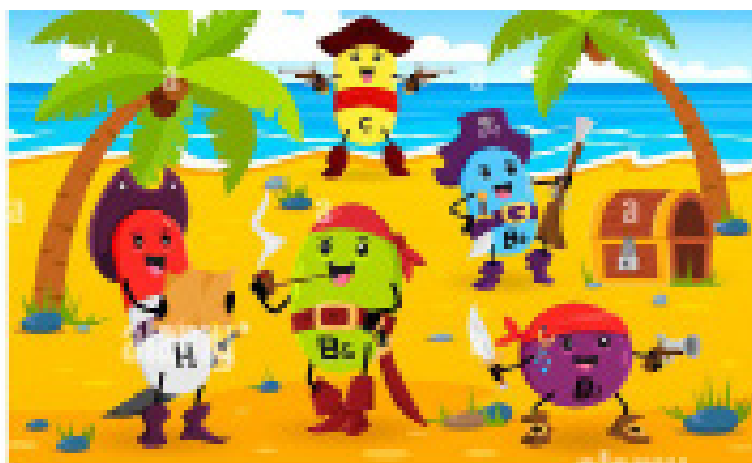


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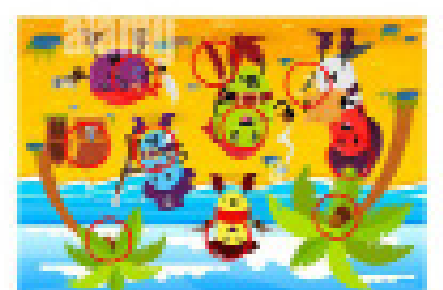
"He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare, and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere."

Imam Ali Bin Abi Thalib(A,S)

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## India's Insurtech Industry: Driving Towards Viksit Bharat 2047 with Robust Growth and Innovation

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The Indian insurance sector is playing a pivotal role in the nation's journey towards becoming a developed economy by 2047, with Insurtechs at the forefront of this transformation, according to a new report by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and the India InsurTech Association (IIA). The report, titled "India Insurtech Landscape and Trends: Pathways to Inclusive Insurance - A Vision for 2047," reveals that the Insurtech industry has witnessed a 12x surge in revenue over the past five years.

India is home to over 150 Insurtech startups,



including 10 unicorns and 45 minicorns, with the sector attracting \$2.5 billion in funding and an ecosystem valuation of \$13.6 billion. Despite a global funding slowdown, Insurtech revenues have reached \$750 million, driven by the expansion of larger companies. Pallavi Malani of BCG highlighted that, while the sector has matured, there remain untapped opportunities, particu-

larly in underwriting and claims processing. However, insurance penetration in India remains low, especially in health insurance, where over 45% of medical expenses are out-of-pocket. To address this, the report identifies three key growth pathways: expanding accessibility through partnerships and technology, increasing public awareness and trust in insurance,

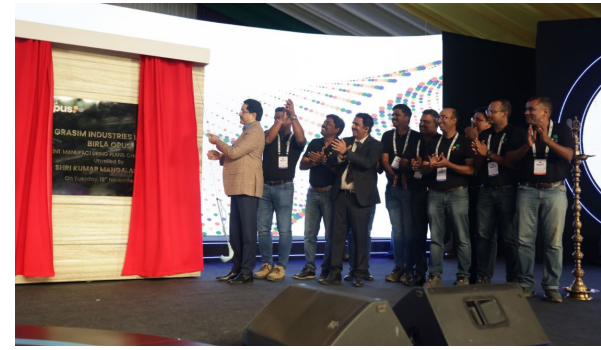
and enhancing affordability with data-driven, flexible plans. The report also aligns with India's broader goal of becoming a developed economy by 2047, aiming for 100% insurance coverage and reducing out-of-pocket medical expenses to below 10%. Health insurance, currently only covering 39% of the population, is identified as a critical growth segment, with Insurtechs expected to lead the charge. Collaboration among startups, insurers, health-care providers, and regulators is seen as essential for achieving these goals. Subhjit Mandal of IIA emphasized the importance of partnerships to realize India's vision of inclusive insurance.

