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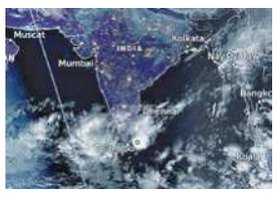
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NEW CYCLONE ON THE WAY?

Fresh low-pressure area likely over Bay of Bengal around Nov 13

NEW DELHI: Even as southern Odisha reels from severe flooding and landslides caused by cyclones Arnab and Murasu, which hit the Andhra Pradesh coast within a span of six days, a fresh weather system is expected to develop over the Bay of Bengal around November 13.

As per the latest weather update, the system is expected to move northwestwards before turning into a well-marked low-pressure area during the subsequent 24 hours.

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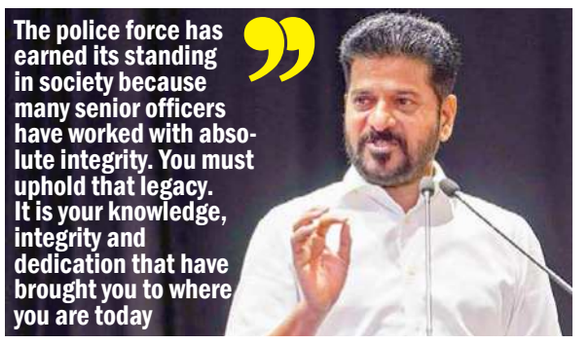
Don't exploit your position for personal gain: CM to police

Slams KCR for appointing political leaders as TGPSC members

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday warned police not to exploit their positions for personal gains. He also said that the state government was ready to send the newly recruited Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) in the Police Department to the foreign countries on a study tour to upgrade their skills in the discharge of their duties.

Participating in the valedictory ceremony of the second batch of DSPs-2025 here on Tuesday, the Chief Minister said the Education Department was already sending government teachers abroad to study educational standards. On the same lines, the government would send newly appointed DSPs abroad for further study, if necessary. The Chief Minister stressed that the DSPs should give priority to their physical fitness along with performance in their duties. "I hope you never find yourself in a situation where you have to deal with difficult situations like 'Garam, Naram and Besharam,'" he said.



Highlighting the steps taken to curb drug menace and cybercrime, he emphasized that the police officials should move friendly with the victims when they approached and speak with them compassionately to understand their problems. The Chief Minister warned the police not to exploit their positions for individual gains. The police should listen to the issue and comprehend it before finding a solution. "It is your knowledge, integrity, and dedication that have brought you to where you are today," he said.

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India to remain only major economy with workforce surplus thru 2030

NEW DELHI: India will emerge as a key source of skilled talent for the global economy as it is projected to remain the only major economy with a surplus workforce through 2030 even as 85 million jobs worldwide could remain unfilled by then because of skill shortages, a new report has said.

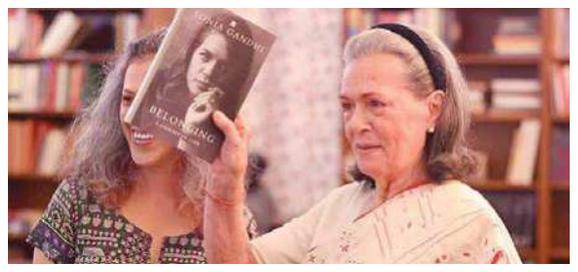
The report from India Narrative cited Korn Ferry estimates that global skills shortages could result in $8.5 trillion in unrealised annual revenue.

India's demographic profile is expected to play a major role in this advantage, the report said, adding that the country's median age is nearly 28 years, against 38 years in the United States and 39 years in China.

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'BELONGING: A JOURNEY OF LOVE'

Sonia Gandhi's book brings political memoirs in focus



NEW DELHI: A memoir by former Congress president and Rajya Sabha MP Sonia Gandhi released on Tuesday, with its pages offering a rare insight by the politician into how she came from humble Italian origins and went on to become the matriarch of India's most powerful political dynasty — the Nehru-Gandhi family. The book called "Belonging: A Journey of Love" was Published by HarperCollins India.

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Sonia Gandhi trying to justify Emergency in her memoir: BJP P7

SC seeks WhatsApp's action plan to curb digital arrest scams

New Delhi



THE Supreme Court has directed WhatsApp and other digital intermediaries to submit details of measures proposed by them to prevent digital arrest scams and related cybercrimes, asking them to simultaneously share their proposals with the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C).

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, issued the direction in an order uploaded on the court's website following the October 29 hearing in a suo motu case titled 'In Re: Victims of Digital Arrest Related to Forged Documents'.

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'SURRENDER TO IRAN'S 7 CONDITIONS'

Tehran asks Trump after call to end war

TEHRAN: Iran's powerful secretary of the supreme national security council Major General Mohsen Rezaei has issued a warning to the US after Donald Trump indicated that the war is unlikely to resume. Rezaei called on the US to submit to Iran's seven conditions to bring an immediate end to the conflict in West Asia.

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GLOBAL SUMMIT 2026

Transport Minister to meet EV makers today

NEARLY 25 INDUSTRIALISTS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

TO give a big push to electric vehicle (EV) industry in Telangana and take up it as one of the focus areas at the upcoming Invest Telangana Global Summit, the state government called for a crucial meeting with top EV makers on Wednesday in Hyderabad. Meanwhile, the government opened registrations for the Global Summit scheduled from December 7. Delegates are invited to register their names online on the official portal.



Nearly 25 prominent industrialists and company representatives would attend the EV sector meeting to discuss and formulate a strategic action plan to establish Telangana as a premier investment destination in the country for the automobile and EV sectors. The primary objective of attracting substantial investments into the state would be highlighted in the meeting.

Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and senior officials of the Transport department would interact with the representatives of the EV companies. The meeting will discuss suggestions, investment proposals, ongoing projects, plans for industrial expansion, and future development opportunities.

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Experts question medical PG seat increase without infra P3



TGSRTC zeroes in on 86 bus stations for makeover as model bus stations

- **Dedicated controllers and enquiry counters introduced**
- **CCTV cameras to be installed at all bus stations**
- **Centralised surveillance planned through regional offices and headquarters**
- **Updated bus timetable boards to be displayed**
- **Public Address Systems installed for service announcements**

MM Farooqui
Hyderabad

THE Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has initiated a major initiative to transform 86 key bus stations across the state into model bus stations equipped with modern passenger amenities, for providing safer, more comfortable and convenient travel experiences.

As part of its efforts to improve passenger services, strengthen crowd management and streamline bus station operations, TGSRTC has identified 86 major bus stations that handle more than 5,000 passengers daily across Telangana. The corporation has already introduced improved passenger information and communication facilities at these stations. According to TGSRTC, a dedicated controller has been appointed at each of the 86 bus stations, along with special enquiry counters and contact numbers to help passengers obtain information about bus services and schedules without difficulty.

In a major step towards strengthening passenger safety and operational monitoring, TGSRTC has decided to install CCTV cameras at all bus stations across the state. "The proposed CCTV surveillance systems will be directly connected to the respective regional offices and the corporation's headquarters. This will enable centralised monitoring of passenger movements, crowd conditions and bus station activities, ensuring more effective supervision and management," said TGSRTC Managing Director Y Nagireddy. In addition, updated bus timetable boards will soon be displayed at all these stations to provide passengers with clear and timely information about bus operations.

To further improve passenger convenience, Public Address Systems (PAS) have also been installed at bus stations to regularly announce important service information, particularly the departure timings of the first and last buses. Nagireddy said that the corporation remains committed to continuously improving passenger facilities across Telangana and strengthening public transport services to provide better services to commuters.

Prajavani to go local, Vijayalakshmi PLANS SURPRISE INSPECTIONS

Juloori Bhargavi Saraswathi
Hyderabad

PRAJAVANI In-charge Gadwal Vijayalakshmi stated that she would conduct surprise visits across the state to inspect the ongoing Prajavani programmes at the district and mandal levels.

The sprawling courtyard of Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad hums with persistent hope every public hearing day as hundreds of citizens travel from across Telangana to present their long-standing grievances.

During the 268th CM Prajavani programme held on Tuesday, in-charge official Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, who serves as Vice-Chairperson of the Telangana State Planning Board, outlined a decisive administrative strategy focused on eliminating public issues directly at their roots so citizens do not suffer repeated delays.

In an exclusive interaction with The Hans India, **Gadwal Vijayalakshmi** *addressed key operational strategies*



Gadwal Vijayalakshmi

INTERVIEW

Q: Even with district and mandal Prajavani sessions active, we still see citizens travelling hundreds of kilometers to Hyderabad. What specific steps are you taking to ensure their problems are resolved locally so they don't have to make this journey?

Vijayalakshmi said the primary goal was to resolve public grievances at the initial stage and eliminate administrative bottlenecks. Citizens should not be forced to travel long distances to Hyderabad for relief, and every representation should receive prompt action or resolution within two to three working days, she said. She announced surprise inspections of district-level Prajavani programmes to ensure accountability.

A total of 103 petitions were received on Tuesday. She handed over Chief Minister's Relief Fund letters of credit worth Rs 5.50 lakh to two NIMS patients – Rs 3 lakh to Karthik and Rs 2.50 lakh to Mithya. Of the petitions, 29 concerned Revenue, 18 Municipal Administration, eight Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, and 48 other departments.

Q) How is Prajavani addressing complex revenue land disputes, pension delays, and grievances affecting vulnerable citizens who visit Praja Bhavan and how are they handled?

Special focus is given to sensitive revenue cases, land disputes, and grievances affecting women and the elderly. Rather than treating representations as routine tasks ended by a quick signature, the administration ensures every individual is given the time to explain their case fully and receives a patient, respectful hearing.



Security personnel and officials managing citizens and applicants at a Prajavani grievance redressal hall

Prajavani aims to ensure speedy grievance redressal at the grassroots level, sparing citizens long journeys to Hyderabad. With a focus on resolving complaints within two to three working days, the administration is strengthening district and mandal-level programmes and ensuring departmental accountability. In an exclusive interaction with *The Hans India*, Prajavani in-charge and Telangana State Planning Board Vice-Chairperson Gadwal Vijayalakshmi discusses surprise inspections, petition tracking and efforts to make grievance redressal more effective.

The human impact of this structured approach remains evident among visitors. A farmer from Adilabad expressed profound relief after presenting a complex land revenue dispute directly to senior leadership after months of local delays. An elderly visitor from Nizamabad appreciated the patient hearing provided regarding delayed pension documentation, while others expressed deep gratitude for swift medical interventions. Working in coordination with Vijayalakshmi, State Nodal Officer K Vidyasagar, Deputy Collector Venkateshwarlu, ACP Umendar and officials from various departments are closely monitoring the grievance redressal process. Vidyasagar tracks every petition from its receipt to final resolution, ensuring accountability across departments, including Revenue, Municipal Administration and Panchayat Raj. This systematic monitoring, coupled with a citizen-centric approach, aims to prevent delays, address grievances at their roots and strengthen public trust in the administration.

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Municipal Council, Ibrahimpatnam Ranga Reddy District
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MMC chief cracks whip on sanitation, civic works in Kapra

Gouda Swiyachandra
Hyderabad

STRESSING the need to strengthen civic infrastructure and ensure a clean and safe environment for residents, Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) Commissioner T Vinay Krishna Reddy directed officials to prioritise sanitation, road development, public safety and park maintenance during an extensive field inspection of Kapra Circle on Tuesday.

During the inspection, the Commissioner visited several Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs) and reviewed civic issues at various locations. He instructed officials to install RCC slabs over the open drain near the GVP at Anupuram Transformer to prevent garbage accumulation. At Radhika Junction, Town Planning officials were directed to identify and mark road margins after assessing the available road width.

He also instructed officials to undertake gravel filling at the GVP near Teja Wine Shop and install fencing around the transformer at Anupuram Japanese Park to ensure public safety.

Inspecting HUDA Park, the Commissioner suggested converting the space currently used for parking into a children's play area and providing the necessary basic amenities. Officials were also asked to assess the actual width of the main road near Tanishq Jewellery and clearly mark its margins.

Regarding the Foot Over Bridge (FOB), he directed officials to identify the department responsible for its maintenance. If it falls under HMDA's jurisdiction, details of the concerned officials and the assigned watchman should be prominently displayed for public information. The Commissioner further instructed officials to eliminate Garbage Vulnerable Points around Kandukur O.U.T Colony Park and undertake special sanitation measures to maintain cleanliness in the surrounding areas.

PJTSAU VC submits a formal representation to DGP

Hans News Service
Hyderabad

PROFESSOR Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) Vice-Chancellor Professor Aldas Janaiah on Tuesday wrote a letter to the State Director General of Police to conduct a thorough probe into the sexual harassment allegations levelled against him.

A PJTSAU official communication on Tuesday claimed that certain disgruntled elements, unable to tolerate the systemic overhaul and the pace of reforms implemented at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) over the past two years, have hatched a conspiracy. Using routine administrative transfers as a pretext, they are levelling false allegations to tarnish Vice-Chancellor Professor Aldas Janaiah's personal reputation.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Aldas Janaiah has filed an official complaint directly with the State Director General of Police (DGP), requesting a thorough investigation into this malicious conspiracy to uncover the truth.

Professor Janaiah has requested the Director General of Police (DGP) to uncover the truth behind the allegations made by the female professor and to identify the actual masterminds behind this conspiracy: In his complaint, the VC urged a thorough examination of all digital evidence, including WhatsApp chats and call histories--between the faculty member in question and himself over the past few months.

"An inquiry into this matter would not only expose the lies of the teacher in question but also uncover the role of the conspiratorial forces operating behind the scenes, stripping away their criminal masks." He also said that, while he trusts the truth will ultimately prevail, and the law will take its due course, he has strongly urged the police to respond immediately to this malicious conspiracy and conduct a comprehensive investigation.

The VC contended that reforms have become a source of resentment and a smear campaign launched under the guise of administrative transfers!. Adding, the university highlighted that for the past two years, Professor Aldas Janaiah has worked tirelessly to prepare the university for the challenges of 2047 and ensure the delivery of the best possible services to the farming community.

"As part of administrative adjustments, a female faculty member, who had been working at the College of Food Science and Technology in Rudrur, Nizamabad district, for the last 12 years—was transferred to Hyderabad.

"This routine transfer was carried out under established regulations on September 11, 2026. However, "unable to accept this routine transfer, the faculty member, driven by a malicious intent to incite unrest within the institution, colluded with certain self-serving elements to orchestrate a calculated conspiracy."

The VC termed the allegations baseless, and the allegations levelled against him by the female faculty member in the press meet on November 7 as fabricated, malicious, and defamatory. He also questioned the "faculty member's "claim to have faced harassment between January and June of this year (2026). "Her silence for nearly 11 months--without filing a single complaint during that period--exposes the hollowness of her allegations. This entire drama appears to have been orchestrated solely out of a vendetta stemming from a transfer."

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Cockroaches, rotten food: Eight eateries ordered to shut

- **23 cloud kitchens and restaurants inspected**
- **10 served show-cause notices**
- **Five issued improvement notices**
- **700 kg spoiled food discarded**
- **25 food samples collected for testing**

MM Farooqui
Hyderabad



Food safety officials found rotten vegetables, unhygienic cooking conditions and improperly stored ingredients during the TG SAFE enforcement drive in Hyderabad on Tuesday

IN a major crackdown on food safety violations, the Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) has suspended the food safety licences of eight cloud kitchens and restaurants across Hyderabad and directed them to immediately cease operations.

The special enforcement drive was conducted on Tuesday, during which 23 cloud kitchens and restaurants were inspected across the city. Officials detected several violations, including cockroach infestations, rotten vegetables, expired food products, unclean kitchen equipment and improper storage of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food.

The operation was carried out by 24 teams comprising food safety officers and Hyderabad city police personnel. Following the inspections, eight establishments had their licences suspended, while 10 were served show-cause notices and five received improvement notices.

The establishments facing licence suspension are Biryani By Kilo (Gachibowli), Kulcha Kulture (Madhapur), Lucky Multicuisine Restaurant (Somajiguda), Tum Yum Innovisions (Madhapur), Zora 11 By 2 (Khairatabad), LO Fresh Foods (Ayyappa Society, Madhapur), ITC Aashirwad Soul Creations Cloud Kitchen (Gachibowli) and Sodexo India Services (Kondapur).

Show-cause notices were issued to Prism Hospitality Services Private Limited (Miyapur), Ghar the Cloud Kitchen (Kokapet), Rebel Foods (Behrouz and Faasos, Serilingampally), Rebel Foods Pvt Ltd (Shaikpet), Curefoods India Pvt Ltd (Kompally), Scuzi Hospitality Pvt Ltd (Madhapur), Sri Kakatiya Deluxe Mess (Ameerpet), FA Gifts Pvt Ltd (Gachibowli), ELIOR India Food Services LLP (Gopanpally) and Potful India Pvt Ltd (Madhapur).

During the drive, officials collected 25 food samples on suspicion of adulteration and discarded approximately 700 kg of spoiled and contaminated food articles.

Other violations included damaged flooring, food waste scattered across kitchens, unclean washing areas, clogged drains, dirty walls, greasy exhaust systems and food handlers working without protective clothing.

Improvement notices were issued to AVA Cloud Kitchens (Lingampally), Harley's India Pvt Ltd (Pragathi Nagar), Hunger Experiment Pvt Ltd (Madhapur), Fruitique (Kompally) and Rebel Foods Pvt Ltd (Behrouz Biryani, Khairatabad), directing them to rectify the deficiencies.

Officials said further action, including penalties, would be initiated based on the responses received, enforcement proceedings and findings of subsequent inspections. Establishments served with notices would also face re-inspections to verify compliance with food safety norms.

Govt mulls ban on film promotions in educational institutions

New set of rules in the offing to curb untoward incidents for students' safety

Hans News Service
Hyderabad



TAKING serious note of educational institutions deviating from their core purpose, such as organising film promotions, the state government is mulling a ban on such events across educational institutions in Telangana.

According to government sources, a recent incident of stage collapse resulting in death of a student and several injured at an event forced the state government to take serious note of such events and to take steps to prevent reoccurrence of the same.

The core purpose of the educational institutions has to pave way for the bright future of the students. However, some management is exploiting students to serve its own political or personal interests. "This has not only led to various untoward incidents but, in some instances, has even resulted in the loss of students' lives."

A senior government official told The Hans India, "Recent developments in certain educational institutions have sparked concern among the government, parents, and the academic community. The arbitrary declaration of holidays by educational institution managements, coupled with the hosting of large-scale events without adequate safety precautions—which has even led to the loss of students' lives—has caused deep concern among parents."

Against this backdrop, government authorities have directed officials from the Education Department to conduct a comprehensive study on what types of events educational institutions may legally host on their campuses, and which ones should be prohibited.

Following the study, the government has concluded that educational institution premises should, in principle, be used exclusively for academic and sports-related activities; they should not be used for film screenings or other commercial events.

As part of the proposed steps for large-scale academic or sports events, institutions must notify local Education Department officials and the police in advance. This includes details such as the expected number of attendees, stage construction, entry and exit arrangements, and fire safety measures.

The government does not intend to intervene in smaller-scale events—such as those focused on sports, culture, or the arts—designed to showcase and encourage student talent, he added. However, for events involving hundreds of participants, educational institutions must take appropriate precautions and strictly adhere to government guidelines. The government's evaluation and the creation of a new set of rules are intended to enable students in Telangana to excel in job creation, startups, and innovation.

Over the past three years, the government has launched initiatives such as the Young India Skills University, Advanced Technology Centres, 'Google for Startups,' an AI Innovation Hub, and the Telangana Innovation Startup Challenge.

Meanwhile, the management of certain educational institutions took a different approach by mandating that students watch specific films—even declaring holidays for this purpose—which drew sharp criticism from parents and educationists. The government has also taken this matter seriously.

