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Brief Insights

Low pressure In Bay, Rains For AP Till Oct 27

A low pressure area, the first after the withdrawal of southwest monsoon, has been formed over southwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to trigger widespread, intense downpour particularly along south coastal AP and Rayalaseema regions this week. IMD said the heavy rains would continue till October 27.

Fire Breaks Out in Building Near Rashtrapati Bhavan

A fire broke out in a building near gate number 31 of the Rashtrapati Bhawan on Tuesday afternoon, prompting authorities to rush five fire tenders, a Delhi Fire Services (DFS) official said. A call regarding the fire breaking out in domestic articles on the ground floor of the two-storey building was received at 1:51 pm, the official said, adding that the blaze was brought under control in 20 minutes.

Unhygienic Wash-rooms Violate Basic Right: Court

The continued unhygienic state of washrooms in court complexes across the country constitutes a persistent violation of the fundamental rights and the right to dignity of all users, including judges, advocates, litigants and staff, according to status report filed on behalf of different High Courts before the Supreme Court. The apex court was informed that the poor condition of washrooms, even in High Courts in metropolitan cities, was not an isolated incident but showed.

Shun Violence, Give Up Arms, CM Tells Maoists

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday appealed to Maoists to give up violence and surrender to join the national mainstream. He urged them to participate in the nation's development and Telangana's reconstruction. The Chief Minister said that many Maoists had already laid down their arms and returned to society recently, and called upon those still underground to follow their



example.

"I appeal to all Maoist leaders and activists to surrender before the police and join mainstream

life. The time has come to be part of the nation-building process by shedding Naxal ideology," he said while addressing the

Police Commemoration Day parade in Goshamah. Revanth Reddy noted that "friendly policing" should be extended to law-abiding citizens, not to those who violate the law. While allowing protests to be organised to protect the rights of the people and to express their grievances in a democratic regime, the police must protect democratic rights and ensure that such protests do not cause inconvenience to the public.

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CM Announces ₹1 Crore Aid for Slain Nizamabad Constable

HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday (October 20, 2025) paid rich tributes to police martyrs during the Police Flag Day programme in Hyderabad, reaffirming his government's commitment to their welfare. He announced ₹1 crore ex-gratia, a government job, 300-yard house plot, and salary till retirement for the family of CCS constable Empalli Pramod Kumar, who was killed in Nizamabad, along with ₹16 lakh from welfare funds.

Mr. Reddy said six police personnel from Telangana and 191 nationwide had sacrificed their lives this year, praising their dedication and courage. He lauded the Telangana Police for topping the India Justice Report 2025 and for its technological advancements in tackling cybercrime, terrorism, and drug trafficking through the new "Eagle" wing and the Cyber Security Bureau. Highlighting reforms, he said 16,000 constables and SIs were recruited and women officers were given key leadership roles. He also announced the establishment of the Young India Police School for police families and civilians. Calling for Maoists to join the mainstream, the Chief Minister concluded by saluting the police for their service and vowing continued government support to their families.

India Upgrades Kabul Office

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India on Tuesday evening announced the upgradation of its three-year-old "technical mission" in the Afghan capital Kabul to a full-fledged embassy with "immediate effect". The intent had initially been announced after talks between external affairs minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar and his Afghan counterpart and senior Taliban regime leader Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi here 11 days ago. It may be noted that



while India appears to be steadily inching towards full diplomatic recognition of the Taliban regime in Kabul, New Delhi has not yet permitted the Taliban regime to hoist its flag on the Afghan Embassy in New Delhi. Backing Afghanistan in its conflict with Pakistan, India had last week said

Islamabad is "infuriated" that Afghanistan is exercising its sovereignty over its own territory. In a statement on Tuesday, New Delhi said, "In keeping with the decision announced during the recent visit of the Afghan Foreign Minister to India, the Government is restoring the status of the Technical Mission of India in Kabul to that of Embassy of India in Afghanistan with immediate effect. This decision underscores India's resolve to deepen its bilateral engagement

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JH Bypoll Sees Record Rush of Nominations

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The Jubilee Hills Assembly bypoll witnessed an unprecedented rush of nominations on Tuesday, with the total number of candidates expected to cross the 200-mark on the final day of filing. Hundreds of independent aspirants were still in queue at 10 pm on Tuesday, waiting at the returning officer's office in Shaikpet to submit their papers, turning the nomination process into a protest platform to highlight a range

of public grievances. Scrutiny of the papers is slated for Wednesday and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is Friday. If the protest nominations are accepted, multiple EVMs will need to be deployed in November 11, the polling day. Each control unit can take 64 candidates across four EVMs. Those who filed nominations included farmers affected by the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR) alignment, Pharma City and Lagacherla land acquisition projects, unem-

ployed youth, and members of the Mala community opposing Scheduled Caste sub-categorisation. Their participation was aimed at drawing national attention to their issues through the symbolic act of contesting the election. Election Commission officials said the final number of nominations would be confirmed on Wednesday, as candidates who arrived before the 3 pm deadline were still in queue to file papers late into the night. The returning officer allowed all those who

reached before the cutoff time of 3pm to complete the process. By 10 pm, around 100 nominations had been reportedly received, while more than 50 candidates were still waiting in queue to submit theirs. The nomination process began on October 13. By October 19, as many as 96 candidates had filed their papers. No nominations were accepted on October 19 and 20 due to Sunday and the Diwali holiday. With October 21 being the final day, the last-minute rush was massive.

Modi May Meet Trump at ASEAN Summit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, next week for the Association of South-east Asian Nations (Asean) and the East Asia Summits and could meet US President Donald Trump on the sidelines.

India has so far not officially announced the visit. The Asean summit will be held in Kuala Lumpur on October 26-27. India is not a member of Asean but has a separate engagement with the grouping called the Asean-India Summit, which is due to take place on October 27 in the Malaysian capital. India is also a participant in the

East Asia Summit. According to reports, President Trump is also likely to attend the summit. China may be represented by its Premier Li Qiang. The Asean summit will be immediately followed by the East Asia Summit. Summit host and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim had already invited both Mr Modi and President .

Dhaka's Advisers Sow Confusion On India-Bangla Pacts

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Contradictory positions taken by two advisors, holding ministerial positions, in the interim government in Bangladesh about the cancellation of 10 Indo-Bangladesh agreements, triggered confusion in diplomatic

circles of both the countries. On Sunday, Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyain, who is adviser on local government, rural development and co-operatives of the Bangladesh interim government, in a post on Facebook provided a list of 10 agreements that he called "cancelled."

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Trump Celebrates Diwali at White House, Lauds Modi

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US President Donald Trump participated in Diwali celebrations at the White House on Tuesday (local time) and extended his warm greetings to the people of India and Indian-Americans on the occasion. During his remarks, the US President praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling



him a "great person" and a "great friend", while highlighting US-India ties in trade and regional peace. "Let me extend our war-

mest wishes to the people of India. I just spoke to your Prime Minister today. Had a great conversation. We talked about trade... He's very interested in that. Although we did talk a little while ago about let's have no wars with Pakistan. The fact that trade was involved, I was able to talk about that. And we have no war with Pakistan and India. That was a very, very

good thing," Trump said. "He's a great person, and he's become a great friend of mine over the years," the US President added. Highlighting the symbolic importance of the festival, Trump said, "In a few moments, we'll light the diya as a symbol of faith in the victory of light over darkness... It's knowledge over ignorance and good over evil. During Diwali, the revellers recall ancient

stories of enemies defeated, obstacles removed, and captives freed." He further added that the diya's flame reminds everyone "to seek the path of wisdom and to work with diligence and to always give thanks for our many blessings." Following his remarks, Trump lit the diyas to celebrate the festival. Senior officials from the Trump Administration.

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Harish Rao Demands Pending Salaries, Criticises Health Service Collapse

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Former Minister T. Harish Rao has sharply criticised the Congress government over the non-payment of salaries to staff at Basti Dawakhana, which were once a model for doorstep medical services and urban public healthcare. During a visit to the Old Lingampalli Basti Dawakhana in Serlingampalli constituency, he revealed that doctors, nurses, and support staff had not received salaries for six months, forcing many to struggle financially. Rao demanded the immediate release of pending payments to these employees, along with around Rs 1,400 crore owed to private hospitals under the Aarogyasri scheme. Speaking at the clinic, Rao highlighted the severe shortage of medicines and essential medi-



cal supplies. “The Revanth Reddy government claims salaries will be paid on the first of every month. Yet here, not even medicines are available. Only 60 out of 110 types are in stock, forcing patients to buy them from outside pharmacies,” he said. He further pointed out that reagents for critical tests, including B12 and D3, were unavail-

able, compelling patients to approach private diagnostic centres. The BRS leader also criticised the Chief Minister for allegedly ignoring staff welfare. “The Chief Minister does not even review whether staff are getting paid. In his own constituency, a life was lost because the 108 ambulance did not arrive on time,”

Rao remarked. Harish Rao recalled that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao had launched 450 Basti Dawakhana, including 350 in Hyderabad alone, to provide affordable healthcare for the underprivileged. “Under BRS rule, 110 medicines and 130 tests were available free of cost, with reports sent directly to patients’ mobile phones. Today, even basic services are unavailable,” he added, underlining the decline in healthcare standards. Rao accused the Revanth Reddy government of prioritising liquor revenue over public health, alleging that it focused more on increasing liquor shop tenders than on improving hospital facilities. He also condemned the collapse of Employee and Journalist Health Schemes, calling the situation “shameful.”

Bandi Sanjay Kumar Vows to Transform Bhagya Laxmi Temple Into Golden Temple

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Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, has pledged to transform the Bhagya-laxmi Temple at Charninar into a magnificent Golden Temple if the BJP comes to power in Telangana. He said the party’s recent electoral victories were due to the divine blessings of Goddess Bhagalaxmi, whose temple has become a spiritual and symbolic centre for devotees and BJP supporters alike. Speaking after offering special Diwali prayers at the temple, Sanjay described it as his great fortune to highlight Bhagalaxmi’s spiritual power before the world. He recalled that his 1,600-km padayatra, undertaken during his ten-



ure as BJP state president, had begun with prayers at the same temple — an event that he said ignited Hindu unity and boosted the party’s momentum in the state. In a sharp attack on rival parties, Sanjay criticised BRS and Congress leaders for their sudden reverence toward the temple. He said those who once mocked or ignored its presence are now visiting the shrine to seek blessings, reflecting the temple’s growing significance among the people of Telangana.

Sanjay also condemned the Karnataka government for suspending an official who participated in an RSS programme, calling the action “deeply unjust.” He praised the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) as a “respected cultural and nationalist organisation,” recalling that even former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had acknowledged its role in nation-building. The minister assured that if the BJP returned to power in Karnataka, the suspended officer would be reinstated, promoted, and given full salary arrears. Sanjay’s remarks combined political resolve with religious sentiment, reinforcing the BJP’s focus on cultural pride and spiritual nationalism during the festive occasion.

