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Heavy Rains Are Lashing Different Districts Of Telangana Due To The Impact Of Severe Cyclonic Storm Montha, Which Crossed The Coast In Neighbouring Andhra Pradesh Overnight.11 Districts Including Warangal, Mahabubabad, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Jangaon, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool, And Siddipet Are Witnessing A Downpour, With Rain Lashing Hyderabad Also.12

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CM PUTS ADMIN ON ALERT AMID RAINS

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Following Heavy Rains Under The Influence Of Cyclone Montha Across The State, Chief Minister Shri A Revanth Reddy Instructed The Entire Administration To Remain On High Alert. The Chief Minister Enquired About The Cyclone's Impact, Especially On Paddy Harvesting, And Instructed Authorities To Take Necessary Precautions To Prevent Losses.1 Special Arrangements Should Also Be Made At The Paddy And Cotton Procurement Centres. Officials Briefed The CM That The Impact Is Expected To Be More Severe In Khammam, Warangal, And Nalgonda Districts.2 With Hyderabad Witnessing Heavy Rains, CM Revanth Reddy Ordered Local Civic Authorities To Deploy Disaster Management Teams To Rescue People In Inundated Areas In The City.3 Following The Stoppage And Diversion Of Several Trains, Including The Golconda Express And Konark Express, The Chief Minister Suggested That Alternative Arrangements Should Be Made Without Any Inconvenience To The Stranded Passengers.4 He Directed Sdrc And Ndrf Teams To Take Up Coordinated Rescue Operations In



The Affected Districts Under The Guidance Of District Collectors. In View Of The Overflowing Of Rivulets And Canals, The CM Instructed District Officials To Evacuate Families Residing In Low-Lying Areas And Shift Them To Relief Camps.5 The State Irrigation Department Was Alerted To Closely Monitor Water Levels At All Projects And Reservoirs, With Instructions To Alert District Collectors Before Water Release.6

The CM Instructed Officials To Stop Vehicle Traffic On Flooded Low-Level Bridges And Causeways, Ordering Police And Revenue Officials To Set Up Barricades.7 The CM Also Warned Of The Risk Of Epidemics And Directed City, Municipal, And Village Sanitation Staff To Undertake Continuous Sanitation Work To Prevent The Breeding Of Mosquitoes And Other Insects. Adequate Availability Of Medicines, Opening Of Medical Camps, And Precautions To Prevent Loss Of Life, Property, And Livestock Were Prioritized. The Gmc, Hyderabad, Sdrc, And Fire Department Personnel Were Specifically Instructed To Respond Immediately To Requests From People In Hyderabad City, Emphasizing Coordinated Action Among All Key Departments.

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The Premises Were Inundated.16 Waterlogging On Tracks At Dornakal Railway Station In Mahabubabad District Led To The Cancellation Of Seven Passenger Trains And The Partial Cancellation And Diversion Of Others.17 Tv Visuals Showed A Truck With Its Driver Getting Washed Away In An Overflowing Stream In Khammam District, Highlighting The Extreme Danger.

RAINS DISRUPT RAIL SERVICES; SCR CANCELS 127 TRAINS



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The Movement Of Trains Was Disrupted At Dornakal In Telangana's Mahabubabad District Due To Flooded Railway Tracks Following Heavy Rain Under The Impact Of Severe Cyclone Montha.19 The Guntur-Secunderabad Golconda Express Was Stopped At Dornakal Railway Station, While The Mumbai-Bhubaneswar Konark Express And The Adilabad-Tirupati Krishna Express Were Halted At Mahabubabad Railway Station. The South Central Railway (Scr) Has Already Canceled 127 Trains And Diverted 14 Trains Due To Cyclone Montha's Impact.20 The Scr Announced The Cancellation Of Major Services Including The Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam Express And Howrah-Secunderabad Falaknuma Express Scheduled To Depart On October 29 And 30, Respectively.21 Other Canceled Trains Included Nanded - Visakhapatnam And Narasapur - Guntur.22

Scr General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava Conducted A Review Meeting On The Safety Of Train Operations And Preparedness To Tackle The Cyclone Situation, Holding Detailed Reviews With The Vijayawada And Guntur Divisions.23 He Directed Officials To Closely Monitor The Cyclone's Path And Liaise With State Government Officials And Ndrf Teams To Monitor The Position Of Railway-Affected Tanks. He Also Ordered The Monsoon Patrolling Of Tracks In Likely Affected Sections, With Stationary Watchmen Posted At All Vulnerable Bridges And Locations To Get Real-Time Information. The Scr Has Prioritized Passenger Safety And Is Working To Ensure That Alternative Arrangements Are Made For Stranded Passengers. The Extent Of The Damage To The Railway Infrastructure In The Affected Sections Is Still Being Assessed, And Restoration Work Will Begin Immediately Once The Weather Permits To Resume Normal Train Operations.



