

GHMC speeds up road repairs; fills19,659 potholes across city

GHMC uses geo-tagged app for real-time road maintenance

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IN an ongoing road safety initiative, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corpora-tion (GHMC) identified a total of 21,000 potholes across the city, of which, 19,659 have been repaired.

To ensure smooth and safe commuting for citizens and to prevent traffic congestion across the city, the GHMC has placed special focus on achieving 100 per cent pothole repairs within the shortest time frame.

Under the directions of GHMC Com-missioner RV Karnan, the city-wide road safety measures such as pothole filling, catch-pit repairs, patch works, cover re-placements, and central median restora-tions are being executed on a war footing.

Maintenance teams of GHMC are working tirelessly to ensure roads are safe for commuters. According to GHMC, it has identified over 21,078 potholes, of which 19,659 have already been repaired. Additionally, 920 catch-pits, 465 cover re-placements and 18 central median repairs have been completed.

Maintenance chief engineer Sahadev Ratnakar is overseeing field-level execu-tion and progress monitoring.

CE Sahadev informed that the in the

LB Nagar Zone over 3,547 potholes re-paired, and in Charminar Zone – 2,846, Khairtabad (3,404), Serilingampally (2,228), Kukatpally (2,942),and Secun-derabad (4,692) potholes were repaired.

RV Karnan said that the GHMC has intensified road restoration works to avoid public inconvenience. “We are moving ahead with a goal to fill all iden-tified potholes within a week,” said the Commissioner. Meanwhile, during the intensive GHMC special sanitation drive in the Greater Hyderabad area, the sani-tation teams collected municipal waste and eliminated construction and demoli-tion (C&D) waste from over 2,400 col-onies across 150 divisions.

During this sanitation drive, a total of 335 vehicles have been deployed for mu-nicipal waste removal, alongside 67 ve-hicles dedicated to C&D waste removal. Waste collection efforts are currently underway in the LB Nagar, Charminar, Khairtabad, Serilingampally, Kukatpal-ly, and Secunderabad zones under the GHMC. Meanwhile, to ensure public safety and better road infrastructure management across the city, the GHMC recently launched an innovative ‘Periodic Public Safety Inspection app’, developed using ArcGIS Field Maps. According to GHMC, the mobile-based application



enables field engineers to record, update, and capture geo-tagged photographs of road issues such as potholes, open man-holes, damaged catch pits, protruding bars or stones, open electrical boxes on footpaths, and improper barricading for ongoing works — all directly from the field.

RV Karnan said, “The app would en-able real-time tracking, faster inspec-tions, and transparent reporting, ensur-ing higher efficiency, accountability, and safety in road maintenance operations.”

Telangana Tamil Sangam members seek govt support for celebrating festivals, literary events

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ON an invitation of the Chief Minister’s Office (CMO) ear-lier on Tuesday, a delegation comprising a well-wisher of the Telangana Tamil Sangam BN Reddy along with Vice President P Dharamaseelan, General Secretary S Rajku-mar, Treasurer N Nehru Sastry and Executive Com-mittee Members. Saravanan, Jayaprakash, Prabhu Vijayan, and A Saravanakumar met the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.



During the meeting, the delegation submitted a mem-orandum highlighting various welfare and cultural devel-opment needs of the Tamil-

speaking community residing in Telangana. The memo-randum included requests for: Establishment of a Tamil Bhavan (Tamil Cultural Cen-

tre) in Hyderabad, promotion of Tamil language and cul-tural education in Telangana schools, government support for Tamil festivals and liter-ary events and other welfare initiatives for Tamil students, workers, and families living in the state. The Sangam reas-sured that it would continue to endeavour and strengthen the cultural ties between the Tamil community and the government. The Chief Min-ister appreciated the Sangam’s role in promoting unity and assured his continued support for Tamil welfare initiatives.

Amazon Web Services delegation meets CM Revanth

The CM assures full support to the company to invest in Telangana

Hyderabad

An official delegation of the Amazon Web Services (AWS) paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tues-day. During the meeting, the delegation briefed the Chief Minister about the ongoing Data Center projects, expansion plans and other issues related to the AWS operations

in Telangana state. The CM assured that the government will extend all kinds of support to the company to invest in the state.

Kerry Person, Global Head of AWS Data Center, Vikram Sridharan, Director of Infrastructure Public Policy, Anurag Kilnani, and others were also present.