EXPERTS QUESTION MEDICAL PG SEAT INCREASE WITHOUT INFRA

- **12 of 14 new radio diagnosis seats lack MRI facilities**
- **Doctors flag faculty shortages and inadequate clinical exposure**
- **FAIMA warns against compromising education standards**
- **TJUDA says quality must come before quantity**
- **HRDA questions PG training without basic equipment**

K Chandrasekhar
Hyderabad



Representational image

HEALTHCARE experts have raised concerns over the sanctioning of new postgraduate (PG) medical seats in the State without providing the necessary infrastructure. They have warned that excellence in postgraduate education cannot be achieved amid inadequate facilities and faculty shortages.

According to government figures, there are approximately 1,456 to 1,504 PG seats in the government sector, while the private sector accounts for over 2,450 seats. In an alleged attempt to increase opportunities for local students, the government has been increasing PG seats without ensuring the availability of the required infrastructure.

Citing an example, doctors said 14 new MD Radiodiagnosis seats had been sanctioned, of which 12 were in colleges lacking basic radiology equipment, including MRI machines. They questioned how postgraduate students could receive adequate training without access to essential equipment required for hands-on experience.

National President of the Federation of All India Medical Associations (FAIMA) Dr D Srinath said college administrations were taking pride in securing new PG seats despite being fully aware of the ground realities and limitations of their existing infrastructure.

He said institutions knew that excellence in postgraduate medical education could not be achieved with inadequate facilities and faculty shortages. Yet, under pressure and in the race to compete with other medical colleges, they continued to prioritise increasing seats over improving educational standards.

"This unhealthy competition is turning medical education in Telangana into a joke. Quality medical education should be the priority, not merely the number of PG seats," he said. Dr Chandrakanth Reddy Narahari of the Telangana Junior Doctors Association (TJDA) said college administrations could not simply celebrate obtaining additional PG seats while ignoring the ground realities of their institutions.

"We strongly condemn this unhealthy approach of prioritising PG and UG seat expansion over the basic standards of medical education," he said.

He pointed out that PG seats were not trophies to be collected or achievements to be celebrated at the cost of educational standards. The responsibility of an institution was not merely to secure more seats but to ensure that every postgraduate student received the necessary infrastructure, faculty support, clinical exposure and academic environment to become a competent specialist.

Medical education was a responsibility and not a race for statistics, he said, stressing that quality must come before quantity.

Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association president Dr N Karthik said taking pride in increasing MD/MS PG seats without providing the necessary infrastructure was like opening an engineering college without laboratories, appointing surgeons without operation theatres or establishing a flight training academy without aircraft.

"Seats alone do not create specialists; infrastructure, clinical exposure and hands-on training do. How can we expect MD Radiodiagnosis students to acquire the required competencies when their teaching institutions do not even have basic diagnostic facilities like MRI machines?" he questioned.

TG land re-survey crossed 1K-village mark so far, says Minister Ponguleti

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Hyderabad



REVENUE, Housing, and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy directed officials to conduct the comprehensive land re-survey across Telangana with utmost transparency, scientific accuracy, and attention to detail while prioritizing landowners interests. The Minister announced that the re-survey has covered more than 1,000 villages, with the process completed in 416 villages so far. The initiative aims to resolve long-pending land disputes, establish clear ownership rights, and ensure accurate boundaries for every landowner.

On Tuesday, Ponguleti held a review meeting with senior Revenue Department officials at the Secretariat to assess statewide progress. He discussed field-level challenges, farmers feedback, technical issues, and difficulties faced by survey personnel while speaking directly with field staff to understand ground problems. The Minister stated that Telangana contains 10,954 revenue villages. In the first phase, 70 villages were selected from each of 32 districts, excluding Hyderabad. Including villages where land maps were previously unavailable, the re-survey is currently underway across 2,720 villages.

Describing the initiative as a historic exercise undertaken after nearly 125 years, Ponguleti affirmed that the government, led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, remains committed to providing permanent solutions to land-related problems. He instructed officials to accelerate work without compromising quality, transparency, or accuracy. Officials were directed to thoroughly examine existing revenue records, including land extent, ownership details, and boundaries, before starting field surveys. Upon completion, formal notices must be issued to respective landowners, allowing sufficient time to verify recorded details and raise objections, which must be examined and resolved according to established rules.

Emphasizing public awareness, the Minister stressed that farmers must be educated regarding survey procedures, objection submission processes, and grievance resolution mechanisms. He insisted that the exercise leave no room for confusion or doubt, noting that success should not be measured merely by updating land records but by permanently resolving generational land disputes and safeguarding public trust across rural Telangana.

Alwal TIMS to be ready by Janaury

HYDERABAD: Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha on Tuesday announced that construction of the Alwal Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) Hospital would be completed by the end of December and the facility would become operational in January next year.

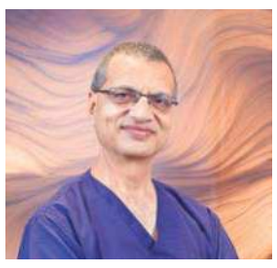
The Minister inspected the hospital site to review the progress of construction, infrastructure development and installation of medical equipment.

The Alwal TIMS facility is being developed as a Centre of Excellence for Neuro and Genetic Sciences, with a focus on providing advanced medical services and promoting research in these specialised fields.

The centre will bring various super-speciality medical services under one roof, including dedicated departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery, enabling patients to access advanced treatment facilities.

Health IS wealth

Diabetic foot ulcers: Treat the cause, not just the wound



Dr P C Gupta, renowned Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon, Clinical Director and HOD – Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Vascular IR & Podiatric Surgery, CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, Hyderaba.



A small wound on the foot may seem harmless, but for someone living with diabetes, it can develop into a serious medical problem. Many patients believe that applying ointments, taking antibiotics or undergoing regular dressings will eventually heal the wound. While these treatments are important when appropriately prescribed, they may not be sufficient if the underlying cause remains untreated. One of the most overlooked reasons diabetic foot ulcers fail to heal is poor blood circulation. Without adequate blood supply, even proper wound care may not produce the expected results. As we observe World Diabetes Day on November 14, it is important to understand why treating a diabetic foot ulcer requires looking beyond the visible wound.

Why Diabetic Foot Ulcers Develop

Diabetes can damage both the nerves and blood vessels supplying the feet. Prolonged high blood sugar levels may cause diabetic neuropathy, a condition that reduces the ability to feel pain, pressure or temperature changes. As a result, a person may not notice a small cut, blister or injury caused by poorly fitting footwear. Continued walking places pressure on the affected area, allowing a minor injury to develop into an ulcer.

At the same time, diabetes increases the risk of narrowing of the arteries, reducing blood flow to the feet. When nerve damage and poor circulation occur together, the risk of serious complications increases. Importantly, patients may not experience pain even when the wound is becoming deeper or infected.

Why Some Wounds Refuse to Heal

Wound healing requires adequate oxygen, nutrients and blood circulation. When arteries supplying the legs become narrowed or blocked, the affected tissues may not receive sufficient blood to repair themselves. This condition, known as Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), is more common among people with diabetes, particularly those with high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, kidney disease or a history of smoking.

Some patients undergo repeated wound dressings for weeks without significant improvement. While dressings protect the wound and support healing, they cannot correct severely restricted blood flow. Similarly, antibiotics may treat an infection but cannot restore circulation through blocked arteries. Therefore, a non-healing ulcer should prompt an assessment of underlying vascular disease, infection and other factors delaying recovery.

The Hidden Danger of Poor Blood Circulation

Reduced blood flow does not always produce obvious symptoms. Some patients experience calf pain while walking that improves with rest, while others notice cold feet, changes in skin colour or slow-healing wounds. However, people with diabetic neuropathy may not experience typical pain even when circulation is significantly compromised.

In advanced cases, severely restricted blood flow can lead to chronic limb-threatening ischaemia, a condition associated with rest pain, non-healing ulcers or gangrene. When poor circulation is accompanied by infection, tissue damage can progress rapidly, increasing the risk of amputation. Recognising these warning signs early is essential for limb preservation.

Why Vascular Assessment Matters

A comprehensive diabetic foot examination should evaluate the wound, blood circulation, nerve function and signs of infection. Doctors examine foot pulses, skin temperature, colour and tissue condition. Doppler ultrasound helps assess blood flow, while the Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) compares blood pressure at the ankle and arm to identify circulation problems.

In some patients with diabetes, arterial calcification can make ABI readings unreliable. Additional investigations, including toe pressure measurements or vascular imaging, may be required. When significant arterial blockages are suspected, MR or CT angiography can help determine their location and severity, allowing specialists to plan appropriate treatment.

Modern Vascular Treatments Can Help Save Limbs

Advances in vascular and endovascular surgery have expanded treatment options for patients with diabetic foot ulcers complicated by poor circulation. In selected cases, balloon angioplasty can widen narrowed or blocked arteries using a minimally invasive catheter-based technique. Depending on the condition of the artery, a stent may be placed to maintain blood flow.

For extensive or complex blockages, vascular bypass surgery may be considered to create an alternative pathway for blood circulation. These procedures aim to improve blood supply, support wound healing and reduce the risk of limb loss. However, not every diabetic foot ulcer requires vascular intervention. Treatment depends on the severity of arterial disease, infection, tissue damage and the patient's overall health.

Why a Team Approach Is Essential

Successful diabetic foot management often requires coordination between vascular surgeons, diabetologists, wound care specialists and reconstructive surgeons. While vascular specialists address circulation problems, other specialists help control blood sugar, manage infection and provide appropriate wound care.

Removing damaged tissue, controlling infection and reducing pressure on the affected foot are important components of treatment. In selected cases, reconstructive procedures may help cover tissue defects. Addressing these factors together improves the chances of healing and reduces the risk of further complications.

Early Action Can Prevent Serious Complications

People with diabetes should seek medical attention promptly if they notice a foot wound, particularly when accompanied by swelling, redness, discharge, foul smell or skin discolouration. Blackening of the toes, fever or rapidly spreading infection requires urgent medical evaluation. Patients should avoid treating deep wounds with home remedies or attempting to remove calluses themselves.

Prevention begins with daily foot inspection, proper footwear, good hygiene and effective blood sugar control. Managing blood pressure and cholesterol, avoiding tobacco and following prescribed treatment are equally important. A comprehensive foot examination is recommended at diagnosis and at least annually thereafter, with more frequent assessments for high-risk individuals.

Look Beyond the Visible Wound

A diabetic foot ulcer is not always just a skin problem. It may indicate underlying nerve damage, poor circulation, infection or excessive pressure on the foot. Treating the wound without identifying these factors can delay healing and increase the risk of complications.

On World Diabetes Day, the message is clear: early detection, comprehensive foot assessment and timely specialist care are essential. A dressing may protect a wound, but identifying and treating the underlying cause is often what makes healing possible. Looking beyond the wound can help preserve mobility, prevent complications and reduce avoidable amputations.

'Silent heart disease can strike without warning'



Dr Manoj Kumar, Agarawala, senior consultant cardiologist Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills

HYDERABAD: Heart disease can remain undetected for years without showing obvious symptoms and may eventually lead to serious complications such as heart attacks and strokes, said Dr Manoj Kumar Agarwala, Senior Consultant Cardiologist, Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills.

He cautioned that heart disease does not always present with severe chest pain and that seemingly minor symptoms such as unexplained fatigue, breathlessness, dizziness and palpitations should not be ignored. "Heart health should not be addressed only after a problem develops. Prevention has to begin much earlier. High blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, unhealthy eating habits, chronic stress and inadequate sleep can gradually damage the heart and blood vessels," he said.

Dr Agarwala emphasised the importance of regularly monitoring blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels, particularly among people with a family history of cardiovascular disease or other risk factors. He recommended regular physical activity, a balanced diet comprising vegetables, fruits, whole grains and adequate protein, maintaining a healthy weight, avoiding tobacco and limiting alcohol consumption to reduce the risk of heart disease.

The cardiologist also warned against overlooking unusual symptoms such as chest discomfort or pressure, excessive sweating, breathlessness, unexplained tiredness and pain radiating to the arms, shoulders, back, neck or jaw, particularly during physical activity.

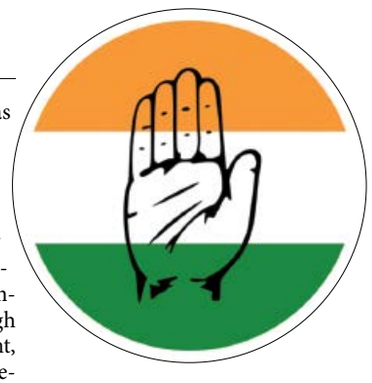
"Time is critical during a cardiac emergency. If symptoms suggestive of a heart attack appear, people should not wait for them to disappear or resort to self-medication. They must seek emergency medical attention immediately," he advised. He encouraged families to incorporate simple lifestyle changes, including daily walking, using stairs instead of lifts, reducing processed and high-salt foods, managing stress and ensuring adequate sleep.

"Every heartbeat matters. Prevention is the best approach to tackling heart disease. Recognising warning signs, controlling risk factors and making healthy choices every day can go a long way in protecting heart health," Dr Agarwala said.

Telangana Cong pauses media wing appointments; sparks buzz in party

- **Telangana Congress puts media wing appointments on hold**
- **Suspension order issued within 24 hours of announcement**
- **Mahesh Goud reportedly objects to list issued without his knowledge**
- **Rahul Gandhi asks Pawan Khera to examine the matter**
- **List included 49 spokespersons, 16 panelists and four coordinators**

Venkateshwarlu Kolishetty
Hyderabad



THE Telangana Congress has put its newly announced appointments to the party media wing on hold within 24 hours, triggering confusion and speculation within party circles. The decision to suspend the appointments was announced on Tuesday through the party official X account, stating that orders would remain suspended until further instructions.

The appointments, announced on Monday, covered media panelists, media coordinators, and official spokespersons for press briefings and television debates. It is learnt that TPCC President B Mahesh Kumar Goud lodged a complaint with Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday, expressing displeasure over the release of the list without his prior knowledge.

Rahul Gandhi reportedly asked AICC Media Department Chairman Pawan Khera to look into the matter. Following discussions, Pawan Khera is learnt to have given Mahesh Kumar Goud approval to put the appointments on hold, prompting the TPCC leadership to suspend the list temporarily.

The original list was issued by Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, MP and Chairman of the TPCC Media and Publicity Department, stating it was released under the directions of TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and AICC Media Chairman Pawan Khera. The controversial appointments included 16 media panelists, a four-member media coordination team, and 49 official spokespersons, alongside elevating all existing TPCC spokespersons to senior spokespersons with immediate effect.

1,000 delegates from 70 countries for Bharat Summit

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HYDERABAD will host the prestigious Bharat Summit for the second time from November 12 to 14, bringing together over 1,000 policymakers, think-tank experts, and social activists representing 70 countries.

Speaking to media personnel on Tuesday, TPCC Media and Publicity Cell chairman and Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy stated that hosting the summit is a matter of immense pride for Telangana.

The MP highlighted that the international summit will provide a crucial platform for global policy discussions and deliberations regarding India future path. Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka are scheduled to address the event.

Chamala observed that Hyderabad has evolved beyond its traditional identity as an IT and pharmaceutical hub into a prime destination for international policy dialogues. He emphasized that the city cultural diversity, technological strengths, youthful demographic, global connectivity, and modern infrastructure make it an attractive and secure destination for international visitors. Hosting the summit will significantly benefit Telangana by attracting foreign investments, boosting local tourism, and enhancing global recognition for Hyderabad.



Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka speaking at the State Level Bankers' Committee meeting in Hyderabad on Tuesday

Bhatti asks banks to provide adequate loans to farmers

- **Bhatti urges banks to ease El Niño burden on farmers**
- **Seeks loan restructuring and interest relief**
- **Calls for timely fresh credit ahead of Rabi season**
- **Rs 15,000 crore target under VB G RAM G scheme**
- **Banks urged to support Rajiv Yuva Vikasam**
- **Seeks additional ₹2 lakh credit for each SHG**

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

AMID El Niño weather conditions, the State government has appealed to banks to provide adequate agricultural credit during the ensuing Rabi season. At the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) meeting on Tuesday, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka called upon bankers to take the initiative to ease the financial burden on farmers caused by El Niño conditions.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the farming community had been hit the hardest by the prevailing situation. He urged banks to focus on restructuring loans and explore the possibility of adjusting interest rates to provide relief to farmers.

"A failed monsoon must not become a failed relationship between a farmer and his bank," Bhatti said, adding that the all-time peak power demand of 20,018 MW recorded on October 16 reflected farmers' determination to save their crops.

Stating that El Niño had brought climate risks directly into the lives and livelihoods of farmers, he said the prevailing situation called for the SLBC and all participants at the meeting to pledge their support to people during these challenging times. He stressed that the government would not allow people to suffer.

To ensure employment opportunities amid the distress in the agriculture sector, the Deputy Chief Minister said the Telangana government had set a target of Rs 15,000 crore under the VB G RAM G scheme, with the State contributing 40 per cent of the funds.

He urged banks to examine eligible loan accounts for restructuring and rescheduling under applicable RBI guidelines and proactively explain the available relief measures to beneficiaries.

"A farmer should not have to become an expert in banking circulars to receive the benefit of one," Vikramarka said.

Calling upon district-level officials to coordinate with banks and organise outreach programmes in affected mandals, he said decisions taken ahead of the Rabi season would determine whether affected farmers could resume sowing with confidence.

"The agriculture calendar does not wait for the financial calendar. And rescheduling previous loans is just part of the answer. Eligible farmers also need timely, need-based fresh credit," the Deputy Chief Minister said.

He also urged banks to support the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme, scheduled to be launched on November 19, which aims to benefit unemployed youth in the State.

Expressing concern over the possibility of liquidity shortages in rural areas due to drought conditions, Bhatti said banks could address the issue by increasing lending to women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

"If banks can add Rs 2 lakh for each SHG, this can result in the circulation of money in villages and spur the rural economy," he said.



Union Minister for Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy, along with Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender, inaugurates new facilities at the Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI) in Hyderabad

Kishan Reddy calls for intensified exploration of rare-earth minerals

HYDERABAD: Union Minister for Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy has stressed the need to intensify the exploration of rare-earth elements and critical minerals to strengthen India's mineral security and reduce dependence on other countries. Along with Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender, he on Tuesday inaugurated three major facilities at the Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI) at Bandlaguda-Nagole in Hyderabad. The facilities include the International Hostel (Nalanda and Takshashila), Advanced Geophysical Data Processing Laboratory and Digital Studio.Following the inauguration, the leaders inspected the facilities and reviewed the infrastructure developed to strengthen the institute's training, research and capacity-building activities.

Addressing the gathering, Kishan Reddy highlighted the crucial role of the minerals and mining sector in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation. Recalling the Geological Survey of India's (GSI) 176-year legacy and its contribution to geological surveys, he emphasised the importance of the National Critical Mineral Mission. He called for accelerating exploration, particularly in areas with potential critical mineral deposits, and deploying dedicated teams to expedite surveys and ensure timely preparation and auction of mineral blocks. Referring to exploration activities across the country, including the Siwana Ring Complex in Rajasthan, he stressed the need to focus on heavy rare-earth elements and other critical minerals.



Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari speaking at the meeting in Hyderabad on Tuesday

Make Khelo India Games a national showcase for Telangana: Minister

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SPORTS Minister Vakiti Srihari on Tuesday directed officials to ensure the successful conduct of the Khelo India Youth Games–2026, showcasing Telangana's prestige at the national level. Addressing a meeting with Deputy Collectors and Sports Department officials at Tourist Plaza, Begumpet, he credited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's efforts for securing the opportunity to host the national sporting event.