McDonald's Opens Global Office In Hyderabad

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Deputy Chief Minister Of Telangana, Sri Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Along With Minister For Industries And It Sri Sridhar Babu, Inaugurated The McDonald's Global Office Near T-Hub, Calling It A "Symbol Of Trust In Governance And Faith In Telangana's Talent." The Deputy Chief Minister Asserted That Hyderabad Has Now Emerged As The Capital For GCCs (Global Capability Centres), With McDonald's

Choosing It As The Base For Its Global Office Reflecting Faith In The State's Exceptional Talent. He Credited Hyderabad's Strength To The Visionary Policies Of Great Leaders Like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, P V Narasimha Rao, And Dr. Manmohan Singh. He Stated That Nehru Laid The Foundations Of Modern India Through Institutions Like Cmb, University Of Hyderabad, BHEL, And ECIL, And P V Narasimha Rao And Dr. Manmohan Singh Deepened That Vision By Connecting India To The World With Growth, Equity, And

Inclusion. The Deputy CM Compared McDonald's To Hyderabad's Transformation, Saying Both Have Proven That Clarity Of Purpose Can Serve The Entire World. He Noted That GCCs In Hyderabad Connect Chicago To Charminar And Boston To Banjara Hills, Transforming The City Into A Global Command Centre Where Decisions Are Made That Shape Markets Across Continents. The Deputy CM Expressed Happiness That McDonald's Will Partner With Telangana For Skill Development And Employment Opportunities For The

Youth. He Also Appreciated The Ronald McDonald House Charities For Their Service To Children. He Stressed That The New Centre Is Not Just Another Building, But A Symbol Of India's Confidence And Telangana's Talent. He Extended A Warm Welcome, Saying, "Hyderabad Is Not Just Your Office; It Is Your Partner. Together, Let Us Create A Future Where The World's Best Ideas Find A Home In India's Most Dynamic City." The Global Leadership Of McDonald's Attended The Event, Reaffirming Their Commitment To The City.

AZHARUDDIN LIKELY TO BE INDUCTED INTO CABINET

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Former Indian Cricket Captain Mohammed Azharuddin Is Likely To Be Inducted Into The Telangana Cabinet On Friday (October 31), According To Congress Sources.8 This Move Comes Two Months After The State Cabinet Nominated Him As A Member Of The Legislative Council (MLC) Under The Governor's Quota, Which Had Initially Caused Confusion As He Was Also Seeking The Jubilee Hills Assembly By-Election Ticket.

However, Azharuddin's Humble Acceptance Of The MLC Nomination Hinted At An Assurance From The Party Leadership For A Cabinet Berth. The



Party Recently Announced Naveen Yadav As Its Candidate For The November 11 By-Election. Azharuddin's Induction Is Expected To Finally Give Representation To The Muslim Community In The Cabinet, Addressing Long-Standing Criticism Directed At The

Ruling Congress Party For Not Having A Single Muslim Minister Since It Came To Power Nearly Two Years Ago.9 The 62-Year-Old Former MP Was Keen To Re-Enter The Fray In Jubilee Hills, But The Leadership Persuaded Him To Accept The MLC Nomination With The

Assurance Of A Cabinet Post. His Elevation Is Also Expected To Help The Congress Party Reach Out To Muslims, Who Constitute About 30 Per Cent Of The Electorate In Jubilee Hills, An Area Where The BRs Has Been Actively Targeting The Congress For Allegedly "Deceiving" The Community And "Betraying" Azharuddin. The Cabinet Was Formed In December 2023 With 12 Ministers And Expanded In June 2025 With Three More, Leaving Three Posts Still Vacant Out Of A Maximum Of 18. Azharuddin's Political Background Includes Being Elected To The Lok Sabha From Moradabad In 2009 And Serving As Working President Of The Telangana Congress.10