## Birla Opus Paints Inaugurates Fourth Factory in Karnataka, Becomes Second-Largest by Capacity

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Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, recently inaugurated Birla Opus Paints' fourth manufacturing plant in Chamara-jnagar, Karnataka. This fully automated facility marks a key milestone in the company's growth, boosting its production capacity to 866 million liters per annum (MLPA) and establishing Birla Opus as the second-largest player in India's decorative paints sector by installed capacity.

In his speech, Mr. Birla outlined the company's goals to revolutionize the Indian paints industry. "Our paints business



reflects the aspirations of a bold and confident India," he said, highlighting the importance of the Chamara-jnagar plant in meeting the increasing demand in southern India. The company aims to reach a revenue target of ₹10,000 crore within three years of full-scale operations.

The new Chamara-jnagar plant, with a capacity of 230 MLPA, will manufacture a range of paints

including water-based, enamel, and wood finishes. Advanced technology, such as in-house emulsion and resin synthesis, ensures the production of high-durability paints with features like stain resistance and superior gloss. Fully sustainable, the plant operates with zero liquid discharge and incorporates 4th-generation systems for improved supply chain efficiency. Birla Opus Paints is

expanding its footprint with a ₹10,000 crore investment plan to establish six manufacturing plants. Four of these, located in Panipat, Ludhiana, Cheyyar, and Chamara-jnagar, are already operational. The Mahad facility near Pune has begun trial production, and the Kharag-pur plant is on schedule.

The company currently offers 129 products across 900 SKUs, with plans to expand to over 145 products and 1,200 SKUs. It also launched "PaintCraft Partner," a franchise-led painting service. The company's latest campaign, "Naye Zamane Ka Naya Paint," showcases its innovative, durable products and strong market presence.

## The Bougainvillea Restaurant Launches Innovative New Menu

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The Bougainvillea Restaurant, a prominent dining spot celebrated for its innovative cuisine, has announced the launch of an exciting new menu. Opened just two years ago, the restaurant has rapidly gained a reputation as a top choice for food enthusiasts, blending regional and international flavors into a remarkable culinary experience.



The revamped menu, curated by a team of expert chefs, promises an elevated gastronomic journey. Featured dishes include the bold Singaporean

Chilli Mud Crab, the vegetarian-friendly Pumpkin Quinoa Khichdi, and the indulgent Butter Chicken Tortellini in Creamy Makhni Sauce. Guests can also enjoy inven-

tive starters like Crispy Avocado Wedges and comforting soups such as the Hyderabad Marag.

Aparna Gorrepati, Co-Founder and CEO of Zuci, shared her excitement about the menu launch. "At The Bougainvillea Restaurant, we aim to craft unforgettable dining experiences. This new menu is a testament to our passion for innovation and dedication to offering a balance of tradition and contemporary flavors. Every dish is

thoughtfully designed to captivate the senses and appeal to a diverse range of palates," she said.

Since its debut, The Bougainvillea Restaurant has earned accolades for its sophisticated ambiance, exceptional service, and creative culinary approach. The latest menu showcases the restaurant's commitment to continual evolution and excellence, ensuring guests leave with a memorable dining experience.

## Global Solar Capacity Set to Increase 20-Fold by 2050, Says ISA Report

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The International Solar Alliance (ISA), in partnership with Boston Consulting Group (BCG), released a pivotal report today at COP29 in Baku, titled "Unleashing the Role of Solar in Advancing Economic, Social, and Environmental Equity."

The report, unveiled by Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, India's Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, and attended by key figures including Mr. Karma Tshering, Secretary of Bhutan's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, outlines actionable pathways for leveraging solar energy to drive a fair and inclusive global energy transition.

The report projects a 20-fold increase in global solar capacity by 2050, detailing three potential transition scenarios: Slow Transition, Dynamic Transition, and SHINE. Of these, the SHINE pathway is identified as the most competitive and cost-effective route for achieving net-zero targets.

Key Insights from the Report:

**Equitable Energy Access:** Solar energy could help bridge energy gaps, providing over 1 billion people, particularly in low-income nations, with access to electricity through grid-connected and decentralized solutions.

**Job Creation:** By 2050, the solar sector could generate over 27 million green jobs globally, benefiting women and marginalized communities.

