

Congress will remain in power till 2039, says Mahesh Goud

- No urgency to appoint a BC Chief Minister
- Congress will make a BC leader CM in future
- Rahul Gandhi's vision drives the BC agenda
- BJP yet to appoint a BC state president

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TELANGANA Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) chief B Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that, thanks to the performance of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Congress party will win the upcoming elections, and Revanth Reddy will continue as Chief Minister.

He added that there is no rush for a change in leadership, noting that a person from a Backward Class (BC) community will eventually become the Chief Minister in the future.

Expressing confidence, the TPCC chief asserted that, given the welfare schemes implemented by the government and the governance of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the Congress party will remain in power not just until 2034, but potentially until 2039.

He reiterated that a BC individual will certainly become the Chief Minister of the state, and that this will be made possible only by the Congress party.

Emphasised that while a BC individual will one day lead the state as Chief Minister; Mahesh Kumar Goud, while speaking to a section



of media, said that there is no urgency or set deadline regarding this transition. He remarked that in the

Congress party, one can never predict what might happen or when. He also noted that the focus on the BC agenda

stems from the vision of Rahul Gandhi. Regarding Revanth Reddy's statement that he would remain Chief Minister until 2034, Goud explained that it was intended to instill confidence among the party cadre, and there is nothing wrong with that.

He questioned whether the BRS party could ever make a BC person the Chief Minister.

Furthermore, he pointed out that the BJP, which claims it would appoint a BC Chief Minister if it came to power, is currently unable to even appoint a person from a BC community as its own state unit president.

He stated that while BC leader Bandi Sanjay held the position of state president, Kishan Reddy took over that role—just as he had previously taken the seat once held by Bandaru Dattatreya.

Martyrs' sacrifices inspire future generations: Collector

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KAMAREDDY

DISTRICT Collector Ashish Sangwan has called upon people to draw inspiration from the sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty to protect law and order.

On Wednesday, the Collector, along with District Superintendent of Police M. Rajesh Chandra, paid floral tributes at the martyrs' memorial on the premises of the Kamareddy District Police Office on the occasion of Police Martyrs' Commemoration Day. Police personnel and families of martyrs attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion,



Sangwan said maintaining law and order was essential for ensuring that development and welfare schemes reached people. He urged everyone to emulate the courage, dedication and spirit of service demonstrated by police martyrs.

The Collector recalled that

seven police personnel from Kamareddy district had sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. He assured their families that they could approach him at any time for assistance.

Additional SP K. Narsimha Reddy, police officers and staff also participated in the programme.

Collector, CP pay tributes to martyred police personnel

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KHAMMAM

THE sacrifices and services of police personnel would remain immortal, emphasising that the police played a crucial role in maintaining law and order and ensuring public safety, said district Collector Divakar TS here on Wednesday.

Participating in the Police Commemoration Day programme at the Police headquarters parade grounds here along with Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt, the Collector paid tributes to police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The Collector, Police Commissioner, police officials, personnel and family members paid floral tributes at the police martyrs' memorial and observed a two-minute silence in memory of the fallen personnel. Addressing the gathering, Divakar said the courage and sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the service of the nation, including those who fought to protect the country's borders in Ladakh, should continue to inspire society.

Describing the police flag as a symbol of commitment, sacrifice and honour, he said the police played a vital role in safeguarding citizens and

maintaining peace while the district administration pursued development and welfare programmes.

He also highlighted the contribution of police families, noting that the support and sacrifices of family members were essential to enabling personnel to discharge their duties effectively. The Collector further added that nature of crime was changing rapidly, with cybercrime and online fraud emerging as major challenges. He stressed the need to modernise policing methods and make effective use of advanced technology to prevent and detect new forms of crime.

Punjab CM detained at Delhi airport, fined Rs 50K

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Baltej Pannu, AAP's media in-charge in Punjab, alleged that Mann was kept waiting at the airport under the pretext that his luggage was still arriving and being checked. "When Mann returned from Paris and arrived at the Delhi airport, he was deliberately

detained for three hours. Excuses were made that 'your luggage is still arriving' and 'your luggage is still being checked,' Pannu said in a statement. He further claimed that officials approached Mann just as he was about to leave the airport after loading his luggage into a vehicle. "Af-

ter three hours, when Mann was allowed to leave and was about to depart after placing his luggage in a vehicle, officials came running after him and said that they were under 'tremendous pressure from above,' Pannu alleged. AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj also alleged that Mann was

made to wait at the airport after travelling to Paris to promote Punjab's products. In a post on X, Bharadwaj said the chief minister's visit came after he challenged the Centre's decision to deny him political clearance for the trip.

"Mann Saab stopped at Indian Airport for around

3 hours. Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann went to Paris to launch Punjab's products at Paris. This was after he challenged Centre's not granting him the NOC. This arrogance of Centre must end. Even Ravan's arrogance ended at Dussehra," Saurabh Bharadwaj said in the post.

