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Brief Insights

Baby Dies After Polio Drops in Sangareddy

A three-month-old baby boy, who was administered polio drops on Sunday in Sangareddy district, died under suspicious circumstances at Bhimra of Kangti mandal of Sangareddy district. While parents suspected polio drops to be the cause of death, a postmortem examination revealed that the baby had died due to tightening of the throat, which led to aspiration of food into the lungs. The boy was the fourth child of Sarkurdoddi Swarna Latha and Umakanth, after three girls. According to the parents, "The baby boy faced breathing issues minutes after Asha workers administered polio drops. He later vomited and **CONT: P5**

540 Indian Nationals In Nepal Prisons Absconding Since Gen Z Protests

Around 540 Indian nationals serving time in various prisons across Nepal have been absconding ever since the Gen Z protests, the Department of Prison Management said on Sunday. More than 13,000 prisoners escaped from various jails of Nepal during the second day of anti-government Gen Z protests on September 9. At least 5,000 Nepali citizens, convicted in various crimes, are still absconding, followed by 540 Indian nationals and 108 prisoners of other nations, the data revealed.

TCS Won't Hire H-1B Applicants in USA: CEO

NEW DELHI

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Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) CEO K. Krishivasan said that the company is not looking to hire any new H-1B applicants. Speaking in an interview, he said that the company will look towards expanding their workforce with local manpower. TCS is the biggest company in the United States in terms of hiring H-1B holders,



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BJP, JD(U) Will Contest 101 Seats Each in Bihar

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday finalised the seat-sharing arrangement for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, confirming that it will contest 101 constituencies, the same number as its key ally Janata Dal (United) [JD(U)]. Union Minister Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) [LJP(RV)] will field candidates in 29 constituencies, while Jitan Ram Manjhi-led Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) [HAM(S)] and Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) will contest six seats each.

Announcing the deal,

Prime Minister Modi is

set to launch the BJP's campaign in Bihar on Wednesday under the Mera Booth, Sabse Majboot initiative, where he will interact with party workers. "Our dedicated workers are working with full energy to ensure BJP-NDA's victory in Bihar," Modi posted on X.

The NDA, comprising BJP, JD(U), LJP(RV), HAM(S), and RLM, will take on the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan alliance that includes Congress and Left parties. Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj and AIMIM will contest independently. The 243-member Bihar Assembly will go to polls in two phases on November 6 and 11, with results on November 14.

Rama Rao accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of turning the state government into a symbol of greed and destruction,

Girls Should Not Go Out at Night: Mamta



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday expressed shock over the alleged gangrape of a medical student in Durgapur, while urging colleges to take stronger precautions for women's safety — including restricting girls from going out at night.

"I'm shocked to see the incident, but private medical colleges also should take care of their students, especially girls. The girls should not be allowed to go outside (college) at night. They have to protect themselves also. There is a forest area. Police are searching all the people," Banerjee said.

Her remarks came amid increasing internal debate within the Tamil Nadu Congress. After Deputy Chief Minister Udhayandhi Stalin voiced concerns **CONT: P4**

Congress Eyes Vijay Alliance to Demand More Seats from DMK

CHENNAI

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With several Congress leaders openly demanding a greater share in power and more Assembly seats in Tamil Nadu following party leader Rahul Gandhi's telephonic conversation with Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president K. Selvaperunthaga said on Sunday that all opinions would be conveyed to the party high command, which would take the final decision.

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"We have enough people on H-1 already in the US. I don't think we would be looking for adding to that count anytime now (sic)," Krishivasan said. Speaking about renewal of existing H-1B visas, he said, "Our original plan was always to send people on H-1 with the intention of bringing them back and rotating them. So it continued to focus on bringing back at the end of the programmes, **CONT: P4**

with the company hiring 98,259 H-1B applicants between 2009 and 2025. In 2025 alone, TCS hired 5,505 H-1B applicants, ranking ahead of Microsoft, Meta, Apple and Google.

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Starmer, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, are expected to participate. Foreign ministers and leaders from Germany, Qatar, the UAE, Jordan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Iran will also attend.



BJP's Cheruku Mahesh and other local leaders joined the BRS in the presence of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao.

claiming the Congress had not built a single house or laid a brick in the past two years. He further alleged that the party borrowed Rs.2.3 lakh crore, spending the money to buy votes in Jubilee Hills, reportedly offering Rs.10,000 per vote through funds amassed via corruption.

The BRS leader warned that the bypoll would

serve as a verdict on the Congress' "arrogance, corruption, and deceit." He said that public anger was growing over the government's failure to deliver on welfare promises, including pensions, housing, and fee reimbursement. "If Congress loses Jubilee Hills, it will finally learn a lesson, and only then will the promised 4,000 pensions and

other welfare schemes reach the people," Rama Rao added.

He also criticised the BJP, calling it "a party of no relevance in Telangana," and said voting for either Congress or BJP would be like "throwing your vote into a drain." On BC reservations, Rama Rao accused Reddy of misleading the public, staging a drama in the Assembly despite knowing reservation laws must pass in Parliament.

Rama Rao further alleged that Revanth Reddy had deceived former cricketer Mohammed Azharuddin over an MLC promise and betrayed Muslims regarding burial grounds, claiming that "cheating has become Reddy's nature" and forms the foundation of his politics.

JH BYPOLLS :KTR Says Choose Car of Development Over Bulldozer

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao has called on voters in the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency to make a decisive choice in the upcoming bypolls, contrasting the "car" symbolising development with the "bulldozer," which he said represents the demolition of poor people's homes by the Congress. Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, Rama Rao alleged that the government, through HYDRAA, was rendering the poor homeless and failing to deliver on basic promises.

Rama Rao accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of turning the state government into a symbol of greed and destruction,

Tourism Police to Protect Tourists in Telangana

New delhi: For the first time in Telangana, a dedicated team of 80 'tourist police' personnel, specially trained to assist and safeguard domestic and foreign tourists, will begin duty at major tour

ist destinations from Monday. The personnel have undergone specialised training focused on orientation, sensitisation, and tourism-specific security management — an initiative aimed at ensur

ing the safety and convenience of visitors while enhancing their overall travel experience. After completing their basic course at the Police Academy, the personnel received additional train

MoS to Represent India at Gaza Peace Pact

NEW DELHI

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India will be represented by Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh at a major international summit in Egypt on Monday, following late invitations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from US President Donald Trump and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.

The summit in Sharm el-Sheikh aims to endorse and strengthen the recently brokered Gaza ceasefire agreement and advance peace efforts to end the Israel-Hamas conflict. Over 20 world leaders, including President Trump, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Keir

Israel expects to receive all living captives from Gaza on Monday

GAZA: Israel says it expects to receive all its remaining living captives from Gaza early on Monday, a key step in the ceasefire now in effect. Speaking on Sunday, government spokeswoman Shosh Bedrosian said Israel anticipates all 20 living captives will be returned together in the early hours of Monday. As in previous exchanges during the two-year war, the captives will first be handed over to the Red Cross, which will transport them to an Israeli military base inside Gaza for initial medical checks before they proceed to Israel to reunite with their **CONT: P4**

Starmer, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, are expected to participate. Foreign ministers and leaders from Germany, Qatar, the UAE, Jordan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Iran will also attend.

Modi had earlier welcomed the first phase of

Trump's peace plan and praised Netanyahu's leadership after Israel and Hamas agreed to the pact. On X, Modi expressed hope that the release of hostages and enhanced humanitarian aid for Gaza would bring "much-needed respite" and pave the way for lasting peace. Modi also

called Netanyahu to reaffirm that terrorism in any form is unacceptable. India had previously welcomed President Trump's comprehensive plan for Gaza and reiterated support for a

two-state solution, emphasizing peaceful coexistence between Israel and an independent Palestine. India also maintains strong ties with Egypt, which has played a key role in brokering the agreement. During Modi's visit to

Cairo in June 2023, the two leaders elevated bilateral relations to a "Strategic Partnership," and Modi became the first Indian to receive Egypt's highest civilian honour, the Order of the Nile.

Muttaqi Asserts Taliban Control Over Afghan Embassy in Delhi, Flags Raised, Women Journalists Attend Press Meet Amid India's Non-Recognition of Regime

Afghan FM holds second press meet with female journalists allowed

said in response to a question by IANS, pointing to the Islamic Emirate's flag fluttering behind his back and at the front of his table while the embassy officially still hoists the former flag, representing the former regime of Ashraf Ghani.

India has, however, still not formally recognised the Taliban regime. Unlike the controversial press conference held on Friday, where no female journalist was permitted

entry and only 15-odd media persons were allowed, Sunday's briefing at the Afghan Embassy on Shantipath was packed with reporters, including several women journalists and foreign correspon

dents. The move, seen as a course correction, came amid strong criticism from Indian media and foreign media over gender-based restrictions. Muttaqi, who is on a week-long visit to New Delhi, said his delegation has held "constructive and result-oriented" talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

"We discussed trade, economy, healthcare, aviation links and development projects. India

assured readiness to facilitate trade visas, student exchanges, and restart stalled infrastructure works," he said. Jaishankar, according to him, also conveyed India's decision to upgrade the embassy in Kabul.