The Minister urged officials to work with responsibility, coordination and proper planning, improve sports infrastructure for future generations and achieve better results without unnecessary expenditure. He said Deputy Collectors were being given full powers to ensure effective arrangements.

Calling for a stronger sports culture, Srihari urged officials to steer youth away from excessive social media use and online betting and encourage participation in sports.

Special Chief Secretary Vani Prasad said ₹203 crore was being spent on arrangements, including ₹120 crore for infrastructure development. Sports Authority MD Sonibala Devi said 11 stadiums were ready, while works were underway at five others.



RULES FOR THEE, BUT NOT FOR ME?

A bike bearing a "POLICE" sticker is seen at a petrol pump in Hyderabad with a non-standard number plate, raising questions about whether traffic rules apply equally to everyone

Dr Dastagir Shareef receives honorary doctorate for FMCG leadership

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DR Dastagir A Shareef has been conferred an honorary doctorate in Strategic Management, Marketing and Sales Leadership by the Global Human Rights Trust (GHRT International), in recognition of his over three decades of professional excellence in the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) industry.

The honour acknowledges his expertise in trade marketing, sales management and direct and indirect distribution. During his distinguished career, he has worked with several renowned multinational brands, including Tang, Kraft, Oreo, Cadbury, Toblerone, Milka, Maxwell House, Ritz and NADEC.

He has also received several international awards across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region for excellence in FMCG operations. Expressing happiness over the recognition, Dr Shareef said the honour marked the culmination of more than 30 years of dedicated service and renewed his motivation to contribute to society and inspire the younger generation, particularly Gen Z.



Dr Dastagir A Shareef displays his honorary doctorate certificate in Strategic Management, Marketing and Sales Leadership, conferred by the Global Human Rights Trust (GHRT International), in recognition of his over three decades of excellence in the FMCG industry

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, M. VAJRAMMA, W/o.Myathari Srnivas, R/o H.No.3-76. Kohir (M), Picharagad (V), Sangareddy District, TG. In the Birth Certificates of my son and daughter my name has wrongly and inadvertently recorded as **M. Nandini** instead of my correct and actual name **M. VAJRAMMA.** That my correct, actual and official name is **M. VAJRAMMA, W/o. Myathari Srinivas,** and I have been using the said name for all my personal, family and other official purposes. (TH_34613)

I, Ayesha Wazeeda W/o. Mohammed Akbar R/o. 12-11-622/A, Warasiguda, Boudha Nagar, Secunderabad-61, TG. Have changed my name as **Ayesha Wajida** for all records purpose. (TH_04972)

I, MOHAMMED ABDUL SATTAR (New Name), S/o. ABDUL KADHAR, R/o. H.No. 8-3-169/576, Habeeb Fatima Nagar, Borabanda, Hyderabad-500018. TG. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **ABDUL SATTAR MIYA** to **MOHAMMED ABDUL SATTAR** (TH_PAVAN)

I, AKHTAR BEGUM (New Name), W/o. Mohammed Abdul Sattar, R/o. H.No. 8-3-169/576, Habeeb Fatima Nagar, Borabanda, Hyderabad-500018, TG. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **AKTHAR BEGUM** to **AKHTAR BEGUM** (TH_PAVAN)

I, Katta Prasad Shobha W/o. Katta Prasad, R/o. Plot No. 14, Vayu Nagar, Bowenpally, Sec-bad, Hyderabad, Telangana 500011, my name change as **Katta Shobha** (TH_34613)

I, SHOBHA SINGH W/o VIJAY SINGH R/o. P.NO.146, GUNROCK ENCLAVE-3, TRANSPORT ROAD, KARKHANA, SEC'BAD, HYD, TS-500009. MY NAME CHANGE AS **SHOBHA RANI** (TH_34613)

I, PREETI W/o. MAHESH HALLILI R/o. 14-200009, ROADNO-5, BALAJI NAGAR, AMEENPUR, SANGAREDDY -502032, T.S. Changed My Name and Shall henceforth be Known as **PREETI BALTE** For All Purpose (TH_34613)

I. AKELLA SATYA SAI R/O, PLOT NO. 77, SIMHADRI NAGAR COLONY R K PURAM POST OLD SAFILGUDA HYD TS. 500056 Changed My Name As **AKELLA SATHYA SAI RAO W/o. AKELLA MURALI MOHAN RAO** (TH_34613)

I, BOGADADI BEGUM W/O. ABDUL KHADER KHAN R/O.HNo. 13-3-794, L N Nagar Jiyaguda Hyderabad TG Have Changed My As **BUGHDADI BEGUM W/O ABDUL KHADER KHAN** (TH_34613)

I, MEER MOHIUDDIN S/O. MEER NASEERUDDIN R/O. HNo. 13-3-26, Mustaidpura Karwan Hyderabad TG Have Changed My Name As **MIR MOINUDDIN S/O MIR NASEERUDDIN** (TH_34613)

I, Somanath S/o.Late. Omkar Bhatambre, R/o. 6-51-074, Marri Ram Reddy Cly, Old Bowenpally, Sec'bad , Tirumalagiri Hyd TS-500011, Changed my name as **Somanath Omkar Bhatambre S/o. Late. Omkar Bhatambre** (TH_34613)

I, KOMMINENI DHANALAKSMI R/o. F.No: 405, Sriven Plaza, St.No: 1, Beside Quiet Lands, Gachibowli, Serilingampally, Hyd-500032, TS. changed my name as **KOMMINENI DHANALAKSHMI W/o. KOMMINENI PRABHAKAR RAO.** (TH_34613)

I, Gaffar Khan, R/o.19-3-372, Jahanuma Hyderabad TS, have changed my name from **Ghaffar Khan** (Old Name) to **Gaffar Khan** (New Name) **S/o. Osman Khan** for all Purposes (TH_34613)

I, PALABINDHALA ANAND R/O H.NO: 39-9/1, SANJAY GANDHI NAGAR, QUTUBULLAPUR, MEDCHAL, TELANGANA 500055 have changed my name as **PALABINDALA ANAND** (TH_34613)I

I, PALABINDHALA DEVENDER R/O H.NO: 39-9/1, SANJAY GANDHI NAGAR, QUTUBULLAPUR, MEDCHAL, TS. 500055 have changed my name as **PALABINDALA DEVENDER S/O PALABINDALA RAMULU** (TH_34613)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PALABINDHALA KALAMMA R/O H.NO: 39-9/1, SANJAY GANDHI NAGAR, QUTUBULLAPUR, MEDCHAL, TS 500055 have changed my name as **PALABINDALA KALAMMA W/O. PALABINDALA DEVENDER** (TH_34613)

I, KROVVIDI D V N VARALAXMI R/O. T1, SATYAM TOWERS, SATYAM HEIGHTS, RAJIV Gandhi Nagar, Bachupally Medchal TS- 090 changed my name as **YERRAPRAGADA DURGA VENKATA NAGA VARA LAKSHMI W/o. YERRAPRAGADA BHIMA SANKARAM** (TH_34613)

I, Syed Arbaz, R/o. Hno.10-5-300/1/22/A,First Lancer,Masab Tank, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad 500028.T.S, Changed My New Name As **SYED ARBAZ ALI, S/o. Syed Abid Ali.** (TH_34613)

I, SHAHMEEM SULTANA (OLD NAME) R/O. 8-3-228/1281, RAHAMATH NAGAR, YOUSUFUDA, HYDERABAD-500045, Telangana, changed my name as **SHAIK SHAMEEM BEGUM** (NEW NAME) **W/O. SHAIK SIRAJ** for all purposes (TH_34613)

I, RAJU PUSKURI,S/o. SHANKAR RAO PUSKURI, R/O Plot No.47, DSR Raj Enclave, Rampally, Keesara Hyderabad-501301, have changed my name as **RAJU PUSUKURI, S/o. SHANKAR RAO PUSUKURI.** (TH_34613)

I, VURUVENAKA RETHIKA (OLD NAME) R/O. 5-12/33, BANK COLONY, DAMMAIGUDA, MALKAJGIRI-MEDCHAL-500083, Telangana, changed my name as **VURUVENKA RETHIKA** (NEW NAME) **D/O. VURUVENKA VENKATESH** for all purposes. (TH_34613)

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I, CHINABHAGYALAKSHMI KODURU (OLD NAME) R/O. LIG 29, 3RD FLR, KPHB PHASE-15, NEAR MOUNT, LITERA SCHOOL KUKATPALLY, CY'BAD-MEDCHAL-530085, TS changed my name as **BHAGYA LAKSHMI GUMMADI** (NEW NAME) **W/O. BHEEMA RAO GUMMADI** for all purposes. (TH_34613)

I, KANUMILLI VEERA VENKATA SATYANARAYANA SAMBASHIVA RAO R/o. 13-4-39/1 ASHOK NAGAR CLY BHADRACHALAM POST AND MANDAL BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM TS HEREBY CHANGED MY NAME AS **KANUMILLI V V S SAMBA SHIVARAO S/o. KANUMILLI VENKATA RAO** (TH_34613)

I, Masarath Fatima R/O 23-3-117/A, Sultan Shahi, Hyd. In my husband's passport no. F2735070 my name is mentioned as **Masrat Fatima** which is Changed to **Masarath Fatima** (TH_34613)

I, MIR SAIF ALI KHAN R/O D.NO: 9-4-77/A/256 H.NO: 256 STREET NO : 7, AL-HASNATH COLONY TOLICHOWKI, Hyderabad, 500008, TS I have Changed My Name As **SAIF ALI KHAN S/O MIR ASIF ALI KHAN** (TH_34613)

I, ASIF ALI KHAN R/O D.NO: 9-4-77/A/256 H.NO: 256 STREET NO : 7, AL-HASNATH COLONY TOLICHOWKI, Hyderabad, 500008, Tas, I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS **MIR ASIF ALI KHAN S/O Shahmath Ali Khan** (TH_34613)

I, AMREEN SULTANA SYEDA R/O 8-15-112/5/3 AKBER COLONY RAJENDERNAGAR, RANGAREDDY PIN: 500077, TS I have Changed My Name as **AMREEN SULTANA W/O MOHAMMED AGHA ASIF ALI QURESHI** (TH_34613)

I, HASSAN BIN HAMED BILLESQA R/O 18-11-309, Barkas. Chandrayangutta, Hyderabad-500005, T.G. I changed my name to **HASSAN BIN HAMED BILLESQ S/O HAMED BILLESQ.** (TH_34613)

I, FAIZA BIN AIFAN R/O 18-11-309, Barkas, Chandrayangutta, Hyderabad-500005, T.G. I changed my minor son's name from **ABDUL MALIK BIN HASSAN BILLESQA** to **ABDUL MALIK BIN HASSAN BILLESQ S/O HASSAN BIN HAMED BILLESQ** (TH_34613)

I, Nagsheshu Thiramdas, R/o. 1-7-504/14, Zamisthanpur, Musheerabad, Hyderabad - 500020, my new name changed to **Chakhradhaar Thirramdas.** (TH_34613)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Praveen Begum, W/o. Sajid Khan, R/o. 20-5-525/1/A, Shakker Gunj, Shah Ali Banda, Hyderabad-500065, have changed my name as **PARVEEN BEGUM, W/o. Sajid Khan for all purposes.** (TH_34613)

I, Shaban Parvin, W/o.Abdul Majid, R/o.11-5-586, Red Hills, Near Criminal Court, Nampally, Hyd-500001, have changed my name as **SHABANA PARVEEN, W/o. Abdul Majid** for all purposes. (TH_34613)

I, MADHAVI VUMMETHALA, R/O. H.NO. FLAT NO.319, AMULYA FORTUNE, MADHAVAPURI HILLS, PJR ENCLAVE ROAD, ROAD NO.1, MIYAPUR, HYD, T.G., HAVE CHANGED MY SURNAME **MADHAVI NAGAM** TO **MADHAVI VUMMETHALA W/O.ANIL KUMAR NAGAM.** (TH_34613)

I, Nabeela Hussna (Old Name) R/o. 8-4-369/402, Swaraj Nagar, Borabanda, Hyderabad-500018-T.G., have changed my name as **NABEELA HUSNA, D/o. Mohammed Akbar Khan.** (TH_34613)

I, Milan Turakhia, S/o.Late Kantilal Shivlal Turakhia, R/o.H.No.16-1-24/176, Flat No.401, S V Heights, Saidabad Colony, Hyd-500059,T.G. hereby declare that my name is recorded as **Milan Turakhia** (as per passport) & Milan K Turakhia (as per my Aadhaar and PAN records. (TH_34613)

I, CHITTALURI RADHA KUMARI, W/o. CHITTALURI SRIKRISHNA MEHER, R/o. F.No. 406, E-Block, Rainbow Vistas Rock Garden, Moosapet, Hyd-500018, and shall hereafter be known as **CHITTALURI RADHA** for all purposes. (TH_34613)

I, FARHAD JAHAN, W/O.SYED KHALEEL, R/O 2-118/7/1, AFREEN COLONY, KOTHAPET, BALAPUR, KESHOGIRI -500005, T.S. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME **FARHAT JAHAN** FOR ALL PURPOSE. (TH_34613)

I, Vadisela Swetha Reddy W/o. Vadisela Prathap Reddy R/o. H.No.16-1-485/11/B/A Reddy Basthy Saidabad Hyd Telangana Changed My Name As **Gowravaram Swetha Reddy W/o. Vadisela Prathap Reddy** (TH_34613)

I, SINITHA SIDHARTHAH W/o. SRINIVASULU BABU R/o. 6-7/41, NILIGIRI HOMES OPP TO ESSAR PUMP MODI PROPERTY RAMPALLY, MEDCHAL-501301, TS, changed my name as **SINITHA SIDHARTHAN.** (TH_34613)

I, BANDLAMUDI UMA D/O Rangappa challa Age 48. R/O 16-11-16/N/89, PRASHANTHNAGAR Malakpet, Hyd-500036 have changed my name from. **CHALLA SUSEELA** to **Bandlamudi Uma D/o Rangappa Challa** for All purpose. (TH_34613)

I, ZULEKHA BEGUM w/o BABUMIYA MOHAMMED AGE 50 Years, R/O.16-11-16/B/16, Saleem Nagar Colory, Malakpet, Hyd. have changed my name from **ZULEKHA** TO **ZULEKHA. BEGUM** for All purpose (TH_34613)

CHANGE OF D.o.B.

I, Chakhradhaar Thirramdas, R/o.1-7-504/14, Zamisthanpur, Musheerabad, Hyderabad - 500020, I was born in **19-08-1976,** but due to clerical mistake my dob recorded as **28-08-1977,** Hence forth my dob is known as 19-08-1976. (TH_34613)

LOST

I, **Medakkar Rahul Prakashrao, S/o. Prakashrao Hanmantrao Medakkar,** R/o.C-705, SR.No.78/2, 78/3, Mahindra Ashvita Apts, KPHB, Kukatpally, Hyd - 500085, T.G. I Have Lost My Passport While Travelling at Road. No.10, Banjara Hills, **Passport No.Z4195209,** If Any One Found Please **Contact 9703602223.** (TH_34613)

I, **Bojja Siva kumar Reddy S/o Bojja Malla Reddy** R/o 201, Sai Residency, P&T Colony, Medipally Mandal Medchal-Malkajgiri dist, TS. I Lost my **Passport No.C6775409** if any found **Call: 9052934334.** (TH_jsy)

I, **KARAN RATHI S/o. Shivkumar Rathi** R/o. 7-1-28/4, F.No. 103, United Enclave, Leelanagar, Ameerpet, Hyd - 500016, TS have Lost My Original **Passport Bearing No. S1957523,** Date of issue.21-06-2018, issued at HYD While Travelling by train from Solapur to Nampally. If anybody Found pls **Contact - 9619752726.** (TH_34613)

Lost of Document

I, **Mr. Pothineni Hari Prasad, S/o Late Pothineni Venkateswarlu,** Aged about 60 years, R/o Villa No.46, The Trails, Survey No.124, O.U. Colony, Manikonda Jagir, R.R. District. Telangana State. Have Lost My Original link document i.e. Regd. Sale Deed **Doc. No.5808** of **1983 and 5810 of 1983** Dt.08-08-1983, registered at District Registrar of R.R. District pertaining to Southern portion of H.No.5-94, Plot Nos. 803/2 and 803/3 with ground and First Floor in Survey No.18 adm. 266.66 sq. yards, Vivekananda Nagar Colony, Bagh Ameerl Village, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, while traveling from his House to JNTU, KPHB on 25.06.2026, If Found Anyone Please **Call: 9848099027** (TH_PAVAN)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No- 17027865P, Rank-HAV, Name-Amit Kumar, resident at Vill- Gorar, Teh-Kharkhoda, Dist - Sonipat -131408, Haryana. changed my Mother name & **DOB From ANITA DEVI 02/05/1965** to **ANITA 01/01/1955** due to my unawerness. vide Affidavit No-42AA321886 date 10 Nov 2026 before Notary G Ramchander Advocate Secunderabad. (TH_34613)

CHANGE OF NAME

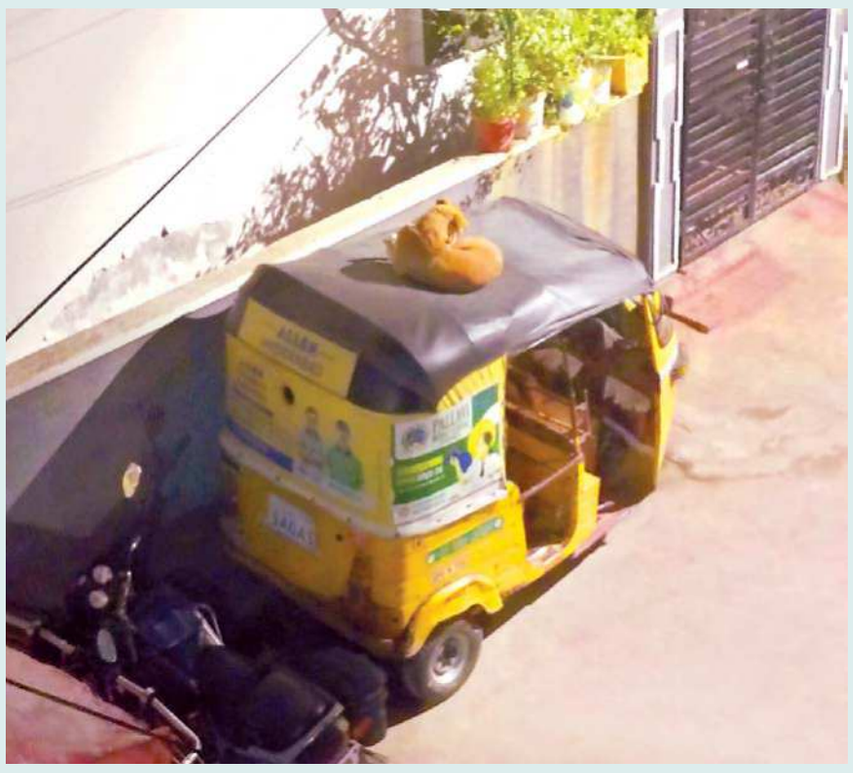
I, Service No- 14656487Y, Rank-HAV, Name-Shiva Kant Dwivedi, resident at EME Depot Bn, C/o 56 APO, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad -500015, Telangana. changed my Mother name & **DOB From RAJPATI DEVI 01/07/1950** to **RAJ PATI 01/01/1952** due to my unawerness. vide Affidavit No-42AA321888 date 10 Nov 2026 before Notary G Ramchander Advocate Secunderabad. (TH_34613)

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PEOPLE'S VOICE



Street dog menace, a major public hazard

This is regarding the menace of street dogs at Mallaikarjuna Colony, on Road no4 in Old Bowenpally, Secunderabad. The dogs are a big headache for all colony members as they bark and whine at night-time, scaring residents as well as visitors to the colony.