POTENTIAL FEDERAL HATE CRIME

US lawmakers urge FBI to probe temple shooting plot

WASHINGTON: A bipartisan-free Democratic-led group of 105 US lawmakers has urged the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to investigate an attempted mass shooting at a Hindu temple in Aurora, Illinois, as a potential federal hate crime, citing concerns over anti-Indian, anti-Hindu and broader anti-South Asian hostility. Alexandros Paporakis, 19, was arrested on October 11 for plotting a mass shooting at the Sri Venkateswara Swami (Balaji) temple. Led by Indian American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, the lawmakers

sent a letter dated October 20 to FBI Director Kash Patel seeking details of the Bureau's investigation into the alleged plot at the Sri Venkateswara Swami (Balaji) Hindu temple.

They also called for greater scrutiny of credible online threats against Indian Americans, Hindu Americans, Sikhs and other South Asian communities.

Krishnamoorthi and his family were worshipping at the temple when the alleged attempted attack occurred on October 11, according to a statement issued by the con-

gressman's office. "The alleged combination of targeted racial hatred, a religious setting, and preparations for mass violence demands a comprehensive federal response," the lawmakers wrote, urging the FBI to ensure that potential hate-crime violations receive explicit attention.

The letter was signed by members of Congress from across the country, including the entire Illinois House Democratic delegation, every Indian American member of Congress, and senators Dick Durbin, Tammy Duckworth, Andy Kim and Chris Van Hollen.

Rubio dismisses India protests as internal matter

MUMBAI: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Wednesday refused to comment on the recent protests against the Election Commission, terming it an "internal political matter." Rubio, currently in India on an official visit, was also dismissive of the reference to UN experts' criticism of the protests. According to a release issued by the Department of State on Wednesday, Rubio also said that the UN "experts are the oxymoron." "It's a domestic political matter. I'm not going to get involved in their politics. This is a democracy.

They have elections here, so I'm not going to opine on their domestic political matters," he said in response to a question on protests from the opposition and students in India. Rubio said that even the US witnesses protests every day and that they are reflective of the political discourse and differences of opinion.

Rubio pushes energy ties, Venezuelan crude

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He spent a few hours in Jamnagar before departing for the United States.

Almost the entire Ambani family, led by billionaire Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani, welcomed the US delegation. Those present included his wife, Nita Ambani, daughter Isha Ambani and her husband, Anand Piramal, and younger son Anant Ambani and his wife, Radhika Merchant, along with Reliance Industries Executive Director PMS Prasad and US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor. Akash Ambani, Mukesh Ambani's eldest son and managing director of Jio Platforms, was overseeing the opening of the telecom giant's initial public offering (IPO).

Rubio arrived in Jamnagar a day after describing India as a crude-refining "superpower" and urging it to process more Venezuelan oil. Officials have described the Ambani-hosted programme as a "private visit", and neither side released details of the itinerary.

The visit comes as Washington seeks to increase sales of American energy to India, encourage the processing of Western Hemisphere crude and strengthen commercial ties with Reliance, a major buyer of internationally traded oil and a leading exporter of refined fuels. It also coincides with pressure on US diesel prices ahead of the midterm elections.

Gor said American liquefied petroleum gas had risen

sharply as a share of India's imports. "Over the past year, India's imports of US LPG have surged from under 10 per cent to 67 per cent, making the United States India's largest LPG supplier," he said in a post on X. He also highlighted Reliance's planned investment in a new refinery in Texas as an opportunity to expand US energy production and create jobs. Rubio told Reliance-owned Network18 that Washington wanted to work more closely with Reliance on refining energy from the Western Hemisphere, describing such cooperation as beneficial to both countries.

Reliance's Jamnagar complex can process about 1.4 million barrels of crude oil a day and is a major supplier

of diesel and other refined products to global markets. Its ability to process a wide range of crude grades makes it strategically important as Washington seeks to encourage more Indian purchases of Venezuelan oil.

The relationship is not without complications. Russian crude accounted for about a third of Jamnagar's feedstock in July-September 2026. Any shift in sourcing will depend not only on geopolitical pressure but also on crude prices, freight costs, refinery requirements and the availability of alternative supplies, analysts said. Reliance's proposed 1,68,000-barrel-a-day refinery in Brownsville, Texas, adds a reciprocal dimension to the relationship.

Foreign forces behind regime change narrative: BJP

NEW DELHI

THE BJP on Wednesday alleged that a "clear nexus" had emerged between forces within and outside India that were opposed to the country's growing global influence. Party national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi accused them of seeking to destabilise the country by creating social divisions and attacking its cultural and religious traditions.

Addressing the media at the BJP headquarters, Trivedi said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Vijaydashami message had highlighted three defining characteristics of such forces: "loot after coming to power, division in so-

ciety and hatred towards Indian culture and Hinduism". He alleged that some groups were pursuing campaigns against Sanatan Dharma and "global Hindutva", while also questioning the credibility of Indian institutions. Trivedi cited repeated allegations concerning the SBI, SEBI, vaccines, EVMs and electoral bonds as examples of what he described as a pattern of attempts to discredit institutions.