CM dares Kishan to slap CBI case against KCR

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Alleging that the BRS and BJP entered a “secret agree-ment”, Revanth Reddy said that it was the BJP which made allegations that the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project was an ATM for the KCR family. The Union min-isters from Telangana also made comments that KCR and Harish Rao would be sent to jail in 48 hours if the case was handed over to the CBI, he pointed out.

“Now, the Union govern-ment took ‘U’ turn and did not take any action despite the state government writing a letter to it to order a CBI investigation into the project case. No case has been filed for the last three months. Even after seeking permis-sion from the Governor to arrest KTR in the Formula E race case, there was no response for the last two months,” the Chief Minister alleged.

Addressing a byelection

rally in the city after con-ducting a roadshow, the Chief Minister said that the car, the election symbol of BRS, was slowly morphing into a lotus (the election symbol of BJP). He further alleged that the BJP was in-directly supporting the BRS in Jubilee Hills byelection. “The BRS will merge with the ruling national party in the coming days. KCR’s daughter Kavitha recently revealed the plans of the BRS to merge with the BJP,” he pointed out.

The Chief Minister also took a swipe at KTR for not doing anything to the Jubilee Hills constituency during his tenure as MA&UD minister. “As the minister, KTR was busy roaming in swanky cars. Now, the BRS leader is shedding crocodile tears by targeting the Congress gov-ernment,” he said.

According to the Chief Minister, everyone was aware of KTR’s conspiracy

politics of throwing his own sister Kavitha from the KCR family with an aim to corner the entire ill-gotten wealth. “BRS leaders are trying to win votes in the name of sentiment when their own woman family member was not given due respect. Those who did not give ministerial positions to women for five years while in power should be beaten with a broom,” Re-vanth said.

Congress is the only party that has given respect and proper place to women and minorities in the govern-ments, the CM said and de-manded KTR to apologize by touching his nose on the ground at the Rahmathna-gar crossroads for insulting departed Congress leader P Janardhan Reddy.

The Chief Minister an-nounced that 4,000 houses would be given to the poor in Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency soon after the byelection.

Mira Nair’s son front-runner in NYC poll

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Current New York City Mayor Eric Adams, whose administration has been plagued by scandals, dropped out of the may-oral race in September. The early voting period, which commenced on October 25, ended on Sunday. Mam-dani upset Cuomo in the Democratic primary race for New York City Mayor and was declared victorious in June.

The Board of Elections has said that more than 735,000 people voted early in this election, which is about four times more than the number of ballots cast during the 2021 elections.

Mamdani has emerged as the front-runner in the NYC Mayoral election race and has promised to “lower costs and make life easier”

for New Yorkers as the city gets “too expensive.”

Mamdani has vowed that as Mayor, he will immedi-ately freeze the rent for all stabilised tenants and use every available resource to build the housing New Yor-kers need and bring down the rent.

Promising fast, free-free buses, his campaign said that as Mayor, he’ll perma-nently eliminate the fare on every city bus – and make them faster by rap-idly building priority lanes, expanding bus queue jump signals, and dedicated load-ing zones to keep double parkers out of the way. Mamdani would also im-plement free childcare for every New Yorker aged 6 weeks to 5 years, ensuring high-quality programming for all families.

UNDER PRESSURE, GOVT FLOATS PANEL

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The committee will hold detailed del-iberations and examine suggestions and proposals before submitting its report to the government within the stipulated three months. Meanwhile, the panel is expected to come up with suggestions to improve the state’s higher education sys-tem. Department officials said that the government has taken a serious note of the repeated threats from private educa-tional institutions vis-à-vis payment of fee reimbursement dues.

Reportedly, many educational in-stitutions flouted norms and ran them without maintaining the standards pre-scribed by the government. The com-tee is also expected to come up with some bold recommendations to check exploitation of the fee reimbursement scheme through a strict regular scrutiny.

The authorities said that the govern-ment was already cracking the whip against institutions that have failed to maintain the mandated standards.

An earlier vigilance commission report has sought the government to take stringent action against erring institutions.

INDIA bloc plans nationwide protest against SIR

NEW DELHI: The INDIA bloc has announced a nationwide protest campaign against the Election Commission’s Special Summary Revision (SIR) of the voter list, coinciding with the start of the second phase of the revision exercise on Tuesday. The ongoing phase will run until December 4. According to sources, the INDIA Alliance plans to launch a nationwide agitation over the SIR after the Bihar Assembly elections.

The bloc is also preparing to approach the Supreme Court collectively once again on the issue.