We humbly request the authorities concerned to address the issue at the earliest by catching the dogs and saving people from the nuisance created by them.

- Anil, Secunderabad.

Beware! Pack of stray dogs on the prowl in Boudhnagar-Indira Nagar

This to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to ferocious packs of dogs in Boudhnagar-Indira Nagar area, wreaking havoc on the public in multiple ways as follows:

I) They chase and try to bite rag pickers, children, senior citizens and those travelling by vehicles (making them fall down).

ii) They fight viciously amongst themselves

iii) They bark during day and night-time

iv) They urinate on vehicles

The dogs too face danger and injuries when frustrated people shoo them away or pelt stones at them.

Please remove the dogs and put them animalshelters, as a safety measure for humans as well as dogs.

- Shreelekha PS, Boudhnagar, Secunderabad







HERE IS GARBAGEGUDA...!

Garbage dumped on road in Chilkalguda

The authorities concerned must immediately remove all the garbage being dumped in a lane beside KK beauty parlour, at house no 427/2, Chilkalguda in Secunderabad. The other side of the lane has fence. With almost the entire road stretch covered in garbage, how can vehicles get into that lane? We request the GHMC to clean up the mess immediately. Many lanes parallel to this lane also have the same problem of garbage being dumped. The authorities must place garbage collection bins in all these lanes of Chilkalguda.

- Padmavathi Lekha, SUNSHINE residency, Boudhnagar





Garbage dump chokes Oxygen Park!!

People are dumping garbage, waste furniture and other waste material on the road near Oxygen Park being managed by Forest Department near Gajularamaram. Foul smell emanating from the garbage, causing inconvenience to road users. Local people go to Oxygen Park for morning walk daily. They have no other option except inhaling the fuel smell from the garbage dump. Municipal authorities should clear the garbage immediately and see to it that no garbage is dumped on the busy road.

- Ameer, Gajularamaram



WHOSE ROAD IS IT ANYWAY?

Part of road wasted in Adikmet

We wish to bring to the notice of the authorities that due to mounds of earth and debris, nearly half the road has been wasted at a stretch beside the flyover (at Anuradha apartments,beside Gayathri Kirana store/Shri Sai Nilayam); 1-9-735 to 739, Adikmet in Hyderabad. We request the GHMC to level the ground and repair the road stretch at the earliest.

-PVP Madhu Nivriti, SUNSHINE residency, Boudhnagar



This Kaiser Nagar main road is a hell





Road are badly damaged in our locality, Kaiser Nagar in Quthbullapur Assembly Constituency. The 200-metre stretch of main road from BRS office towards Govt 2BHK flats in Kaiser Nagar, is full of potholes and damaged road parts. It is a herculean task to ride motorcycles or drive cars on this road. Traffic jams happen frequently during peak hours as damaged road slows down traffic flow. This stretch turns into a real hell and dangerously slippery whenever rains. Many people skidded their two wheelers and fell down. Due to this bad road and negligence of municipal authorities, we have been suffering for the past eight months. Cyberabad Municipal Corporation officials should immediately find a permanent solution to this problem and get the bad road repaired.

-Anil Kumar, Kaisar Nagar, Quthbullapur

Why is the government delaying bill payments?



The Telangana government is delaying bill payments, mainly to advertising agencies and publications. It is not clear why this situation has continued for a long time.

The main problem is that the government issues the Budget and releases the token numbers from the Pay Office, Hyderabad. Yet, the payments are not being made by the finance wing. At times, the tokens are rejected. Why?

The advertising agencies and publications are a troubled lot in the industry, with owners as well as employees facing very hard time due to non-payment of the bills for a very long time. Is no one responsible for this situation? We request the Chief Minister and the Finance Minister to look into the matter seriously and help in clearing the bills in time. Hope CM will help the industry and save us.

-Anil, Hyderabad.

Tardy pace of road works by GHMC riles residents



M M Farooqui
Hyderabad

RESIDENTS across several parts of Hyderabad are expressing frustration over the prolonged delay in road-laying works undertaken by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), alleging that contractors are digging up multiple stretches without completing existing works. The incomplete roads have become a major inconvenience and pose serious safety risks to motorists, pedestrians and residents.

In Bhavani Nagar, Uppal Zone, road works on Streets 3, 4 and 5 have been going on for more than six months, but none of the stretches has been completed. Residents said that the contractor has left portions of each street unfinished while continuing to dig up new stretches, leaving the locality surrounded by damaged and uneven roads. Vamshi Krishna, a resident of the colony said that the situation is particularly difficult for residents of Street 4, who say they are surrounded by unfinished roads, making it difficult to move vehicles, and walk on such roads. Dust, loose gravel, dug-up stretches and uneven surfaces have added to their daily hardships.

Vamshi said "Road work on our streets has been going on for over six months, but there is still no sign of completion. Instead of finishing one street before moving to the next, the contractor keeps digging up new stretches. We are surrounded by unfinished roads and are facing inconvenience every day," Vamshi said.

Another resident questioned the contractor's work, saying, "Why are new stretches being dug up when the existing work has not been completed? Street 4 has become extremely difficult to access. Two-wheelers and cars are struck, and pedestrians, particularly children and elderly people, face danger while navigating these roads. Who will take responsibility if an accident occurs?" asked K Srinath.

Mohammed Ahmed, a resident of Santosh Nagar said "GHMC officials must inspect the site and question the contractor about the delay. Public money is being spent, but residents are left struggling with half-finished roads. We want the authorities to ensure that the work is completed immediately," he said. Similar complaints have reportedly emerged from several other localities, including Srinagar Colony, Khairatabad, Ameerpet, Begumpet, KPHB, Balanagar, Nampally, Tolichowki, Bahadurpura, Chandrayangutta, and Santosh Nagar, among others, where residents have raised concerns over delays in road-laying works. Residents demanded that Municipal officials to conduct inspections, hold contractors accountable for delays and make completion on deadlines. They have urged the civic body to ensure that contractors complete one stretch before taking up another, rather than leaving entire neighbourhoods struggling with unfinished roads for months.





Do you have any civic issues? Are any roads in your locality damaged? Do you have any complaints against govt departments? Are any private companies taking you for a ride regarding sales and service?

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Onus on govt and people for a pollution-free Diwali

DIWALI pollution has become an annual grey rhino event—a looming, predictable threat that we all recognise but choose to ignore. Black swan occurrences are unforeseeable, and therefore very difficult to deal with. The Covid-19 crisis was a black swan about which no one knew. Hence the untold loss of life and incalculable damage to the economy. The inability to tackle grey rhinos, however, is symptomatic of sclerosis in Indian statecraft, the callousness of the political class, and the irresponsible behaviour of people in general. Like every post-Diwali, news headlines screamed of various parts of the country, especially north India, becoming gas chambers. Delhi and the surrounding National Capital Region (NCR) being the worst affected with PM2.5 readings, which capture levels of smoke, flying off the charts. Many of the capital's air monitoring stations went blank on Diwali night. The missing hours were partially filled the next day by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), showing the smoke level peaked at 3,744 µg/m³, more than 60 times the national 24-hour standard of 60.

Another news report said that in Delhi, which recorded its worst Diwali-day air quality in five years, pollution levels touched nearly 5,000 µg/m³ at some monitoring stations—that is, over 80 times the safe limit. Even the peninsular region was not spared, with Hyderabad's average air quality index (AQI) zooming to 509. Although, coastal Chennai and Mumbai were better, Kolkata was not spared, as AQI spiked above 600. Coastal centres in Gujarat too had very high AQI numbers. At the heart of the problem is the lack of concern in the quarters that matter. Our political elite, cutting across party lines, have almost zero regard for real issues like pollution. Despite harsh commentary in public discourse, media outcry, and severe reprimands by the higher judiciary, the powers that be are insouciant about the lives and health of millions of people who suffer because of debilitating pollution. Little, if anything, has been done to ameliorate the conditions; if there are any short, medium and long-term measures to address the issue, they are not perceptible.

It is time our political masters woke up and took effective steps to rectify the situation. This requires moving beyond the ritualistic responses that follow every Diwali, when governments issue advisories, announce restrictions, hold meetings, and promise action, only for the problem to resurface with renewed intensity the following year. What is needed is a comprehensive, coordinated, and time-bound strategy that addresses every significant source of pollution throughout the year, rather than treating it as a seasonal emergency. Governments must invest in public transport, strengthen last-mile connectivity, enforce emission standards, ensure scientific disposal of municipal and agricultural waste, and penalise industrial violators. Stubble burning, construction dust, vehicular emissions, and firecrackers all demand sustained attention, not selective outrage. Equally important is the creation of an institutional framework that assigns clear responsibility to specific authorities and holds officials accountable for measurable outcomes. Political leaders must also lead by example, instead of shifting blame or indulging in partisan point-scoring. At the same time, people too must do their bit. They must adhere to the norms specified by the authorities regarding bursting of crackers. They need to realise that every government intervention will fail without their support. Environmental protection is everyone's responsibility.

Cultivating resilience: Why crop diversification is Telangana's only scientifically sound climate adaptation

Dr Ramesh Chennamaneni

An unprecedented drought crisis across 365 mandals in Telangana, driven by a post-monsoon El Niño effect and a 17 per cent rainfall deficit, threatens agricultural collapse until July 2027. To initiate a transition of the state from a vulnerable monoculture to a drought-resistant, resilient agricultural economy ensuring the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers, a comprehensive climate adaptation framework is required. This strategy is anchored by the Mandal-Wise Decentralized Alternative Production Package (MDAPP), localised soil-moisture ecological mapping, and aggressively front-loaded financial assistance through a specialized Green Transition Bonus.

THE prevailing. The state government has officially declared 365 mandals across 31 districts as drought affected. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has warned that this unprecedented El Niño-related water and power crisis could persist until next July. This emergency exposes the deep structural vulnerabilities of our agricultural system and demands alternative strategies.

From an ecological perspective, crop diversification serves as a scientifically validated climate change adaptation strategy specifically engineered to combat acute hydrological stress. Replacing continuous paddy with low-water alternatives directly intercepts the drought cycle by altering the microclimate and soil physics of the farm. Deep-rooted alternative crops break up compacted subsoil layers, increasing capillary porosity and maximizing water infiltration when erratic rains do occur. By maintaining ground cover through diverse cropping architectures, farmers drastically lower soil surface evaporation and buffer the field against extreme thermal gradients. Crucially, integrating diverse root profiles optimises water extraction across varying soil depths rather than exhausting the topmost layer, significantly increasing regional water-use efficiency and preserving precious residual moisture within the root zone during extended dry spells. However, transitioning from predictable paddy fields to complex alternative crop systems introduces severe operational hurdles for small and marginal farmers.



For these smallholders, climate adaptation is not just an ecological goal—it is a high-stakes problem of daily farm management, labor allocation, and survival.

The smallholder farm management crisis

The 2026 monsoon concluded with a 17 per cent overall rainfall deficit, leaving 18 out of 33 districts severely deficient. The total kharif crop area dropped from 139.28 lakh acres to 126.06 lakh acres, leaving standing crops withering. While traditional paddy cultivation fell by 18 per cent, the remaining acreage faces disaster. Out of 30 lakh agricultural pump sets, almost 15 lakh have run dry due to the rapidly falling water table.

When the state government appeals to smallholders to avoid paddy and shift to alternative crops like pulses, millets, or oilseeds, it overlooks a critical farm management reality. Small and marginal farmers operate on razor-thin margins. Paddy is highly automated, easy to store, and insulated by guaranteed state procurement.

In contrast, alternative crops require intensive, localized agronomic management: precise sowing windows to catch brief moisture windows, entirely different seedbed preparation, specialized weeding, and delicate handling during harvest. Forcing a smallholder with less than two acres to learn and manage these volatile new crop dynamics without structural support creates a severe policy asymmetry. It expects the most vulnerable stakeholder to absorb 100% of the operational and financial risk.

Localized agroecological realities

Climate change impacts Telangana's distinct agro-ecological zones differently, meaning top-down, uniform advisories broadcasted via Rythu Vedikas fail to match localized realities:

The northern zone: Experiencing erratic rains and rising thermal stress that alter the growing period.

Central zone: Facing severe groundwater depletion that rapidly strips moisture from shallow root zones.

The southern zone: High evaporation rates on shallow soils lead to immediate crop wilting during short dry spells.

To address this, the state must implement a Mandal-Wise Decentralized Alternative Production Package (MDAPP). This framework maps soil taxonomy and aquifer health across all 621 mandals to deliver a tailor-made alternative crop grid specifically optimized for smallholder management.

In zone A (deep black cotton soil with over-exploited groundwater in specific mandals within Adilabad, Nalgonda, and parts of Khammam), high soil water-retention capacity dictates a total ban on Yasangi paddy. This is replaced by long-staple cotton intercropped with pigeon pea, Bengal gram, black gram, green gram, or soybean.

In sone B (red sandy loams with critically low water tables across Mahabubnagar, Medak, and Rangareddy), the low moisture profiles require drought-hardy options like groundnut, castor, pearl millet, finger millet, foxtail millet, sorghum, and sesame.

In zone C (alluvial and medium loamy soils under deficit canal networks in Nizamabad, Karimnagar, and Warangal), flood irrigation must be eliminated in favor of safflower, mustard, green gram, sunflower, and linseed.

To institutionalise this, physical soil health cards must become digital MDAPP Smart Passbooks. When a smallholder registers their land, the portal automatically tags their mandatory crop code, blocks restricted paddy entries, and unlocks tailored input-subsidy modules.

Insulating the smallholder transition

The primary barrier to diversification is the immediate liquidity crunch faced by smallholders when changing cultivation patterns. MDAPP restructures direct benefit transfers by splitting investment support into a two-tier framework: the base Rythu Bharosa support plus a legally ring-fenced Green Transition Bonus (GTB) of ₹3,000 per acre per season, paid exclusively for alternative crops.

To prevent smallholders from falling back on high-interest private moneylenders for new tools and inputs, cash flows are front-loaded. During the pre-sowing phase, 60 per cent of the combined seasonal payout is deposited directly into the farmer's account. The remaining 40 per cent is released 30 days after sowing following automated remote-sensing crop verification. Furthermore, Telangana's 2,600+ Rythu Vedikas must be upgraded into local logistics hubs. Upon registration, smallholders will receive an SMS voucher redeemable at the Rythu Vedika for 100 per cent subsidized, high-yield, drought-resistant seeds developed by PJTSAU. To manage the technical shift in water utilization, alternative crops are paired with Micro-Irrigation Direct-Delivery (MIDD). Any smallholder registered under MDAPP automatically qualifies for a 90 per cent subsidy on drip or sprinkler kits, installed by technical teams within seven days.

Eliminating market volatility

The final anchor of MDAPP eliminates market price volatility. The state must establish a dedicated, legally backed statutory body: the Telangana Alternative Crop Procurement Board (TACPB). Operating under a 120 per cent MSP Procurement Accord, the TACPB will legally guarantee to buy 100 per cent of the alternative crop volume at a 20 per cent premium over Central MSP.

This bonus directly compensates smallholders for the lower physical yields characteristic of pulses and millets relative to paddy. By processing harvests at decentralized Rythu Vedika weighbridges and clearing payments via DBT within 72 hours, Telangana can effectively withstand the serious economic and social vagaries of one of the worst droughts it has been experiencing since decades.

(The writer is a former MLA and former faculty at Humboldt University)

We need to deal with natural calamities more effectively



Ravulapati Seetaramarao

No matter how big the storm is, if N Chandrababu Naidu oversees it, it becomes possible to contain the ferocity. As a chief minister who keeps losses within bounds, he calmly restores what is lost, while the storms gradually cross the coast. When Arnav and Murasu cyclones occurred, those storms extended from afar, and with several precautionary measures in place, the two cyclones that followed quickly caused less loss of life.

When the two struck Andhra Pradesh, Arnav that arrived on October 28 was estimated to cause about ₹4,526 crore in damage. The Murasu cyclone arrived on November 3. However, this damaged copper crops across 52,500 hectares. Preliminary estimates indicate that only about eight people lost their lives due to these two cyclones. The first cyclone reportedly caused crop damage over 90,000 hectares in the southern Odisha region. As always, after the central government officials visited at the ground level, the initial loss estimates were used to decide on financial assistance and other forms of support. Reports indicate that states like Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu have extended necessary aid to Andhra Pradesh during this crisis.

With the help of the Real-Time Governance Society (RTGS) and technical experts, casualties and property losses were minimised.

When Hudhud struck in October 2014, Chandrababu Naidu stood ahead of the officials with remarkable initiative, guiding in many ways and fighting the storm to safeguard lives, property, and livelihood in the face of the cyclone. Governments strive to lend a hand during crises, sometimes without people noticing, but it is very rare for a leader at the level of the Chief Minister to personally drive aid efforts across the ground. For politicians who think power is to be enjoyed, helping in times of trouble is a duty and a goal; for Chandrababu, this brought immense adulation and admiration from ordinary people as well. The Hudhud cyclone claimed 63 lives and caused damages worth about Rs 22,000 crore. There has always been a worrying factor about what would happen if a cyclone hit a region. Now, in the two Telugu states and in Odisha, people perceive such calamities as a regular threat—though it is a tragedy when they occur. The handling of such disasters often becomes highly challenging, and corruption tends to harden. Yet for ordinary people, and for those who depend on fishing along the coast, daily life becomes a heavy burden. Those who muster the courage to go out to fish face grim conditions, and the hardships persist until they return safely. Therefore, there is a growing need for skilled professionals who can anticipate such disasters through technology, for enhanced cooperation between state and central government officials, and for proactive, strategic measures to be put in place well in advance.



Along with state authorities, agencies functioning at the central level must act with utmost precautions to protect crops from these calamities. Rapid, well-considered strategic decisions that minimise losses have become indispensable. Likewise, government agencies responsible for timely compensation and delivering relief at the field level must increasingly adopt decisive actions. The Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme (Crop Insurance Scheme) was launched by the Centre a decade ago, but its utilisation at the field level remains limited. There are no records showing that the plan is being implemented in a manner intended to compensate farmers for losses caused by climate-induced natural adversities. If the government can bring all farmers under this scheme, it would provide some relief to those who suffered losses. It would be beneficial if states took responsibility for taking this scheme to the farmers and establish government machinery at the field level that provides relief to farmers.

Initially, there was no thought of reclaiming these compensation payments by the governments. However, with the 15th Finance Commission's recommendations, within two years prior, the national and state Disaster Response Funds were reclassified not as relief funds but as part of recovery and reconstruction under this scheme. Governments must consider how appropriate this is. When natural disasters disrupt states in such dreadful ways and push livelihoods into dire straits, the central government should be ready to provide urgent financial assistance and take all possible supportive measures. Only then will federalism and democracy have meaning and usefulness. Co-operative federalism should be actualised as a true federal arrangement in which the central government can function in a manner aligned with democratic values.

Presently, cyclones are occurring on a regular basis in one state or the other. To effectively deal with these natural calamities, and lessen the effect of losses of properties, crops and deaths, separate mechanisms at the state and national levels are urgently called for. Though disaster management machinery is now functioning at both levels, the inadequacy and technical assistance is evident. Hence, a specialised scheme is to be urgently thought of to give a credible helping hand in containing heavy losses. Best governance is then registered in the minds of affected people.