South Central Railway runs 1,010 trains during festive season

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To manage the festive rush of passengers, the South Central Railway (SCR) has operated 1,010 regular and festival special trains between September 21 and October 20 this year, marking a 47 per cent rise compared to the previous year. Addressing the media at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, on Tuesday, SCR

General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava said Indian Railways has planned over 12,000 special trains nationwide during Dussehra, Diwali, and Chhath Puja, of which 973 belong to SCR. Around 4.8 crore passengers travelled across the zone during the past month.. To ease congestion, SCR added 237 extra coaches and introduced additional halts at Lingampalli, Hitec City, Charlapalli, and

Malkajgiri stations. Twenty-six holding areas with seating, lighting, drinking water, and sanitation have been set up at major stations across all six divisions for crowd regulation. Enhanced CCTV surveillance, extra booking counters, and deployment of RPF, GRP, and ticket-checking staff have also been arranged to ensure smooth passenger movement.

Hyderabad Sky Sparkles as SAS Crown Illuminates Diwali Night



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In the crowded hall of Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital, a 15-year-old boy and a 43-year-old man waited for check-ups on Tuesday, their eyes red and watering, handkerchiefs pressed to their faces. “I don’t burst crackers and save that money for my studies,” said the Class 9 student, struggling to keep his swollen eye open. “On Monday night, I stepped outside my house and something sharp fell into my eye. We rushed to a private hospital, but by

morning, it worsened. From ENT Koti, we were referred to here,” he told. Mohd. Yousuf Khan, 43, a key maker, said, “I was driving in Narayanguda when a cracker spark hit my eye. I used drops at night, but the pain was unbearable, so I came here.” From Monday night’s Diwali celebrations till 2 pm on Tuesday, Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital recorded 62 eye-injury cases. “Of the 54 injuries reported until 8 am, 23 had vision defects, four were admitted, and two underwent surgery — one of them a bystander. We need to wait a week to

assess their vision recovery,” said Dr. Modini Pandharapurkar, Superintendent of the hospital. “The number will definitely surpass last year’s 54 injuries, and we expect to record more eye injuries by Wednesday morning,” she added. Most injuries involved the eyelid, cornea, or retina. Doctors noted that many victims were bystanders, not firecracker users. Private hospitals reported that 60-65 per cent of their Diwali-related patients were also bystanders — many suffering from respiratory distress due to smoke exposure. Dr Babu S. Madarkar, clinical director of KIMS Cuddles, said, “Most cases were mild — noisy breathing and chest tightness caused by pollution. Children who burst crackers without supervision had first- to third-degree burns on their hands,

Voter Fraud Awareness Program Successfully Held in Serilingampally



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The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) successfully conducted a “Voter Fraud Awareness Program” in the Serilingampally constituency, aimed at safeguarding democracy and preventing irregularities during voting. TPCC State General Secretary V. Jagadishwar Goud participated in the program and received awareness materials prepared for distribution. The initiative was carried out under the guidance of the Telangana Congress Party Chief Ministerial candidate A. Revanth Reddy and TPCC State President Bommma

Mahesh Kumar Goud. The program was led by Yalamanchi Uday Kiran, General Secretary of the Miyapur Division Congress Party, with active participation from youth volunteers. Senior party leaders, including Patwari Shashidhar, Vamsi, Gokinepalli Ramesh, Ratna Chari, and Vasu, also took part in making the event successful. As part of the initiative, youth leaders handed over voter fraud awareness materials to V. Jagadishwar Goud. The leaders emphasized that responding to Rahul Gandhi’s call to protect democracy and prevent vote manipulation is of utmost importance.

BJP Minority Morcha leaders join BRS

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BJP Minority Morcha social media unit convenor Rida Quddoos and co-convenor Mohammed Bin Ali Al Gutmi joined the BRS. The party working president KT Rama Rao formally welcomed them into the party here on

Tuesday and reaffirmed the party’s commitment to minority welfare in Telangana. Speaking to the media after joining BRS, Rida Quddoos said she was deeply pained that the welfare and development initiatives for minorities launched under the previous BRS government had been

neglected by the present Congress government. She stated that the community’s progress had stalled and expressed confidence that true development for minorities would be possible only under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao’s leadership.

Telangana farmers face operational challenges, untimely rains

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Insufficient procurement preparations and untimely rains are challenging paddy procurement as part of the minimum support price operations across the State amid hopes of a record harvest. Only about 1,200 paddy purchase centres have been made operational in the main paddy zones as against the proposed 8,300 till date. These centres are expected to be equipped with modern amenities such as calibrated weighing scales, moisture meters, tarpaulins and paddy cleaners to ensure smoother operations. Though officials have to ensure swift payment disbursements, advance transport planning, and separate handling arrangements for different paddy varieties, on-ground reports high-



light operational challenges including delays in the opening of additional procurement centres. Unfavourable weather conditions and inadequate facilities and backlogs in payment clearances in several districts have been impacting the operations. Farmers who rush their wet or rain-soaked paddy to these centres often face rejections or heavy deductions for excess moisture, directly impacting incomes. Given the trajectory of rising paddy production year after year with output scaling up from around 72 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) in 2019-20 to an estimated 148 LMT for the 2025-26 season, the gaps are glaring.

Smriti parades mark Police Commemoration Day in Khammam, Warangal

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Smriti Parades and candlelight rallies marked the Police Commemoration Day observed in erstwhile Khammam and Warangal districts on Tuesday remembering the sacrifices of martyred police personnel. In Khammam, district Collector Anudeep Durisetty, Commissioner of Police Sunil Dutt, District Forest Officer Siddharth Vikram Singh, police officers, staff and families of the martyrs laid floral wreaths and paid tributes at the Police



Martyrs’ Memorial at the police parade ground. RI Srisailam was in-charge of the guard of honour parade. Additional DCP (AR) Kumara Swamy read out the names of 191 martyrs who lost their lives in the line of duty across the country this year.

Nizam Sagar records second-highest inflow in 50 years

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The Nizam Sagar project, built by the seventh Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, 94 years ago, has received its second-highest inflows in 50 years following heavy rainfall in the Manjeera river and its tributaries this monsoon. Situated on the border of Sangareddy and Kamareddy districts, the project recorded cumulative inflows of 291 TMCft this year against its full storage capacity of 17.802 TMCft. To manage the excess water, irrigation officials lifted multiple crest gates between August and October, releasing the surplus downstream. Construction of the historic project began in 1923 and was completed in 1931 after eight years of construction. Assistant Executive Engineer (Irriga-

tion) P Akshay Kumar said they have been maintaining inflow records for the past 50 years since 1975. “The project received more than 300 TMCft only once, during 1983-84, when it saw a record 329 TMCft inflow. The second-highest was in 1988-89 with 287 TMCft. This year’s inflow of 291 TMCft is the second-highest in five decades,” he said.

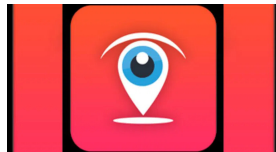
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Citizens can report Jubilee Hills bypoll code violations via cVIGIL app

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Citizens can report violations of the Model Code of Conduct for the Jubilee Hills assembly constituency by-election in real-time through the cVIGIL application of the Election Commission of India (ECI). The app is available for download from Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

The cVIGIL mobile app is an effective tool for identifying violations of the code of conduct, as highlighted by the Election Commission. Its key feature is the resolution of complaints within 100 minutes, a press release issued by the District Election Officer, RV Karan, said. Citizens can directly report through the app if a candidate or party violates the code and the



complaints can include instances of distribution of money, liquor, gifts, unauthorised use of loudspeakers, inflammatory remarks on religion or caste, and election rallies conducted without permission. The users can download the cVIGIL app on their

smartphones and register their details. They can capture a photo or video of the violation, upload images or videos of banners with leaders, voter inducement activities, or public representatives at government offices violating the code. Complaints submitted via the app are immediately reviewed by the Election Commission, with actions initiated

within 100 minutes, the press release said adding that the identities and phone numbers of complainants are kept confidential by the ECI. MCC Violations: How to File a Complaint on the cVIGIL App: • Capture a photo or video of the ongoing violation • Turn on location to activate GPS • The date and time are automatically recorded

with the media • A preview of the photo/video appears on the screen • Review the media before submission • select the type of violation from the provided dropdown list • Provide a brief description of the violation • Confirm the uploaded information on the screen • Once confirmed, the complaint is forwarded to the authorities

Woman murdered in broad daylight after family dispute in Suryapet

A 39-year-old woman was brutally killed in broad daylight by unidentified men who rammed her with a car and slit her throat in Epuru village of Atmakuru S mandal on Tuesday. The incident occurred just minutes after she met village elders to settle family issues. According to reports, Korivi Bhikshamma was walking back home after apprising village elders of the problems with her husband, Korivi Mallayya. The assailants struck her from behind with a car knocking her to the ground. They slashed her throat with a knife, leaving her dead on the spot. Bhikshamma and Mallayya, a lorry driver, had been fighting over domestic issues for quite some time. The couple has two sons. The elder one Bharat, works as a mechanic in Hyderabad, while the younger one, Praveen, runs a chicken centre in Suryapet. Mallayya and family members often accused Bhikshamma of having illicit relations with other men, leading to frequent .

Hyderabad Gears Up For Eco-friendly Chhath Puja

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Hyderabad is gearing up for Chhath Puja, the revered four-day festival dedicated to the Sun God, to be celebrated from October 25 to 28. Thousands of devotees, mainly from Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, who have made the city their home, will gather to observe the traditional rituals with devotion and discipline. Raju Ojha, chairman of the Bihar Samaj Seva Sangh, expressed gratitude to the state administration for its proactive measures. “We thank Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Telangana government for making



excellent arrangements to ensure that the festival is conducted safely and smoothly,” he said. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has designated 42 lakes and water bodies across the city as official Chhath Puja venues, including Baby Pond near Necklace Road, Bathukamma Ghat at Hussainsagar and Saroonnagar

Lake. Indira Roy, president of the Brahmarshi Seva Samaj, said, “Hyderabad is proud of its inclusive culture. The government recognises the spiritual and emotional importance of Chhath Puja to thousands of families, and GHMC has ensured all necessary civic facilities to support this sacred tradition.” Each site has been

cleaned and equipped with proper lighting, mobile toilets, drinking water stations, medical aid, police deployment, volunteer support for crowd management, changing rooms and barricades near ritual points. The Telangana state disaster response and fire services department has also been roped in to provide rescue boats and ensure safety during the water rituals. Chhath Puja is celebrated as a tribute to the Sun God and symbolises gratitude to nature, purity and harmony with the environment. Dr Dev Kumar Pukhraj, a member of the Bihari community in Hyderabad, noted, “This festival promotes

Cantonment Board Bids Farewell to Nayak, Welcomes Arvind Dwivedi

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In a ceremony at the Cantonment Board office today, outgoing CEO Madhukar Nayak was honored for his exceptional contributions, including spearheading a landmark Rs 303 crore development project. Nayak, recently transferred to Delhi following his promotion, received high praise from former Vice President Jampana Pratap, who lauded his dedication and transformative leadership. Pratap highlighted Nayak’s pivotal role in securing funding for the cantonment’s development, particularly emphasizing the construction of the elevated kaaridar, a project expected to significantly improve local infrastructure and services.