Sources added that a formal meeting of the alliance leaders will be held after the Bihar polls to finalise the plan for both the legal and the national protest. For now, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren have agreed with the Congress leadership to intensify the movement over the voter list revision issue.

HRC seeks report on Chevella bus mishap

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The tragedy raised serious questions about repeated road safety lapses and alleged state negligence.

Observing the incident as part of a disturbing pattern, the TGHRC, headed by Dr Justice Shameem Akther, registered the matter as HRC No 7141/2025 and asked for detailed factual and action reports from the Transport, Home, Mines & Geology Departments, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Ranga Reddy District Collector, and the Tel-angana State Road Transport Corporation (TGRTC). The departments are to submit their reports by December 15, 2025.

The Commission con-demned the repeated ac-cidents on this stretch, signaling serious lapses in enforcement, infrastructure, and road safety mechanisms. It emphasized that such neg-ligence amounts to a viola-tion of the Right to Life guar-

anteed under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.

Article 21 explicitly guar-antees the protection of life and personal liberty. The Su-preme Court of India has ex-panded the interpretation to include the right to safe and well-maintained roads as an essential facet of this funda-mental right.

Courts have held that the state must ensure safe mobil-ity as part of its constitution-al duties, linking road safety directly to the dignified right to life itself. Failure by the authorities to maintain roads and enforce safety norms in-fringes upon citizens’ con-stitutional rights.

Meanwhile, as investi-gations continue, families mourn their loss while de-manding justice under con-stitutional protections that mandate the state’s responsi-bility to safeguard its citizens’ lives not only against crime but also against preventable tragedies arising from sys-temic failures.

EC begins SIR 2.0 in 9 states, 3 UTs

NEW DELHI

THE second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls started in 12 states and Union Territories on Tuesday, with Booth Level Officers (BLO) distributing enumeration forms door-to-door.

The BLO in Rashbehari Assembly constituency in West Bengal’s Kolkata said that they have been instructed to get the enumeration forms filled within a month.

BLO Rajesh Singh told media, “This is the 160-Rashbehari Assembly constituency. We have to distribute and get enumeration forms fulfilled in one month’s time.”

In Tamil Nadu, District Election Officer and District Collector K. Ilambhagavath inspected the progress of this procedure in urban

areas of Thoothukudi, including Amutha Nagar, Millerpuram, NGO Colony, P&T Colony, Tooviepuram, and Meelvittan.

The distribution of enumeration forms marks the beginning of the SIR exercise covering the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) had announced the second phase of the SIR exercise on October 27, with the final voter list to be published on February 7, 2026.

According to the Election Commission, printing and training took place from October 28 to November 3, followed by an Enumeration Phase from November 4 to December 4.

Polstrat predicts easy win for NDA

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As per Polstrat survey findings, the BJP-led NDA is set to take a decisive advantage over the main RJD-led Op-position and looks poised to return to power with a clear majority. BJP-led NDA is seen fetching 44.80 per cent vote share while the grand alliance is trailing behind at 38.60 per cent.

The difference of 6 per cent vote share between the two rival alliances also resonates in the stark contrast in victory margin, as the NDA is expected to win 133-142 seats, while the grand alliance is likely to emerge victorious in 80-88 seats.

BJP is seen claiming victory in 70-72

seats, JD (U) in 53-56 seats, while the smaller alliance partners like LJP and HAM are expected to win 10-12 and 0-2 seats, respectively.

In the Mahagathbandhan, the power equation remains tilted towards RJD, much like the earlier electoral perfor-mances. RJD is seen emerging victori-ous in 69-72 seats while Congress could taste success in just 10-13 seats, as per the survey findings.

The Polstrat Opinion Poll has also delved into the voting percentage of the state’s population, depending on their age. Its findings show a large chunk of young voters swaying towards Maha-gathbandhan, almost in equal measure

to the NDA. In the 18-25 age bracket, the grand alliance is seen surging ahead of NDA with 40.73 vote share, while in the 26-40 age bracket, NDA is seen taking the lead with 43.18 per cent vote share.

For the middle-aged and senior citizens, NDA remains the favourable choice of voters, with over 47 per cent in the 41-59 age group and over 47 per cent in the senior citizen category opt-ing for the BJP-led alliance.

Prashant Kishor-led Jan Suraj is seen gaining notable support in the young voters category, with over 12 per cent voters opting for it in the 18-25 age category.