The Afghan FM announced fresh air connectivity plans, including Delhi-Kabul, Mumbai-Kandahar and Amritsar-Afghanistan flight routes. A joint trade committee between India and Af-

ghanistan will also be set up, and proposals for mineral cooperation, agriculture projects and sports diplomacy were discussed. Muttaqi confirmed that Afghanistan has requested India to consider opening the Attari-Wagah border for Afghan goods. Responding to concerns on women's rights, the Foreign Minister said: "Everyone's rights are protected in Islam, whether man or woman..

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Srinivas Goud Rallies Door-to-Door Urges Voters to Choose Car for BRS Victory

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Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills constituency is witnessing a high-stakes by-election in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar under the Rehmat Nagar division, as local leaders step up campaigns to secure a decisive win. Former minister V. Srinivas Goud conducted an extensive door-to-door campaign, urging voters to back the BRS candidate, Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, by voting for the car symbol.

Addressing residents, Goud criticized the Congress government for failing to fulfill its election promises, claiming that the party has let down multiple communities. "The Congress government owes a debt to every community here," he said, high-



lighting that debt cards had been distributed to remind the public of these unkept commitments. He urged voters to hold the Congress accountable, questioning party workers who campaign now about when they will deliver on their past promises. "It's time for residents to send a clear message," Goud emphasized, appeal-

ing to support Maganti Sunitha Gopinath to ensure BRS retains the constituency.

The campaign underscores the BRS strategy of direct voter engagement, with door-to-door outreach forming the core of efforts to consolidate support. With the Jubilee Hills by-election drawing attention across Hyderabad, local leaders are stressing development and accountability as key issues, contrasting BRS promises with Congress's unfulfilled commitments.

As polling day approaches, the BRS leadership remains confident that their ground-level efforts and focus on tangible issues will help secure victory for the car symbol, reinforcing the party's presence in this high-profile urban constituency.

BRS Confident of Jubilee Hills Bypoll Victory, Says MP Vaddiraju

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BRS Parliamentary Party Deputy Leader and Rajya Sabha member Vaddiraju Ravichandra expressed confidence that the party will win the ongoing Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election. Addressing workers on Sunday, he said people from all sections, especially BCs, are frustrated under Congress rule, citing unfulfilled promises and anti-people policies.

Entrusted by BRS work-



ing president K.T. Rama Rao with overseeing the Yusuf Guda division, MP Vaddiraju, along with MLC Pochampally Srinivas Reddy, senior leaders

Arsh Kumar Yadav and Mangalapuru Laxman, handed over voter lists and responsibilities to polling station workers at Banjara Hills MLA Col-

ony.

Speaking further, MP Vaddiraju criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for betraying BCs and highlighted the anger of farmers, students, youth, women, auto workers, employees, and businessmen over the government's failures. He said BC votes in Jubilee Hills have not gone to Congress and asserted that people continue to look up to KCR, calling him "the father of Telangana" and a symbol of development.

Harish Rao Assures Stranded Telangana Workers in Jordan of Government Support

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Former minister Harish Rao has assured Telangana workers stranded in Jordan that all possible efforts are being made to bring them home safely. Speaking over the phone with 12 Gulf workers from districts including Nirmal, Kamareddy, Nizamabad, Jagtial, and Sid-



dipet, Rao confirmed that he had raised their plight with the Ministry of External Affairs.

The state government, along with Union ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, is actively working to resolve the situation. BRS parliamentary leader Suresh Reddy is also in communication with the ministry to expedite assistance. The workers, who have been stuck in Jordan for about a year, are facing severe financial hardships.

Their companies have restricted them from returning home, leaving them vulnerable and separated from their families. They have appealed for help to return to Telangana. Harish Rao urged the workers not to lose hope during this difficult period, assuring them that the government is taking all necessary measures to ensure their safe return.

Pulse Polio Drive Held in Kaukurr Under the Leadership of Mainampally Hanumanth Rao

HYDERABAD

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Under the active leadership of Mainampally Hanumanth Rao, a Pulse Polio Immunization Drive was conducted today near the Om Sri Construction sites in Kaukurr, focusing on communities residing in temporary settlements. The area is home to several migrant workers from different parts of India, many of whom lack adequate awareness about the importance of polio vaccination.

To ensure that no eligible child was left unvaccinated, the campaign team, led by Alwal Route Supervisors Jagan and Aruna, along with Kau-



kurr Assistant Route Supervisor Prameela, played a crucial role in identifying children and administering the drops. The initiative aimed to strengthen public health awareness among migrant families and promote nationwide eradication of

complete immunization coverage can only be achieved through consistent public engagement and awareness at the grassroots level.

The drive saw enthusiastic participation from Congress leaders including Syed Aslam, Shivaraj, Srinu, Ameer, and Saleem, who actively supported the campaign and helped mobilize residents in the area. Thudimella Mallikarjun, Senior Congress Leader of Alwal Circle and noted social worker, thanked all the volunteers and health staff for their dedication in ensuring that every child in the region received the Pulse Polio drops.

Telangana to Move SC on BC Quota Stay

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Trying hard for a relief from the apex court has become all the more important as the High Court did not stall the election, according to the orders which became available on Saturday.

Congress sources told Deccan Chronicle that the government was also in favour of going ahead with the 50 per cent cap if the apex court did not grant any relief.

Legal experts were of the view that the Supreme Court might not go into the merits of the case and would probably refuse to intervene with the High Court's interim order. "With the HC relying heavily on the triple test recommended by the Supreme Court, which, apart from others, insists on a 50 per cent cap, we are not hopeful of a final verdict in our favour. We do not want to drag the process by waiting for the final verdict and then approaching the SC," a senior minister told.

BJP Calls Out BRS Misrule And Corruption, Vows To Deliver Telangana's True Progress

HYDERABAD

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BJP Assembly floor leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy on Sunday accused BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao of making "baseless allegations" against the BJP-led Centre, claiming the former ruling party in Telangana ignored people's welfare during its decade-long tenure.

Speaking to the media, Maheshwar Reddy highlighted public rejection of the BRS in the last two major elections, attributing it to "rampant corruption" and "developmental failures" under their regime.

Highly placed sources told that the government would immediately go ahead with elections with the 50 per cent cap if it failed to get relief from the apex court. "Though it is not binding on us to hold elections immediately, and we can wait till the final case is disposed of, the political top brass are in favour of holding polls," sources pointed out.



alleged corrupt activities. Maheshwar Reddy warned that more prominent BRS figures could face arrest as ongoing probes uncover "hundreds of cases of malfeasance." Challenging claims that the Modi government neglected Telangana, he pointed to central initiatives worth lakhs of crores, including robust funding for gram panchayats, local bodies, and distribution of 5-kg free rice to every poor family. According to him, these measures reflect sustained support from the Centre, countering BRS criticism.

Maheshwar Reddy also criticised the BRS's electoral failures, noting that the party did not win a single MP seat in the recent elections, which he said demonstrated public anger over corruption and dynastic politics. He further condemned the state government for failing to allocate adequate funds to gram panchayats, accusing its leaders of neglect and corruption, and insisted that most village-level development is now funded by the Centre.

Expressing confidence ahead of the Bihar Assembly polls, he predicted a BJP victory and reiterated that the Congress government has betrayed Telangana with unfulfilled promises, asserting that only a strong BJP-led administration can ensure development and accountability in the state.

Kamareddy farmers still await compensation a month after floods

KAMAREDDY

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It has been over a month since heavy rains lashed Kamareddy and caused extensive damage to crops. Despite assurances from the government, farmers, who suffered crop loss, are still waiting for compensation.

This was observed by a team from Telangana Vikasa Samithi, comprising Professor K. Seetaram Rao, Dr. Erruju Srinivas, Hariprasad, Balunayak, Lingam, and others, who visited the rain-affected area to study the current situation.

Apart from disrupting normal life in Kamareddy, heavy rains have severely affected tribal hamlets (thandas) in Rajampet mandal, Amaradi Colony, Mallareddy palli, and Chinna Mallareddy-



palli. The situation on the ground remains grim across several areas. Floods caused breaches in several tanks, inundated villages, colonies, and agricultural fields. This resulted in extensive crop damage and property loss.

When the Telangana Vikasa Samithi members interacted with farmers, they said Agriculture Extension Officers (AOs) had recorded all crop damage details. Yet, there has been no compensation so far.

Suspension of darshanams at Vemulawada temple sparks protests

HYDERABAD

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Rajarajeshwara Swamy shrine.

Ekantha sevalu will continue as usual in the main temple. However, pujas such as Kodemokku, Abhishekams, Annapuja, Kunkumapuja, Nitya Kalyanam, and Chandiya gam will now be performed at Bheemeshwaralayam. As part of the temple's expansion works, authorities have suspended darshanams for devotees from Sunday and arranged alternate facilities at Bheemeshwaralayam, an associate temple of the



BJP activists, led by district president Reddaboina Gopi, staged a protest and burnt an effigy of the State government outside the temple on Sunday. Gopi questioned how rituals of Rajanna could be performed at Bheemesh-

waralayam and asserted that devotees must not be denied darshan of Rajarajeshwara Swamy.

Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, condemned the decision, warning that he would "open the temple by wearing panchas" if the authorities failed to reverse their order. Meanwhile, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders who inspected the alternate arrangements at Bheemeshwaralayam also criticised officials for announcing darshanam arrangements before completion of the works. Government Whip and local MLA Adi Srinivas dismissed BJP's allegations that the temple was closed. He said the expansion works were being carried out on the advice of Srungeri Peetadipathi

and that alternate facilities had been arranged for devotees.