“His commitment to progress and community welfare will be fondly remembered,” Pratap remarked. The event also formally introduced the new CEO, Arvind Kumar Dwivedi, who was warmly welcomed by Pratap and other dignitaries. Officials including Jeevan Pushpagucham Andajesi, Deo Dinsh Reddy, Prakash Bantiya, and Shakib Hussain extended their con-

gratulations and expressed confidence in Dwivedi’s ability to sustain and advance the cantonment’s development initiatives. The Cantonment Board reaffirmed its commitment to continuing its growth trajectory under Dwivedi’s leadership while celebrating the lasting legacy of Madhukar Nayak, whose tenure marked a period of unprecedented progress for the community.

Supporting Murderers Is Unacceptable: VHP Leader Pagudakula Balaswamy

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Telangana’s Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) state publicity head Pagudakula Balaswamy criticized the selective response of human rights organizations, stating that it is wrong to remain silent when a police officer performing official duties is brutally murdered, yet react strongly when secu-

rity forces take action against terrorists. In a statement released on Tuesday, Balaswamy questioned whether human rights truly value the lives of police personnel, adding that constant criticism appears to encourage criminal behavior and could be interpreted as advocating for arming murderers. He emphasized that protecting the lives of law enforcement



officers is critical for maintaining law and order in society. Balaswamy praised the police for their handling of the Riyaz encounter in

Nizamabad, which followed the brutal murder of constable Pramod and an attempted attack on others. He said the encounter demonstrated the effectiveness and courage of the Telangana police, particularly highlighting the leadership of DGP Shivadhar Reddy and Nizamabad Commissioner Sai Chaitanya, which has earned public appreciation.

Speaking on the occasion of Police Martyrs’ Memorial Day, Balaswamy stated that encounters like these serve as a testimony to the police’s capability to confront terrorist threats. He urged the police to continue taking firm action against criminals who take the law into their own hands, warning that strict measures are necessary to uphold the Constitution and

prevent future attacks. He also called upon the government to provide immediate financial and emotional support to the family of the slain constable Pramod, saying that the sacrifice of law enforcement personnel must be recognized and honored. Balaswamy recalled that the VHP had initially demanded that Riyaz, the accused in the attack, be neutralized im-

mediately, and said that the recent encounter was a fulfillment of that demand, sending a strong message to terror networks operating in the region. He concluded by asserting that law-abiding citizens and police officers should not face criticism for defending the country, and stressed that supporting terrorists or criminals is unacceptable in any form.

OU Defends Faculty Promotions

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Osmania University (OU) has defended its recent round of faculty promotions under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS), dismissing allegations of irregularities and insisting that all promotions were merit-based and transparent. The promotions, finalised on September 29, spanned 41 departments and included eight senior professors, 33 professors and 54 associate professors. University officials said the entire process was video-recorded and conducted in the presence of external subject experts to ensure fairness. “There is a clear distinction between eligibility



and entitlement,” Vice Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram said. “Promotion is not just a matter of years of service — it demands consistent research output, publications in reputed journals and measurable contributions to the university’s growth.” The controversy erupted after a section of faculty alleged delays and favouritism in the CAS process, claiming that some eligible candidates were denied promotions. The university clarified that a few appli-

cations had been deferred because the candidates failed to meet the qualitative benchmarks in research and publications. “Those who could not fulfil the criteria have been advised to reapply in the next cycle,” an official said. Faculty members who served on the selection panels supported the university’s position. Prof. S. Jithendra Kumar Naik, dean of sciences, said he attended the interviews and found the procedure “entirely transparent and impartial.” Prof. B. Lavanya, dean of development and UGC affairs, said the process was “carried out with utmost diligence to recognise truly deserving faculty.” The university also criticised the actions

of a few former office-bearers of the Osmania University Teachers Association (OUTA), whose term expired in September 2024. It accused them of “misusing expired letterheads” and “circulating misleading information” to create confusion. Registrar Prof. G. Naresh Reddy warned that any such misuse would invite disciplinary and legal action. Officials reiterated that Osmania University’s priority was to uphold academic quality and institutional accountability. “We are committed to transparent governance and performance-based growth,” the Registrar said. “Promotions recognise excellence — they are earned, not assumed.”

Telangana Reports 44 Fire Incidents During Diwali Celebrations

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The Telangana Disaster Response and Fire Services department receiving 44 fire-related calls across the state during the Diwali celebrations this year. Of these, 38 were classified as minor, three as medium, and one as a serious fire that broke out in an industrial unit in Sangareddy district. Firefighters across multiple districts were kept on high alert to respond swiftly to festival-related emergencies. According to the data, the number of temporary firecracker shop licenses issued has seen a rise over the past three years, going up from 6,439 in 2023 to 7,516 in 2024 to 8,019



this year. Records also showed that fire incidents during the Diwali season, two days before and after the festival, had declined from 164 in 2023 to 95 in 2024 last year. While the number of reported calls this year remained manageable, the control room

and firefighters were on their toes to attend to distress calls and rescue missions. Officials urged citizens to adhering to safety guidelines while using fireworks and to immediately alert fire control rooms in case of any emergency.

Dogs Distressed By Firecracker Noise Admitted To Veterinary Hospital

Two dogs were admitted to the Super Speciality Veterinary Hospital in Narayanguda after being distressed by loud cracker sounds during Diwali celebrations. Several pet owners had left their dogs at GHMC shelters or private boarding centres to protect them from the festival noise. Dr Abdul Wakil, GHMC chief veterinary officer, told Deccan Chronicle: “Many pet parents now leave their dogs in shelters before Diwali for better care, paying a small fee for food and stay. At government clinics, two dogs were admitted due to fear from cracker sounds. We monitor them and provide treatment if needed, though most are not physically injured.” He added that GHMC also received calls from residents concerned about street dogs. “We reassure them that the dogs usually hide in safe places away from the noise,” he said. Private clinics such in Gandipet and another in Banjara Hills reported similar trends. Canine trainer M. Chandrashekar and Dr Jasleen Kaur said that several owners booked four-day care packages ranging from ₹850 upwards. Dr Kaur added, “Around 20 street dogs from the Banjara Hills area were cared for by community members who paid ₹200-₹400 for food packets.

Jubilee Hills bypoll: Congress factions clash in Rahmathnagar during campaign

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Tension prevailed at Rahmathnagar in the Jubilee Hills constituency on Tuesday when Congress leaders clashed among themselves during electioneering in the area. Supporters of corporator CN Reddy, who had aspired to contest the by-election, and former corporator Bhavani Shankar exchanged abuses and slogans against each other. The clash reportedly erupted due to internal differences and a lack of active participation in campaigning for the party’s candidate, Naveen Yadav. Led by La-



bour Minister G Vivek Venkatswamy, both Reddy and Bhavani Shankar, along with their supporters, had gathered for lunch at a party leader’s residence in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, SPR Hills. However, supporters of Bhavani Shankar and Nagesh Nayak accused C N Reddy’s group of not ac-

tively participating in the campaign. Reacting sharply, Reddy’s supporters questioned their rivals’ commitment to the party. The heated exchange soon turned into a physical altercation that lasted for nearly 20 minutes. Videos of the two groups hurling abuses and engaging in scuffles went viral on social media. Despite repeated appeals from senior leaders for restraint, the warring groups refused to back down initially. It took considerable effort from senior Congress leaders to finally bring the situation under control.

Forum for Good Governance urges SEC to hold local body elections

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The Forum for Good Governance (FGG) has urged the State Election Commission (SEC) to immediately conduct local body elections, highlighting the deteriorating situation in panchayats across Telangana due to the prolonged absence of elected representatives. FGG president M. Padmanabha Reddy emphasized that the SEC does not need the State government’s permission to hold elections once they are due. “Elections to Gram Panchayats have been pending for the past two years. In their absence, the Central government has halted fund releases, severely impacting civic amenities and

development activities in rural areas,” he said. In a letter addressed to the State Election Commissioner, Padmanabha Reddy pointed out that the delay in elections is primarily linked to a legal dispute regarding the extension of 42 percent reservations for Backward Classes (BCs). However, he noted that both the Telangana High Court and the Supreme Court have clarified that pending this reservation case, there is no bar on conducting Gram Panchayat elections based on the existing reservation framework. “Despite clear judicial guidance, the SEC has reportedly sought the State government’s permission before proceeding with elections. This indicates

that the commission is not exercising its independent powers and is instead acting as another department under government control,” Reddy added. He called upon the SEC to assert its constitutional authority and move forward with the elections without waiting for government approval. According to him, timely elections are crucial to restoring governance at the grassroots level and ensuring that essential welfare and development programs continue unhindered. The FGG’s appeal comes amid growing concern over the worsening condition of civic amenities in rural Telangana, including the delay in implementation of central

schemes and inadequate functioning of panchayats. Local leaders and residents have repeatedly raised alarms over stalled development works and lack of accountability in the absence of elected bodies. Padmanabha Reddy urged the SEC to prioritize the democratic process and ensure that citizens of rural Telangana have access to elected representatives without further delay. “Gram Panchayat elections are a basic democratic exercise and should not be held hostage to administrative or political considerations,” he stressed. The FGG’s statement reflects increasing public pressure on authorities to restore local governance.

Stronger India-US ties key to counter China, says leading American expert

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Walter Russell Mead, a leading expert on American foreign policy, has advocated for stronger India-US ties, terming deepening ties with India an “important way” to counter China in the short term and “build a strong defensive coalition for the future.”

In an article titled ‘India still wants to work with Trump’ in the Wall Street Journal, Mead, who is a Distinguished Fellow at the Hudson Institute, believed that despite the recent tensions, “the Trump administration remains well-positioned to take US-India relations to a new level.” “On tech policy, building close ties between the US, India, and friendly countries like Israel and Japan offers a path to countering the



Chinese push for leadership in a strategic domain. On regional issues, American and Indian interests are broadly aligned. Chinese efforts to pull countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, the Maldives and Sri Lanka into its orbit threaten both India and the US,” he elaborated.

Mead argued that the current bonhomie between the Trump administration and Pakistan isn’t likely to “attract much long-term love from Mr Trump” as

Islamabad has a “troubling record” on nuclear proliferation and terrorism.

“In the Cold War, America valued Pakistan as an ally against the Soviet Union. But in the emerging cold war with China, Pakistan has chosen Beijing. It has a troubling record of supporting illegal nuclear proliferation, and its hands are far from clean when it comes to supporting terrorism,” he added.

In early October, Mead

led a US delegation to India and met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior Ministers like Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. After meeting with the delegation, Prime Minister Modi posted on X. “Glad to interact with a US delegation of thinkers and business leaders led by Mr Walter Russell Mead. Value their contribution in strengthening India-US ties and advancing our partnership for global peace, progress and prosperity.”

Reflecting on his recent visit, Mead wrote that most Indians hope the new US Ambassador to India, Sergio Gor’s mission will be a “success.” “In meetings with Indian government, opposition and business leaders from Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on down, your Global View columnist heard a consistent message. India’s political and business leaders still want to work with the US,” he said.

In the last few weeks, the India-US relationship has stabilised after months of sustained tensions. Trade talks between the two sides are underway to finalise the first tranche of an agreement soon.Mead also asserted that a failure to resolve the pending issues in India-US ties would be an “indelible blot” on the Trump presidency.

An improved US-India relationship would be one of the president’s most important accomplishments. Failure would be an indelible blot on his record and vastly complicate life for his successors.