‘10% of population controls Army’

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He went on to assert that these groups - forming the vast majority of India’s population - remain largely excluded from power and privilege.

"All the wealth goes to them, all the jobs go to them. Look at the judi-ciary - they have control there, and even in the Army," Rahul said, in one of his most direct attacks on the country’s social and institutional hi-erarchy. He further said, "90 per cent of India’s population is nowhere to be found," suggesting that marginal-ised communities have been system-atically denied access to leadership and opportunity.

"We want the data. How many Dal-its, OBCs (Other Backward Classes), women, minorities... are there. We are trying to protect the Constitu-tion through this demand for a caste census. If 90 per cent people don’t have participatory rights, the Con-stitution can’t be protected," he said.

The BJP hit back at Rahul Gan-

dhi over his remarks on the Army. Party spokesperson Suresh Nakhua, in a post on X, said, "Rahul Gan-dhi is now searching for caste in the Armed Forces and says 10% of people control it. In his hate for PM Modi, he has already crossed the line into hating India."

Directing his attack on the NDA government in Bihar, Rahul painted a picture of unemployment in the state, blaming the Nitish Kumar gov-ernment for pushing its youth into low-paying, menial labour across the country. "The people of Bihar are doing manual labour across the entire country. In different parts of the country, people from Bihar are building large buildings, roads, tun-nels, and factories," he said. Accus-ing the state government of failing its people, Rahul added, "In other words, the truth is this—that Nitish Kumar has wiped out employment here and turned the people of Bihar into the country’s labourers.

Health Minister thanked for 85% PG seat quota

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THE Telangana Junior Doctors Asso-ciation (T-JUDA) on Tuesday formally thanked Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narsimha for the "historic and student-friendly decision" taken by the Government of Telangana to reserve 85 per cent of MQ1 seats in medical col-leges for local Telangana students.

A delegation from T-JUDA, led by President Dr J Isaac Newton and Gen-eral Secretary Dr Ajay, along with several junior doctors and medical students, met with the Health Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha at his residence in Hyderabad.

The T-JUDA members reaffirmed their continued support and cooperation to the Health Minister and the Govern-ment of Telangana in successfully im-plementing these reforms and in advancing the shared goal of accessible, quality healthcare for every citizen.

Mamata leads SIR stir in Bengal

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Launching a sharp at-tack on the BJP, Banerjee said, “Many unorganised sector workers are thinking whether their names will be removed. Talking in Bangla does not mean Bangladeshi, just like speaking in Hindi or Punjabi does not mean Pakistani. Whoever is talk-ing in Bangla is branded as Bangladeshi. These idiots who have not fought the freedom fight... where was BJP at that time? That is why they don’t know that India, Bangladesh and Pakistan were part of the same land before independence.”

The Bengal CM added, “BJP is a lootera party. They have used several agencies, spread fake news and misin-formation. But you will not

be in power in the future.” Banerjee, accompanied by her nephew and party’s national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, led thousands of supporters through the heart of the city. The 3.8-km march started at the statue of BR Ambedkar on Red Road and made its way towards Jorasanko Thakur Bari, the ancestral residence of Rabindranath Tagore, where it was set to conclude.

Roads along the route were packed with TMC workers and sympathisers waving party flags, chanting slogans, and carrying bright placards condemning the SIR process.

Clad in her familiar white cotton saree and slippers, the chief minister walked at

the front of the procession, pausing occasionally to greet residents who leaned out from balconies or stood by the roadside to catch a glimpse.

Addressing supporters, Abhishek Banerjee launched a sharp attack on the BJP. “The BJP must think, if we can arrange such a huge gathering in two days, what will be our turnout when we go to Delhi for our protest,” he said, adding, “We won’t bow down to the zamindars of Delhi.”

He alleged that fear sur-rounding the SIR process had already claimed several lives. “In the last seven days, the family members of those who died due to SIR fear are present with us in today’s rally. All seven people who

have lost their lives feared their voting rights would be snatched,” he said.

Warning the BJP against voter deletions, he added, “If a single legal voter loses his name, TMC will show the power of the people of Bengal in Delhi.” He also ac-cused the Centre of “doing drama by setting up CAA camps” and cautioned that “if you fall in their trap, you will lose everything, just like 12 lakh Hindu Bengalis lost their voting rights in Assam due to NRC.”

“Be ready for a mega protest in Delhi,” he declared, alleging that “PM Modi, as per his whims and fancies, is dictating terms to common people, be it demonetisation or asking for documents for citizenship.”