He explained that large construction equipment was being used for erecting mandapams and 64 to 70 pillars in the sanctum, creating safety concerns if devotees were allowed inside. "All pujas to the presiding deity will continue even as expansion works proceed," he said, adding that opinions of the temple protection committee, Hindu organisations, and devotees were already taken.

Revanth Orders T Square Works to Begin by Nov

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He stressed that top global brands like Apple should be encouraged to set up stores in the building, alongside provisions for a utility zone and adequate parking facilities.

Revanth Reddy also directed officials to ensure 24x7 operational readiness at the T Square facility once completed. He further emphasized the creation of a dedicated corpus fund for the Artificial Intelligence (AI) hub and the formation of a board comprising repre-

sentatives from leading international AI companies to guide innovation and governance.

In the interim, the Chief Minister instructed that the Engineering Staff College buildings be inspected to establish a temporary AI hub until permanent infrastructure is ready. Officials were told to maintain close coordination among departments to expedite the project and position T Square as a symbol of Telangana's digital and innovation-driven growth.

Construction Sector Grows 11.97% in Telangana, Says Sridhar Babu

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Telangana's construction and real estate sectors have shown remarkable growth, with the construction industry alone contributing over Rs 80,000 crore to the state's economy during the fiscal year 2024-25. IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu announced on Sunday. Speaking at the 15th Naredco Telangana Property Show, the minister highlighted that the state's construction sector grew at a

robust 11.97 per cent, while the combined output of the real estate and professional services sectors surged 15.4 per cent, underscoring the significant role these sectors play in Telangana's economic landscape. Together, the real estate and construction industries now account for 24.9 per cent of the state's services GDP, with the construction sector alone being a major contributor. The minister emphasized that these numbers reflect not only strong economic activity but also the resilience of Telangana's real

estate market, dispelling notions of any slowdown. Highlighting recent trends in the housing sector, Sridhar Babu pointed out a sharp increase in property registrations across key districts. In September 2025, a total of 6,612 housing units, valued at Rs 4,804 crore, were registered, compared to 4,903 units worth Rs 2,820 crore in the same month last year. This represents a 35 per cent rise in volume and a striking 70 per cent increase in transaction value. Notably, properties valued above Rs 1 crore



witnessed a 151 per cent surge in registrations, accounting for 53 per cent of the total transaction value for the month. These figures clearly demonstrate that Telangana's real estate sector remains vibrant and continues to grow at a healthy

pace," the minister stated. He also stressed the sector's significance as India's second-largest employment generator after agriculture, and called for increasing the real estate sector's GDP contribution in India from the current 6.8 per cent to levels closer to those seen in developed countries and China, where it ranges from 10-25 per cent. The minister also outlined ambitious infrastructure and urban development projects aimed at reshaping Telangana's economic and urban landscape. Key projects include El-

evated Corridors, Metro Rail Phase-II, Bharat Future City, Musi Riverfront Beautification, and the Regional Ring Road. Sridhar Babu announced plans to complete zonal planning for Bharat Future City by December and revealed that the groundbreaking for a 200-acre AI City would commence within two to three months. The AI City is expected to be developed to international standards, combining technology and urban planning to bolster economic growth. The event drew prominent industry fig-

ures, including Naredco officials Vijayasai Make, Kali Prasad Damerla, Dr. Lion Kiran, K. Sridhar Reddy, and R. Venkateshwar Rao, who lauded the government's initiatives and highlighted the positive trajectory of Telangana's real estate sector. With these developments, Telangana's construction and real estate sectors are emerging as key drivers of economic growth, creating employment opportunities, attracting investments, and transforming the urban and economic landscape of the state.

AICC Observer To Meet Congress Cadre To Select DCC President

ADILABAD

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The AICC observer will hold meetings with party workers in Adilabad and Nirmal to gather feedback from the cadre and local leaders regarding the selection of District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents. In a notable move, the AICC has appointed senior Congress leaders from other states as observers under the Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan to oversee the DCC president selection process. The initiative aims to strengthen the party's district-level leadership and ensure more effective grassroots organisation. Ajay Singh, MLA and

son of former Karnataka chief minister late Dharan Singh, has been appointed as the observer for Adilabad and Nirmal districts. The selection of DCC presidents is being conducted to build a stronger organisational foundation for the party. According to party sources, the AICC's decision to assign top leaders as observers is intended to maintain transparency and ensure that capable and committed individuals are selected. Ajay Singh is expected to arrive in Nirmal on Monday, where he will meet party workers and leaders for two days before proceeding to Adilabad to continue the selection process.

Residents Step In to Fix Potholes on Incomplete RR30 Extension Road

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The Tellapur Neighbourhood Association (TeNA) took up pothole repairs using bitumen material on the incomplete RR30 Extension Road. Association member Ramana explained that the road might appear unprepared in photographs because the bitumen material easily settles into the surface. "We have been requesting the departments to sanction funds for completing the road. Until then, we were granted permission to



carry out minor repairs to prevent accidents," he said.

TeNA members clarified that it was not a weekend activity but a community-funded initiative, driven by the difficulties

faced during daily commutes. The RR30 Extension Road was sanctioned in 2015, but work began only in 2019. Despite years of delay, the project remains incomplete and

poorly maintained, posing a persistent risk to residents and commuters. The event began with a two-minute silence in memory of residents who lost their lives on this stretch. Volunteers from various communities joined the drive, filling major potholes at Aliens Circle, Tellapur-HUDA Turning, Mayfair Corner, Bloomfield Ecstasy Crossing, and Gopanpally-Osman nagar Junction. Kollar Traffic SI Naveen supervised and coordinated smooth traffic movement during the repair activity.

AICC OBC coordinator Nirmal Kumar Yadav met with Shakti Singh Goel



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AICC OBC coordinator Nirmal Kumar Yadav warmly welcomed Shakti Singh Goel, President of Gujarat Congress committee and Rajya Sabha member, today, at Gandhibavan on Sunday October 12. Nirmal Kumar Yadav submitted his biodata to Shakti Singh Goel and explained his 40 years political career and pledged him to justify his profile.

He told Shakti Singh Goel that I have been working for 40 years to strengthen the Congress party. Till date, I have never switched to any other political party, I have left all the posts, but I have always worked in Congress, he urged to Mr Goel hence you people should make me the president of Khairatabad district. I asked this to Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, Kharge, Mahesh. Kumar Goud Revanth Reddy.

Telangana school teachers to embark on global learning tour

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In a move to enhance professional competencies of school teachers and education department officials by exposing them to global best practices, the School Education department has decided to send its staff on a global tour.

As part of an educational exchange programme, 160 participants will be sent to Singapore, Finland, Vietnam and Japan in the months of October and November 2025. During the visit, teachers and education department officials will be exposed to various best practices



being followed by host countries in school education. The same practices will be replicated in the state schools to enhance the quality of education. For the programme, three best teachers from

Zilla Parishad, Government Schools, Model Schools or TREIS institutions from each district will be selected by an expert committee headed by district collector. Nominations must include one teacher each from SGT/LP/PET/TGT or equivalent cadre, SA/PGT or equivalent and one headmaster or principal.

School Education department director Dr. E Naveen Nicolas asked the district collectors to hold teachers' selection process with utmost fairness, transparency and adherence to the guidelines. The final list of selected teachers and headmasters or principals has to be sent to director.scerts@nic.in by October 23. Based on the nominations received from districts, the State-level expert committee will finalise the final selection list.

Complaint Filed Against Rubika for Rahul Gandhi Remarks

HYDERABAD

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Mojibul Rahman, son of Md. Yunus, has accused television news anchor Rubika Liyaquat of using offensive and objectionable language against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a broadcast. He claims the remarks were disrespectful and intended to incite public sentiment. Rahman stated that he filed a formal complaint at the Pahari Sharif police station, but alleges that officers have refused to register an FIR despite multiple attempts.



He said he has also submitted written complaints to senior officials, including the ACP, DCP, and Commissioner of Police, but no action has been taken so far. Speaking to the media, Rahman said, "Rahul Gandhi is

our leader, and such language is unacceptable. There should be legal consequences for these words."

Expressing frustration over police inaction, he added that if authorities continue to ignore the complaint, he will take the matter to court. Rahman is demanding that a formal FIR be filed and legal proceedings initiated against the anchor. As of now, News18 and Rubika Liyaquat have not responded to the allegations, and police officials have yet to issue a statement.

Indian Roller, Telangana's state bird, listed in IUCN red list, experts raise alarm



The Indian Roller (Palapitta), Telangana's state bird, has been listed in the IUCN Red List for the first time, moving from the 'Least Concern' to the 'Near Threatened' category, as recommended by experts. The IUCN updates bird status twice a year based on surveys and reviews all species every five years.

The State of Indian Birds (SoIB)-2023 report noted a 30 per cent decline in the Palapitta population across India over the past 12 years. Surveys around Hyderabad also indicate a steep fall in numbers.

During the Hyderabad Birds Atlas (HBA) voluntary survey conducted in 2025, only 26 Indian Rollers were recorded in February and four in August out of over 70,000 birds identified.