Armed forces celebrate Diwali with troops, laud bravery and dedication

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Wakeup telangana

In a strong message of solidarity and appreciation for the armed forces, the Chiefs of India's Army, Navy, and Air Force celebrated Diwali this year with soldiers stationed at strategic frontline locations across the country.

Their visits highlighted not just festive camaraderie, but also the commitment of the armed forces towards national security and operational readiness even during the festive season. Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, Chief of the Indian Navy, celebrated the festival of lights aboard the country’s first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister and



the Navy Chief interacted with sailors and officers, acknowledging their pivotal role in safeguarding India's maritime frontiers and strengthening indigenous defence capabilities. Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, visited personnel deployed in the high-altitude region of Ladakh.

Addressing officers and airmen of the Indian Air Force and the Indian Army stationed there, Air Chief Singh commended their professionalism and unwavering commitment

despite extreme weather conditions. He highlighted the Air Force's continuous efforts in enhancing jointness with the Army and leveraging advanced technologies for better operational synergy.

Meanwhile, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi celebrated Diwali on Monday with troops of the Panchsul Brigade in Pithoragarh and nearby forward areas of the Kumaon range. During his visit, he was briefed on ongoing initiatives involving.

In Gujarat’s Mehsana, PM SHRI school sets new example in education and sports

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Prime Minister's Schools for Rising India Scheme (PM SHRI) is a Central government programme, aiming to establish over 14,500 schools pan-India, where an inclusive atmosphere could be created for every student – ensuring their well-being and a secure and enriching learning experience. In Gujarat’s Mehsana district, the PM Shri Smt. Kamalaben Babulal Shah Anupam Primary School in Khairalu taluka has emerged as a leading example, not just in the state but across the country. The school's educational infrastructure has seen refurbishment and modernisation, equipping the students with facilities like library, laboratory, classrooms



with smart boards and spacious playgrounds. Besides education, the school is giving ample focus on developing and nurturing extracurricular activities among the students and is also encouraging their maximum participation in sports tournaments. A couple of people, including students and the principal, also spoke about the initiative that seeks to bring transformational change in the lives of

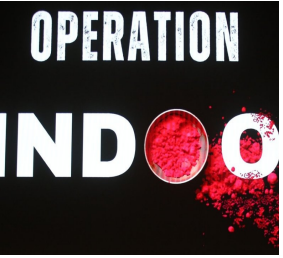
students. Tamanna Thakur, a student, said, “My school hosts various sports activities such as taekwondo, volleyball, football, cricket, and kabaddi. Our PT teacher also takes us out to participate in the tournaments.” School Principal Kanubhai Prajapati said, “All the achievements we have in the sports field are due to the indoor games stadium built under the PM

SHRI scheme. Our children have performed very well at the international, national, and state levels and have received numerous awards. The children have also achieved excellent results in the music room and drawing room.” This PM Shri school has students from nursery to eighth grade. The students here have brought glory to the school at the national and international levels. PM SHRI Primary School in Vithoda has even received the School of Excellence Award. Notably, the PM SHRI school, aligning with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020, seeks to focus not just on the cognitive development of students but also on creating holistic and well-rounded individuals with 21st-century skills.

Centre notifies gallantry citations; Vir Chakra awarded for Operation Sindoor

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Central government has issued a gazette notification listing gallantry award citations for defence personnel of the Indian Army and Indian Air Force for their acts of extraordinary courage during assorted operations, including the recently completed Operation Sindoor. Earlier, President Droupadi Murmu approved 127 Gallantry awards and 40 Distinguished Service awards to personnel of the Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces. These are: 04 Kirti Chakras; 15 Vir Chakras; 16 Shaurya Chakras; 02 Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry); 58 Sena Medals (Gallantry); 06 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry); 26 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry); 07 Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medals; 09 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 24 Yudh Seva



Medals. The President has also approved 290 Mention-in-Despatches, comprising 115 personnel of the Indian Army, 5 of the Indian Navy, 167 of the Indian Air Force, and 3 of the Border Roads Development Board (BRDB). Among the recipients, Colonel Koshank Lamba (IC-69077N) of the 302 Medium Regiment has been awarded the Vir Chakra for conducting the first-ever short-notice air mobilisation of a specialised equipment battery. His guidance facilitated the timely induction of inter-command personnel under total secrecy, demonstrating the Indian Army's martial ethos.

Lieutenant Colonel Sushil Bisht (IC-72358P) of 1988 (Independent) Medium Battery has also been awarded the Vir Chakra. As Officer Commanding on an operation, he led his unit with remarkable courage and operational excellence, which resulted in the annihilation of terrorist camps. From the Indian Air Force, Group Captain Ranjeet Singh Sidhu, who is a fighter pilot, has been awarded the Vir Chakra for command of his squadron on effective strike missions against pre-selected targets, in which all operational tasks were accomplished. Group Captain Animesh Patni, flying a strategic Surface to Air Missile (SAM) squadron from a forward airbase, proved to be a great leader during a mission. His accurate direction caused immense damage to the enemy without in-

flicting any damage to his own resources, and he was awarded the Vir Chakra. Squadron Leader Rizwan Malik, as deputy mission commander on a high-risk midnight mission, entered heavily defended enemy airspace to neutralise fortified targets. His mission entailed low-level tactical flight and precision weapon delivery under severe threat, for which he was awarded the Vir Chakra. Squadron Leader Siddhant Singh has also been awarded the Vir Chakra for his contribution in a three-aircraft formation assigned with a stand-off precision attack. It was a mission requiring outstanding flying capabilities and coordination in a saturated air defence space with combined air defence systems. The gazette notification emphasises the initiative, leadership, and operational proficiency of these officers, pointing out the nation's armed forces'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Shun Violence, Give Up Arms, CM Tells Maoists

“In today’s era of social media, every step and every word of a police officer must be cautious,” he said. Paying rich tributes to police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, Revanth Reddy described the police as a symbol of “trust and assurance” for society. “Even when faced with life-threatening situations, the police never back down from their duty. It is our collective responsibility to remember those who laid down their lives for our safety,” he said. He added that 191 police personnel across the country, including six from Telangana, had died in the line of duty this year. The martyrs include Greyhounds commandos T. Sandeep, V. Sridhar, and N. Pawan Kalyan; assistant commandant Banothu Jawaharlal; Nalgonda constable B. Saidur; and CCS constable Empalli Pramod Kumar who was killed in Nizamabad three days ago. The Chief Minister announced an ex gratia of Rs 1 crore for constable Pramod Kumar’s family, along with his last drawn salary until retirement, a government job for a family member, and a 300-square-yard house site. The family will also receive Rs 16 lakh from the Police Security Welfare Fund and Rs 8 lakh from the Police Welfare Fund.He said the state government was committed to the welfare of all police personnel and the families of martyrs, recalling that land had already been allotted to the families of 33 policemen who died in a

Maoist attack in Odisha in 2008. Highlighting Telangana’s progress in policing, Revanth Reddy said the state police had been ranked first in the India Justice Report 2025 for excellence in adopting technology and implementing innovative policing practices. “The Telangana Police has set an example for the country in tackling terrorism, extremism, white-collar crimes, drugs, cyber-crimes, and other anti-social activities. Transparency, accountability, and ethics must remain the pillars of policing,” he said. The Chief Minister lauded the police for their advanced use of technology to combat emerging crimes such as cyber fraud, digital manipulation, and human trafficking. He said the state had established a Cyber Security Bureau led by a DGP-rank officer, which had become a model for the country through its inter-state operations against cybercriminals. He also praised the performance of the Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE), formed to eradicate the drug menace, and reiterated his government’s resolve to make Telangana a drug-free state. Revanth Reddy said that women IPS officers were heading key departments, including the police academy, prisons, SIB, ACB, CID, Vigilance, CCS, and the Cyber Security Bureau, while seven women officers were serving as DCPs in the tri-commissionerates of Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda. “The work of the police is like walking on the edge of a sword — every moment is a test, every day a challenge,” he said. He added that the government had recruited over 16,000 con-

stables and sub-inspectors in the last two years, ensured freedom from political interference, and enhanced ex gratia for senior officers up to Rs 2 crore. He said the government had also established the Young India Police School at Manchirevula in Rangareddy district to provide quality education to the children of police personnel and civilians.

Dhaka's Advisers Sow Confusion On India-Bangla Pacts

He wrote, “A discussion started about these projects right after the interim government took office and this decision has been taken after a proper review.” All of the ten deals, which Bhuiyan claimed to have been scrapped, were finalised between 2016 and 2024 during former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s regime. According to Bhuyain’s post, the deals cancelled include Tripura-Chittagong Railway network (2017), Abhoypur-Akhaura Railway Expansion (2018), Ashuganj-Agartala Corridor (2016), Feni River Water Management (2019), Road and Waterways Development linked to Port utility (2018), Bangladeshi Financial Cooperation Proposal about Farakka Barrage (2023), Sylhet-Silchar Link (2020), Petroleum Pipeline Expansion (2019), Mirsarai & Mongla Indian Economic Zone (2019) and Tug Boat deal with Indian defence company GRSE.However, foreign affairs adviser Md Touhid Hossain declined to comment on the post, according to many Bangladeshi media outlets. A spokesperson

of the Indian High Commission in Dhaka, the Bangladesh media claimed, indicated that no formal communication was made to New Delhi. On Tuesday evening, Bangladesh foreign adviser Hossain rejected his colleague’s claims on the cancellation. He said that only one Indian line of credit on the GRSE deal was cancelled earlier. "The list, which came out, was provided and circulated by someone. It was probably retweeted by an adviser with his comment. I do not want to comment on it. He could have possibly avoided doing it. The list is not correct. Most of the agreements on that list do not exist. A few of the remaining ones are at various stages and are not exactly by that name. They have a different description," Hossain explained.

Nellore on High Alert Ahead of Heavy Rain Forecast

“The Embassy of India in Kabul will further augment India’s contribution to Afghanistan’s comprehensive development, humanitarian assistance, and capacity-building initiatives, in keeping with the priorities and aspirations of Afghan society.” Speaking at a press conference at the Afghan Embassy during his recent visit, Mr. Muttaqi had claimed that his country had received the nod from the Indian Government to post diplomats to the Afghan Embassy in New Delhi. When asked whether an Ambassador would be appointed by his country to India, Mr. Muttaqi said the posting of Afghan diplomats would commence

and that the level would gradually be scaled up in due course. It may be recalled that the Taliban had stormed to power after the American military withdrawal in August, 2021, which led to the collapse of the then Afghan Government led by President Ashraf Ghani who fled the country. India had initially pulled out all its diplomats from Kabul in August, 2021, following the Taliban takeover and all Indian personnel working on infrastructure projects in the strife-torn nation had also left then. New Delhi had subsequently established a "technical team" or “Technical mission” in place there at the Indian Embassy since June, 2022 when its ties with the Taliban began to improve. The developments come in the wake of the recent border clashes between Afghanistan under its ruling Taliban regime and its erstwhile mentor Pakistan that have claimed several lives. Ties between Islamabad and the Afghan Taliban have been deteriorating steadily over the past few years after deadly attacks on Pakistani security forces by militant group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Islamabad has alleged that the TTP is being backed and sheltered by the Afghan Taliban. At his weekly media briefing last Thursday, MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had said Pakistan hosts terrorists and has an “old practice of blaming its neighbours for its own internal failures”. The MEA Spokesperson had also said India completely supports the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan

CRIME

Accused in assault get bail

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana High Court granted conditional bail to 18 persons accused in a group assault incident reported from Karankote in Vikarabad district during the Ganesh immersion programme. The judge was hearing a criminal petition filed by Boddu Vijay Kumar and others. The accused allegedly attacked the complainant and others following a quarrel during the celebrations. The complaint stated that on September 9, one of the accused, harbouring previous enmity, provoked the complainant to come outside, where around 40 people had gathered. This led to a confrontation in which the complainant and others

were allegedly beaten and sustained injuries. According to the complainant, they attempted to kill the de-facto complainant and other persons. The petitioners argued that the incident was a quarrel between two groups and that the complainant himself had been named in a counter case registered earlier for related offences. It was pointed out that the petitioners were in custody since September 11, and that most of the investigation, including examination of witnesses, was already completed. Taking into account the stage of investigation, the nature of allegations, and the period of incarceration, the judge granted conditional bail to the petitioners.