**Environmental Impact:** Accelerated solar adoption within current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) could

reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by 25%, aligning with the 1.5°C target set by the Paris Agreement.

**Cost Efficiency:** Solar energy remains the most scalable and cost-effective renewable source, with expected generation cost reductions of up to 60% by 2050.

Kirti Vardhan Singh emphasized India's commitment to solar energy, noting its potential to transform decarbonization efforts and drive sustainable development, especially in the Global South. He highlighted that the report is a crucial step toward a solar-centric energy transition.

Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General of the ISA, pointed out that solar energy solutions must be tailored to country-specific needs to drive down costs and maximize socio-economic benefits.

BCG's Anirban Mukherjee underscored the importance of solar's scalability, adding that the report presents a roadmap to ensure global solar adoption and equitable growth, particularly through cross-country collaboration.

The report highlights solar's role as the cheapest and most scalable renewable energy source, with technological advancements in photovoltaic (PV) and storage solutions set to reduce energy costs by up to 60%. These developments are expected to enable continuous power supply from solar, driving further adoption globally.

Furthermore, the report emphasizes differentiated strategies for high-income countries, emerging economies, low-income nations, and small island developing states, offering tailored solutions to overcome unique challenges.

## Bhairav Ashtami Festival 2024 Sets Two World Records

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The 2024 Bhairav Ashtami Festival, organized under the guidance of National Saint Dr. Vasant Vijay Ji Maharaj, Peethadhishwar of Parshva Padmavati Shakti Peeth Dham in Krishngiri, Tamil Nadu, has achieved two remarkable world records, marking a significant chapter in spiritual and cultural history.

A major highlight of this year's festival was the offering of a record-breaking 2,024

types of sweets to Lord Bhairav, a feat that is set to be officially recognized by 50 distinguished organizations both in India and internationally. The immense collective effort behind this achievement underscores the devotion of the participants and their faith in Lord Bhairav.

In addition, the festival saw the creation of an extraordinary 84,000 sq. ft. Rangoli, an intricate design depicting India's rich cultural heritage, spiritual leaders, and national heroes. This



stunning artistic accomplishment also secured its place in the record books, adding another layer of grandeur to the event.

Speaking at the festival, Dr. Vasant Vijay Ji Maharaj emphasized the significance of the Mahayagna and spiritual

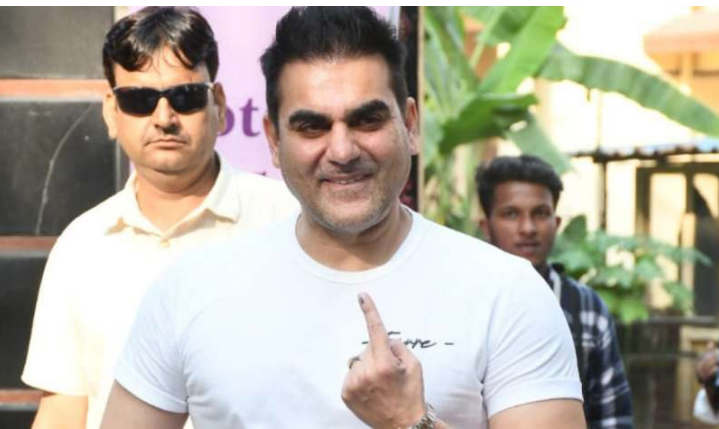
practices during Bhairav Ashtami, stating, "Through this grand celebration, we aim to invoke the blessings of Lord Bhairav, an embodiment of Lord Shiva, to protect India from potential economic crises and pandemics."

The festival also featured a unique 9-day Mahayagna, conducted by 46 scholar priests from Varanasi. The 8-pit Mahayagna, where one pit was tended by 11 priests and the others by 5 priests each, continued without interruption, reflecting the festival's

deep spiritual commitment.

The event received strong support from local and state leaders, including Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Devda, MPs C.P. Joshi and Sudhir Gupta from Neemuch-Mandsaur, Rajya Sabha MP Banshilal Gurjar, and several MLAs and dignitaries from across the state. Their involvement was key to the festival's success, which saw the active participation of civic and spiritual organizations.