Another open-habitat bird, the Indian Courser, was also moved from 'least concern' to 'near threatened', highlighting the shrinking grasslands and agricultural lands in India. Wildlife photographer Sriram Reddy of Hyderabad said the populations of open-habitat birds are declining rapidly due to habitat loss. In addition to these two species, the IUCN revised the status of 12 other bird species in India, four of which are found in Telangana. Two species in the State showed population growth: the Indian

BJP's Aedula Pandarinath supervised the union govt prestigious pulse polio programme

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As part and parcel of the nationwide pulse polio program, BJP's Aedula Pandarinath visited the pulse polio drop camp set up at Shri Saraswati Shishu Mandir School in Lalitha Bagh Division along with the BJP's Bhagyanagar District and Division President Madhusudhan. Aedula Pandarinath reminded the Central Government of the policies being followed to prevent the spread of pulse polio and said this Special drive The Union Health Ministry has selected 290 districts across the country for this special program. In Telangana State, the target is to administer polio drops to about 17,56,789 children under the age of five in the 6 districts. The Central Government has made extensive and elaborate arrangements to ensure that every child from newborns to five years of age receives polio



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Congress faces growing backlash from multiple communities in Telangana

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The Congress government's alleged betrayal of various sections, including BCs, Muslims, employees, unemployed youth, contractors and others, continues to stir resentment across the State, a factor that could prove crucial in the upcoming local body elections and the Jubilee Hills by-election. After assuring BCs of 42 percent reservations in local body elections, the government failed to keep its promise, resulting in the notification being kept in abeyance. Similarly,



Muslims, particularly those in Jubilee Hills constituency, feel let down by the ruling party. Just days before the by-election notification was issued, the Congress government allotted 2,500 square yards of land for a Muslim burial ground at Shaikpet. However, Army officials later claimed ownership of the site. Many in the community

believe the government has been resorting to delaying tactics instead of resolving their long-pending issues.

Employees have staged protests and lunch-hour demonstrations across districts and mandals, expressing frustration over delayed action. Apart from the partial release of funds towards pending arrears, the government has not addressed core demands such as the issuance of health cards. As one TGEJAC office-bearer remarked, "It would be wise not to even mention the pending five DAs and the Pay Revision Commission (PRC)."

TCS Won't Hire H-1B Applicants in USA: CEO

"We have enough people on H-1 already in the US. I don't think we would be looking for adding to that count anytime now (sic)," Krithivasan said. Speaking about renewal of existing H-1B visas, he said, "Our original plan was always to send people on H-1 with the intention of bringing them back and rotating them. So it continued to focus on bringing back at the end of the programmes, or rotating them with locals. And how much we would renew or whom we would renew is a call we will take at the appropriate time. We are looking to increase our local participation."

"At the other geographies that we operate, like Latam (Latin America) or Middle East or APAC (Asia-Pacific), we operate with a very high percent-

age of local associates, and we are also moving to see how the new AI engagements are going to be done. They are going to require much closer collaborations with our clients, in terms of understanding the requirements and in terms of doing the build", Krithivasan said. "It is going to require a very diverse skillset, compared to pure engineering or technology skills alone. Taking all this into mind, we would continue to expand the local workforce in all of the geographies, particularly in the US and Europe", Krithivasan added. Industry experts are not only expecting a major downfall in H-1B applicants, but are also looking at a shift towards L-1 visa, which allows companies to carry intra-company transfer of employees from a foreign branch to a USA-based branch.

Don't Let Girls Out at Night: Mamata

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The survivor's father, speaking to reporters, said his daughter had

stepped out with a classmate to eat when two or three men attacked her. "Her friend fled the scene when they arrived. They raped her between 8:00 and 9:00 PM. The hostel was far away and the security arrangements were poor. Such a serious incident occurred, but there was no immediate action or system in place," he alleged.

Condemning the attack, Banerjee assured that the culprits would face strict punishment. "Nobody will be excused.

Whoever is guilty will be punished strictly. Three people have already been arrested. We will take stringent action," she said.

However, her comment advising colleges to restrict girls' movement drew criticism, with many interpreting it as victim-blaming. Banerjee also questioned the silence over similar crimes in other states, pointing to incidents in Odisha, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar. The Chief Minister said that India's traditional artisans and craftsmen have made a significant contribution to establishing India as a global economy.

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Congress Eyes Vijay Alliance to Demand More Seats from DMK

NEW DELHI



With several Congress leaders openly demanding a greater share in power and more Assembly seats in Tamil Nadu following party leader Rahul Gandhi's telephonic conversation with Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president K. Selvaperunthangai said on Sunday that all opinions would be conveyed to the party high command, which would take the final decision.

Addressing reporters, Selvaperunthangai maintained that discussions on "seat-sharing and power-sharing cannot be done in public." He added, "There is a party high command, and the DMK has its own leadership. The Congress will act as per the directions of our high command."

The remarks came amid increasing internal debate

within the Tamil Nadu Congress. After Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin voiced concerns over Congress's recent stance and hoped that it would remain within the DMK-led alliance, several Congress MPs began pressing for a share in governance and a higher seat allocation.

Pro-Vijay sections within the party believe that an alliance with TVK could help the Congress expand its base and secure more seats. However, leaders favoring the continuation of the DMK alliance warn that such a move may backfire, citing the Congress's poor performance when it contested alone in 2014, polling just 4.37% of the votes.

When questioned about the

steady fall in the number of Congress seats within the DMK alliance — from 63 in 2011 to 41 in 2016 and then 25 in 2021 — Selvaperunthangai said responsibility for the decline lay with those who handled earlier negotiations. He clarified that remarks made by Congress's Tamil Nadu in-charge Girish Chodankar had been "misinterpreted." Chodankar had only indicated that the party identified 125 preferred constituencies, not that it intended to contest all 125.

Meanwhile, Virudhunagar MP Manickam Tagore, known to be close to Rahul Gandhi, reiterated the demand for both more seats and power-sharing in the state. His call was backed by Kanyakumari MP Vijay Vasanth, who said that sharing power was "the collective wish of Congress leaders in Tamil Nadu," while emphasizing that the final decision rests with the party high command.

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The clashes coincide with Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi's visit to India, raising concerns over regional stability and potential impacts on Pakistan-India relations. Islamabad accused Afghan forces of unprovoked attacks, describing them as attempts to destabilise frontier areas and facil-



tate terrorism. Pakistani forces conducted precision strikes on Taliban posts, camps, and training facilities inside Afghan territory, claiming to minimise civilian casualties. Afghanistan confirmed the attacks as "retaliatory and successful opera-

tions," targeting Pakistani posts across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said 20 Pakistani outposts were destroyed, and military equipment was seized, with nine Afghan soldiers killed and 16 wounded. Operations

paused following diplomatic intervention by Qatar and Saudi Arabia. The conflict is rooted in longstanding resentment along the Durand Line, forced deportations of Afghans from Pakistan, and the rise of pro-Pash-tun sentiment. The TTP, with 3,000-5,000 fighters

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in a televised address, called the captives' return an "emotional evening" and expressed hope it would



unify the country. However, some families criticized Netanyahu, accusing him of prioritizing military objectives over the hostages' release. The transfer comes days after Israel approved the first phase of a Trump-led deal to end the war in Gaza, coinciding with US President Donald Trump's visit to Israel before a summit in Egypt. Trump, accompanied by top US officials, said the hostages might be released "a little

early" and praised Qatar's mediation role in the ceasefire. Al Jazeera described the deal as "Trump's show," with the US president expected to meet captives' families, address the Knesset, and then travel to Sharm el-Sheikh for a summit of over 20 world leaders.

Under the agreement, Israeli forces have withdrawn from parts of Gaza, including Gaza City and northern areas, though more than half of the territory remains under Israeli control. Palestinians returning to their neighborhoods encountered widespread destruction, described by Al Jazeera as "wastelands." Humanitarian aid has begun trickling in, but distribution is slow. Many residents lack access to savings, banks, or basic supplies, relying entirely on aid for survival.

Experts caution that phase two of the ceasefire, including Israeli withdrawal, Hamas disarmament, and Gaza reconstruction, will be complex. "If you look at Gaza, it's like an earthquake happened. There's no government, no schools, nothing there," said Adnan Hayajneh, professor of international relations at Qatar University. US Vice President JD Vance stressed that US troops being sent to monitor the ceasefire will not have a combat role and will not enter Palestinian territory.

'No new GST on carpets in UP': CM Yogi Adityanath

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The grand first-ever show of 'Mera Desh Pehle', the thrilling story of the transformation of a new India taking shape under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was held in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

The show beautifully portrayed the inspiring journey of PM Modi - from his birthplace, Vadnagar, where his life's journey began, to his rise as the Prime Minister who brought global pride to India.

The performance not only showcased the untold aspects of his life dedicated to the nation but also vividly brought before the audience a reflection of a movement of national consciousness rather than being just a cultural presentation. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, BJP State President Jagdish Vishwakarma,

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'Anger, Resentment Along Durand Line': India Says Pak-Afghan Clashes Not Unexpected

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Both Islamabad and Kabul have signalled readiness for further operations if border violations continue, leaving the fragile peace along the Durand Line under intense strain.