Suspension of Local Bodies Election Challenged

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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G. M. Mohiuddin took on file a writ plea challenging the suspension of the local body election process. The panel was hearing the writ plea filed by Renka Surendar, advocate from Mancherial district. The petitioner sought a direction stating to declare as illegal and unconstitutional the action of the State Election Commission (SEC) in issuing a notification dated October 9 suspending the local body election process. The petitioner con-

tended that the notification was arbitrary and contrary to the common interim order of the High Court dated October 9, which directed conversion of excess reserved seats into open category seats and proceeding with the elections by issuing a revised schedule within a time-bound manner. The petitioner sought a direction to the SEC to forthwith comply with the court order and resume the election process by issuing a revised schedule. Senior counsel for the State Election Commission and the state sought two weeks to obtain instructions. The panel directed that the matter be listed on November 3.

Case for sale of PDS rice quashed

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Justice Juvvadi Sridevi of the Telangana High Court has quashed criminal proceedings against three individuals accused in a case concerning the alleged illegal procurement and resale of public distribution system (PDS) rice. The accused—Motam Guruvaiah and two others—were facing trial before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Nandimydaram, under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Essential Commodities

Act. The case against them alleged that the trio had purchased PDS rice from beneficiaries at lower prices with the intention of reselling it at higher rates for profit. According to the prosecution, such acts violated provisions designed to ensure fair distribution of subsidized food grains to the needy. However, the accused moved the High Court seeking quashing of the criminal case, arguing that no complaint had been lodged by any PDS beneficiary and that even if the allegations were accepted

in their entirety, they did not constitute a criminal offence under law. Their counsel contended that there was no element of deception or inducement involved, nor was there any evidence of dishonest misappropriation of rice meant for public distribution. After considering the arguments, Justice Sridevi observed that the prosecution had failed to present any material evidence indicating that the beneficiaries were misled or that rice was misappropriated dishonestly. The judge noted that the mere pur-

chase of rice from beneficiaries, without proof of coercion, fraud, or misrepresentation, could not attract penal provisions under the IPC or the Essential Commodities Act. Justice Sridevi further held that continuing the trial under such circumstances would amount to an abuse of the process of law, causing unnecessary hardship to the accused and wasting judicial resources. She emphasized that criminal proceedings cannot be pursued solely on speculative allegations, particularly in the absence of any complaint.

Hyderabad Police Launch Drive to Curb Drunk Driving

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Following the instructions of city police commissioner V C Sajjanar, city traffic cops have implemented strict measures to curb drunk driving and other traffic violations. Central zone traffic cops during a trial basis conducted drunk drive (DD) checks in Abids, Chikkadpally, Saifabad and Gandhinagar traffic police stations and booked 212 in drunk driving. After the violators were produced before the Nampally court among 201 187 drunken drivers were fined with Rs 3,100 each while 25 imposed a fine of Rs 99,900 before sentencing them to imprisonment. Total Rs. 6,79,600/- fine was imposed by the court on the violators on Sat-



urday, Mohan Kumar, ACP traffic Central Zone told Deccan Chronicle. Apart from the drunk driving, 147 accused appeared before the court in cell phone driving cases each of them was fined Rs. 1,100. Whereas seven minors appeared before the court and each was fined Rs. 2,100, Mohan Kumar said. We have been instructed to take stern measures aimed to reduce accidents against the violators found in mobile driving, drunk driving and also to create traffic safety awareness programs for citizens, Mohan further said.

Man Killed in U-turn Accident at Dundigal

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A 40-year-old man lost his life in a fatal accident at the Pochamma U-turn in Dundigal on Saturday evening. The victim, Kumaraswamy, had just finished work and was returning home when the mishap occurred. According to police reports, a mini-lorry collided with Kumaraswamy's motorcycle, dragging him for nearly 50 metres due to the force of the impact. The accident was so severe that Kumaraswamy succumbed to his injuries on the spot. The driver of the mini-lorry fled the scene immediately after the collision, leaving the vehicle behind. Local residents who wit-

nessed the incident alerted the authorities. Police rushed to the spot and shifted Kumaraswamy's body to the Gandhi Hospital mortuary for a postmortem examination. Following the examination, the body was handed over to his grieving family. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the law, and the police have launched an investigation to identify and apprehend the absconding driver. Efforts are ongoing, and authorities have urged anyone with information about the incident to come forward to assist in the investigation. This incident marks yet another tragic accident at the Pochamma U-turn, highlighting concerns over traffic safety in the area.

Inter-State Online Scam Busted in Hyderabad

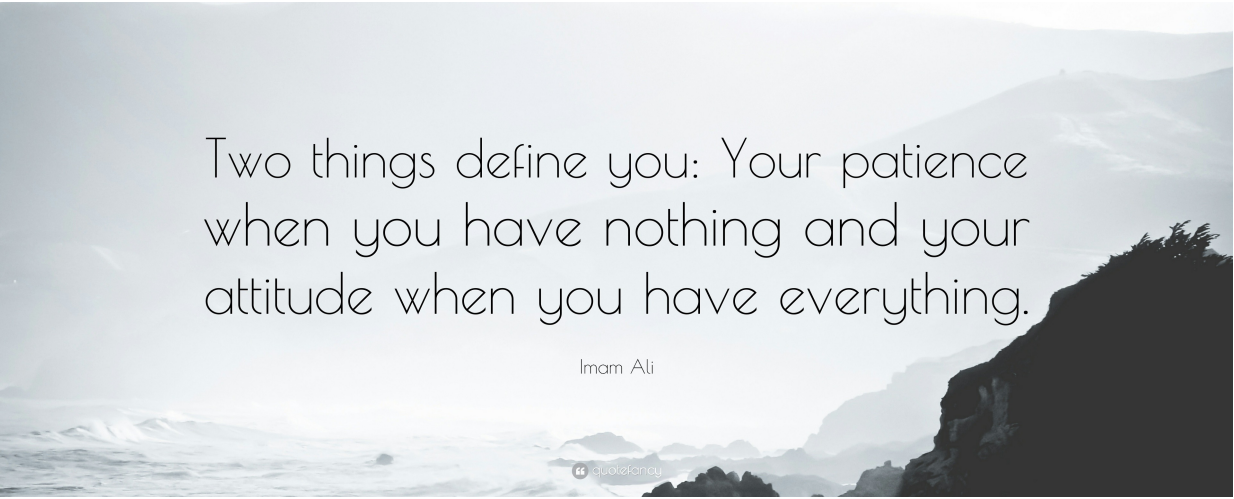
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Hyderabad police have arrested an inter-state cyber fraudster involved in 15 on-line investment and trading scams across India, including eight cases in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The accused, Kandukuru Sultan Ahmad Khan (28), a native of Kadiiri, Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh, along with his associates, swindled victims of nearly Rs 3 crore in just three days, including Rs 47.71 lakh from a Hyderabad resident, officials said. Khan was traced and arrested in Tirupati by a special team of the City Cyber Crime Unit (CCCU).

According to DCP (Cyber Crimes) Dara Kavitha, the scam came to light when Khan contacted a Hyderabad victim on August 21, 2025, via WhatsApp, adding him to a group named "Navuma 915 Insights Stocks". The group lured the victim into investing through a fake trading app called "Navuma Insights Stocks", promising high returns. Initially, the app showed profits, prompting the victim to invest Rs 24.71 lakh via UPI and bank transfers. The app falsely displayed his balance as Rs 40.6 lakh. When he attempted to withdraw funds, his request was denied, and he was pressured to deposit another Rs

23 lakh. By the time the victim realised the scam, he had lost Rs 47.71 lakh. Investigation revealed that fraudulent transactions were routed through a bank account in the name of "Sultan Imports & Exports" at Karur Vysya Bank. During interrogation, Khan admitted supplying fake bank accounts on commission via a Telegram channel "Pandapay Official Channel" and collaborating with a syndicate using multiple accounts to launder stolen funds. He handed over ATM cards, cheque books, and SIMs to associates and received payments, including \$2,100 in cryptocurrency, later converted to Indian ru-

pees. Police recovered from the accused several bank debit cards, a mobile phone, and other property. The operation was led by Inspector S. Naresh, assisted by SI B. Manmohan Goud and constables K. Rakesh Sagar, R. Murali Krishna, and B. Manikantha. Khan was produced in court and remanded to judicial custody. Authorities urge citizens to stay vigilant: verify investment advisors on the SEBI website, be cautious of "guaranteed" returns, avoid sharing sensitive information, and report suspicious activity via 1930 or www.cybercrime.gov.in.



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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Art for Mental Wellbeing: Kaveri University Observes World Mental Health Day with Creativity and Compassion

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Kaveri University marked World Mental Health Day with an inspiring Mental Health Awareness Programme under the initiative “Thrive @ KU – Connect, Reflect, Grow,” conceptualized by Dr. Nida Fatima Hazari. The programme aims to nurture mental resilience and holistic well-being among students through mindfulness, emotional expression, and community engagement. The session began with a warm address by Prof. V. Praveen Rao, Vice-Chancellor of Kaveri University, who highlighted the vital role universities play in fostering both intellectual and emotional growth. He encouraged students to prioritize self-care, empathy, and mental wellness as integral parts of their academic journey. Following this, Ms. Zara



Ahmed Siddiqui, psychologist and lifestyle expert from Hyderabad, shared insightful guidelines on wellness, emphasizing that mental health is not a luxury but a necessity. She highlighted the importance of early care and community support in fostering resilience, setting the tone for an afternoon centered

on empathy, self-awareness, and reflection. A major highlight of the programme was an Art Therapy session, where students expressed their emotions through colours, patterns, and creative symbols. The activity transformed the room into a vibrant canvas of imagination, allowing

participants to paint their feelings, doodle away stress, and experience the calming, healing power of artistic expression. Students reflected that the session helped them unwind and realize that mental health can also be nurtured through self-expression. Dr. Nida Fatima Hazari, faculty coordinator and conceptualizer of Thrive @ KU, guided the interactive session with warmth and sensitivity. “Our goal through Thrive @ KU is to remind every student that their mental health matters — that growth happens when we connect with ourselves and with others, when we reflect on our inner world, and when we consciously choose to thrive,” shared Dr. Hazari. The initiative continues to evolve as a platform for open dialogue, healing, and holistic development at Kaveri University.