## Salman Khan to Shah Rukh Khan, celebs cast their vote for Maharashtra Assembly Elections 2024



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Voting for the 288 assembly seats in Maharashtra began on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, with a strong turnout of voters, including numerous Bollywood celebrities and business tycoons. The festive spirit of democracy was evident as stars and their families came out to exercise their right to vote.

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, along with his family, cast their votes at the Mount Merry polling booth. Shah Rukh was accompanied by his wife, Gauri Khan, who led the way as they

exited the booth. Their children, Aryan and Suhana Khan, also voted, marking a significant day for the family. Suhana, who made her acting debut last November, and Aryan, whose debut project as a creator and director was announced just days ago, both participated in the electoral process.

Salman Khan was another prominent figure seen at the polls on Wednesday. The actor, dressed in a gray T-shirt and denim, was photographed leaving his polling booth after casting his vote. His younger brother, Arbaaz Khan, was also spotted outside

the Mount Merry booth. In addition to the Bollywood stars, business tycoon Mukesh Ambani, accompanied by his son Anant Ambani and other family members, participated in the voting. The Ambani family posed for cameras after casting their votes, with Akash Ambani and his wife, Shloka Mehta, seen twinning in white outfits.

The high-profile turnout by celebrities and businessmen highlights the significance of the Maharashtra Assembly Elections as voters from all walks of life made their voices heard.

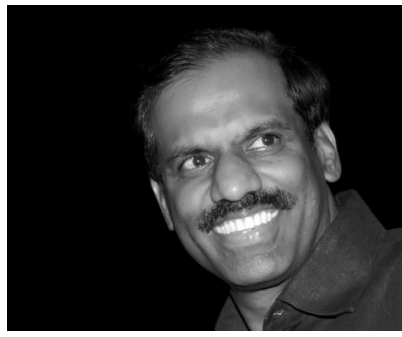
# Dr. P. Vinay Kumar: The Healer with a Heart of Gold

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In a world often dominated by self-interest, individuals like Dr. P. Vinay Kumar stand as rare symbols of compassion, humility, and service. A distinguished medical professional and a beacon of hope for the underprivileged, Dr. Vinay's life is a testament to the transformative power of kindness and dedication. Dr. Vinay's journey is deeply rooted in the legacy of his father, P. Shiv Shanker, a statesman known for his integrity and close association with Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi. As a former Union Minister and Governor, Shiv Shanker exemplified service and uprightness. My father often spoke of his wisdom and hospitality, which I experienced firsthand in the Central Hall of Parliament. Dr. Vinay has carried this legacy forward, embracing his father's values of empathy, generosity, and unwavering commitment to public service.

Beyond his exceptional medical expertise, Dr. Vinay is celebrated for his profound humanity. He has dedicated his career to ensuring



quality healthcare for the underprivileged, offering free medical care and emotional support to those in need. His unique ability to heal both body and soul has earned him the reputation of a messiah among countless lives.

Dr. Vinay's journey is further enriched by the steadfast support of his wife, Alekhya, whose kindness and warmth amplify their shared commitment to improving lives. Together, they form a partnership built on shared values, inspiring all who know them. Their children, too, embody the principles of compassion and humility, continuing the legacy of their remarkable parents.

Balancing professional excellence with personal virtue, Dr. Vinay is an inspiration to many. His gentle demeanor, tireless work ethic, and

heartfelt dedication make him a healer in the truest sense. He not only treats ailments but also provides hope and comfort to those in despair.

In a world often marked by detachment, Dr. Vinay Kumar's life serves as a reminder of the enduring power of compassion. Supported by a loving family and a proud heritage, he continues to make an indelible impact, proving that one person's dedication to kindness can change countless lives.

Dr. Vinay Kumar is more than a medical professional; he is a gift to his family, his community, and the world. His legacy of service and humanity shines brightly, offering inspiration for generations to come.

## Pallavi International School Celebrates Thrilling Sports Week, 'Strokes & Strides: Anirveda'

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Pallavi International School, Gandipet, recently hosted an exhilarating Sports Week, 'Strokes & Strides: Anirveda', from November 4th to 14th, culminating in a grand finale on November 16th. The event, which embodied the themes of positivity, courage, and resilience, left an unforgettable impression on both students and faculty.