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Imam Ali

EDITORIAL

AMID GLOBAL FLUX, SELF-RELIANCE THE WAY FOR INDIA

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The Trump-Putin Alaska meeting does not appear to have brought significant benefits to India. Although the meeting was held to resolve the Russia-Ukraine war issues, at a time when both the US and Russia are considered friendly nations by India, it is disappointing that there seems to be no indication of any change in the US tariff policies affecting India.

It appears the meeting was primarily aimed at securing economic advantages for Russia and the US in the coal and oil sectors, rather than resolving the Ukraine crisis. The ceasefire promise vanished from Trump's lips. When Russia insisted on a resolution, President Donald Trump predictably re-

verted to his usual habit of altering statements, which was diplomatically unsurprising to those familiar with his approach.

With Trump and Putin revealing such tactics in Alaska, it is hard not to wonder if Ukraine is being sacrificed as a pawn. The emerging cordial atmosphere between the US and Russia might be seen by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a potential relief for the economic pressures on India. Since India has always considered Russia a trustworthy friend, there is nothing wrong with the Prime Minister thinking along those lines.

Reality of Alaska Summit However, the reality of the Alaska summit was quite different! While it may help restore US-Russia relations, it will clearly not improve ties with

India. Since Trump assumed the American presidency, efforts have been under way not only to enhance ties with Russia but also to boost Russia exports. Meanwhile, imports of Chinese oil from Russia are rising more than those from India — a fact no one can deny!

While the US troubles India with tariffs, it simultaneously strengthens relations with Russia and ignores China's assertive actions — making it obvious that Washington looks down on India. America's double standards are evident: Trump repeatedly claims responsibility for a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, yet hosts grand dinners with Pakistan's Army Chief, showing excessive friendliness and granting wide publicity to such events.



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HC Sends Murder Convict Back To Jail

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court dismissed a criminal appeal filed by an accused convicted for offences under Sections 302 and 307 of the IPC, which deal with murder and attempt to murder. The panel comprising Justice K. Surender and Justice J. Anil Kumar was dealing with the appeal filed by Kommu Anil. The appellant questioned his conviction for murder, in connection with the killing of four persons and injuries caused to two others in Karimnagar district in March 2012. He argued that there was no test identification parade and that the incident occurred in a sudden fight without premeditation, attracting Section 304 IPC, which covers culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The panel observed that the appellant stabbed six persons indiscriminately, killing four of them, and that the act was cruel and unusual. Holding that Exception 4 to Section 300 IPC, which applies to sudden fights without intent, did not cover the case, the panel dismissed the appeal and directed that the accused, who is on bail, be sent back to prison to serve the remaining sentence. A separate appeal by the state seeking to bar the accused's parole till his natural death was also dismissed, with the panel noting absence of any report from jail authorities that he misused bail or posed a continuing threat.

Baby Dies After Polio Drops in Sangareddy

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A three-month-old baby boy, who was administered polio drops on Sunday in Sangareddy district, died under suspicious circumstances at Bhimra of Kangti mandal of Sangareddy district. While parents suspected polio drops to be the cause of death, a postmortem examination revealed that the baby had died due to tightening of the throat, which led to aspiration of food into the lungs. The boy was the fourth child of Sarkurdodi Swarna Latha and Umakanth, after three girls. According to the parents, "The baby boy faced breathing issues minutes after Asha workers administered polio drops. He later vomited and fainted. We immediately shifted him to Naranakhed government hospital where the



doctors declared him dead. It was a pathetic situation." The district police registered a case of death under suspicious circumstances and shifted the body to a local area hospital for a postmortem. Collector P. Pravinya directed district medical and health officer (DMHO) Dr Naga Nirmala to submit a comprehensive report. The officials probed into the matter and determined that the death was not related to administering polio drops. "The baby was given Pulse Polio drops at around 12 noon and was

kept under observation till 12.30 pm. During this time, the baby was normal and did not show any problems. The parents took the baby home. At around 1 pm, the parents brought the baby back to the booth after the baby was crying continuously and vomited once," DMHO said.

DMHO Dr Nirmala claimed that the mother had given the boy a bottle of milk after they reached home. When the baby began struggling, the ASHA worker on duty advised the baby to be taken to Kangti Primary Health Care (PHC) for a medical examination. "However, the parents took the baby to a private doctor in Kangti at around 2 pm. The doctor examined the baby and informed the Kangti PHC medical officer. When the medical officer reached PHC and

examined the baby, he noticed that the lips were turning blue, foam was coming out of the nose, and he was not breathing. The doctor declared the baby dead at around 2.15 pm."

The DMHO said the PHC Kangti medical officer had the body shifted to the Narayankhed area hospital for postmortem examination (PME). According to the PME report, the cause of death may have been laryngeal spasm (tightening of the throat), leading to aspiration of food into the lungs (aspiration). The stomach contents have been sent for laboratory examination, and the final report is awaited. A total of 108 children were administered Pulse Polio drops through the same vial in the same booth, but no adverse reactions were recorded in them, officials said.

Most Fake News Was On Politics, Religion, Finds ISB Chief

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Over 500 fake news items were shared between 2022-24, with 60 per cent of them being on politics and religion, according to a study shared by Indian School of Business. The numbers were roughly calculated after extracting data from sources like Alt-News and Boomlive and a survey by the ISB. Prof. Manish Gangwar, executive director of Institute of Data Sciences (IIDS), ISB, on Thursday organised a workshop titled 'Cyber First Responders: Fighting Misinformation & Fake News in the Digital Age', at its Hyderabad campus. According to the data, 43.6 per cent of the fake news consisted of political news, followed by 33.6 per cent of general news and 16.8 per cent of the

Odisha Medical Student Allegedly Gang-Raped in Durgapur, Sparks Outrage

ODISHA

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A second-year medical student from Odisha was allegedly gang-raped by unidentified men near a private medical college in Durgapur, Paschim Bardhaman district, on Friday night, police said. The 20-year-old student, hailing from Jaleswar in Balasore district, had gone out for dinner with a male friend when the attack occurred, triggering widespread concern and political reactions in West Bengal.

According to police, the student was approached by three men outside the college campus after her friend briefly left her. The men allegedly snatched her phone, dragged her to a nearby wooded area, and assaulted her. They reportedly threatened her with dire consequences if she reported the incident and demanded money in exchange for returning the phone.

The survivor is currently receiving treatment at the college hospital. Officials described her condition as

stable but critical. She has recorded her statement with the police, who are conducting a thorough investigation. A police officer from New Township Police Station said, "The student went out with her friend around 8.30 p.m. The friend left her for a few minutes, during which three men approached, snatched her phone, and took her to a deserted spot where they raped her. They also demanded money to return the phone." Authorities have

launched an intensive probe, reviewing CCTV footage, questioning the victim's friend, and deploying a forensic team to collect evidence from the site. Deputy Commissioner (East) Abhishek Gupta described the case as "sensitive" and assured that the investigation was being carried out with all aspects in mind. The student's parents arrived in Durgapur on Saturday after being informed by her friends. Her father said, "We lodged a police complaint

after arriving. We sent our daughter here because of the college's reputation. We want justice." The National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken suo motu cognisance of the incident and sent a team to meet the survivor and her family. NCW member Archana Majumdar expressed concern over the rising crimes against women in the state, urging the Chief Minister to ensure accountability. The incident has also sparked a political row.

The BJP accused the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) government of failing to maintain law and order. Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari spoke with the survivor's father, offering support and suggesting that his daughter be shifted to a Kolkata hospital if required. "Since the RG Kar case, there have been multiple crimes against women. Law and order has collapsed under Mamata Banerjee, who is also the police minister," Adhikari claimed. BJP IT

cell head Amit Malviya posted on X that a complaint had been filed against Wasif Ali and his associates. Meanwhile, Women and Child Development Minister Sashi Panja described the assault as "deeply unfortunate" and appealed to political parties to refrain from politicising crimes against women. She assured that the state remained committed to ensuring justice and empowering women. West Bengal Congress president Subhankar Sar-

Farah Khan shakes a leg on 'Om Shanti Om' song with Mayor of Toronto

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As the winter sets in the Canadian landscape, choreographer-filmmaker Farah Khan brought the cultural warmth of Bollywood and Diwali to one of its metropolises. During a recent event, she shook a leg with the Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow. The two danced to a song from the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Om Shanti Om'. A video from the Diwali celebration event in Toronto has resurfaced, and it shows Farah in her element pulling off the moves which she had choreographed for her directorial.



Olivia Chow fully enjoyed her time on stage dancing to the song. The film featured Shah Rukh Khan with Deepika Padukone. The film is set against the

backdrop of the Bollywood film industry, the story blends themes of love, betrayal, and reincarnation.

Om Prakash Makhija (played by SRK) a junior artist in 1970s Mumbai, falls in love with superstar Shantipriya (played by Deepika) unaware that she is secretly married to producer Mukesh Mehra.

When Mukesh kills her in a staged fire, Om dies trying to save her. He is later reborn as Om Kapoor, a successful actor who gradually recalls his past life and seeks justice for Shantipriya's murder. The film combines melodrama, humour, and self-referential satire, celebrating

the excesses and nostalgia of Hindi cinema.

The film featured chart-topping music by Vishal and Shekhar with elaborate visuals, and was a major box-office hit and became one of Bollywood's defining films of the 2000s.