Ola shares tumble after CEO Bhavish Aggarwal booked in employee suicide case

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Shares of Bhavish Aggarwal-led Ola Electric Mobility came under heavy pressure on Tuesday during the special Muhurat Day trading session, following news that the company’s top executives have been booked in connection with the suicide of an employee. Ola Electric’s stock fell as much as 4.16 per cent, touching an intra-day low of Rs 52.65 per share on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). At the closing bell, the stock was at Rs 53.43, down by Rs 1.51 or 2.75 per cent. Nearly 45 million equity shares, worth Rs 24.08 crore, were exchanged

on both the NSE and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) during the session. The sharp decline in share price followed reports that Bhavish Aggarwal, the CEO and founder of Ola, along with senior executive Subrath Kumar Das, has been named in an FIR filed by Bengaluru police. The case relates to the alleged suicide of a 38-year-old employee, K Aravind, who reportedly left behind a detailed 28-page death note accusing his seniors of workplace harassment. Aravind, who worked in the company’s homologation division, allegedly consumed poison at his residence on September 28.

Despite being rushed to a private hospital, he did not survive. The police registered a case of abetment to suicide under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), based on a complaint filed by Aravind’s brother. The complaint also raised concerns about financial irregularities amounting to Rs 17.46 lakh and accused Ola’s HR department of failing to explain suspicious money transfers to Aravind’s account. A senior police officer confirmed that notices had been issued to all individuals named in the FIR and that written explanations had been submitted. The investigation is ongoing.

Delhi witnesses bumper firecracker sales ahead of Diwali; sales estimated to be Rs 500 crore

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The national capital witnessed a surge in firecracker sales this Diwali season, with most shopkeepers running out of stock well before the festival. In order to find crackers, many Delhi residents were even compelled to travel to neighbouring cities like Gurugram, Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, and Sonapat. The demand for firecrackers increased significantly this year, according to Brijesh Goyal, Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and Industry (CTI). Even one day before Diwali, the majority of traders experienced stock shortages. In order to purchase firecrackers, many people had to travel outside of Delhi, he said, adding that the city’s total sales were estimated to be close to Rs 500 crore. Paramjit Singh Pamma, President of the Sadar Bazaar Association, said that



traders recorded nearly a 40 per cent increase in overall sales compared to last year. “The demand for firecrackers, decorative items, and lighting products has gone up significantly this festive season,” he added. Following the Supreme Court’s October 15 ruling, which allowed the sale and bursting of green crackers in Delhi-NCR between 6 and 7 a.m. and 8 and 10 p.m. on Diwali day and the day before, sales increased. As a result, from October 18 to 21, authorities in Delhi permitted the sale of green crackers.

During the holiday season, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) also reported record-breaking sales across the country. Traders in India registered businesses worth Rs 5.40 lakh crore between Navratri and Diwali, while customers spent an additional Rs 65,000 crore on services. Compared to last year’s festive season sales of Rs 4.25 lakh crore, this represents a 25 per cent increase. The strong sales figures reflect robust consumer sentiment and a revival in festive spending across the country.

UDAN serves over 1.56 crore passengers via 3.23 lakh flights: Govt

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme has facilitated over 1.56 crore passengers through 3.23 lakh UDAN flights in nine years, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said on Tuesday. Under the scheme, 649 routes have been operationalised, connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, which include 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes. Meanwhile, to support airline operators and regional infrastructure, the Government has disbursed more than Rs 4,300 crore as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and invested Rs 4,638 crore in airport development under regional connectivity schemes (RCS). The ministry is celebrating the 9th anniversary of the Regional Connectivity Scheme. Addressing the occasion



here, Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha highlighted that the UDAN, launched on October 21, 2016, under the National Civil Aviation Policy, has been a transformational initiative aimed at making air travel affordable and accessible to the common citizen. The first UDAN flight, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 27, 2017, between Shimla and Delhi, marked a new era in regional aviation connectivity, he added. The Secretary reaffirmed the Ministry’s commitment to continue the scheme beyond April 2027 through an expanded UDAN Framework, focusing on connectivity with hilly, North-Eastern, and aspirational regions, and the development of around 120 new destinations. According to the ministry, a key recent initiative has been the introduction of Comprehensive Guidelines for Seaplane Operations in August 2024, and the launch of UDAN 5.5, a special bidding round for seaplanes and helicopters. Under this round, Letters of Intent have been issued for 150 routes connecting 30 water aerodromes across various coastal and island regions. The UDAN is not just a scheme; it is a catalyst for change and a testament to India’s commitment to making air travel inclusive, sustainable and an integral part of our development journey, the ministry noted.

Ayurveda offers natural ways to prevent Osteoporosis and strengthen bones: Ayush Ministry

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Osteoporosis is a growing public health challenge, but it can be effectively managed through the preventive and restorative wisdom of Ayurveda, the Ministry of Ayush said on Sunday. On the occasion of World Osteoporosis Day 2025, the ministry highlighted the importance of early preventive care, balanced nutrition, and lifestyle changes to protect bone health and reduce the risk of fractures, especially among the elderly and postmenopausal women. Osteoporosis, often called a “silent disease,” weakens bones and makes them fragile, increasing the chances of fractures in the hip, wrist, and spine. It usually develops slowly and often remains undetected until a bone breaks, causing pain and mobility issues. Experts say that with

timely care and a healthy lifestyle, the risk of bone loss can be significantly reduced. According to Ayurveda, osteoporosis is linked to an imbalance of the ‘Vata dosha’, which leads to weakened bones and loss of density. This understanding aligns with modern science, which connects the condition to bone demineralisation and hormonal changes with age. Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya, Director General of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), said that Ayurveda provides a natural way to strengthen bones and support healthy ageing. “The classical concept of ‘Asthi Saushirya’ closely matches modern understanding of bone fragility,” he said. “Ayurveda’s focus on prevention through diet, lifestyle, and herbal therapies offers a holistic solution for maintaining bone health.

LTIMindtree's Whole-Time Director, President Nachiket Deshpande resigns

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LTIMindTree’s Whole-Time Director and President, Nachiket Deshpande, has resigned from his position, the IT company said in an exchange filing on Tuesday. Deshpande would be relieved from his duties as of October 31, it said. “We hereby inform you that Nachiket Deshpande has resigned from the position of Whole-time Director and President, to explore new opportunities beyond LTIMindtree. He would be relieved from his duties after the end of office hours on October 31, 2025,” the firm said in the exchange filing. The company said that Deshpande has been a valued member of the erstwhile LTI Board and presently the LTIMindtree Board since 2019, making a sig-

nificant contribution to the company’s strategic direction and growth. “I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Nachiket for the remarkable impact he has made during his long tenure at LTIMindtree. His leadership and unwavering commitment have been pivotal in shaping the foundation for the next phase of growth for LTIMindtree,” LTIMindtree Chairman S.N. Subrahmanyam said. Deshpande said that the past years have been an incredible journey for him, rich with opportunities to grow, learn, and contribute meaningfully to this remarkable organisation. “It has been a privilege to work closely and learn from Chairman SNS, board members and my esteemed colleagues,” he added.

India’s smartphone market grows 3 pc year in July-Sep, Apple posts record shipments

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

India’s smartphone market grew 3 per cent year-on-year in the July-September period, reaching 48.4 million units shipped, as Apple posted its highest-ever shipments in the country in Q3, securing 10 per cent share, a new report showed on Tuesday. According to global research firm Omdia, vendors filled the channels with new stocks in expectation of a high-demand festive period. The modest growth was driven by a wave of new launches in July and August, retail incentivisation and an earlier festive season that pulled forward inventory flows. “With limited organic demand, Q3’s momentum was largely sustained through incentive-led channel push rather than pure consumer recovery,” said Sanyam Chaurasia, Principal Ana-



lyst at Omdia. Vendors reallocated marketing budgets to high-impact retail incentive programs that rewarded sell-through, ranging from cash-per-unit bonuses to tiered margins and dealer contests with rewards such as gold coins, bikes, and international trips. “These incentives motivated distributors and retailers to

absorb higher inventory ahead of the festive season. At the same time, vendors intensified consumer-facing schemes — from zero-down-payment EMIs, micro-installment plans, bundled accessories and extended warranties — to drive conversions,” Chaurasia added. vivo (excluding iQOO) extended its lead in the

market with 9.7 million units shipped capturing a 20 per cent market share. Samsung ranked second with 6.8 million units and a 14 per cent market share followed by Xiaomi in third place, narrowly overtaking OPPO (excluding OnePlus), with both vendors shipping 6.5 million units. Apple returned to the top five with 4.9 million units, with incremental growth driven by smaller tier cities. “Smaller cities drove volumes through aspirational demand, aggressive festive offers and wider availability. While older iPhones 16s and 15s drove major shipments under discounted upgrades, the iPhone 17 base model gained traction supported by a strong iPhone 12-15 install base upgrades,” said Chaurasia. Looking ahead, Apple will aim for Pro-model upgrades and deepen its ecosystem to drive long-term value, the report added.

PFRDA aims to enhance transparency and stability in NPS, APY schemes

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has proposed measures aiming to enhance transparency and stability in the National Pension System (NPS) and the Atal Pension Yojna (APY) schemes, the Ministry of Finance said on Tuesday. The pension fund regulatory body has released a Consultation Paper titled “Alignment of Valuation Guidelines with the core objectives of Long-only Funds when investing in Government Securities and calculation of Net Asset Value (NAV),” suggesting the adoption of a dual valuation framework (‘accrual’ and ‘fair market’) for long-dated government securities held in the NPS and the APY, a ministry statement said. The PFRDA’s proposals are intended to achieve three major purposes: to depict stable and simplified pension wealth ac-

cumulation to subscribers during the accumulation phase, to reduce the impact of short-term interest rate volatility on scheme NAV, and to align pension fund investments with long-term capital formation, boosting stakeholder confidence by funding productive, long-gestation infrastructure assets. “Overall, the framework aims to present pension wealth accumulations more clearly to subscribers while ensuring long-term financial stability and economic relevance,” the statement said. The authority encourages thorough review and constructive inputs on the proposals to ensure the successful development and implementation of the schemes regulated by the PFRDA. Stakeholders need to submit their comments, inputs and feedback on the aforesaid consultation paper by November 30. Earlier, the Finance Ministry informed that the combined.

Elizabeth Olsen won't do films if they don't get theatrical release

Hollywood actress Elizabeth Olsen is putting her foot down. The actress longer signing on to Hollywood studio movies that don't have a guarantee. As an indie film darling since the start of her career with May Marlene', Olsen is comfortable acting in a movie without sold to a streamer, reports 'Variety'. The actress has shared that her preference cal release.

She told 'InStyle' magazine, "If a movie is made independently and only streamer, then fine. But I don't want to make something where (streaming think it's important for people to gather as a community, to see other together in a space". "That's why I like sports. I think it's really powerful for together for something that they're excited about. We don't even audition in more", she added.