The week-long celebration kicked off with the inaugural ceremony of 'NETRA', a vibrant art and craft exhibition and sale, showcasing the creativity of the school's students. On the final day, a valedictory event marked the conclusion, with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Chief Guest Chandrasekhar Reddy, President of the Telangana Swimming Association. The event was also graced by



prominent figures such as Ms. Abhilasha Anish, a renowned badminton player, Mrs. Dhaasyam Geetha Bhascker, an acclaimed author and motivational speaker, CEO Mr. Yesasvi Malka, Director of Training Mrs. T. Jyoti, Principal Mrs. Hema Madabushi, and Vice-Principal Mrs. Meenu.

Principal Mrs. Hema Madabushi welcomed the distinguished guests and presented the school's annual report. She proudly highlighted the school's recent achievements, including the 100% pass rate for

Grade X students, and expressed confidence in the continued success of the school's first batch of Grade XII students in the upcoming CBSE Board exams. Mrs. Madabushi also shared the success of student Ms. Keerthi Kuppa, who represented the school at a global event in Cali, Colombia, speaking on the pressing issue of climate change. The Sports Week showcased the school's dedication to fostering sportsmanship, teamwork, and resilience. Winners of various sporting events, including the prestigious Malka Lakshmi

Memorial Shields, were honored during the ceremony. The event also celebrated the results of the Inter-House Competitions for the 2024-25 academic year, with Godavari House emerging as the overall champion. The shield was accepted by House Master Ms. Aakankcha, along with House Captains Mahima Kuppala and Lalit Vamsi, and Deputy Captains Sravani and Akshith.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Vice-Principal Mrs. Meenu, who expressed gratitude to the school's parent community, the PVA team, teachers, staff, and the Pallavi Group of Schools management, led by Chairman Sri Malka Komaraiah. As the curtain fell on 'Anirveda', the students left with cherished memories and the inspiring spirit of the event to guide them forward in their academic and personal journeys.

## Champions Trophy Was Not Enough, Now Pakistan And India On Collision Course Over IPL

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With next year's Pakistan Super League dates likely to clash with the Indian Premier League 2025, the franchise owners of PSL have asked the country's cricket board to provide them clarity on the availability of foreign players for the competition. A well-informed source close to the PSL franchise owners said that they have written a letter to the new PSL Director Salman Naseer, asking him to convene a meeting soon to address their concerns. "The owners want the PCB to give them clarity which players would be available for the PSL if the IPL is also being held at the same time and also about broadcasting schedules,"



the source told PTI.

"The owners are worried because of lack of clarity. The England and Wales Cricket Board and some other boards are talking about restrictions on their players playing in leagues so they want clarity ahead of the PSL players draft."

PSL is normally held in February-March but the

next year's edition has been pushed to April-May window as Pakistan is hosting the 2025 Champions Trophy in February-March. On the other hand, next year's IPL is expected to be held from March to May.

The source said there's a fear that many of the top overseas players may not be available after the IPL mega

auction in Saudi Arabia this weekend.

He also said the franchise owners felt that due to some pressing matters, including the hosting of Champions Trophy early next year, the PCB could put the issues relating to the next PSL edition on the back burner.

"Some of the franchise owners have asked Salman Naseer to follow up on the promise of setting up an independent PSL secretariat at which has not happened in 10 years."

After the 10th edition of PSL next year, all the franchises and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) have to revisit their agreements and financial bonds. The PCB can also add more teams to the current six-team PSL.

## GAVASKAR BELIEVES CSK, RCB TO GO FOR KL RAHUL IN IPL AUCTION



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After being released by the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), former India captain Sunil Gavaskar believes that Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) would target wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul in the upcoming IPL 2025 mega auction.

LSG snubbed their captain Rahul and retained Nicholas Pooran, Ravi Bishnoi, Mayank Yadav, Mohsin Khan and Ayush Badoni in the squad. On the other hand, RCB and CSK retained three (Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar and Yash Dayal) and five players (Ruturaj Gaikwad, Matheesha Pathirana, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja and MS Dhoni), respectively. Both southern franchises will head into the auction with a bank of Rs 83 crore (RCB) and Rs 55 crore (CSK) to fill 22 and 20 spots, respectively.