It clashed at the box-office with 'Saawariya', which was helmed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, and marked the debut of Bollywood superstar Ranbir Kapoor. 'Om Shanti Om' completely washed out 'Saawariya' at the box-office during Diwali. After 18 years, the choreographer-director once again celebrated Diwali in a poetic way on Canadian soil.

Chloe Zhao reveals the areas of improvement for Hollywood

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Chinese filmmaker Chloe Zhao, who is known for her work on 'Eternals', and 'The Rider', feels there are a few grey areas where Hollywood needs improvement. The Oscar-winning director got candid about Hollywood, the difficulty of financing films, and how neurodivergence has impacted her storytelling, reports 'Variety'.

Her devastating historical drama 'Hamnet', about the personal tragedy that led to the creation of William Shakespeare's 'Hamlet', starring Paul Mescal and Jessie Buckley, held its European premiere at the London Film Festival recently.

As per 'Variety', at the festival,



the film was welcomed with plenty of emotion (and a surprise appearance from producer Steven Spielberg). Speaking about making the film, Chloe Zhao said that the experience made her "very passionate about rediscovering and remembering some older ways of storytelling that have been forgotten in our

society".

"Before we made everything factual and reasonable, there was a time where we'd see stories in different ways, from our dreams, our vision quests, from going into nature and listening to the birds", she said. "So the language of ambiguity is, to me, vital for the health of a society. And I think even in Hollywood, in the film industry, we are not very good at preserving the language of ambiguity. If logos and mystery are in harmony, we would be living in a much better world".

However, the director acknowledged that it's oftentimes difficult to get stories like these financed for the big screen. Though profiting from a film is not her end goal, the filmmaker

acknowledged that "money is really important".

She went on, "Maybe it's because I'm Chinese, I don't know what it is, but I'm so afraid of owing people money. I don't like it. I don't like being in debt. I want the people who put the money into my films to get the money back".

"I don't believe that my vision and whatever importance of my film should make people lose money. It's just not for me. I try really hard to get financiers or studios to say, how much are you comfortable giving me so that you can survive as a company, please. And then I'll do it within that. So I think it's really helpful because limitations, I promise, are your best friend", she added.

Chrissy Teigen opens up on friendship with Meghan Markle

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Chrissy Teigen, the wife of the Grammy-winning musician John Legend, has found a friend, whom she can count on. She recently spoke about her friendship with actress Meghan Markle. Talking about her advocacy for type 1 diabetes testing at an event recently, Teigen, 39, recalled making an appearance on season 2 of the Netflix series, 'With Love', which starred Meghan, reports 'People' magazine.

She told 'People', "I adore her. I really adore her. I think she is so incredibly strong. It is insane to me how polarizing she is for so many different people, when she really is just such a kind, good person that wants the best for all her friends and the best for people around her, and the best for her own relationship and for her children".

She said that none of Meghan's "polarizing" actions have been made for public perception.

According to her, the Duchess of Sussex just "(lives) simply".

She went on, "She just



wants those things. And people come up with all these different things that she could be about or what she wants (but) it's not that complicated. People are always going to read into what they want to read into, and they're going to hyper-focus into what they want to believe".

As per 'People', Teigen, who appeared at the event as a spokesperson for a company that created the first tele-health-enabled platform to request type 1 diabetes screening.

She also acknowledged that no matter what, as she said, "People are just going to come up with their own story. I think it's cool that (Meghan) is

just like, 'Listen, say whatever you want. I'm happy and I'm healthy and I feel good'".

When asked if she and her husband John Legend organize play dates for their kids, daughters Luna, 9, and Esti, 2, plus sons Miles, 7, and Wren, 2, with Meghan and Prince Harry's two children, Prince Archie, 6, and Princess Lilibet, 4, Teigen joked that while it would be a fun get-together, she doesn't "leave the house".

"I'm not joking. I don't go anywhere. I try to do every photo shoot, everything at our house. So no. But if the time comes, absolutely", she added.

BUSSINESS

China tightens hold on Africa to exploit rare earths sector

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

China is further strengthening its dominance in the rare earth elements sector by making deeper inroads into African countries, which are rich in critical minerals like cobalt, lithium, and nickel, vital for the production of batteries, electric vehicles, and renewable energy technologies.

However, Chinese investment projects have faced criticism regarding worker exploitation, lack of transparency, and for using primarily local Chinese labour instead of hiring local workers.

China's investments aim to strengthen its geopolitical influence and its high-tech manufacturing sector.

It has been using its infrastructure model of constructing roads and railways to get long-term mining rights. Finance is another potent instrument that Beijing uses to establish its foothold in African countries. Chinese loans to African governments and state-owned companies have surpassed a whopping \$152 billion, with Angola accounting for



nearly 30 per cent of the total, according to media reports.

Reports indicate that Chinese companies have invested nearly 8 billion in mining projects in Africa. Chinese investments in African rare earth minerals are driven by demand from China's own economy and global clean energy needs, securing supply for its high-tech industries through direct investments in mines and financing. Africa is becoming a crucial source of raw materials, with countries like Tanzania poised to become major exporters to Chinese processors.

Chinese companies invest heavily in African mines and processing facilities to secure a stable and long-term supply of rare earth elements (REEs) and other critical minerals essential for modern technology.

Secunderabad Welcomes Ekadhi's Fifth Flagship Store Amid Grand Celebrations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

South India's fastest-growing luxury silver jewelry brand, Ekadhi, launched its fifth exclusive store at RP Road, Secunderabad, in a grand event that drew massive crowds. Actress Anasuya Bharadwaj graced the occasion as the chief guest, adding glamour and excitement to the glittering celebration.

With successful outlets in Rajahmundry, Hyderabad, Nizamabad, and Bhimavaram, Ekadhi's expansion into Secunderabad



marks another milestone in its mission to make premium, gold-like silver jewelry accessible to a wider audience.

Speaking at the launch, Directors Venu Rachakonda and Shiv Charan

create jewelry that resonates with every woman—from brides to homemakers—bringing Ekadhi closer to every celebration," added Vuppalanchi.

Ekadhi's exclusive collections include Nakshi (heritage designs), Jadau (Mughal-inspired work), Polki (uncut diamond look), CZs (sparkling diamond-like pieces), and Victorian Jewelry (vintage elegance). Each piece

showcases India's artistry, blending traditional beauty with modern appeal—ideal for weddings, festivals, or daily wear.

To mark the launch, Ekadhi announced limited-time offers valid until October 22, including: Free Haram with Tops worth ₹50,000 on purchases of ₹1,00,000

Free Necklace worth ₹25,000 on purchases of ₹50,000

Free Gundu Mala worth ₹12,500 on purchases of ₹25,000

Following its strong presence across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Ekadhi plans to expand across South India and the USA, also inviting franchise partners to join its growing journey.

India's sugar exports touch 7.75 lakh tonnes in 2024-25

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India has exported 7.75 lakh tonnes of sugar in the 2024-25 marketing season, which stretches from October 2024 to September 2025, according to a statement issued by the All India Sugar Trade Association (AISTA) on Sunday. The top destinations for the country's sugar exports were Djibouti with 1.46 lakh tonnes, followed by Somalia at 1.35 lakh tonnes, while Sri Lanka was at

the third spot with 1.34 lakh tonnes. Afghanistan figured next with shipments of 75,533 tonnes. Sugar exports for the 2024-25 marketing season in India were allowed by the government on January 20, 2025, with the total quantity permitted for export at 10 lakh tonnes. According to the AISTA, of the total 7.75 lakh tonnes that were exported from February to September this year, white sugar exports were at 6.13 lakh tonnes, refined sugar comprised 1.04 lakh

tonnes, and raw sugar constituted 33,338 tonnes. About 21,000 tonnes of raw sugar were considered to be deemed exports as they were delivered at the SEZ. AISTA has requested the government to allow export of sugar in the 2025-26 sugar marketing year and announce the export quota by November 2025," the statement said.

The trade body has also requested the government to follow the same export quota policy for allocation and exchange among

millions as followed in the 2024-25 sugar marketing year.

India is the world's second biggest sugar producer and is expected to have sufficient surplus stocks to allow exports in the season beginning October 1, a senior government official said recently. Exports would help the Indian government support local sugar prices and ensure farmers receive timely payments of the guaranteed minimum price for their cane from sugar mills.

Department of Food and Public Distribution Joint Secretary Ashwini Srivastava said next season's output looked good, and that after meeting domestic consumption and the requirement for ethanol production, there would be sufficient stocks for export.

A record 4.8 billion litres of ethanol is likely to be produced in the new season from sugarcane-based feedstock, he said. The country's sugar consumption in the new season is likely to rise.

Spain Dominates FIP Silver Radha TMT Indian Open, Clinches Both Men's and Women's Titles



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Spain emerged victorious on the final day of the FIP Silver Radha TMT Indian Open, as Spanish duos Lucía Manquillo Alarza and Lucía Luján Rodríguez, and G. Figuerola Santiago and R. Belmont Pastor captured the Women's and Men's titles respectively at the KPGBA courts in Hyderabad.