As per 'Variety', since her last outing as the Scarlet Witch in the Marvel verse courtesy of 2022's 'Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness', made only indie movies such as 2023's 'His Three Daughters', 2024's 'The and the upcoming A24 romantic comedy 'Eternity'. Only 'His Three Daugh-backed by a streamer (in this case Netflix), although it was given an awards-theatrical release in select theaters. Olsen knows a thing or two about bringing people together in movie theaters thanks to the MCU, where she's played Scarlet debuting in the post-credits scene of 2014's 'Captain America: The Winter "Making the films are fun. Goofy. It's ridiculous. We're grown people dren on a playground", Olsen said about the MCU. "We're flying. shooting things out of our hands. And it's a character that I've gotten turn to so many times after over 10 years. It's good to put her down then I miss her and I want her back. I'd jump at the opportunity to be in her shoes again".

Olsen added about the pros of the MCU, "It's the consistency of a community and a job, which is hard to find. The insane camera movement, stunt work and special effects, visual effects that are happening in real time". "It's a lot of co-ordination, it's hundreds and hundreds of people on set, and it's a powerful thing to be a part of all those people working towards one goal. The people doing the visual effects are artiste. The soul, the spirit, the heart is fulfilled doing it. It does mean something. I care about the acting being great, everyone does", she added.

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Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh reveal daughter Dua's face

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Bollywood superstars Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh delighted fans this Diwali by revealing the face of their daughter Dua for the first time on social media. The power couple, known for keeping their private life away from the spotlight, shared a heartwarming family portrait that has gone viral online. Deepika shared the pictures with



the caption "Diwali ki hardik shubhkamnayein" in Hindi, wishing everyone a Happy Diwali, ac-

companyed by smiling and evil eye emojis. In the photos, the couple can be seen dressed in co-ordinated festive outfits. Deepika wore a stunning red silk salwar kameez with heavy traditional gold jewellery. Her hair was tied in a bun adorned with jasmine flowers. Ranveer, in an ivory sherwani paired with a layered pearl necklace and sunglasses, exuded his trademark charm. The couple's daughter

Dua, dressed in a matching red outfit, looked adorable in her parents' arms. Her cute little pony-tails made the picture all the more adorable. Another picture captured a serene moment of Deepika holding Dua close during the Diwali puja. Dua was born in September 2024, nearly five years after Deepika and Ranveer tied the knot. The couple, who met on the sets of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Goliyon Ki

Raasleela: Ram Leela" in 2013, fell in love during the film's shoot. After dating for nearly six years, Deepika and Ranveer got married in a grand yet intimate ceremony at Lake Como, Italy, in November 2018, following both Sindhi and Konkani rituals. Since Dua's birth, Deepika and Ranveer have been fiercely protective of their daughter's privacy, refraining from sharing her face on social media.

Kapp's all-round brilliance, Wolvaardt's class help South Africa eliminate Pakistan

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Marizanne Kapp's all-round brilliance and Laura Wolvaardt's elegant 90 helped South Africa Women continue their sensational run in the Women's ODI World Cup, crushing Pakistan by 150 runs via DLS method in a rain-marred contest at the R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo. The commanding win, their fifth straight in the tournament, not only propelled them to the top of the points table but also sealed Pakistan's exit from the competition. It also marked the first time South Africa have won five consecutive matches in an ODI World Cup, surpassing their previous best streak of four in 2022. Pakistan's decision to bowl first after winning the toss initially seemed to work when Fatima Sana removed Tazmin Brits for a duck in just the



second over. But persistent rain interrupted play just as Sadia Iqbal began the third over, forcing multiple stoppages. After over two hours of delay, the match was first reduced to 42 overs per side and then further curtailed to 40. Once play resumed, South Africa seized control through a superb 118-run partnership for the second wicket between Laura Wolvaardt and Sune Luus. The duo countered Pakistan's spinners with smart placement and

crisp strokeplay, both bringing up their fifties. Luus departed for 61 off Nashra Sandhu, and shortly after, Wolvaardt fell 10 short of a well-deserved century when Sandhu struck again to end her fluent 90. The left-arm spinner also dismissed Karabo Meso in the same over, capping a fine spell of 3 for 45. While wickets fell at one end, Chloe Tryon chipped in with a quick 21 before being stumped by Sidra Nawaz. That set the stage for a brutal late flourish

from Marizanne Kapp and Nadine de Klerk, who tore into the Pakistan attack. The pair added a blistering 52-run stand for the seventh wicket, taking South Africa past 300. Kapp hammered an unbeaten 68 off 43 balls, while de Klerk blazed 41 off just 16 deliveries, ensuring South Africa posted a formidable 312 for 9. After DLS adjustments, Pakistan were set a revised target of 306 in 40 overs. Pakistan's chase began on the worst possible note as Ayabonga Khaka removed Muneeba Ali for 5 in just the second over. Kapp then took charge with the ball, producing a devastating opening spell that tore through the top order. She removed Omaina Sohail (6), Sidra Ameen (13), and Aliya Riaz (3) within the first nine overs, leaving Pakistan in deep trouble at 35 for 4.

Ajit Chouhan stars as U Mumba edge Jaipur Pink Panthers 37–36, move up to 4th place

INDORE Wakeup telangana

U Mumba rode on a brilliant show from Ajit Chouhan and the defence to clinch a 37-36 win against Jaipur Pink Panthers in Season 12 of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) at the Thyagaraj Indoor Stadium, New Delhi on Tuesday. With this win, U Mumba have moved to fourth place in the points table, and are in contention to finish in the Top 4. U Mumba opened the scoring with a successful raid from Ajit Chouhan, but Jaipur Pink Panthers quickly hit back through Nitin Kumar's smart raid to level the scores. Both teams continued to exchange points in the early minutes, keeping the contest intense and evenly balanced. Nitin Kumar then produced a brilliant multi-

Kratika Sengar misses late FIL Pankaj Dheer, shares an emotional note on Diwali

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Bollywood veteran star Pankaj Dheer passed away on the 15th of October, leaving the nation in a state of shock. The Dheer family, who have been missing the actor on the occasion of Diwali, took to social media in expressing their grief. Pankaj Dheer's daughter-in-law and actress Kratika Sengar recently shared a story on social media where she expressed how difficult it was to get through the festival without her father-in-law. Sharing a picture of a diya lit on Diwali, Kratika wrote, "Only when you lose someone you love, you realise how heavy the



festivals can feel," along with the heartbroken emoji. Pankaj Dheer passed away following a battle with cancer, as per reports. The actor had reportedly undergone a surgery as a part of the treatment recently. The Indian Film and Television Fraternity gathered in Mumbai on the 17th of

October to pay their last respects to the veteran actor. A prayer meet was organised by the Dheer family and was attended by several industry colleagues and friends, who came together to honour his memory and contributions to Hindi cinema. Among those present at the meet were filmmaker Rohit Shetty; actors Sharad Saxena, Suresh Oberoi, Isha Deol, Zayed Khan, Tanvi Azmi, Mohit Raina, Aditya Pancholi, Mukesh Rishi, Puneet Issar, Ashok Pandit, and Mukesh Khanna, among others. For the uninitiated, Pankaj Dheer was best known for his portrayal as Karna in B. R. Chopra's iconic television series Mahabharat.

Tejasswi Prakash and Karan Kundrra celebrate Diwali with the former's parents

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Television's beloved couple Tejasswi Prakash and Karan Kundrra have celebrated Diwali with utmost joy and happiness with their family this year. Tejasswi shared a series of photos on her social media that radiate happiness, further offering a glimpse into her festive evening spent with her parents and Karan at their Mumbai home. In the first photo, Tejasswi is seen dressed in a striking pink ethnic outfit paired with traditional jewellery and is seen holding sparklers alongside Karan, who looked dapper in a cream kurta pyjama. The couple was joined by Tejasswi's parents and family members, all dressed in festive colours. Another picture shows the group lighting fireworks together, their faces lit up with laughter. In a separate image, Karan is seen offering prayers at his own home, holding marigold flowers close to his forehead in reverence. In the video shared by Karan on his social media stories, the actor was spotted performing Lakshmi Puja at his residence. The heartwarming clip also showed him applying tikka to his two pet dogs, treating them as a part of his family. Tejasswi and Karan, who first met on the reality show Bigg Boss 15, have been dating for nearly three years.



Their chemistry on the show quickly turned into a real-life relationship, making them one of television's most adored couples. Rumours about their wedding have been circulating for months, with fans eagerly waiting for an announcement. However, the couple has not announced anything officially. Recently, on the 15th of October, Tejasswi had shared a series of photos with Karan to wish him happy birthday. Sharing a romantic photo series with Karan and wishing him on his birthday, Tejasswi wrote, "The only right swipe he does now. To the man of my dreams, happy birthday," tagging Karan Kundrra.



point raid, earning two crucial points to give the Panthers the lead. Their defence followed up strongly, with Deepanshu Khatri executing a fine tackle to extend their advantage, though U Mumba managed to grab a bonus point to stay within touching distance. Despite U Mumba's efforts, the Panthers held on to a two-point lead. However, U Mumba's defence came alive soon after with a superb Super

Tackle that brought the scores level again at 8-8. Jaipur Pink Panthers quickly regained control with another excellent tackle from Deepanshu Khatri, and by the time the Strategic Time Out was called in the first half, the Panthers were narrowly ahead at 8-9. When play resumed, both teams began cautiously with a couple of empty raids before U Mumba broke the deadlock with a brilliant Super Tackle,

taking a 10-9 lead. Soon after, Sathish Kannan added another point with a successful raid to extend their advantage. U Mumba continued to build momentum, displaying an all-round performance with both raiders and defenders contributing effectively. Their strong defence and sharp raiding helped them widen the gap further, putting pressure on the Jaipur Pink Panthers. The turning point came when U Mumba inflicted an All Out, taking full control of the match and stretching their lead to 19-12. They maintained their dominance in the closing minutes of the half, and by the time the whistle blew for halftime, U Mumba were comfortably ahead with a 22-12 lead. The second half followed a similar pattern as U Mumba kept control.

KCR BRS ‘Star Campaigner’ for Jubilee Hills Bypoll



The BRS, seeking to retain the Jubilee Hills Assembly seat in the November 11 byelection, has named party president and former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao as a ‘star campaigner’. While the party remained tight-lipped on whether Chandrashekar Rao would actually hit the campaign trail, including him in the list held out the prospect that he could do so.

The bulk of the weight of the campaign is expected to be borne by BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, senior leader T. Harish Rao, and former ministers, legislators and members of Parliament of the party. The party on Tuesday released a list of 40 of leaders — approved by the Election Commission — as star campaigners with Chandrashekar Rao leading the line-up. The others in the BRS list were former ministers Md Mahmood Ali, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, T. Padma Rao Goud, Vemula Prashant Reddy, G. Jagadish Reddy, Sabitha Indra Reddy, V. Srinivas Goud, Rajya Sabha member V. Ravichandra, and legislators K.P. Vivekanand Goud, Bandaru Laxma Reddy and Padi Kaushik Reddy as also party leader Dr Sravan Dasoju.

HMDA makes Rs 1,225 cr revenue from real estate permits

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has recorded a revenue of Rs 1,225 crore through real estate permit fee collections in the first nine months of 2025; a 245 per cent increase as compared to last year’s revenue of Rs 355 crore.

According to a press release from the HMDA, the monthly revenue from real estate permits in Hyderabad this year has also been higher than the corresponding months of 2024 and 2023, with September alone registering Rs 132 crore in revenue collection, a jump of 263 per cent from 2024. Moreover, the authority has also improved its application disposal time and approval rates by clearing applications for a built-up area of over 88 lakh square meters.