"I do believe that the two south franchises, Bengaluru as well as Chennai, will go for KL Rahul. Maybe even Hyderabad will go, but Bangalore is of course KL Rahul's hometown. So clearly I think he will be enthused, he will be encouraged, he will want to play in front of his home crowd. So Bengaluru might go for KL Rahul," Gavaskar said on Star Sports.

Former India cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar, speaking on the auction, discussed the potential future of David Warner, a global superstar known for his powerful hitting. He said, "It's been a few years since David Warner's performances have

been great. But he is still a great player. When Devon Conway was released in CSK, I'm sure they will buy him back. They are quite influenced by Rachid Ravindra as well. I don't think they will be interested in bringing David Warner into their plans. I don't think David Warner can fit in CSK."

Manjrekar also analysed why Punjab Kings might have released Arshdeep Singh and how they could still retain him. He said, "I believe that they have released a lot of players so that they get some freedom. And the core of the team and the combination of the team should change completely. But they will definitely be interested in Arshdeep Singh. I believe there is a slight difference in today's Arshdeep Singh and 5 years ago's Arshdeep Singh. But he can still give you a wicket with a new ball. And you can still expect from him in the slog overs as well. So although Punjab Kings have released him, they will definitely be after Arshdeep in the mega auctions."

Manjrekar further addressed Mohammed Shami's recent injury issues and their impact on the auction. "There will definitely be interest from teams, but given Shami's injury history—and this recent one took a significant amount of time to recover—there's always a concern about a potential breakdown during the season. If a franchise invests heavily and then loses him mid-season, their options become limited. This concern might lead to a drop in his price tag," he said.

## Why Rohit Sharma the Test batsman could redeem Rohit Sharma the leader

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Rohit Sharma was sitting alone in the Wankhede dressing room after India were whitewashed 3-0 by the New Zealanders. His teammates had left. The Kiwis were quietly celebrating in their dressing room, their occasional hoops of joy drifting across. The stadium staff talk about how Rohit just couldn't get up and leave the arena. Not long ago, many of them had seen him at Wankhede, drenched in public adulation after the T20 World Cup triumph. Circle of life, perhaps.

Rohit isn't in Perth and Jasprit Bumrah will lead in the first Test. Their pre-series



coverage has been fixated, understandably, on Virat Kohli. Rohit, the captain and a star, has been reduced largely to a ghostly presence. But he has had far more pressing concerns of late: from parenthood to on-field headaches in recent times.

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## Hyderabad Freezes at 15.8°C as State Faces Intense Cold Wave



Hyderabad's cold weather has sparked a surge in demand for warm woolen clothing, with residents flocking to Koti market to purchase winter essentials.-----Photo Mir zulfequar Ali

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Hyderabad and other regions in Telangana are grappling with intensified cold weather, marking the firm onset of winter. Over the past two days, the state has witnessed a sharp dip in temperatures, with several areas recording their season's lowest. Sirpur registered 10.5°C, Pochchera 11.8°C, Kuntala 12.6°C,

and Raleigh 13.1°C. Similar trends are observed across other districts, with minimum temperatures plummeting to record lows. The biting cold has disrupted routines, particularly affecting small traders, school-going children, and motorists navigating through dense morning fog. Cold winds sweeping through various regions have exacerbated the chilly conditions,

compelling residents to brace for harsher days ahead.

The Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for Adilabad, Komurambhim Asifabad, Mancheril, Medak, Nirmal, and Sangareddy, cautioning that temperatures in these districts could drop further. The rest of the state is also experiencing significant cold, with nighttime temperatures hovering

around 15°C.

Authorities have urged residents, particularly the elderly, children, and individuals with heart conditions, to take precautions against the cold. Protective measures, such as wearing layered clothing and staying indoors during peak hours of cold, have been recommended.

Recorded Minimum Temperatures Across Telangana  
Adilabad: 12.7°C, Bhadrachalam: 19°C, Hakimpet: 15°C, Dundigal: 14.4°C, Hanmakonda: 15.5°C, Hyderabad: 15.8°C, Khammam: 21°C, Mahbubnagar: 18.9°C, Medak: 12°C, Nalgonda: 20°C, Nizamabad: 15°C, Ramagundam: 15.9°C, Patancheru: 12.4°C, Rajendranagar: 13.5°C, Hayatnagar: 15.6°C.