(The writer is a retired IPS officer, who has served as an Additional DGP of Andhra Pradesh)

LETTERS

Make preventive healthcare a national priority

WITH reference to "India should focus on its health promotion policies," it is alarming that 10–30 per cent of youngsters is reportedly suffering from health-impacting behavioural issues and conditions. While India has a predominantly young population, lifestyle disorders such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, stress and lack of physical activity are increasingly affecting them. Equally concerning is that only around 45–47 per cent of Indians are covered by some form of health insurance or healthcare financing scheme. Another common misconception among salaried employees is that the employer-provided health insurance of ₹3–5 lakh is sufficient. However, this may fall short in the event of critical illnesses, major surgeries or prolonged hospitalisation. Therefore, every individual should consider taking an independent personal health insurance policy to ensure continuous financial protection. The government should also prioritise preventive healthcare through regular health screenings, nutritional education, awareness campaigns and promotion of physical activity in schools, colleges and workplaces. A healthy younger generation is essential for India's productivity and economic growth, and prevention must become a national priority rather than merely a medical intervention.

Nittala Siva Prasad, Hyderabad-62

Every Indian must be health conscious

APROPOS your editorial 'India should focus on its health promotion'. It is very important that every Indian must be health conscious, in each situation – eating healthy food, indulging in regular physical activities; and not yielding to habits of smoking, tobacco use and excessive use of alcoholic beverages. Nutrition continues to be a big and vital contributor to healthy living; while the have-nots evolved a meaningful regimen when it comes to eating habits, without compromising on nutrition – it is the rich who fall prey to eating all kinds of junk foods that are unhealthy and having less nutritional content in them. The reality of growing atmospheric pollution, use of excessive pesticides in vegetable crops is being seen as a serious threat to health issues and long-term illnesses. The busy lifestyle, growing stress and untimely regimen about eating lunch and dinner are contributing to severe and unprecedented health issues. The irregular sleep pattern is also said to be the cause for growing cardiovascular ailments – heart attack and stroke. The problem of hypertension has become a regular thing for many. Yoga and meditation practices are beneficial while belly fat is said to be the main cause for heart attack and strokes.

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TG govt lacks application

The autocratic decision-making mechanism of Telangana contributes to reversing the existing trend of investments in various sectors. The involvement of stakeholders in decision making exercises of this nature is conspicuous and visible to economic analysts. To attract capital investments to a state in a highly competitive environment in our country needs scientific and professional studies with the invitation of suggestions from experts in various fields. In the absence of such exercise, policy reversals in the midstream only decelerates the momentum built over years. The present state government exhibits immaturity and lack of application of mind in its functioning. This in turn has resulted in the unfortunate stagnation of its economy. It requires introspection by the state cabinet to correct its policy making parameters immediately before the damage becomes irretrievable. With drought conditions already breaking the rural economy during this year, Telangana can ill-afford the luxury of stagnation in other economic spheres. Sooner we correct this, better for the state, it will be

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Prove Sangh links in murders or resign: Tejasvi challenges Kharge



BENGALURU: BJP MP Tejasvi Surya has challenged Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge to produce evidence within three days to substantiate his allegations linking Sangh Parivar members to the murders of journalist Gauri Lankesh and rationalist M M Kalaburgi, or resign from his post.

Reacting to Kharge's remarks at a Muslim League programme in Kerala, Surya said securing justice in the high-profile murder cases required seriousness and commitment rather than political speeches. In a social media post, he said the Home Minister's responsibility was to ensure justice under the rule of law and not pronounce prejudiced judgments from political platforms.

Surya questioned the delay in the trials, pointing out that the chargesheet in the Gauri Lankesh murder case was filed in 2018, while the trial began in 2022. The case is now before its seventh judge, and all the accused are out on bail, he said. . In the Kalburgi murder case, only 33 of the 139 witnesses had been examined by September 2026, highlighting the slow pace of the proceedings, he added.

He said Congress had been in power in Karnataka for most of the period since the murders and that the state government had constituted the SITs. The Home Department must explain its role in ensuring effective investigations and trials, he demanded.

Surya also questioned Kharge's assurance that the cases would be concluded within six months and those responsible would be sent to prison, saying such statements could raise concerns about judicial independence. He asked Kharge to disclose the names of those allegedly linked to the Sangh who had been chargesheeted and provide evidence within three days or resign.

Kharge had alleged that people associated with the Sangh Parivar were behind the murders and expressed confidence that the accused would be brought to justice within six months.

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Govt rolls up sleeves for TG's fair share of Krishna waters

To make strong arguments in Supreme Court

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy ordered the top officials of the Irrigation department to make arrangements for strong arguments in the Supreme Court to ensure Telangana receives its rightful share of river Krishna waters.

The Officials were instructed to compile all the data and submit necessary evidence regarding the ongoing dispute with Andhra Pradesh on Krishna water sharing.

Ahead of the hearing of the water dispute case in the apex court after November 18, the Chief Minister held a meeting with legal experts alongside a review of the Irrigation department at the Bodhi Pavilion in the MCR HRD Institute on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister enquired the officials about the progress of the Dindi and Achampet lift schemes and instructed them to expedite the works. As previously decided, the CM stressed that water must be supplied to the Dindi and Achampet projects from the Yedula reservoir. 0.6 TMC of water required for these two schemes would be lifted from Narlapur to Yedula without any obstacles.

The officials were also instructed to identify the locations for the construction of tunnels and canals and prepare a detailed project report (DPR) to commence work accordingly.

The CM warned officials against making hasty decisions on the works of creating additional TMC capacity for the Kaleshwaram project.

He told the officials to remain vigilant to ensure that the mistakes made by the previous government are not repeated.

The officials informed the Chief Minister of the challenges of lifting available 2 TMC of water. Revanth emphasised the need for a responsible approach towards taking up the works of additional TMC.

He further directed that the status of cases pending in the Supreme Court be reviewed before proceeding with land acquisition, secure all necessary clearances from the Central Water Commission (CWC) and prepare a comprehensive detailed project report (DPR).

HC awards 6 months jail to developer, 3 registration officials for contempt

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LEGAL NOTES



THE Telangana High Court has sentenced the managing director of ADR Estates Pvt Ltd Ch Damodar Rao and three registration officials to six months simple imprisonment for wilfully disobeying an interim order.

The division bench of Justices Kunuru Lakshman and Tukaramji passed the order, while partly allowing the contempt case filed by Chalasani Kalyani Leela. Each contemnor was fined Rs.2,000, payable within four weeks. The jail term was suspended for four weeks.

The case concerns 10 acres in survey no.140 at Bachupally in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. Leela claims the land under a registered sale deed of September 19, 2000. ADR Estates had sought deletion of that deed from the encumbrance certificate, saying earlier civil court judgments had cancelled it. A single judge directed fresh consideration of its representation on December 3, 2021, without hearing Leela. She challenged that order in WA 754 of 2022. On February 2, 2023, a division bench stayed the single judge's order and all consequential steps. She later alleged that registrations continued despite the stay and issued contempt notices in December 2024. ADR Estates argued that the stay was not an injunction against all transactions.

The officials said they were unaware of the order or had acted within their duties, and cited Rule 58 of the Telangana Registration Rules.

The bench rejected this; it held that the issue was not whether registering officers could test the validity of documents, but whether they proceeded despite knowing of a subsisting judicial order. It noted that the encumbrance certificate itself recorded the cancellation and the stay and that the respondents did not explain these entries.

A joint sub-registrar received the order on December 6, 2024, yet kept accepting documents. Another sub-registrar, later posted at Quthbullapur, did the same. The bench found the conduct deliberate and wilful. It dismissed the case against the Commissioner and Inspector-General of Registration and Stamps and the district registrar, whose roles were supervisory and who had registered no documents on the property.

Govardhana Puja, Karthika Deepotsavam celebrated at Hare Krishna Golden Temple

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SHRI Govardhana Puja and Karthika Deepotsavam were grandly celebrated at Hare Krishna Golden Temple on Tuesday, marking a day of reverence, joy, and festivities. The blend of vibrant festivities, devout offerings, and revered traditions captivated the hearts of devotees and visitors alike. The centrepiece of the event was a magnificent replica of Govardhan Hill, together with an Annakuta offering comprising a variety of traditional sweets and savories, presented in earthen pots and patras. The festival began with the sacred Gau Puja, during which Krishna Prasadam was ceremoniously offered to the cows and calves in the temple goshala. In the evening, a splendid Govardhan Hill replica was unveiled, and an Annakuta offering comprising a variety of items — cookies, sweets, savories, and fruits etc — was presented to Lord Sri Radha Govinda before being displayed for darshan and parikrama by all devotees. The evening was filled with melodious kirtans and the majestic "Pallaki Utsavam" honoring Srila Prabhupada and Sri Radha Govinda, followed by the revered Darshan and Arati. The enlightening discourse by Satya Gaura Chandra Swami Maharaj delved into the profound significance of Lord Sri Krishna's Govardhana Lila pastime, as described in Srimad Bhagavatam. The Karthika Deepotsavam began with the lighting of the auspicious Karthika Deepam and a grand Damodara Arati to Shri Yashoda Damodara amidst the enchanting chants of "Damodara Ashtakam," captivating all present.

Ten detained during Chabutra Mission in Attapur

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ATTAPUR police conducted a special Chabutra Mission, detaining 10 persons and counselling 30 individuals to maintain law and order and ensure public safety. Police executed an extensive foot patrolling operation across the police station limits. During the drive, officers detained 10 persons found roaming unnecessarily on roads during late-night hours, while 30 individuals received counselling as a preventive measure to uphold peace. The operation was executed under the directions of Rajendranagar Deputy Commissioner of Police S Srinivas and Assistant Commissioner of Police T Srinivas. Special teams led by Attapur Station House Officer A Seethayya, Sub-Inspector Jayaraju, and personnel conducted checks in Attapur, NM Guda, Number 9, Arsh Mahal, Sikh Chawani, MM Pahadi, and Chintalmet. Officers advised counselled individuals to refrain from criminal activities, warning that strict legal action would follow any involvement in unlawful acts. SHO Seethayya stated that such surveillance operations, foot patrols, and special checks would continue regularly to ensure public security.

GHMC removes 43.6 MT of waste from water bodies on Day 2

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THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation intensified its four-week Special Sanitation Drive across all 30 circles, recording significant progress during the initial two days through focused cleaning operations and waste removal activities. On the second day on Tuesday, the municipal body concentrated on removing floating waste, silt, and debris from lakes, ponds, drains, and nalas, while securing identified dumping ingress points and installing signboards to discourage indiscriminate dumping.

According to official data, cleaning operations were carried out across 57 lakes, ponds, drains, and nalas statewide. A total of 43.6 metric tonnes of floating waste, silt, and debris was cleared. Additionally, 21 waste-dumping ingress points were successfully secured to prevent fresh dumping, while one regulatory signboard was installed as part of the campaign.

Sonia Gandhi's book brings political memoirs in focus

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In the memoir, Sonia Gandhi opens up for the first time about the extraordinary twists and turns of a life that has largely unfolded in full public view. It contains moving glimpses of Gandhi's private grief. She writes about the loss of her first child, who died shortly after birth, and the chilling discovery of grenades in a room of their house after Operation Blue Star, the 1984 military operation against Sikh separatists at the Golden Temple in Amritsar. She also provides a ringside view of several turbulent chapters in Indian politics, not least the violent assassinations of her mother-in-law, Indira Gandhi, in 1984 and her husband, Rajiv, in 1991.

"Much has been written about my family, but rarely with real insight into who they were, their motivations, their struggles, their very human flaws. I wanted to portray them honestly, as people I knew and loved," the 79-year-old Gandhi wrote said ahead of the release of the memoir.

Her book also revisits some of the darker episodes that have dogged the Gandhi family and the Congress party, including Indira's imposition of the Emergency in June 1975, a 21-month period during which civil liberties were suspended, political opponents were jailed and the press was gagged, which caused fear and dismay across the country. In Gandhi's account, it also caused a rift within the family.

Born Sonia Maino in 1946 in a small Italian village near Vicenza, she met Rajiv Gandhi — the grandson of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru — at a restaurant in the United Kingdom's Cambridge city. The two got married in New Delhi in 1968, when Rajiv's mother and Nehru's daughter Indira Gandhi was serving as India's prime minister.

In her book Sonia Gandhi talks about her 2004 decision to not take up the top job as prime minister of the world's largest democracy. The Nehru-Gandhi family gave India three prime ministers.

In an excerpt from the book, Sonia said her children - and now senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi - had then discussed with her, their mother's possible prime ministership. "One of them asked me straight out whether I would accept the post, just in case our party pulled off a victory. 'Absolutely not' I'd said, almost indignantly,' the excerpt read.

"Neither Rahul nor Priyanka felt that I should become prime minister. They'd lived through the trauma of their grandmother's assassination and the brutal murder of their father. In their minds, holding that office was intrinsically linked with heightened danger. They looked relieved and I, too, felt lighter, having said my views out loud on the question for the first time," Sonia wrote in the memoir.

Ultimately, Gandhi's memoir is a vivid record of six decades of India's political transformation from the Congress-dominated secular republic she moved to in 1968 until today. Gandhi's account offers a glimpse of how deep the political polarisation runs in Indian politics today. In one revealing passage, Gandhi writes that she has had "practically no real contact" with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 12 years he has led the nation. In fact, at times when the two have been in the same room, such as the Speaker's small chamber, Modi "tends to look away, avoiding eye contact", she says. On one occasion, she adds, he has asked briefly about her health after a hospital stay.

After the 2001 terror attack on parliament, Gandhi immediately called then-BJP prime minister AB Vajpayee to enquire about his safety, a gesture he appreciated.

Gandhi sees an increasingly authoritarian style of politics, in which those in power seek to "belittle and torment" opponents. For years, Gandhi's son, Rahul, has been the subject of BJP's ridicule, which calls him Pappu, a derisive term intended to portray him as inexperienced and naive. She adds that similar things are happening elsewhere in the world, an observation that can be read in the context of US President Donald Trump's use of personal insults and ridicule against opponents.

Sends msg to enemies: Hegseth slams bid to impeach him

WASHINGTON: US secretary of war Pete Hegseth on Tuesday described the impeachment efforts against him as sending a message to Washington's adversaries that the US would punish its own military personnel and political leadership for carrying out "lawful operations."

"In the 250 years of our American republic, no secretary of war or secretary of defence has ever been impeached for carrying out lawful military operations," Hegseth told reporters. The briefing came a day after President Donald Trump backed Hegseth, saying that he had led the US to victory in "two wars" — referring to the Iran war and the US military intervention in Venezuela in January, which resulted in the removal of Nicolas Maduro.

The press conference was the Pentagon chief's first in six months and came a day after Republican US Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky introduced eight articles of impeachment against him.

India to remain only major economy with workforce surplus thru 2030

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Over 40 per cent of India's population is under 25 years of age, while around 68 per cent, or nearly 961 million people, are of working age, the report said.

Global Capability Centres (GCCs) will play a key role in transforming India's position in the global economy. India had 2,117 GCCs in FY26, employing 2.36 million professionals and generating $98.4 billion in revenue, up from $64.6 billion in FY24. GCCs added nearly 2 lakh net employees during FY26, driven by demand for artificial intelligence, machine learning engineers, cloud experts and product developers. The report said that India's projected skilled workforce surplus of 45 million by 2030 could address roughly 53 per cent of the anticipated global talent shortfall. The talent can either work from established hubs such as Hyderabad or Pune for clients abroad, or it can move to Frankfurt, Toronto or Houston on a work visa. Overseas Indians sent home a record $129.4 billion in remittances in 2024, accounting for 14.3 per cent of global remittance flows and the number of Indians working abroad has increased to 18.5 million from 6.6 million in 1990. "Universities and vocational programmes must teach AI, cloud, cybersecurity, healthcare and advanced manufacturing, not only coding. The 2025–26 Union Budget announced a national framework to promote GCCs in tier II cities.

Transport Minister to meet EV makers today

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Furthermore, the Minister will seek suggestions on topics such as the manufacturing of automobiles and electric vehicles, the development of EV charging infrastructure, battery technology, clean mobility, and the integration of advanced technologies within the transport sector. The meeting will also identify key topics for discussion at the dedicated session on automobile and EV sectors at the Global Summit and ways to strengthen coordination between industries and government departments, with the goal of establishing Telangana as a premier investment destination for the automobile and EV sectors.

'Surrender to Iran's 7 conditions'

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Iran's seven conditions include an end to the hostilities on all fronts, lifting the US naval blockade along the Strait of Hormuz, reopening the shipping lanes in the strait immediately and lifting of economic sanctions on Iran. "The war against Iran has torn the US government apart, but Washington is flailing like a desperate gambler - Stop playing. Stop making up news about imaginary negotiations. Do not deny the new order in West Asia -It is time to surrender to Iran's seven conditions," Rezaei told Iranian media. On Monday, Trump engaged in a high-level dialogue with Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani. The US President announced that key Gulf allies have backed an unprecedented joint land-and-sea blockade against Iran under "Operation Iron Gate," declaring that preventing Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons remains strictly "non-negotiable."

While warning that American forces remain in a high state of combat readiness should regional dynamics deteriorate, Trump projected optimism regarding a potential de-escalation, noting signs of progress toward winding down the hostilities.

'WHITEWASHING'

Sonia trying to justify Emergency in her memoir: BJP

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Tuesday accused former Congress president Sonia Gandhi of trying to justify the Emergency in her memoir and said it should have been named "whitewashing" instead of "Belonging: A Journey of Love". Taking to X, BJP's national spokesperson C R Kesavan said the book appears to be an attempt to "sugar-coat the historical wrongs perpetrated" by the Nehru-Gandhi family, which held power at the Centre for several years.

"Sonia Gandhi could have titled her memoir as 'Whitewashing' instead of 'Belonging', because the motive of this book appears to be sugarcoating the historical wrongs perpetrated by the Nehru-Gandhi family and camouflaging the cardinal sins committed by the Congress party," Kesavan said.

SC seeks WhatsApp's action plan to curb digital arrest scams

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The matter has been listed for further hearing on November 23. During the earlier hearing, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, informed the bench that the platform had taken preventive measures, including action against 9,400 accounts. He also assured the court that an affidavit detailing the steps taken would be filed. Sibal further submitted that WhatsApp was developing software to identify suspicious accounts and alert users. The latest directions come amid growing concerns over digital arrest scams and other cyber frauds, with the apex court stressing the need for stronger accountability of financial institutions and digital platforms.

Nvidia CEO told me he didn't know Alice was a spy: Trump

Washington

US President Donald Trump took a sympathetic tone towards Jensen Huang on Monday, saying the Nvidia CEO was "suffering greatly" and didn't know a woman he had an affair with was an alleged Chinese spy.

Trump also danced around the question of when he personally was aware of intelligence linking the chip boss to Alice Huang, a Chinese executive who had allegedly been funnelling information to Beijing.

The US leader said he had spoken to Huang earlier on Monday "to see if he's feeling alright," calling the Taiwanese-born tech boss an "amazing guy."

"I asked him that question, 'did you have any idea that she was a spy?' He said, 'I had no idea that she was a spy,' and I really believe him," Trump told reporters at the White House.

He added: "I hope there is no problem. I believe he is suffering greatly... more so because of his family, his wife, who he loves, and his family. But he's definitely suffering."

Jensen Huang sent a message to Nvidia employees on Sunday in which he acknowledged having an affair and apologized to both his family and company staff.

Trump said he was not aware about the allegations when Huang accompanied him to China in May. Huang is a key figure in the AI revolution and close to the US President. "No, I didn't hear about it then. But a lot of people have heard about it," Trump said. Huang has also attended numerous White House events, including a state visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping in September.



Don't exploit your position for personal gain: CM to police

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The Chief minister urged the newly appointed DSPs not to forget the purpose of joining the police force.

The direction in which the future of Telangana will move over the next thirty years lies in the police hands.