Using the imagery of Ravana's multiple heads, Trivedi argued that such campaigns could not be understood merely through their individual demands. "Fulfil one demand and another de-

mand will emerge," he said, arguing that the "real source" behind different protests and campaigns had to be identified.

He alleged that forces opposed to India's progress were using different "disguises" and that their stated demands were not their ultimate objective. Referring to calls for "regime change", he alleged that some of these forces ultimately sought to promote violent conflict, political destabilisation and social fragmentation.

The BJP spokesperson also invoked the Ramayana to underline his argument that the apparent form in which a threat presented itself could conceal its real objective.

Linking his remarks to the festive season, Trivedi said the period from Navratri to Diwali and Chhath had an important economic dimension. He claimed that festive-season business had crossed Rs 6 lakh crore last year and expressed confidence that the figure would be higher this year. He said the country needed to remain alert to attempts to disrupt its economic and social progress.

Concluding with a reference to a post-Independence patriotic song, Trivedi urged citizens to remain cautious not only of external adversaries but also of those he described as "traitors hiding within the country".

All vacant posts in police wing will be filled by 2028: CM

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Revanth Reddy highlighted the initiatives taken to strengthen the police wing. "We are leveraging modern technology in the Police Department to effectively address new challenges. Besides, the human-centric approach of the police force must remain unchanged, the Chief Minister said. The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) unit had been established to take a firm and uncompromising stance against food adulteration, he underlined.

Remembering the martyrs of the Police Department who had laid down their lives while discharging their duties, the Chief Minister said: "Discipline is police strength and integrity is their honour. The sense of security police provide to the public is the greatest recognition to the cops. Police are not alone in their grief. The state government stands with the bereaved family and the entire society of Telangana also stands with you".

‘Curtain raiser’ events mulled in metro cities

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To ensure widespread awareness about the summit and the Raksha Expo (show from December 7 to 9, 2026 at the Young India Skills University campus in Bharat Future City to highlight the state's growing defence, aerospace, and space capabilities), attractive hoardings would be installed at international airports in major cities, including those at Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru.

As a large number of people from across the state are expected to also attend the 'Raksha Expo', a special carnival reflecting the cultural grandeur of Telangana is being organised.

Macron blasts Trump for stupid claims on riots

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US President Donald Trump has used the violence to rally his political supporters, making unsubstantiated claims that Muslim migrants are responsible for the unrest, and urging Macron to "close your borders and take control before it is too late!"

Macron responded by saying there "has been foreign manipulation of information in the aftermath" of the looting in Paris and other French cities last weekend. "And that has led to comments that are as unacceptable as they are stupid, from many people, including foreign leaders," he said. Asked by a reporter if he was referring to Trump, Macron replied: "Among

others."

He added that there have been "AI-generated images depicting scenes that never actually happened in France. We've had people claiming that we were invaded by hordes of migrants and Islamists, which is completely false." Macron did not specify which AI-generated images he was referring to, nor how he knew the content was false. French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said his office can provide the countries concerned with the necessary clarification, "to help them avoid spreading or amplifying false information and making baseless claims on social media," Macron and Trump once

enjoyed a good relationship, but Trump regularly mocks the French president in his public speeches.

"The fact is, all the people who are speaking ill of our country right now are people who don't love our country," Macron said. "So those people really bother me." "When I see leaders who are in the middle of election campaigns, whether in the region or on the other side of the Atlantic - who sometimes naively repeat AI-generated content or spread narratives that certain circles are clearly trying to promote about what happened in France - they're using our country for their own political campaigns," said Macron.

Agri pumpsets jump 38% in 12 yrs

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According to him, the farmers are depending on ground water for farming as irrigation projects cannot immediately meet the increasing irrigation needs.

He suggested that proper maintenance of the projects and judicious use of the available water would help meet the irrigation needs, instead of forcing farmers to fall back on pumpsets.

HDFC probe finds senior execs leaked confidential info

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"In line with our policies, an internal review into this matter is currently underway to gather and evaluate all relevant facts," the spokesperson said, according to Bloomberg. "Appropriate action will be taken based on the findings, once the review is complete." The findings were reported to senior management, including some board members, earlier this year.

Court orders CJP leaders' release

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Earlier, CJP leaders withdrew their petition before the Delhi High Court challenging a special executive magistrate's decision to extend their judicial custody. Das and Ranka were taken into custody on October 13 after they allegedly climbed over a locked gate to enter Jantar Mantar, which had earlier been denotified as a designated protest site. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke expressed solidarity with the group's co-convenors, saying they could not be with their families during the festive season. Dipke said that while some people might "troll" him, he was getting emotional because he "cares for" Das and Ranka and considers them as his family.