In the women's final, top seeds Manquillo Alarza and Luján Rodríguez overcame second seeds M. Koek and V. Kurz in a gripping three-set battle. The Spaniards took the first set 6-3, dropped the second 4-6, but bounced back with precision and sharp net play to dominate the decider 6-1, securing the championship. Their

composure and tactical awareness proved crucial in withstanding their opponents' mid-match comeback. The men's final also went Spain's way as Figuerola Santiago and Belmont Pastor (4) defeated compatriots M. Melero Bernal and N. Zurita (6) 6-3, 7-5. Displaying excellent coordination and defensive consistency, the pair con-



trolled rallies and held firm in key moments to clinch the title in straight sets.

In the semifinals, Manquillo and Luján had cruised past India's S. Dandu and P. Manikonda 6-0, 6-0, while Koek and Kurz advanced after Thailand's B. Luttikhuis and J. Hemmes (4) retired. On the men's side, Figuerola and Belmont beat Argentina's M. Conte Gonzalez and M. Cabrera 6-1, 6-3, and Melero Bernal and Zurita eased past Great Britain's E. Bardo and Egypt's M. Hesham 6-1, 6-3. Spain's double triumph highlighted their dominance and finesse in this year's Indian Open finale.

Partnerships were key; Sutherland bowled well, says Healy

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

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ships are key, we lacked that in the first couple of games. We were able to have a significant one and to have Perry walking in at 30 not out is cheeky. Ultimately got the job done, that's crucial,"

said Healy. The Australian skipper, who kept wickets for 50 overs of the Indian innings and then batted for nearly 39 overs, said cramps were a worry for her players. Elyse Perry had to go out for some

time because of hamstring cramps, but she came back and secured victory. "There are cramp worms going around our group, but we have a couple of days to rest and recover," she added.

House of McDowell's Soda Launches 'Yaaron Wali Baat 2.0' Campaign Featuring Kartik Aaryan

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The House of McDowell's Soda, in collaboration with Publicis Groupe India's Team Spirit, has unveiled its latest campaign — 'Yaaron Wali Baat 2.0' — celebrating friendship, nostalgia, and the thrill of unforgettable firsts. Titled "Karo Kuch Pehli Baar Jab Saath Hon Yaar," the campaign reinforces McDowell's Soda's philosophy of celebrating Yaari (friendship) and positions it as the fizz that brings friends and moments together.

In the campaign film, brand ambassador Kartik Aaryan motivates a hesi-



tant friend to take on a bold, first-time experience — a metaphor for how friendship fuels courage. The film unfolds through a series of playful montages where Kartik humorously reimagines some of history's most iconic firsts — from the moon landing to the creation of social media — showing that when friends unite, even the impossible

feels achievable. Varun Koorichchi, Vice President and Portfolio Head - Marketing, Diageo India, said, "Friendship is at the heart of McDowell's Soda, and Yaaron Wali Baat 2.0 continues that legacy for a new generation. We want to inspire young people to create unforgettable experiences together."

Kartik Smetacek, Chief

Creative Officer at Saatchi & Saatchi India, noted that the idea stemmed from the insight that many first-time experiences happen with friends, giving McDowell's 'yaari' promise a fresh, witty interpretation. Kartik Aaryan added, "This campaign celebrates how friendships give us courage and turn moments into lifelong memories. That's the true spirit of Yaari."

The campaign spans social media, outdoor, and shopper platforms, marking a new chapter for McDowell's Soda as a brand synonymous with friendship, emotion, and youthful energy..."

Singer Sunitha Upadrashta Inaugurates Athina Regal Weaves Store in Jubilee Hills

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Renowned playback singer Sunitha Upadrashta inaugurated the new Athina Regal Weaves showroom on Road No. 66, Jubilee Hills, marking a vibrant addition to Hyderabad's fashion and silk saree scene. The store launch drew attention for its elegant display of pure silk collections and its Silk Mark certification, a symbol of authenticity and quality.

Expressing her delight, Sunitha said, "I am very happy to inaugurate the Athina store today. It's commendable that the store has received the Silk



Mark certification. The saree collections here are stunning—I feel like buying every piece! The blend of Banarasi and Bandhani is refreshing, and the intricate thread work adds exceptional beauty."

The founders and organizers of Athina Regal Weaves — Anitha, Laharika, and Manashvini — shared their vision of pro-

customers during the store's launch period, encouraging saree enthusiasts to take advantage of the opportunity.

Athina Regal Weaves stands out for its unique fusion of Banarasi and Bandhani craftsmanship, offering a refreshing twist on traditional silk weaves. The store promises a wide range of elegant options — from bridal wear to festive and casual silk sarees — crafted with a focus on design, heritage, and superior quality. With this launch, Athina Regal Weaves aims to establish itself as a go-to destination for luxury silk lovers in Hyderabad.

GVR Karate Academy Holds Belt Grading Ceremony at Narayanaguda Branch

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The GVR Karate Academy conducted a Color Belt Grading Ceremony at its Narayanaguda branch on Sunday morning, with 50 students participating enthusiastically. The event included the presentation of belts and certificates to the successful students.

The ceremony was graced by Himayathnagar Corporator Smt. Mahalakshmi Ramanna Goud, who personally awarded the belts. Speaking on the occasion, she highlighted the importance of ka-



rate across all age groups, stating that it fosters health, self-confidence, mental strength, and emotional balance. She emphasized that karate education is particularly valuable for students,

youth, and women, as it equips them with discipline and resilience, which contribute to the nation's pride and strength.

Dr. G. S. Gopal Reddy, Director of GVR Karate Academy, attended the ceremony along with the academy's black belt instructors — Narsing Rao, Kareem, Amrutha Reddy, Gana Santhoshinee Reddy, and Mahender. The event also saw the participation of numerous

Indians Shine in Quarterfinals at FIP Silver Radha TMT Indian Open

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Indian players continued their impressive form on Day 3 of the FIP Silver Radha TMT Indian Open, storming into the quarterfinals with strong performances at the KPGBA courts in Hyderabad. The day was filled with high-energy padel action, with several homegrown duos advancing in both the men's and women's categories, much to the delight of local fans.

In the men's draw, A.



Kumar and M. Hyder delivered a solid performance, defeating fellow Indians D. Gowda and V. Kotha 7-5, 6-2 to reach the last eight. Joining them were C. De Sanctis and Prakhya Kc, who continued their winning streak with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over S. Sharma and H. Samah.

The women's category also saw dominant Indian performances. S. Dandu and P. Manikonda secured a 6-4, 6-1 win over V. Jadala and V. Jadala, while S. Kour and R. Sree S advanced via walkover against Spain's A. Santa-maria Landa and the Netherlands' R. Van Der Hoek (3). Another Indian duo, S. Buddhala and A. Bundhel, progressed after a walkover against A. Upadhyaya and S. Valishetty, setting up an all-In-



Hyderabad Gets India's First Fab Museum

Hyderabad has become home to the country's first-ever Semiconductor Innovation Museum, launched by T-Chip (Technology Chip Innovation Programme) on Sunday. The museum aims to showcase path-breaking research and technological advancements in chipmaking. Former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya and minister V. Srihari participated in the event. Speaking at the launch, T-Chip chairman and managing director Sundeep Kumar Makthala outlined the broader vision behind the initiative, stating, "This is not just a museum but a gateway to the technologies shaping India's semiconductor future."

According to Makthala, while countries such as Taiwan and South Korea have museums dedicated to technology, none have focused exclusively on semiconductor innovations. He said the museum would host new ideas every month, with each innovation being showcased for 30 days before being replaced by another. "As semiconductors are trending worldwide, Hyderabad could serve as a launch pad for India's semiconductor ecosystem," Makthala said.

CV Anand shines with match-winning century as Secunderabad Club wins by 80 runs

CV Anand cracked a century (111*) off 89 balls, 13 fours, 1 six) to help Secunderabad Club defeat Hyderabad Public School (Begumpet) by 80 runs in the HCA C-Division one-day league cricket championship here. In another match, fine spells by Lesty Anthony (5/9) and Rudy Stanley (5/19) helped Sacred Hearts score a six-wicket win against HPS Ramanthapur. The scores: C-Division one-day league: Sec'bad Club 222/5 in 35 overs (Jamsheed 66, C.V. Anand 111* off 89 balls, 13 fours, 1 six) bt HPS Begumpet 142/9 in 35 overs (Ruhaan Verma 45). HPS Ramanthapur 30 in 14 overs (Lesty Anthony 5/9, Rudy Stanley 5/19) lost to Sacred Hearts 34/4 in 7.2 overs. Boys Town 207/9 in 50 overs (Nikhil Shekar 39, Md Zohair 47, Mohd Imtiyaz 3/34) bt All Saints 101 in 24.4 overs (Dhruba Datta 54, Mohd Kamran 4/39, Sufiyan 3/25).

Congress leaders rush to pacify upset aspirants after Jubilee Hills

After the tussle over finalising a candidate for the Jubilee Hills by-election, the Congress in Telangana now faces the uphill task of pacifying disappointed aspirants who were keen on contesting the seat. On Friday, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC in-charge Vishwanathan, BC Welfare Minister Ponnambalam Prabhakar and Labour Minister G Vivek Venkateswamy met former MP Anjan Kumar Yadav at his residence and attempted to placate him. Similarly, party leaders at Gandhi Bhavan said the BC Welfare Minister, Labour Minister and others met GHMC Corporator CN Reddy on Saturday. Along with the former MP, he too had aspired to contest the by-election on a Congress ticket. However, both leaders were left disappointed after the party decided to field V Naveen Yadav as its candidate. "The State leadership is definitely having tough times in pacifying the aspirants. It does not end with this by-election; they are likely to come up with more demands in future," a senior leader from Gandhi Bhavan remarked. Fuming over the decision, Anjan Kumar Yadav is learnt to have raised several objections with the AICC in-charges during the meeting and expressed concern over the importance being given to loyal and senior leaders within the party.