Revanth Reddy underscored the need for the police to be first to react when people face a problem. "People trust the police force because the cops have dedicated everything to maintaining law and order.

The police force has earned its standing in society because many senior officers have worked with absolute integrity. You must uphold that legacy," he added.

The Chief Minister slammed Opposition party for creating hurdles in the recruitment of the DSPs. Some forces deliberately leveled numerous allegations against these recruitments including crores of rupees corruption. The state government took the matter of the DSP appointments to the Supreme Court by engaging highly skilled legal counsel and successfully secured the appointments, he explained.

The Chief Minister held the previous BRS government responsible for not conducting Group 1 exams. The TGPSC had effectively turned into a hub for the 'political rehabilitation' of certain individuals during the BRS rule, the CM charged. The Congress government selected individuals with experience in conducting competitive examinations and those with integrity to serve as board members, he claimed.



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Business

"The earnings profile of sugar mills is undergoing a structural shift. Higher sugar prices will not fully compensate for the loss of higher-margin ethanol volumes and rising cane costs. As dependence on sugar and extra neutral alcohol (ENA) sales increases, operating margins are expected to decline by 140-160 basis points to around 6 per cent this fiscal."

-Anuj Sethi, Senior Director, Crisil Ratings

BIZ BRIEFS

Shyam Metalics' festive celebrations

Shyam Metalics hosted 'Alokmoy Kolkata', a four-day festive celebration at Acropolis Mall from November 6-9, featuring cultural activities, creative installations showcasing its products and community competitions. Actor Mithun Chakraborty attended the finale, felicitating competition winners. Nirmal Uday, COO, ShyamMetalics, said: " Through Alokmoy Kolkata, we wanted to celebrate this very spirit and create an experience where people were not merely spectators but an integral part of the festivities."

Ujjivan introduces banking on WhatsApp

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB) launched an industry-first facility enabling eligible customers to open savings accounts directly through WhatsApp Banking at 900 208 2121, without downloading a separate banking application. Carol Furtado, Interim CEO, Ujjivan SFB, said: "Innovation is most meaningful when it makes banking simpler and more accessible for customers. Ujjivan's WhatsApp Banking journey gives the customers the ability to access the bank on a platform that already is part of their daily lives."

Travel deals on Amazon Pay

Amazon Pay is bringing back its 'Impossible Travel Deals' sale from November 12 to 26, offering discounts of up to 30% on domestic and international flights and 65% on hotel bookings.

Girish Krishnan, Director-Payments Experience, Amazon Pay, said: "Indian families are travelling more than ever, and with Impossible Travel Deals 2026, we want to make those trips more affordable. Whether it's a weekend in Goa or a flight to Dubai, customers can book with significant savings on flights and hotels."

TCS clocks milestone

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has completed 50 Tech Days across 50 academic institutions in 27 cities, engaging over 23,000 students and 912 faculty members through masterclasses, hackathons and practical AI projects to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. Sudeep Kunnumal, Chief Human Resources Officer, TCS, said: "The skills that will define the future are evolving rapidly, and preparing young talent for this change requires industry and academia to work more closely than ever."

L&T bags Noida Metro order

Larsen & Toubro's (L&T) Heavy Civil Infrastructure business has secured a significant order from Noida Metro Rail Corporation for the Aqua Line Extension Project. The contract involves part design and construction of a 15.1-km elevated viaduct connecting Botanical Garden to Noida Sector-142 and Depot Station to Boraki. The project also includes 10 elevated metro stations, along with architectural finishes.

AI sell-off abroad sends FPIs rushing back to Indian equities

FEARS OVER US DATA CENTRE SPENDING TRIGGER AI SELL-OFF IN THE US, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN AND JAPAN, MAKING INDIA AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION

New Delhi

FOREIGN investors turned net buyers of Indian equities in November, infusing Rs 53,739 crore in the first nine days after two consecutive months of outflows, driven by the AI-led sell-off in global markets, strong domestic earnings growth and attractive large-cap valuations.

The latest investment follows net outflows of Rs 34,843 crore in October and Rs 35,861 crore in September, according to data available with the depositories.

"The sudden change in FPI stance was triggered by the AI sell-off in the US and other AI markets like South Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

"This sell-off, in turn, was triggered by fears surrounding data centre spending in the US. The Democrats, who won both chambers of Congress, are opposed to indiscriminate data centre spending. They will demand guardrails for AI," said V K



Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments. The AI-led sell-off has made India, widely regarded as a non-AI trade, an attractive destination for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). Besides, the country's impressive earnings growth and attractive valuations of large-cap stocks have further strengthened its appeal, he added.

According to depository data, FPIs made a net investment of Rs 53,739 crore in Indian equities during November 2-9. This includes a total of six trading days. With this, cumulative FPI outflows from Indian equities in 2026 stood at Rs 2.41 lakh crore. Sector-wise, FPIs turned major buyers in index heavyweights, especially in financial services, information technology, automobiles and telecom. In the debt segment, foreign investors invested Rs 7,759 crore through the Fully Accessible Route (FAR), while withdrawing Rs 591 crore through the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) and Rs 270 crore through the general route.

Mahindra sees staying power in renewed FPI interest in India

NEW DELHI: Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra on Tuesday said India is not just a refuge from the AI hype but rather has "a compelling AI opportunity of its own".

In a post on X, Mahindra cited the nation's software talent, systems integration expertise and enormous domestic market for AI use cases, to make his point: "surely India has a promising hand to play?" "Perhaps India isn't just a refuge from the AI hype. It may have a compelling AI opportunity of its own," he wrote. And if so, he argued, the renewed interest in Indian equities "may have more staying power than we think". In his post, Mahindra said he had earlier flagged the irony of India returning to favour with global investors partly because it was seen as being outside the supposedly overheated AI trade. "But perhaps there's another way to look at it," he said. He pointed out that Stanford now ranks India third in global AI vibrancy. Mahindra acknowledged that India does not make the most advanced chips or lead the race in foundational large language models. He recalled an analogy he had used in the annual report of Tech Mahindra, the IT services company of the Mahindra Group.



Olectra's Q2 EBITDA rises 18% to ₹110 cr; deliveries cross 4,750

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Olectra Greentech Limited reported an 18 per cent increase in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) to Rs109.89 crore for the second quarter of FY27, supported by higher revenue and improved operating performance.

The company's revenue rose 5 per cent to Rs687.01 crore in the quarter ended September 2026, compared with Rs656.62 crore in the corresponding period last year. Profit after tax increased 5 per cent to Rs52.12 crore from Rs49.43 crore, while profit before tax grew 6 per cent to Rs72.74 crore.

The company delivered 401 electric vehicles during the quarter, against 375 in Q2 FY26, registering a growth of 7 per cent. Deliveries during the first half of FY27 stood at 759 vehicles. The company's cumulative electric vehicle deliveries have crossed 4,750, with its buses operating across 55 cities and covering more than 750 million green kilometres. Its order book stands at over 8,000 electric buses.

Managing Director Mahesh Babu said the quarterly performance reflected growth in revenue, vehicle deliveries and profitability, with the increase in EBITDA highlighting the company's focus on operational efficiency.

The company is preparing to introduce its next-generation electric buses in the fourth quarter of the current financial year. The new models are being developed with an emphasis on localisation and are intended for domestic and international markets, he said. Olectra's earnings per share increased to Rs6.45 in Q2 FY27 from Rs6.04 in the year-earlier period. The company said it would focus on executing its existing orders, improving operational efficiency and expanding its capabilities as demand for electric public transportation grows.

Cognizant puts 25,000 people on Claude to take AI from pilot to production

New Delhi

COGNIZANT on Tuesday announced the formation of the 'Claude Frontier Capability Group', with more than 25,000 professionals focused on delivering Claude for clients. The group is focused on execution excellence, transformation and client success, with the scale to take AI from pilot to production across enterprises' core operations, the Nasdaq-listed IT company said. Enterprises have access to frontier AI capability, but continue to face challenges in delivering value to business.

Cognizant has built Claude skills throughout its workforce, with more than 44,000 associates in business units and corporate functions already trained or certified on Claude, referring to the AI assistant built by Anthropic.

"Cognizant's new Claude Frontier Capability Group



brings more than 25,000 professionals together in a dedicated global Claude delivery organisation," the release said, adding that it will drive Claude-powered systems inside client businesses.

The company is also introducing a managed services model for Claude. Under the model, Cognizant manages the operation of Claude-powered systems in production on clients' behalf, so they can focus on the business results it makes possible.

The managed services model supports the operation of Claude in production for clients, combining dedicated talent, licensed access to Claude and Cognizant's own IP, including its AI Delivery Operating System. The model gives clients more predictable AI spend and runs every engagement within enterprise-grade security and governance controls, customised to each client's connectivity, architecture and risk requirements.

Both initiatives draw on Cognizant's Frontier workforce model, through which it is developing Frontier Certified Engineers and Frontier Business Operators credentialed directly by frontier-model companies.

Ravi Kumar S, CEO of Cognizant, said clients want a partner who will take responsibility for delivery once AI is running inside their business. "We are putting more than 25,000 of our people on Claude and taking on the job of running it for clients through managed services. That is a significant bet on Claude, and on what enterprises can achieve with it in their core operations," he said. Every enterprise is racing to bring AI into its organisation, but the people with the skills to make it work inside a real business have become the hardest talent to find, Paul Smith, Chief Commercial Officer, Anthropic said.

"Cognizant is working to address that gap, committing more than 25,000 people to help their customers put Claude to work across their businesses," Smith noted.

Anthropic eyes $1.3 trn valuation as IPO nears

NEW YORK: Artificial intelligence giant Anthropic is looking for an approximately USD 1.3 trillion valuation in an initial public offering despite new questions about the massive amounts of money flowing into the sector. The company behind the Claude chatbot said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday that it will sell 825 million shares priced between USD 70 and USD 78 a share. That would give Anthropic the ability to raise more than USD 61 billion, if the IPO is priced at the midpoint. The San Francisco company is anticipated to make its Wall Street debut this month. Anthropic could wind up being the biggest initial public offering of stock ever, possibly eclipsing the record USD 86 billion raised by SpaceX in its IPO in June. An Anthropic IPO would also put the company ahead of OpenAI in going public, setting the stage for a pair of blockbuster stock debuts by rival AI developers.

ICICI Life unveils new index fund

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ICICI Life Insurance has launched the ICICI Life BSE 500 Momentum Quality 50 Index Fund, a new equity investment option available with most of their unit-linked insurance plans (ULIPs). The fund is designed to help investors generate superior long-term returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of 50 stocks from the BSE 500 that score well on a combination of two factors - Momentum and Quality. It offers investors an opportunity to invest in companies with strong financials and positive share price trends. Manish Kumar, Chief Investment Officer, ICICI Life Insurance, said: "ICICI Life BSE 500 Momentum Quality 50 Index Fund offers investors an effective way to build long-term wealth by tracking companies with high-quality businesses, strong earnings visibility and steady share-price momentum. Importantly, investors will get exposure to a portfolio of companies with healthy financials which is determined based on metrics/ratios such as Return on Equity, Debt to Equity and Earnings per Share and whose stock price has seen a good growth over the past 12 months."

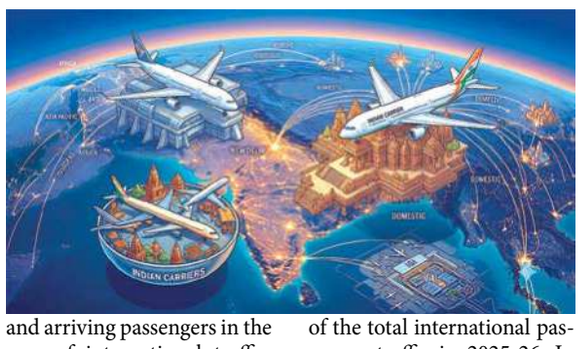
Overseas travel outpaces domestic flying as Indian airlines lose share

New Delhi

INDIA'S international air passenger traffic rose a little over 6 per cent to 78.7 million even as the share of Indian carriers in the overseas traffic declined to 44.4 per cent in the year ended March 2026, according to official data.

As per the Handbook on Civil Aviation Statistics for 2025-26 released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a total of 2,218 aircraft were registered with the regulator as on March 31 this year. While scheduled airlines had 985 planes, the non-scheduled operators had 425 aircraft during the given period. The rest were with governments, private entities and training schools.

In 2025-26, the total air passenger traffic increased 2.7 per cent to 246.1 million compared to the year-ago period when it stood at 239.7 million. Out of the total, domestic air traffic climbed 1.1 per cent to 167.4 million, while international air traffic rose 6.1 per cent to 78.7 million on an annual basis. The figures include departing



and arriving passengers in the case of international traffic. "The domestic passenger traffic registered a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.0 per cent during the period 2015-16 to 2025-26 while the international passenger traffic grew at 4.6 per cent (CAGR) during the same period," the report said. On the international traffic front, the market share of Indian carriers was 44.4 per cent while that of foreign airlines stood at 55.6 per cent in 2025-26. Indian airlines' market share of international traffic declined from 45.7 per cent in 2024-25. Out of a total 90 scheduled international operators in India, the top 10 operators accounted for nearly 65 per cent and the top 15 operators accounted for 73.1 per cent of the total international passenger traffic in 2025-26. In terms of outbound international passenger traffic in the last financial year, the report said 51.5 per cent was to Africa and Middle East, 30.4 per cent to Asia Pacific and 13.6 per cent to Europe, the report said. The report showed that demand was higher than the available capacity in the last financial year. "In the year 2025-26, ASK and RPK in the domestic market registered a positive growth compared to the previous year. "During the year from 2015-16 to 2025-26, the capacity (ASK) in the domestic market grew at a rate of 7.0 per cent (CAGR) while the demand (RPK) grew at 7.3 per cent (CAGR) during the same period," it said.

SoftBank posts $7.1-bn loss amid valuation concerns

NEW DELHI: Japanese investment giant SoftBank Group has reported its first quarterly net loss in nearly two years as falling valuations of key technology holdings and growing concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) investments weighed on its financial performance.

The company posted a net loss of 1.12 trillion yen ($7.1 billion) in the second quarter of its financial year, reversing a profit recorded in the corresponding period a year earlier. The performance was significantly below market expectations with analysts polled by the company estimating an average profit of 129 billion yen. Declines in the share prices of semiconductor companies Arm Holdings and Intel, along with South Korean e-commerce major Coupang, contributed to the deterioration in SoftBank's financial performance. Its Vision Fund division -- which manages investments in hundreds of technology startups -- also reported a loss of 81.6 billion yen. SoftBank has increasingly emerged as an indicator of investor sentiment towards OpenAI and the broader AI industry, given its substantial exposure to the sector.

Nvidia slips into bear market, wipes out $1.57 trillion in value

New Delhi

US chipmaker Nvidia has lost around $1.57 trillion in market capitalisation after its shares plunged more than 26 per cent from their 52-week high with entering bear-market territory amid investor concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) spending and growing scrutiny surrounding its Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang.

The company's market capitalisation stood at $4.31 trillion at the close of trading on November 9, down from approximately $5.88 trillion when its shares touched a 52-week high of $243.37, according to a report.

Moreover, the estimated erosion in market value is larger than the entire market capitalisation of electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla, which stands at around $1.49 trillion.

Nvidia shares closed at $178.67 on November 9, a decline of around 26.6 per



cent from their 52-week peak. The stock has also witnessed sustained selling pressure, falling 14 per cent over the past week and 22 per cent over the last 30 days.

It has declined 18 per cent over three months and 17 per cent over six months.

The sharp correction comes ahead of the company's quarterly earnings announcement scheduled for November 17 with investors closely monitoring the sustainability of global AI infrastructure spending and demand for advanced semiconductor chips.

Adding to the company's challenges, recent developments involving Huang have brought the chipmaker's leadership under increased scrutiny. As per reports, Huang had engaged crisis communications firm Heller Inc. as early as October 2025, months before publicly acknowledging an extramarital relationship with a former executive of Singapore-based data centre company Megaspeed.

The communications firm was also brought into Nvidia's media response process following questions raised over the company's chip sales and possible diversion of advanced semiconductors to Chinese entities in violation of US export restrictions, they added.

Moreover, Megaspeed had reportedly acquired nearly $2 billion worth of Nvidia chips, the report said.

In a statement released on Sunday, Jensen Huang acknowledged having an affair with a former Megaspeed executive, without naming the woman. He also apologised to his family and Nvidia employees.



Young Hans

Inclusion is not screening: Why schools must make belonging part of everyday learning

CBSE's sensitisation initiative is a step towards inclusive education, but lasting change depends on everyday classroom practices, peer relationships and meaningful participation

Syed Sultan Ahmed



A few years ago, at the end of a film session in a Bengaluru school, a Class 6 boy raised his hand with a question I still carry. We had just watched a short film about a girl who could not hear, and how she navigated a classroom that kept talking past her. "Sir," he said, "there is a boy in our class who hardly speaks. We thought he was rude. Is it like this for him?" The room went quiet. Nobody had told these children to be kind. A story had simply let them stand, for twelve minutes, inside someone else's life, and then given them the space to ask what that meant for the boy sitting three rows away.

I recalled that moment when CBSE asked its affiliated schools to screen a 30-minute sensitisation module on Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs on 7 October, through the Ministry of Education's PRASHAST portal. It is a welcome step. The module was meant for everyone, from principals and teachers to wardens, aayahs and drivers, an acknowledgement that inclusion belongs to the whole school, not the special educator alone. The Ministry reports participation from more than 60,000 schools, in 12 languages.

But sensitisation can introduce the idea of inclusion. It cannot, by itself, create an inclusive mindset.

Consider a classroom where a child with a disability is always treated kindly, yet rarely chosen for a group activity. Nobody bullies her. Everyone has attended the session. And still, she is left out. We have become reasonably good at teaching children what to say. We have been far less deliberate about changing how they think.

Attitudes are not installed; they are grown, on playgrounds and in friendships. Inclusion that lives in a module stays in the module. Inclusion that lives in routines, in who gets picked for the team, who is asked to read aloud, how a teacher responds when a child takes longer, becomes culture.

So what does sustained practice look like?

First, it is woven into the ordinary school day, not saved for an awareness week. A science project can ask children to design a playground that a wheelchair user, a child with low vision and a child sensitive to noise could all enjoy. Empathy grows fastest when it is a problem to solve, not a rule to memorise. Second, it harnesses story. In my years of working with children and cinema, I have seen visual storytelling do what lectures rarely manage: let a child enter another person's world. A well-chosen film about a child on the autism spectrum moves understanding from the head to the heart.

Third, it leaves room for talk, because the real learning begins when the film ends. Why did the character feel left out? What could her classmates have done differently? Have we behaved the same way without realising it? Awareness-led instruction tells children what to think. Reflection lets them discover what they actually think. That Class 6 boy did not need a definition. He needed permission to ask.

Fourth, it demands participation, not mere tolerance. There is a world of difference between being allowed into a classroom and being made to feel part of it. Schools can build belonging through mixed-ability teams, buddy systems, performances and sports that offer every child a genuine role, and teachers trained to notice quiet exclusion, not just obvious bullying. Above all, they must listen to children with disabilities and their parents. None of this replaces formal initiatives. Modules like CBSE's set standards, build a shared vocabulary and signal that the system is serious, in the spirit of NEP 2020's commitment to equity. But we must not confuse completing an activity with achieving an outcome. A certificate cannot measure empathy. Perhaps we should ask children different questions. Who gets left out in your classroom? Whose voice is rarely heard? Does every child here have someone who makes them feel they belong? Sensitisation takes thirty minutes. The real question is what we do on the 364 days after the screening. Inclusion is not what children know about difference. It is what they do when they encounter it.