Metropolitan Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmad has stated that the authority approved 77 applications for multi-storied building (MSB) ventures till September, covering a substantial built-up area of 78.71 lakh square meters and realised a record Rs 514 crore in revenue.

A few of these projects include a 2.17 acres project at t Kokapet comprising a single block with 5 cellars + ground + 63 upper floors and totalling a gross built-up area of 1,545,994 sq.ft and 362 units and two others in Kokapet spanning 7.71 acres with 5 blocks and a major mixed-use project spanning 9.71 acres with 3 blocks.

Other notable real estate projects in Hyderabad include a 3.22 acre development with 2 blocks and another 2.34 acre project of 1 block, both in Bandlaguda Jagir. The authority also granted permissions for 2,862 acres of open plot layouts and 38.24 lakh sq.m of layouts with housing.According to the release, 6,079 applications were disposed by September this year, indicating a surge of 49 per cent from 2024 and 36 per cent from 2023. HMDA has also started segmenting files depending on their pendency to facilitate quick disposal. They are categorised into files pending for more than 60 days, those pending for 30 to 60 days, files pending within 30 days, and files pending for just a week.

The authority has stated that with regular follow-up, the pendency of files beyond 30 days in HMDA has been brought down to less than 2 per cent.

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Independent candidate and Hyderabad Youth Committee (HYC) founder-president Salman Khan took a firm stand during his public meeting held near Masjid-e-Hamza, Baba Sailani Nagar, as part of his campaign for the Jubilee Hills by-election. Addressing a large gathering, Salman indirectly hit back at AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, who had reportedly warned independent candidates not to use AIMIM party symbols or Owaisi’s photos for campaigning, threatening to approach the Election



Without taking Owaisi’s name, Salman Khan made a sharp remark, saying, “Ab bade Hazrath ko takleef ho rahi hai, magar humko unse takleef nahi hai” (“Now the big leaders are facing problems, but we have no problem with them”).

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support to win the election, adding that those who rely on others’ images or names would only lose the people’s trust. Salman also took a swipe at the trend of political campaigns dominated by national figures, saying, “Dekhiye, mere banner par na Modi ka photo hai, na Yogi ka. Sirf Dulhe Bhai ka photo hai” (“See, my banner doesn’t have

Modi’s or Yogi’s photo — it only has Dulhe Bhai’s photo”), referring to himself affectionately as Dulhe Bhai. He urged voters to judge candidates based on their work and intentions rather than political associations. Salman emphasized that he represents the people directly, not any political party or leader. Concluding his address, Salman said that several individuals were defaming him just to gain attention, but he remains focused on serving the community. His speech drew strong reactions from supporters, marking one of his most assertive responses in the ongoing by-election campaign in Jubilee Hills.

Air Pollution On Diwali Stays Lower Than Last Year’s Festival: TPCB

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The Telangana Pollution Control Board (TPCB) has reported a notable rise in both air and noise pollution levels across Hyderabad during the Diwali festivities this year, al-

though overall readings remained lower compared to 2024. According to the TPCB’s special Diwali monitoring report, conducted between October 13 and 27, air quality deteriorated significantly on the day of the festival, largely due to firecracker

emissions. Data revealed that concentrations of Particulate Matter (PM)2.5 — considered the most harmful to human health — increased by 86 per cent, while PM10 levels rose by 68 per cent compared to normal days. However,

both figures were slightly below last year’s Diwali surge, when PM2.5 and PM10 spiked by 91 per cent and 65.76 per cent, respectively. The study found that the average PM2.5 level jumped from 37 µg/m³ on regular days to 69 µg/m³.

Telangana liquor licence deadline draws flak; applicants threaten legal action

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The Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department’s decision to extend the deadline for liquor shop licence applications till October 23 has raised strong objections from several applicants, with many planning to move the court. Applicants allege that the

extension is sudden and unfair to those who submitted their forms on time. According to them, a considerable amount of time, effort and money has been spent t o file applications before the original deadline. They also allege that the department’s focus seems to be on revenue generation rather than transpar-

ency. The Excise Department has stated that the extension was given following requests from district officials in Rangareddy, Warangal, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar and Medak, who cited disruptions in public transport and banking services due to the Telangana BC bandh on Saturday.

Surekha Meets Revanth After AICC’s Disapproval

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The Congress high command has reportedly warned Minister Konda Surekha and her family over their recent conduct, following internal turmoil in the party triggered by the removal of her Officer on Special Duty (OSD), N. Sumanth. Acting on the directive of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), Surekha and her husband Konda Murali, met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday evening to explain controversial remarks made by their daughter Sushmita against the Chief Minister, his adviser Vem Narender Reddy, and minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. The sudden meeting, held at the Chief Minister’s residence on

Diwali evening, created a buzz in political circles. The meeting took place at the Chief Minister’s residence in Jubilee Hills, where deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and state Congress chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud accompanied the Konda couple. Party sources said Bhatti and Goud had earlier visited Konda Surekha’s residence to convey the high command’s instruction to immediately meet the Chief Minister, offer an explanation, and help defuse the escalating situation. The AICC leadership is understood to have warned Surekha to address grievances within the party framework and refrain from making public statements that could damage the image of the

party or the government. The high command reportedly cited multiple past instances in which the Konda couple made controversial remarks against party leaders and ministers, cautioning that such indiscipline would no longer be tolerated, regardless of their seniority or influence. The controversy began after a police team visited Surekha’s residence on the night of October 15 to arrest Sumanth, who had been removed as OSD earlier following allegations that he had threatened a cement factory’s management with a firearm for extortion. Sushmita, Surekha’s daughter, confronted the police, demanding an arrest warrant and alleging that her parents were being targeted on caste grounds.

Hyderabad traffic police issues advisory for Sadar Utsav Mela at YMCA Narayanguda

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The Hyderabad traffic police issued a traffic advisory in view of Sadar Utsav Mela, to be organised from 7 pm on Wednesday to 4 am on Thursday at YMCA Narayanguda. The traffic coming from Ramkoti towards YMCA, Narayanaguda, will be diverted at Kachiguda X Road towards Tourist Junction.. Similarly, the traffic coming from Lingampalli X Road towards YMCA, Narayanaguda, will be diverted at Kachiguda X Road towards Bata X Road. Vehicles coming from Old MLA Quarters and Cemetery towards YMCA will be diverted at Vittalwadi X Road towards Ramkoti X Road. Motorists coming from Vittalwadi X Road towards Rajmohalla chilla will be diverted at Padmashali Bhavan towards Ramkoti X Road. Traffic coming from RTC X Road and Crown Café towards YMCA will be diverted at Narayanaguda X Road towards Himayathnagar Y junction.

Vehicles coming from Narayanaguda X road towards RBVRR college will be diverted at Baba Tent House towards Crown Café. The Traffic from Bagh Lingampally Colony towards YMCA will be diverted at Reddy College Junction towards Baba Tent House. Vehicles from Barkathpura chaman towards YMCA will be diverted at Post office Jn. towards Crown Café. Traffic coming from Lingampally X Road and bylanes of Lingampally colony towards RBVRR college will be diverted at Matha Temple towards Post Office junction. Vehicles coming from traffic from Kachiguda X road and Tourist Junction towards Post office Jn. will be diverted at Lingampally X Road towards Tourist Jn and Kachiguda X Road, respectively. • RTC Buses Diversion: • RTC Buses coming from Chilakalguda X Road towards Koti (DM&HS) via Narayanaguda X Road and YMCA may take the route from RTC X Road – VST – Baghlingampally – Crown Café.

Kishan Slams Congress-BRS-MIM Alliance

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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday blamed the Congress and the earlier BRS governments for neglecting civic infrastructure in the capital that had resulted in overflowing drains and persistent power outages. Their promises of transforming Hyderabad into a world-class city was empty rhetoric of leaders who now enjoy the comforts of their farmhouses while citizens suffer, Kishan Reddy said. He was speaking at a rally ahead of BJP candidate Lankala Deepak Reddy filing his nomination papers for the November 11 Jubilee Hills



Assembly byelection. Kishan Reddy accused the Congress and the BRS of plunging Telangana into over Rs 13 lakh crores in debt and branded their governance “reckless and exploitative”. He listed the Congress’ unfinished election promises, from free gold for brides to guaranteed jobs and financial aid, accusing party leaders of blatant looting. Kishan Reddy questioned Congress’s moral right to seek votes in Jubilee Hills

after such betrayal and urged voters to teach a decisive lesson to the three family-run parties: Congress, BRS, and Majlis. He warned that voting for BRS would be like throwing money down the drain. Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar alleged that there was a collusion between the Congress, BRS, and MIM that was aimed at undermining the BJP’s rise. He claimed that the Congress had entered into an agreement to hand over land for the Peddama Temple in Banjara Hills to the MIM, and promised to block it. Sanjay pledged that a BJP win would unlock Central funds to Jubilee Hills.

Kite warehouse in Dhoolpet burns down on Deepawali night

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A major fire broke out in Hyderabad’s Dhoolpet area late on Monday night, October 20, around 11:00 pm, after firecrackers allegedly triggered a blaze in a kite warehouse. According to officials from the Yakutpura fire station, the fire spread rapidly due to the presence of combustible materials such as paper, bamboo sticks, and other

kite-making supplies stored inside the premises. Fortunately, there were no injuries or casualties reported in the incident. However, the flames caused severe damage to property, destroying two cars, large quantities of finished kites, and raw materials. Firefighters rushed to the spot immediately after receiving information and deployed three fire tenders to douse the flames. It took nearly

three hours of continuous effort to bring the situation under control and prevent the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. Preliminary estimates suggest property losses of around ₹5 lakh. Officials suspect that stray firecrackers set off during Diwali celebrations might have caused the fire, though a detailed investigation is underway to determine the exact cause. Coincidentally, the Dhoolpet fire.

Thousands Flock to Bhagyalaxmi Temple at Charminar for Deepawali

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Thousands of devotees thronged the Bhagyalaxmi Temple at the base of Charminar to offer prayers and seek blessings on the occasion of Deepawali. The temple premises witnessed heavy footfall from early morning, with long queues continuing well into the next day. The temple was decked

with flowers, glittering lights, and festive décor, radiating a spiritual glow across the heritage site. After offering prayers, devotees received silver coins as part of the temple’s longstanding Deepawali tradition. To manage the massive turnout, authorities ensured tight security and law and order arrangements. The Rapid Action Force (RAF) and Hyderabad Police remained de-



ployed around the Charminar to prevent any untoward incidents or communal tension. The

security measures will remain in place till Wednesday. The stretch leading up to

Gulzar Houz was filled with pilgrims, vendors, and visitors. Local traders put up welcome banners, while free food and water stalls were arranged for devotees, reflecting the festive spirit of community service and celebration. In recent years, the number of devotees at the Bhagyalaxmi Temple has seen a sharp rise, especially during major Hindu festivals such as Deepawali, Dussehra, and

Sankranti. Deepawali, celebrated on the 15th day of the Kartik month, marks the return of Lord Rama, Goddess Sita, and Lord Lakshmana to Ayodhya after a 14-year exile and the defeat of demon king Ravana. The festival symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil, drawing devotees from across the region to Hyderabad’s historic landmark.