CP Sajjanar launches 'Extra Mile Reward' to honour Hyderabad cops

HYDERABAD

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Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar on Saturday launched the 'Extra Mile Reward' programme, an initiative to recognise and reward officers who demonstrate a humanitarian and citizen-friendly approach in the course of their duties. Speaking to police personnel via video conference, Sajjanar said the programme aims to motivate officers to serve the public with empathy



and integrity. "Officers who earn public appreciation will be identified every Saturday and facilitated with a certificate and a reward," he explained, adding that the initiative is designed

to encourage exemplary service and strengthen police-community relations.

At the same time, the commissioner issued a stern warning against negligence and miscon-

duct. "It is unacceptable for anyone in uniform to take the law into their own hands. Any officer found guilty of dereliction of duty or misconduct will face strict departmental action," he asserted.

The launch coincided with the recognition of several officers for their recent achievements. Sub-inspectors Sudhakar, Shobha, Saikanth, and Shivakumar, along with their team, successfully cracked a child murder case under the

Madannapet police station limits. Afzal Gunj station house officer Ravi, Admin sub-inspector Niranjan, and ASI Dharmender were honoured for rescuing destitute individuals and relocating them to the Amma Nanna Ashram, providing them shelter and care. Film Nagar head constable Vijaya Sudhakar and constable Surender were also appreciated for arresting an accused in a case pending for over 30 years. VC Sajjanar, who took

charge as Hyderabad Police Commissioner on September 30, replacing CV Anand (now Principal Secretary, Home Department), emphasised that the programme is not only about rewarding bravery and efficiency but also about fostering ethical policing and public trust. Officers said the initiative provides a significant morale boost and inspires them to go beyond routine duties to ensure safety, justice, and welfare for citizens.

Telangana to Launch AI Innovation Hub, Aiming to Make Hyderabad a Global AI Capital

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Telangana is set to establish an AI Innovation Hub to consolidate all existing AI initiatives, startups, and centres of excellence under a single umbrella, the Chief Minister's office announced on Sunday. The move is part of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's vision to position Hyderabad as a global AI capital.

The government is rolling out a five-pronged strategy focusing on AI skilling, startup support, global collaboration, research advancement, and the creation of centres of excellence to attract global talent and boost innovation.

Key initiatives include providing AI skill train-

ing to millions through partnerships with leading international institutions such as Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research, MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, and the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence.

The state will also target strategic sectors such as quantum computing, cybersecurity, semiconductors, data centres, and high-performance com-

puting (HPC). Over the next year, the government plans to collaborate with 50 global AI startups, sign three MoUs with academic partners, skill one million professionals through the Global AI Skilling Academy, and establish multiple corporate partnerships.

This initiative complements other futuristic projects in Telangana, including the ongoing 'T Square' development modelled after New York's Times Square, reviewed recently by CM Revanth Reddy. With the AI Innovation Hub, Telangana aims to streamline innovation efforts, attract global investment, and create a skilled workforce ready to lead in emerging AI technologies.

social media scams, and credit card fraud. Three arrests were made in both movie piracy and unauthorised transaction cases, two in matrimonial fraud, one in trading fraud, and two in other types of offences.

During the operations, police seized 43 mobile phones, 23 ATM and debit cards, four laptops, nine cheque books, eight passbooks, 21 SIM cards, and a shell company stamp. The recovered funds were substantial,

including Rs 58.47 lakh from investment fraud cases, Rs 5.21 lakh from OTP frauds, Rs 1.13 lakh from impersonation fraud, Rs 50,000 from APK fraud, Rs 12.43 lakh from trading fraud, Rs 2.58 lakh from credit card fraud, Rs 3.34 lakh from

digital fraud, Rs 1.78 lakh from job-related scams, and Rs 1.18 lakh from other NCRP complaints.

The cybercrime police have urged the public to exercise caution and verify the identity of anyone requesting money online, especially messages or friend requests

claiming to be from senior government officials.

They have also warned against fake investment groups promising high returns with little risk and APK files sent via SMS or WhatsApp

claiming to be from banks. Victims of cyber fraud are advised to report incidents immediately on the helpline number 1930 or via the official NCRP website to ensure swift action and recovery of funds.

Hyderabad Set for Underground Power Cable Overhaul

HYDERABAD

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The government plans to shift all overhead power lines in Hyderabad underground, making the city safer, smarter, and visually appealing, elevating its global profile.

Deputy chief minister

Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu,

who also holds power

portfolio, took this decision

following fire

tragedies at Pathergatti

and Ramanthapur. The

detailed project report

(DPR) is nearly com-

plete, with the pilot phase

targeting the core urban

region and covering

about 528 km of 33 kV

lines, 1,198 km of 11 kV

upkeep, besides supporting sustainable urban growth. To ensure quality, the government sent energy secretary Navin Mittal and southern discom chairman and managing director Musharraf Ali Faruqui to study Bengaluru's model, which saw 1,400 km of cables moved underground for Rs 1,800 crore — roughly Rs 13 crore-Rs 15 crore per km. Hyderabad's first-phase costs mirror these benchmarks, with estimated expenditure at Rs 2,800 crore-Rs 3,200 crore and the project cost is likely to exceed Rs 13,500 crore over four to five years.

The shift to underground cabling forms a vital part of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's grand vision for Hyderabad. His roadmap includes developing the Bharat Future City — a 30,000-acre hub with zones dedicated to AI, health, and education—alongside the Musi River rejuvenation and major works like T-Square. For Bhatti, upgrading century-old infrastructure goes well beyond beautification and is crucial for upgrading urban safety and governance. Underground networks will cut power theft, minimize outages, and free up city roads by removing poles from cramped lanes.

Etemaad Fashion Opens Its Doors in Santosh Nagar



Etemaad Fashion, a new men's wear and accessories store featuring top brands, officially launched its Santosh Nagar outlet beside Ruman Hotel on Saturday. The store promises to be a key destination for premium men's fashion, offering the latest trends and collections.

The grand opening drew several prominent guests, including Ex-MPP Omer Boom, Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, TJRA President Mohd Mustafa, BRS Women's Forum Vice President Mohammed Darbaar, and representatives from Shaheen Model Schools.

Owned by Shaik Mateen, son of Shaik Mohammed, the launch was supported by his brothers Mohd Aziz and Mohd Irfan, sons of Mohammed Munir Ahmed, who played pivotal roles in organizing the event.

Etemaad Fashion aims to establish itself as a hub for men's style enthusiasts in Hyderabad, providing high-quality products and an enhanced shopping experience.

Notification for Jubilee Hills assembly by-election on Oct 13

HYDERABAD

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The notification for the Jubilee Hills assembly by-election is set to be released on Monday.

The District Election Officer, Hyderabad, RV Karnan, is scheduled to release the gazette notification for the by-election on Monday and nominations will be accepted starting the same day.

According to the officials, all arrangements were completed at the Returning Officer's office set up at the Shaikpet Tahsildar's office. Karnan had already visited

the Returning Officer's office and reviewed the preparedness with the RO and AROs. Expenditure observer appointed:

Meanwhile, the Election

Commission of India

(ECI) has appointed Sanjiv Kumar Lal as the Expenditure Observer for the Jubilee Hills As-

sembly Constituency by-

election to oversee and

monitor the election ex-

penditure, ensuring strict

compliance with ECI

guidelines and to main-

tain transparency and

curb the influence of

money power in the elec-

toral process.

DGP Writes to All SPs, IPS Officers on Policing

HYDERABAD

Wakeup telangana

Director General of Police (DGP) B. Shivadhar Reddy has written to officers from the rank of deputy superintendent of police (DSPs) to IPS officers, stating that the true strength of the modern police force lay in the fusion of basic policing and technology, combining the human touch with digital intelligence to ensure faster response, better prevention, and greater public trust. Shivadhar Reddy said: "Every interaction at a police station, every patrol on the street, and every investigation we undertake must reflect our



sensitivity and commitment to public welfare. Our mission is not merely to enforce law but to inspire confidence and make citizens feel protected, respected, and heard. Public trust is the real measure of policing." The DGP noted that the foundation of effective law enforcement lay in basic policing — visible presence on the ground

("boots on the ground"), community interaction, prompt response, and local intelligence.

These fundamentals remain timeless and irreplaceable. Telangana Police stands as a national leader in technology adoption and innovation.

"We must continue to strengthen this edge — through data-driven policing, predictive analytics, enhanced cyber capabilities, and integrated command-and-control systems. Professional excellence begins with continuous learning. Training must not only sharpen operational skills but also build leadership, emotional intelligence, and

communication abilities. The welfare of every police officer and their family is my personal priority.

A well-supported, healthy, and motivated force is the foundation of an efficient police organization," the DGP said. Shivadhar Reddy felt that the police must deepen engagement with citizens, resident associations, women's groups, students, and the media. "Community policing and outreach programmes must continue to be our hallmark — preventing crime, resolving disputes, and building a sense of shared responsibility," he said.

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