A 30-minute sensitisation session can introduce students to the idea of inclusion, but building an inclusive school culture requires more than awareness. Inclusion must be reflected in everyday classroom practices, peer relationships, school activities and opportunities for participation. He highlights the importance of listening to children with disabilities, encouraging meaningful interactions and creating learning environments where every student feels respected, supported and valued



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UoH to host free international training programme on higher education leadership

Hans News Service



THE Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at the University of Hyderabad (UoH) to organise a six-day international online training programme on 'Leading the Modern University: Leadership, Governance and Transformation in Higher Education' from December 7 to 12, 2026. The programme will be offered free of cost and is aimed at strengthening the leadership and professional competencies of university administrators.

The training seeks to prepare administrators to address emerging challenges in higher education, including institutional governance, strategic management, organisational change, international engagement and digital transformation.

It will focus on developing leadership capabilities that extend beyond routine administrative responsibilities and support effective institutional decision-making.

The programme will be conducted entirely online through live sessions from 10 am to 5.15 pm IST on all six days. A total of 150 participants will be accommodated, including 25 seats reserved for international applicants.

The initiative is expected to facilitate interaction and knowledge exchange among university administrators from India and other countries.

The training will cover six thematic areas: understanding the modern university; leadership, people and professional excellence; strategic university management and change; governance, resources, risk and accountability; internationalisation and global engagement; and digital, artificial intelligence (AI) and the future university.

Through these sessions, participants will explore institutional responsibilities, decision-making, organisational change, accountability and the implications of emerging technologies for higher education.

The programme will also examine how universities can respond to changing academic and professional environments.

Eligibility and registration

In India, the programme is open to Group A/ Class I officers in university administrative cadres, including Assistant Registrars, Deputy Registrars, Joint Registrars, Registrars and officials holding equivalent positions. Applicants must register through the UGC Malaviya Mission portal at mmc.ugc.ac.in, under the NEP Theme Training section, by selecting the University of Hyderabad. A No Objection Certificate (NOC) is required for applicants.

International participation is open to senior- and middle-level university administrators. Candidates from outside India can apply through the International Registration Form available on the University of Hyderabad website.

The last date to submit applications is November 30, 2026. Participation certificates will be issued to candidates who successfully complete the programme.

Programme details

- Programme: Leading the Modern University: Leadership, Governance and Transformation in Higher Education
- Organising institution: Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Hyderabad
- Dates: December 7–12, 2026
- Mode: Live online sessions
- Timings: 10 am to 5.15 pm IST
- Programme fee: Free
- Total seats: 150, including 25 international seats
- Application deadline: November 30, 2026

The initiative is part of the University of Hyderabad's efforts to support professional development and strengthen leadership and governance capabilities in higher education institutions.

It also provides a platform for international exchange of experiences and practices in university administration.

TODAY IS NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

Rethinking the purpose of education



Education has traditionally been viewed as a pathway to academic achievement, professional qualifications and employment. However, its purpose extends far beyond earning degrees or securing jobs. Education plays a vital role in shaping individuals, developing critical thinking and preparing citizens to contribute meaningfully to society.

In a rapidly changing world, the ability to memorise information is no longer enough. Students need to learn how to question, analyse, solve problems and apply knowledge to real-life situations. With technology and artificial intelligence transforming workplaces and everyday life, education must help learners develop adaptability, creativity and the confidence to navigate change.

The purpose of education also lies in building responsible and informed citizens. Schools and colleges are important spaces where young people learn values such as empathy, respect, equality, collaboration and social responsibility. These qualities help them understand different perspectives and participate constructively in their communities.

Equally important is ensuring that education is accessible and inclusive. Every child, regardless of economic background, gender, location or ability, should have opportunities to learn and grow. Quality education should not be limited to those who can afford it or have access to better resources.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasises holistic, multidisciplinary and experiential learning, encouraging institutions to move beyond rote learning and support the overall development of students.

IIIT-Delhi opens PhD admissions for winter 2026 session

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) has opened applications for its Ph.D. programme for the Winter Session 2026, inviting candidates interested in advanced research across six disciplines. The last date to submit applications online is November 15, 2026.

The doctoral programme offers research opportunities in Computational Biology, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communications Engineering, Human-Centered Design, Mathematics, and Social Sciences and Humanities. Eligibility requirements and application guidelines vary by discipline and are available on the institute's official admissions website.

IIIT-Delhi provides financial assistance to eligible full-time Ph.D. scholars to support their research and academic development. The support includes a monthly fellowship of ₹60,000, assistance for purchasing a laptop or desktop, and additional funding for research-related expenses.

Scholars can also receive ₹1.5 lakh to support visits of up to two weeks to laboratories abroad, providing opportunities to interact with researchers and gain exposure to ongoing international research. In addition, the institute offers a Professional Development Allowance (PDA) of ₹2.5 lakh for attending academic conferences and workshops.

The institute said its doctoral programme emphasises rigorous research, faculty mentorship and interdisciplinary collaboration. It aims to prepare scholars to contribute to academia, industry and society through research and innovation.

Prof. Sumit Darak, Dean of Academic Affairs at IIIT-Delhi, said the institute provides Ph.D. scholars with an environment focused on impactful research and interdisciplinary collaboration, supported by financial assistance and travel grants for international exposure.

He added that IIIT-Delhi graduates currently hold faculty positions at reputed institutions and research roles in industry, both in India and abroad. The institute has invited candidates with a strong interest in research to apply for the upcoming session.

Applicants can review discipline-specific eligibility criteria and complete the online application through the official website: https://iiitd.ac.in/admission/phd/oct2026.

For admission-related queries, candidates can contact the Ph.D. admissions team at phd-admissions@iiitd.ac.in.

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I wanted to make a big score. I had promised someone to make a big score today and thankfully I made it. And that person is my dad (Virender Sehwag). I told my dad I will get a big hundred. I have a legacy to live up to as he only likes big hundreds. I started off and decided to play long and bat for 40 odd overs. There were challenges on the wicket. I didn't get bothered about the dot balls, as I knew I would catch up.

-- Aaryavir Sehwag, India U-19 cricket opener

Sports Nation

U19 Asia Cup

Sehwag junior's 160 carnage powers India to semifinals

70-run win over UAE sees India finish second in Group A behind Pakistan



AL AMERAT: Aaryavir Sehwag, son of India icon Virender Sehwag, scored a masterful 160 from 168 balls to help India U19 beat UAE U19 by 70 runs in the U19 Asia Cup at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground (Ministry Turf 2) here on Tuesday.

The victory also helped India U19 confirm their place in the U19 Asia Cup semifinal as they have finished their Group A in second place behind Pakistan U19, who had edged past the Indian side earlier in the league stage.

India have two wins in three matches as they had earlier defeated the Nepal U19 side too. In the semifinal, the eight-time U19 champions India will be up against 2017 winner Afghanistan U19 on Thursday.

Coming to the match, the Indian U19 side made a strong total of 309/7 in 50 overs. Opener Aaryavir scored 160 with 17 fours and seven sixes to hold the team's innings together. No.3 VK Vineeth was the only other player with a notable score as he made 67 from 69 balls. The junior Sehwag and Vineeth put up a 193-run partnership for the third wicket and put India U19 on the door of a strong total.

The Indian side lost its way a bit in the death overs as, from 255/1 in 44.1 overs, they slipped to 299/7 in 49.1 overs and ended up making 309/7. For UAE, medium-pace bowler Naseem Khan was the pick of the bowler for having taken 4-48 in his 10 overs.

Coming into the chase, India kept a lid on the UAE side with regular wickets. Right-arm fast bowler Ishan Sood stood out with 4-37 in his seven overs, while all of the other six bowlers also took a wicket each to bowl UAE for 239.

No.4 Ahmed Khudadad was the only saving grace for the UAE side as he made a run-a-ball 74 and did the damage control. Captain and opener Ayaan Misbah (27) and other opener Zainullah Rehmani (16) got starts but could not capitalise, as did Yayin Rai, who scored 29 but fell to Yashbardhan Chauhan.

While the wickets were falling, Khudadad held one end up to put up a lone fight, and despite Noorullah Ayobi coming with a 25-ball 39-run cameo, UAE were considerably short in the end.

While India U19 will meet Afghanistan U19 in the second semifinal, defending champions Pakistan U19 will lock horns against Bangladesh U19 in the first semifinal, which is also scheduled to take place on Thursday.

BRIEF SCORES:

India U19 309/7 in 50 overs (Aaryavir Sehwag 160, VK Vineeth 67; Naseem Khan 4-48, Noorullah Ayobi 1-59) beat UAE U19 239/10 (Ahmed Khudadad 74, Noorullah Ayobi 39; Ishan Sood 4-37, Aryan Savsani 1-21) by 70 runs.

India-NZ third ODI called off due to rain

HAMILTON: Rain played spoilsport as the third ODI between New Zealand and India at Seddon Park here on Tuesday was called off. India lead the five-match series 2-0 as the two teams head to Tauranga for the final two games, scheduled for November 13 and 15.

India skipper Shubman Gill won the toss for the third time in a row and opted to bowl, fielding an unchanged side from the previous two games. However, just as the covers were coming off for a 40-overs-a-side contest, the heavens opened up once again.

With at least 70 minutes remaining before the local cut-off time of 7:50 pm for a 20-overs-a-side game, the two umpires decided to call off the match.

The weather forecast for this game had always been gloomy, with a 90 per cent chance of rain predicted throughout the day.

This was supposed to be the last game of the series for skipper Shubman Gill and senior wicketkeeper KL Rahul before they link up with the Test squad in Wellington. They will be accompanied by Kuldeep Yadav, Anshul Kamboj and Mohammed Siraj.

Shreyas Iyer will lead the side in the last two matches in Gill's absence, with Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan set to earn places in the playing XI.

ISSF World C'ship 2026

India win women's 25m pistol team gold

Men's 50m rifle 3P team bags bronze



DOHA: Esha Singh, Manu Bhaker and Divya Thadigol Subbaraju won the women's 25m pistol team gold at the ISSF World Championship 2026 in Doha, giving India their second gold of the championship.

The Indian trio finished with a combined score of 1761-68x, ahead of the Republic of Korea (1748-66x) in silver and Vietnam (1745-54x) in bronze.

Esha top-scored for India with 590-25x, followed by Manu with 587-24x and Divya with 584-19x.

Esha and Manu also qualified for the individual final, where Manu finished fourth with 27 hits, just short of the podium, while Esha ended eighth with 11 hits.

Earlier in the day, the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions team of Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Akhil Sheoran and Niraj Kumar claimed bronze with a combined score of 1751-91x. Czechia won gold with 1754-92x, while Norway took silver with 1752-81x. Aishwary led with 587-33x, followed by Niraj (582-31x) and Akhil (582-27x).

Earlier, Jaypal Malviya produced a composure-laden performance under pressure to clinch a silver medal in the men's 10m air pistol at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun on Thursday. The Indian women's 10m air pistol squad clinched the team silver medal.

The trio of double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, Suruchi Inder Singh and Sainyam combined for an aggregate total of 1738 with 61 inner 10s. Manu led the Indian challenge with a qualification total of 583-21x, which included a perfect 100 in her fourth series.

Suruchi contributed a steady 580-24x, while junior world champion Sainyam added 575-16x to seal the second step of the podium. China took the women's team gold medal with 1745-65x, while the Republic of Korea claimed bronze with 1729-49x.

In the men's team competition, India finished seventh with a combined aggregate of 1730-58x. Jaypal led the team with his qualification mark of 585-23x (97, 99, 97, 99, 97, 96), which had earned him third place heading into the individual final.

India will be in action again on November 11, with the final of the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event.



Mohammad Rehman Ali



Mohd Rehan Khan

Karimnagar boys selected for international tournament in Malaysia

HYDERABAD: Bringing pride and recognition to Telangana State, two young hockey players from Karimnagar district, Mohammad Rehman Ali and Mohd Rehan Khan, have been selected to represent Telangana in the prestigious 49th Pesta USM International Indoor Hockey Invitational Tournament, scheduled to be held at Penang, Malaysia, from November 13 to 15, 2026.

The duo are the only two boys from Telangana selected for this international tournament, marking a significant achievement for Karimnagar district and the state.

Their selection comes following their impressive participation in the Senior Indoor Hockey Nationals held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in June 2026. Based on their performance and talent at the national-level championship, both players earned the opportunity to participate in the international tournament in Malaysia.

The tournament will feature six-a-side indoor hockey, a fast-paced and exciting format of the game that demands exceptional speed, skill, coordination and teamwork.

Rainbow Children's Hospital hosts Hyd Cluster-Level Sports C'ship



Arun Kumar HR Manager presenting Carrom singles winner trophy with Rs 5,000 Amazon voucher to MD Faiyazuddin Ghazi of Rainbow Children's Heart Institute (RCHI) who defeated Khan of Rainbow Vikrampuri branch in the finals. The two-day championship featured eight hospitals across the Hyderabad cluster, with Bilal and Amer of RCHI winning Carrom Doubles and Guruprashanth of RCHI securing the Chess Championship title.



Phoenix Invitational 2026 in Vooty

Baisoya eyes revenge against Bhullar

HYDERABAD: Sachin Baisoya will get an immediate opportunity to avenge his recent play-off defeat to Gaganjeet Bhullar when the Phoenix Invitational 2026 begins at Vooty Golf County on Wednesday.

The two last clashed at the Green Fuels Maritime Invitational in Visakhapatnam, where Bhullar edged Baisoya in a play-off after the latter produced a stunning seven-under round on a rain-shortened final day to erase a six-shot deficit. Bhullar eventually clinched victory with a 40-foot putt on the extra hole.

The much-anticipated 'Rematch at Vooty' promises another exciting contest. Bhullar, an 11-time Asian Tour winner, has claimed six IGPL titles, including three this season. His recent victories at the Krishna Invitational in Hyderabad and the Vizag event make him a strong contender. Baisoya will lead Phoenix Hyderabad Firebirds alongside Ranjit Singh, Raghav Chugh and Arjun Bhati. The team will compete in the main event as well as the innovative X-Golf competition. Speaking at the media interaction, IGPL CEO Uttam Singh Mundy said 10 events, including six international stops, had been completed in an exciting 2026 season. He highlighted the league's commitment to equal prize money for men and women, grassroots development and plans for two centres of excellence in India.

Baisoya said his team was confident following its victory at HGA Hyderabad two weeks ago. He also welcomed X-Golf as an exciting format capable of making golf more engaging and accessible.

Shutdown in Kargil against holding LAHDC polls in winter

KARGIL/JAMMU: Kargil region in Ladakh on Tuesday observed a complete shutdown, demanding that the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) elections proposed during winter be deferred and the recently concluded delimitation exercise reviewed.



Shops and business establishments remained closed, while traffic remained thin on roads across Kargil. Security was strengthened with additional deployment of police personnel in various areas as a precautionary measure.

Representatives of various political and religious organisations, trade bodies and civil society groups under the banner of Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) on Monday announced the shutdown and a candlelight "Save Democracy" march against the proposed timing of the hill council elections, alleged delimitation irregularities and the "erosion of democratic rights" in the Union territory.

Ladakh Lok Sabha member Mohmad Haneefa on Saturday wrote a letter to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on the matter.

Haneefa said Ladakh's unique geographical and weather conditions, particularly in Kargil and Leh districts, posed serious challenges to voters during winter.

He pointed out that heavy snowfall, sub-zero temperatures, closure of key roads and frequent disruptions in transport and communication could make it difficult for residents of remote and far-flung areas to reach polling stations.

The MP said thousands of residents, including senior citizens, traders, businesspersons and students, traditionally migrate to warmer regions during winter, while many students remain outside Ladakh for higher education and competitive examinations.

Holding elections during this period, without addressing these circumstances, could deprive a significant section of eligible voters of an opportunity to exercise their democratic rights, he said.

Haneefa also highlighted logistical challenges in remote areas such as Drass, Zanskar and Changthang, stressing that electoral planning must account for Ladakh's vast distances, scattered settlements and limited winter connectivity.

Expressing concern over the limited time available for revision of electoral rolls, he said sufficient opportunity must be provided to eligible citizens to register and verify their particulars.

The MP urged the LG to defer the elections until winter-related difficulties subside, ensure a comprehensive and transparent revision of electoral rolls and consult elected representatives, political parties and other stakeholders before finalising the election schedule.

The KDA also announced a candlelight march under the banner of 'Save Democracy' in the evening, alleging erosion of democratic rights and irregularities in the delimitation of constituencies.

Cop suspended over 'derogatory' remarks against WB CM



KOLKATA: A Kolkata Police inspector has been suspended for allegedly making derogatory remarks against West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari and the state government on social media, according to an order issued by the city police commissioner.

Inspector Ekhlaque Ahmed, who was in charge of the outpost at the Medical College, Kolkata, under the Central Division, was recently transferred to the first battalion of the city armed police.

He was placed under suspension with effect from November 9, the order said.

The suspension order, issued by Police Commissioner Ajay Kumar Nand, said his alleged remarks on a social media platform, indicating derogatory views about the West Bengal government, were "prejudicial in the interest of public service".

It also stated that his continuance in office pending an inquiry into his conduct was not considered appropriate. During the suspension, Ahmed will receive half of his basic pay along with other admissible benefits as subsistence allowance, the order stated.

He has also been directed to immediately deposit his government-issued kits with the reserve officer of the Central Division, it added.

"The matter is being examined, and an inquiry into his conduct is underway," a senior Kolkata Police officer said.

Muslim siblings light funeral pyre of Hindu woman



CHITHRAGIRI (KERALAM): Transcending religious boundaries, two Muslim siblings have performed the last rites of an 85-year-old Hindu woman they had cared for and loved as their mother for nearly five decades in this hill district of Keralam. Razak and Sulaiman stepped forward to perform the funeral rituals in accordance with Hindu customs when Kalyani Amma, who had no children or other relatives, passed away at Chithragiri in Muppainad panchayat, family sources said on Tuesday.

The two siblings and their family had shared a close bond with Kalyani Amma, who had been their neighbour for nearly 50 years. They looked after her, taking care of her daily needs, arranging medicines and accompanying her to hospitals whenever necessary. She was also part of their family celebrations, and the affection between them grew over the years.

Kalyani Amma had expressed her wish that Razak and Sulaiman, whom she considered her own sons, should perform her last rites after her death, they said.



CISF jawan alleges assault, court orders FIR against 4

BHADOHI (UP): A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) jawan was allegedly assaulted, stripped and filmed by four people here, and was subsequently arrested in a molestation case after being kept at a police station for nearly 24 hours, according to a court petition.

The court has now ordered the registration of an FIR against the four accused, following which police registered a case against them under various provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the IT Act, officials said on Tuesday.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shubham Agrawal said the incident allegedly took place on August 12 in Sardar Bahuta village under the Suriyawan police station area.

CISF Constable Ajay Yadav (34), in a petition filed before the Civil Judge (Senior Division) court on August 19, alleged that he was returning home from the market on his motorcycle when Dhirendra Yadav (26), Virendra Yadav (23), Aman Yadav (20) and Sarita Yadav (37), all residents of the same village, intercepted him and vandalised his motorcycle.

The petition alleged that the accused abused and brutally assaulted him. He was left bleeding from the nose and due to the blood entering his respiratory tract, he had difficulty breathing. He also sustained a serious head injury and continued to experience dizziness, it said.