The Meteorological Department predicts dry weather and further temperature declines in the coming days, urging residents to remain vigilant as Telangana battles the chill.

## Seven IPS officers in Telangana to retire next year



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Seven Indian Police Service (IPS) officers working in Telangana are all set to retire from the service in next year.

The State government issued a notification to this effect on Tuesday. The officers are V B

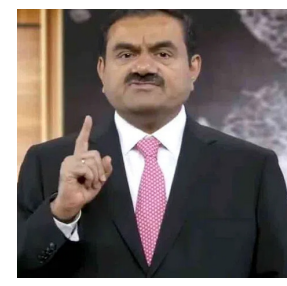
Kamalasan Reddy (30 April 2025), D Uday Kumar Reddy (31 May 2025), V Satyanarayana (30 June 2025), Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy (31 August 2025), Dr. Jitender (30 September 2025), P Vishwa Prasad (30 November 2025) and Ravi Gupta (31 December 2025).

## US indicts Gautam Adani over \$250mn bribery in solar energy fraud in India

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An Indian businessman who is one of the world's richest people has been indicted in the US on charges he duped investors in a massive solar energy project in his home country by concealing that it was facilitated by alleged bribery.

Gautam Adani, 62, was charged in an indictment unsealed Wednesday with securities fraud and conspiring to commit



securities and wire fraud. He is accused of defrauding investors who poured several billion dollars into the project by failing to tell them about more than USD 250 million in bribes paid to Indian officials to secure lucrative solar energy supply contracts.

## ACB arrests four officials in separate bribery cases

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials on Wednesday caught two officials of the commercial tax department red handed when they allegedly demanded and accepted a bribe of Rs. 50,000. The two Mahabooob Basha, Assistant



Commissioner (ST) Malakpet II Circle, Hyderabad and Soma Shehkar, Assistant Tax Officer, Malakpet - II

Circle had demanded the bribe for 'issuing the letter to de-freeze the bank account of a person', said the ACB in a press release. Both the officials were arrested and produced before the court. In another case, two sanitary field assistants of the GHMC Circle 18 were caught red handed when they

demanding and accepted a bribe of Rs. 25,000 from a coffee shop owner. The amount was demanded by them for not imposing a fine on the shop, said ACB. The field sanitary field assistants - Mohd Saleem Khan and G Ramesh, were arrested before the court.

## Helmet Drive



A team of traffic police officers in Koti, Hyderabad, is stopping motorists riding without helmets to enforce safety regulations

## Babri judgment emboldened Hindutva groups to target mosques: Owaisi

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AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi said on Wednesday that the Babri Masjid judgment has emboldened Hindutva groups to target Muslim places of worship across India.

The Hyderabad MP cited the case of Shahi Jama Masjid at Chandausi, Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh. "Within three hours of the application being submitted, the Civil Judge ordered an initial survey at the mosque site to find out if a temple had been demolished to build the mosque. The application was made by a lawyer who is the UP government's standing counsel in SC. The survey was carried out on the same day. This is how Babri's locks were also opened within an hour of the



court order, without even hearing the other side," Owaisi posted on X. "This 'speed' isn't shown in ordinary cases. If courts continue to carry out such orders, the Places of Worship Act is just a dead-letter. The Act was meant to prevent such litigation from even reaching courts in the first place," he said. Owaisi stated that a masjid that has been used as such for hundreds of years is being made subject to motivated and communal litigation. He said courts must nip this in the bud.

A court on Tuesday ordered a survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid. It pronounced the orders on a petition filed by a mahant who claimed the mosque was built in 1526 after demolishing a temple that stood there. Civil Judge (Senior Division) Aditya Singh directed Ramesh Chand Raghav, whom the court appointed advocate commissioner, to carry out an initial survey at the mosque site to find out if a temple had been demolished to build the mosque. The court also directed that a report of the survey should be filed by November 29. The advocate commissioner and a special team formed after consultation with the managing committee of the mosque, petitioners and local officials reached the site for the survey by evening.