HHRC flags security lapses over Faridabad arms theft



CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC) has taken serious note of the theft of 32 licensed firearms from the storeroom of Sector 8 Police Station, Faridabad, and directed a review of security arrangements in the storerooms of all police stations across the state. In an order dated November 2, HHRC member Deep Bhatia directed the Haryana director general of police to review the safe custody of firearms, access to police storerooms and supervisory mechanisms in the wake of the theft. The matter was brought before the commission through a complaint filed on July 16 by an advocate and resident of Panchkula. The complaint stated that the owners of 32 licensed firearms had deposited their weapons at the police station in compliance with the law, entrusting them to the police for safe custody. However, the theft of the firearms from the storeroom indicated a serious failure in security arrangements on the part of the police. Highlighting the human rights implications of the incident, the complainant submitted that if the stolen firearms were used in criminal activities, their legitimate owners could face fear, mental distress and unnecessary legal complications, despite having complied with the law.

UP cop attempts suicide over seized firecrackers

WhatsApp status note accuses SHO, BJP MLA of harassment



MAHARAJGANJ (UP): A 33-year-old Uttar Pradesh Police head constable allegedly attempted suicide by consuming a poisonous substance following a dispute with his seniors over seized firecrackers on Diwali night, police said.

Head constable Vishal Singh, posted at the Nichlaul police station, was found unconscious on the police station premises late on Sunday night.

He was initially taken to a government hospital and later shifted to a private hospital here. His condition is said to be improving.

Before the incident, Singh had shared a note as his WhatsApp status, accusing Station House Officer (SHO) Yogendra Rai and other personnel of harassing him over the seized firecrackers, police said on Monday.

In the note, Singh alleged that around 40 per cent of the seized firecrackers had been taken away and some of the remaining stock was handed over to an accused, identified as Kausman Ali, allegedly under pressure from the SHO.

He further claimed that he was humiliated by being accused of stealing the firecrackers.

In his note, the head constable named Rai, constables Manish Singh and Anand Singh, BJP MLA Premsagar Patel, Vishal Yadav, Bholu Yadav and Alok Sharma, accusing them of harassment.

Singh also claimed that a policeman, Vishal Sharma, had recorded a video of the alleged distribution of firecrackers on his mobile phone, police said.



Womenia

Skin detox tips to follow post-festive season

After days of festive celebrations, late nights, heavy makeup and indulgent eating, your skin may need some extra care to regain its natural glow. Follow these simple detox tips to rejuvenate your skin, restore its freshness and maintain a healthy radiance



Shahnaz Husain

The festive season is over, and it is time to get back to your regular routine. Amid the celebrations, preparations and late-night parties, we often tend to neglect our health and skincare routines. Excessive consumption of sweets and oily foods, heavy makeup, lack of sleep, and exposure to pollution can take a toll on our skin, leaving it dull, dry and tired.

Festive celebrations also bring increased exposure to smoke and environmental pollutants, which can irritate the skin and aggravate existing skin problems. After days of festivities, it is time to give your skin some extra care and help restore its natural glow.

Here are some simple tips to follow for healthy, refreshed skin.



1. Follow a Balanced Eating Routine

After days of festive indulgence, focus on returning to a balanced eating schedule. Rather than resorting to extreme fasting or restrictive diets, opt for regular, nutritious meals that support overall health. Include fibre-rich foods, fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains in your daily diet.

Eating at regular intervals and avoiding unnecessary snacking can help maintain energy levels. If you are considering intermittent fasting, consult a healthcare professional first, particularly if you have an existing medical condition or take regular medication.

2. Add Antioxidants to Your Diet

Antioxidants help protect the body against free radicals, which can damage cells and contribute to premature skin ageing. Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, seeds and herbs are excellent natural sources of antioxidants.

Include foods rich in vitamins C and E, such as citrus fruits, berries, almonds and green leafy vegetables. These nutrients support skin health, help protect cells from oxidative stress and contribute to collagen production. Green tea is another good addition to your daily routine.

A balanced diet is generally the best way to obtain antioxidants. Avoid taking high-dose supplements without medical advice, as certain supplements may interact with medications.

3. Make Healthy Food Choices

Festive treats, fried snacks and sugary foods are difficult to resist during the celebrations. However, excessive consumption can affect overall health and may aggravate skin concerns such as breakouts.

Now is the time to return to healthier eating habits. Choose whole grains over refined carbohydrates and include adequate protein in your meals. Add citrus fruits, seasonal vegetables, salads and sprouts to your diet.

Try to consume at least five portions of fruits and vegetables daily. Reduce your intake of foods high in sugar, unhealthy fats and salt. Eating slowly and mindfully can also help you recognise when you are full and prevent overeating.

4. Keep Yourself Hydrated

Hydration is essential for maintaining healthy skin. Exposure to pollution, late nights and unhealthy food choices can leave you feeling tired and dehydrated. Drinking sufficient water helps maintain the body's fluid balance and supports normal skin function.



Make it a habit to drink water regularly throughout the day. You can also include coconut water, herbal teas and water-rich foods such as cucumber, watermelon and oranges in your diet. Starting your morning with a glass of waterw is a simple way to establish a healthy hydration routine. You can also add lemon for flavour. Remember, consistent hydration, nutritious food and proper skincare together can help your skin regain its freshness and natural glow after the festive season.

(The author is an internationally acclaimed beauty expert, popularly known as the Herbal Queen of India.)

Alaya F reflects on her fitness journey with a handstand scorpion on canes

Actress Alaya F used social media to reflect on her fitness progress over the years. In her latest post on Tuesday, the 'Jawaani Jaaneman' actress shared that back in 2023 she was unable to properly hold a headstand, but after three years of persistent hard work, she can now do a handstand scorpion on canes.

Alaya dropped a video of herself doing the handstand scorpion. The clip opened with glimpses of many of her failed attempts in the last three years, with Alaya finally performing the handstand scorpion perfectly at the end.

"November 2023, I could barely hold a headstand properly. November 2026, I'm doing a handstand scorpion on canes (A smiling face with a bead of sweat emoji) (sic)" read the caption of the post.

She added, "The name of the game is progress (Smiling face and raising hands emoticons)."

The 'Freddy' actor loves to keep her Insta Fam motivated with such inspiring insights into her intense fitness routine.

Back in June, Alaya expressed her excitement as she unlocked a hollowback headstand.

Sharing a glimpse of her latest fitness milestone, Alaya penned, "The balance Gods have been very kind to me lately! Hollowback headstand unlocked, babyyyyy!."

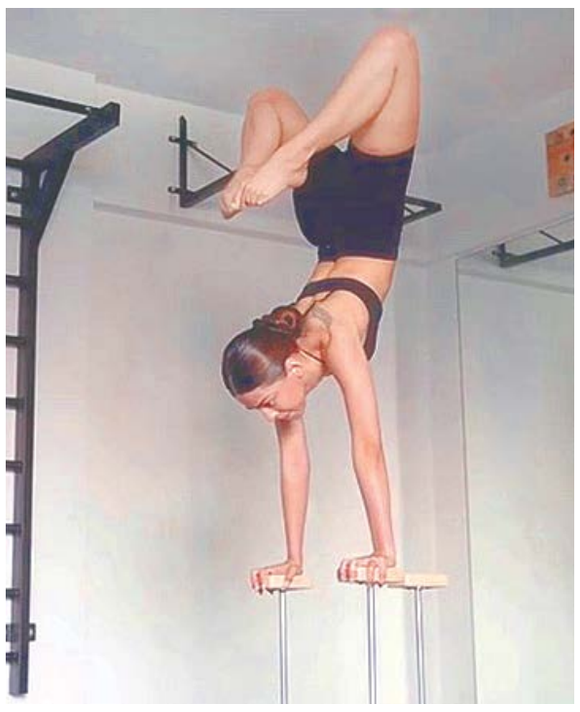
The clip showed her performing a hollowback headstand, showcasing her flexibility and control.

Talking about her cinematic journey, Alaya stepped into acting in 2020 with the laughter ride 'Jawaani Jaaneman', co-starring Saif Ali Khan and Tabu.

She has also been a part of 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan', where she shared screen space with Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, and Prithviraj Sukumaran.

Alaya's other projects include 'Freddy (2022)', 'Srikanth (2024)', 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (2024)'.

Up next, Alaya will be seen playing a crucial role in a high-octane thriller series, 'Storm'. Backed by Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan, the series also stars Parvathy Thiruvothu, Srishti Shrivastava, Rrama Sharma, and Saba Azad in significant roles. (IANS)



Still treating your recurrent hives as an allergy? It could be chronic spontaneous urticaria

Dr Vijaya Bhaskar Mallela

When hives appear, it is natural to look for a cause. You may suspect something you ate, a medication or a product that came into contact with your skin. But what if the hives keep returning without an identifiable trigger? It could be more than an allergy.

Chronic urticaria is a condition in which hives, swelling or both recur for more than six weeks. One type is chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU), where symptoms occur without an identifiable external trigger. Unlike an allergic reaction linked to a specific substance, CSU can cause repeated flare-ups without an obvious explanation.

Dr. Vijaya Bhaskar Mallela, Chief Dermatologist, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, says, "Recurring hives are commonly linked to allergies, although this may not always be the case. If the symptoms persist for more than six weeks or occur repeatedly without an identifiable trigger, chronic spontaneous urticaria could be a possible explanation. A medical evaluation can help distinguish between different causes and determine the most suitable course of treatment."

Here are five important things to understand about recurrent hives:



Recurring hives are often mistaken for allergic reactions, but persistent flare-ups without an identifiable trigger could indicate chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU). Understanding the condition, recognising its symptoms and seeking timely medical advice can help manage it effectively

1. Hives do not always indicate an allergy

Hives are raised, itchy welts that can appear suddenly on different parts of the body. While they may occur during an allergic reaction, they are also a common symptom of CSU. Therefore, recurring hives should not automatically be attributed to food, skincare products or environmental exposure.

2. The six-week mark matters

When hives recur for more than six weeks, the condition is considered chronic urticaria. Individual welts often disappear within 24 hours, but new ones may develop elsewhere. Keeping track of their frequency, duration and associated swelling can help during a medical consultation.

3. Finding triggers can be frustrating

People experiencing repeated flare-ups may eliminate certain foods, change skincare products or avoid everyday activities. However, CSU often occurs without a specific external trigger. Certain factors may worsen symptoms, but they are not necessarily the underlying cause.

4. It can affect overall wellbeing

Persistent itching can disturb sleep, cause daytime fatigue and affect concentration at work. Visible hives and swelling may also lead to discomfort or self-consciousness in social situations. The unpredictability of flare-ups can further affect emotional wellbeing and quality of life.

5. The right diagnosis guides treatment

A dermatologist or allergist can assess symptoms, review medical history and determine whether further investigations are needed. Treatment focuses on controlling symptoms and is guided by clinical assessment and response. Unnecessary dietary restrictions or avoiding suspected allergens may not help when no allergic trigger is identified. Recurrent hives deserve attention, particularly when they persist for weeks or return without a clear explanation. Instead of assuming every flare-up is an allergy, seeking medical advice can help identify CSU and ensure appropriate symptom management.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Poem part (6)
5 Gain victory (3)
8 Hankering (4)
9 Leave out (4)
10 Arrival (6)
11 Type of chemical process (9)
13 Suspended (4)
15 First in short (3)
16 Lifting machine (5)
17 Indian tandoori dish (5)
20 Hawaiian garland (3)
22 A beam of light (3)
23 ___ Shri (26th January award) (5)
24 Licit (5)
26 "vi" in Roman numerals (3)
27 Neck part (4)
28 Hindu goddess of wisdom (9)
31 Singapore or Bali? (6)
32 At an earlier time (4)
33 A lively tune (4)
34 __-de-sac (3)
35 "One in a" movement that's everlasting ! (6)

DOWN

1 Bind as a bandage (6)
2 Be ahead in time (8)
3 Metallic element (4)
4 Achieves or accomplishes (7)
5 Cereal plant (5)
6 Prying (4)
7 Hard to please (7)
12 China's Mao ___ Tung (3)
14 Harsh (4)
18 Where Farsi is spoken (4)
19 Desert region in SW Africa (8)
20 Pasta dish (7)
21 Fabric (7)
24 Debussy heroine (3)
25 Sinew (6)
26 Slop (5)
29 French preposition (4)
30 Analogy words (2,2)



Solution to November 10

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Solution to November 10



Entertainment

Ram Charan, Nagarjuna predict blockbuster for Aneesh with 'Itlu Arjuna'

Mega Power Star Ram Charan and King Nagarjuna are confident and happy about the film 'Itlu Arjuna' which is being presented by Nagarjuna. They applauded the work done by newbie Aneesh in the grand music concert of the film which will be released globally on November 13.

Ram Charan was impressed by the sincerity and acting done by Aneesh. He compared his debut challenging role with his performance in Rangasthalam. He wished that the film has more success. He also complimented the director Mahesh Uppala, producer Venky Kudumula and music composer S. Thaman. Nagarjuna said he got surprised with Aneesh's performance. He appreciated the expressions and his silent strength. He also highlighted the great chemistry between Aneesh and Anaswara Rajan.



Akhil Akkineni too complimented the film for its marketability, acting and music.

The film produced under What Next Entertainment is the debut direction and production of Mahesh Uppala. The film has some chart buster songs and positive response in the promotions. It has created lot of expectations.

-S Suhas

Mouli promises a fun-filled entertainer with 'DNK'

Actor Mouli Tanuj Prashanth assures that the upcoming film DNK directed by debutant Sreenu Kambala and produced under Mythri Movie Makers will be a wholesome entertainer with crimes, comedy, twists and music. The film is set for a theatrical release on November 13.

"It's a pure entertainer. People can watch this film with their families. The promo material is getting a good response and the promos tour in Andhra Pradesh is going well. The trailer has been released by Ravi Teja," Mouli said at the media interaction.



The film revolves around a young man who gets tempted towards easy money by gambling and faces debt due to his decisions. The film tells us about the unexpected circumstances and troubles he faces after committing a theft to get out of the debt.

"We have veteran comedian Ali playing an important role in the film. The scenes I have with him are amazing and it was a fun experience." The film has music by Sinjith. The songs and BGM add more value to the film. The lead actor says he had danced in a song even though he has no experience. He thanks the choreographer Sandeep Master.

"I was involved in the production only to know how it is done and the real aspects. But I am interested in directing films in the future. It is a big responsibility and you need experience."

Entertaining, surprising twists and family friendly, DNK is all set for its theatrical run.

-P Ravi Teja

Arjun Sarja's powerful look as Viraavi in 'Polimera 3' raises expectations



The makers of Polimera 3 have released some interesting poster of Viraavi where Action King Arjun Sarja has been seen as a powerful warrior. The poster has been released on Diwali and has raised more anticipation about the upcoming supernatural thriller film.

Directed by Dr. Anil Vishwanath, it takes the franchise to a bigger cinematic universe involving elements of spirituality, black magic and supernatural. Starting with some mysterious visuals of temples, Lord Vishnu, Lord Shiva the poster moves to the divine look of Anantha Padmanabha Swamy. Later in the poster Satyam Rajesh is seen as Komaraiah doing black magic. Finally Arjun Sarja makes a stunning entrance.His strong screen presence, wielding of sword and intense look are the main highlights of the poster. The cinematography, background music and production values are also strong. Produced by Vamsi Nandipati and Bharath Narang, the film stars Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Getup Srinu, Baladitya and Rakendu Mouli. After the success of the first two parts, Polimera 3 is set to hit the theatres in a big way in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam.

-S Suhas



Sumaya Reddy comes with second production; title to be out soon

Sumaya Reddy announces her second production under her Production House Suma Chitra Arts. The makers have released a special Diwali poster announcing the release of the movie title shortly.

The pre look poster has actress Sumaya Reddy in a regal look with money and gold bundles in her hands. She looks gorgeous in this poster which has made people curious. The visuals suggest this could be a period drama. She will also play the role of producer and heroine.

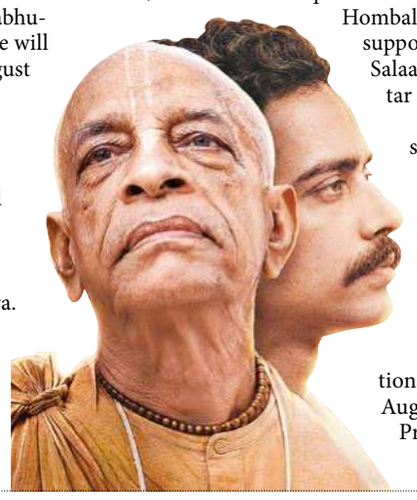
Sumaya made her acting debut with Dear Uma and has received attention for her work as an actress, producer and writer. She is looking forward to continue her journey in Telugu cinema with this project. The makers are expected to announce the title and other details shortly. The poster has created some anticipation.

-P Ravi Teja

Hombale Films announces AI-based animated film 'Sharanagathi'

Hombale Films is taking cinematic storytelling to new heights with Sharanagathi – The Life of a Surrendered Soul, the inspiring story of ISKCON Founder-Acharya Srila Prabhupada. This AI driven movie will be released globally in August 2027. This movie has been made in association with Transcendental Films and Dive Deep AI Studio. It's directed, written and produced by Gaura Shakti Das. It is produced by Rajesh Singh and Lohith Rao. The Visual Director of the movie is Sridhar Shikaripura.

This motion capture uses a combination of AI and computer vision technology to take real-life motions, expressions and gestures and create lifelike 3D animations. This will give more realism and emotion to the characters in this movie. The film follows Srila Prabhupada's journey to the United States of America in 1965 aged 69 to spread Krishna Consciousness and the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. Srila Prabhupada's life is one of devotion, perseverance and selfless service.



Hombale Films are known for supporting films like KGF, Salaar, Kantara and Mahavatar Narasimha.

They continue to tell stories grounded in culture through innovative filmmaking.

This film will be presented and distributed globally by Hombale Films and will be blessed by several spiritual institutions. It will be released in August 2027 which is Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja.

-P Ravi Teja



RV Film House debut venture 'Kokkoroko' gets wrapped

The team behind the debut venture of RV Film House, 'Kokkoroko' has successfully wrapped up the shoot of the film. They have also shared a special wrap poster. Along with this, they have also shared a cute love teaser of the lead pair, Seenu and Parvathi.

In the teaser, Parvathi can be seen waiting for Seenu to gift her flowers picked from a pond. With natural acting, amazing chemistry and beautiful visuals the teaser makes one curious to know more about the love story of this film. The film is a 5 character anthology directed by debutante Srinivas Vasanthala. The story and screenplay of the film has been written by filmmaker Ramesh Varma.

The film has been produced by Rekha Varma and Kurapati Sireesha along with Neelladri Production as a co-producer. The dialogues of the film have been written by playback singer GV Sagar. The cinematography has been done by Akash R. Joshi. The music of the film has been composed by London based musician Sankeerthan. The film has been edited by Prawin Pudi.

-S Suhas

Vishwadev Rachakonda calls 'Dark Chocolate' a memorable big-screen experience



Actor Vishwadev Rachakonda is confident that his upcoming film "Dark Chocolate" will provide the audience with a unique and memorable experience.

The film promises a unique approach as the cast and crew have worked hard to ensure that it stands out from the rest. He spoke about this at the curtain raiser for the film. The film, presented by Rana Daggubati, Spirit Media and Waltair Productions, stars Vishwadev Rachakonda and Bindu Madhavi. It was also directed by first-time director Shashank Srivastava and will hit theatres globally on the 13th of November. The film will get its US launch thee days prior. "We did something special. We put in a lot of effort and believe in this film. I'm confident that the story has everything. People who have seen it so far have said it was a memorable experience and they want to watch it again," Vishwadev said.

"It's a unique idea. We want people to give US honest feedback. We hope that the film gets a great reception from Telugu audiences," Bindu Madhavi added.

Shashank thanked the cast and crew, especially praising the lead actors. He also thanked music composer Vivek Sagar for providing a great soundtrack.

A few filmmakers in attendance loved how the film was told in an unorthodox way and felt the cast and crew were confident. The film has received positive reactions from the teaser and is now ready for its theatrical run.

-S Suhas