## BRS Leaders Criticize CM Revanth Leadership

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Former Minister Ponnala Lakshmaiah criticized CM Revanth Reddy, questioning his leadership and claims on various government achievements. Lakshmaiah ridiculed the CM's speeches, comparing them to meaningless rhetoric and challenging his ability to manage critical issues like grain production and water resource management. He praised KCR for improving the state's groundwater and crop yields through initiatives like Mission Kakatiya, while dismissing Revanth's financial understanding and governance experience.

Former Minister Jogu Ramanna called Revanth Reddy a "king of liars," accusing him of misleading the public regarding loan waivers and calling out his lack of meaningful contributions to Telangana's development.

## Dasoju Shraavan Criticizes Revanth Reddy's Leadership

Senior leader Dasoju Shraavan has lashed out at Telangana Congress president Revanth Reddy, accusing him of degrading the state's political discourse with inflammatory rhetoric. Shraavan criticized Revanth's style of leadership, calling it divisive and far removed from the principles of constructive governance.

"Does a leader aspiring to be Chief Minister use language about 'killing intestines and necks'? Such words, coming from someone who swears by the Constitution, are unacceptable," Shraavan stated. He also questioned why Congress stalwarts like Uttam Kumar Reddy, Sridhar Babu, and Damodar Rajanarasimha remain silent, failing to condemn Revanth's approach.

Comparing KCR to a "movement tree" representing growth and stability, Shraavan likened Revanth to a "cannabis plant," symbolizing



disruption. He criticized Revanth's failure to address pressing developmental issues, instead resorting to personal attacks and corporate alignments with figures like Adani.

Shraavan challenged Revanth to improve metrics like per capita income and the Gross State Domestic Product rather than pursuing political vendettas. He also mocked Revanth's dramatic statements about Sonia Gandhi and accused him of failing to deliver on promises like pension hikes for women.

"Focus on governance, not theatrics. If you can't deliver, step down," Shraavan concluded, signaling growing tensions in Telangana politics.

## Harish Rao slams Govt over Narayanpet food poisoning

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Former Minister and BRS MLA T Harish Rao criticised the Congress government for its negligence in addressing the deteriorating conditions in government schools and residential welfare educational institutions, leading to repeated incidents of food poisoning. He was responding to the hospitalisation of several students from the Zilla Parishad High School in Maganoor of Narayanpet district on Wednesday due to food poisoning. He demanded for shifting the affected students to Hyderabad immediately for better medical care.

In a series of posts on X, Harish Rao condemned the condition of Gurukuls and blamed the Congress government for ruining them. "Under this government, children are fighting for their lives in hospitals instead of studying in classrooms. How many more lives will it take

for the Revanth Reddy government to act?" he asked. The former Minister pointed out numerous issues plaguing the residential welfare schools, including rising cases of dog, rat and snake bites. He lashed out at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for neglecting education, SC, ST, and minority welfare departments, stating that the Chief Minister did not hold a single review meeting on these subjects. "His negligence has resulted in the deaths of 42 students in just 11 months," he added. Harish Rao also pointed out poor food quality in Hyderabad's government schools, citing improperly cooked rice, poor quality dal, watery curries and discontinuation of eggs in meals due to unpaid bills. He said contractors were struggling to maintain quality food services, while mid-day meal workers remain unpaid for the last 11 months.

## HYDRAA demolishes tilted building near Gachibowli

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Taking swift action, the Hyderabad Authority for Disaster Response and Assistance (HYDRAA) on Wednesday, November 20, demolished the five-storey building in Siddiq Nagar of Madhapur near Gachibowli, after



it was found dangerously tilting, triggering panic among residents. The demolition was

carried out by HYDRAA along with officials from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), revenue and local police.

Before the demolition, residents of the building and those living in and around were evacuated to prevent any outward incidents.

On Tuesday, residents spent a sleepless night fearing the collapse of the building. Images and videos of the tilted building went viral on social media platforms. The building reportedly tilted due to excavation work on a neighbouring plot for a cellar, with residents holding the builder

responsible for the incident. According to reports, the tilting of the building was caused by the ongoing construction of an adjacent structure. Poor foundation work and substandard construction practices were identified as the root causes.