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YOUTHS RESCUE MAN STRANDED IN KAGNA RIVER IN VIKARABAD

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A Man Was Swept Away By The Kagna River Near Virisetipally Village In Tandur Mandal, Vikarabad District. The Victim, Identified As Narsimhulu From Aganoor Village, Yelala Mandal, Was Accidentally Trapped In The River's Strong Current. Observing His Predicament, Three Youths From Virisetipally—Shravan, Harish Kumar, And Shankar—Rushed To The Riverbank To Initiate The Rescue. Shravan And Harish Dived Into The Swollen Stream And Swam Towards Narsimhulu, Managing To Bring Him To A Mud Mound In The Middle Of The Water. Subsequently, Shankar Threw A Rope, Which The Group Used To Safely Reach The Bank. Narsimhulu Survived Due To The Courage And Timely Action Of The Youths. The Incident Occurred Following Heavy Rainfall In The Catchment Area, Which Led To A Sudden And Dangerous Surge In The River's Flow. The Youths Displayed Exceptional Bravery And Presence Of Mind In Coordinating The Rescue Effort Under Such Treacherous Conditions. Local Authorities And Villagers Highly Commended The Heroic Actions Of Shravan, Harish, And Shankar, Recognizing Their Selfless Risk-Taking To Save A Life. The Rescue Served As A Stark Reminder Of The Dangers Of Crossing Swollen Water Bodies During The Monsoon Season. Police Officials Arrived At The Scene To Record The Incident And Reiterate Safety Warnings To The Local Population Against Approaching High-Flow Rivers And Streams.

LORRY SWEPT AWAY IN KHAMMAM; DRIVER TRAPPED INSIDE

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Heavy Rains Are Lashing Khammam District Due To Cyclone Montha (Cyclone Montha). Consequently, The Jannaram Stream In Konijerla Mandal Is Flowing Fiercely. A Lorry Traveling From Enkoor Towards Khammam Was Swept Away By The Floodwaters At The Jannaram Crossing. The Driver Is Reported To Be Trapped Inside The Vehicle. Local Authorities And Rescue Teams Have Been Mobilized To The Spot To Initiate Rescue Operations. The Continuous Heavy Flow Of Water Is Hampering Rescue Efforts, Making It Difficult For Teams To Approach The Stranded Vehicle. Police Have Cordoned Off The Area And Are Warning The Public Not To Venture Near The Swollen Stream. The Administration Is Deploying Specialized Disaster Response Personnel To Safely Extract The Driver. The Incident Highlights The Extreme Danger Posed By Attempting To Cross Flooded Causeways And Streams During The Cyclone's Impact. Officials Have Issued Strict Orders Against Non-Essential Travel In The Affected Areas Until The Floodwater Recedes. The District Collector Is Personally Monitoring The Rescue Operation And Has Directed All Relevant Departments To Work In Coordination To Ensure The Driver's Safety.

SRIDHAR BABU INAUGURATES MCDONALD'S LARGEST GLOBAL OFFICE OUTSIDE US IN HYDERABAD



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Minister Sridhar Babu Attended The Inauguration Of The Global Office Of The International Fast-Food Giant, McDonald's, Which Has Been Established Over 1.56 Lakh Square Feet In Hi-Tech City. The Minister Extended His Heartfelt Thanks To The Global Leadership Of McDonald's For Choosing Hyderabad For Their Largest Office Outside The United States. He Stated That This Decision Is A Powerful Testament To The Conducive Ecosystem, World-Class Infrastructure, Talented Workforce, Stable Government, And Effective Leadership That Telangana Offers For Industrial Growth, Calling It "Living Proof" Of The Government's Efficient Performance And Global Trust. The Minister Noted That McDonald's Is A Symbol Of Globalization, Made Possible By The Visionary Economic Liberalization (Lpg) Reforms Introduced In 1991. By Then Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao. He Highlighted That Hyderabad Is Now Attracting Global Attention As A Global Ccc (Global Capability Centre) Hub, Not Limited To Technology Alone. He Mentioned That The Hospitality Giant Marriott Has Also Chosen Hyderabad To Set Up Its First Global Capability Centre. In Pursuit Of The Vision Of A "Rising Telangana," The Government Prioritizes Collaborating With Global Giants Like McDonald's To Achieve Shared Progress And Innovation. The Establishment Of Such A Massive Global Capability Centre Is Expected To Create Thousands Of High-Value Jobs For The Local Youth, Further Bolstering Hyderabad's Position As A Top Investment Destination. Minister Babu Reaffirmed The Government's Commitment To Streamlining Regulatory Processes And Providing All Necessary Support To Multinational Corporations. He Announced Plans To Launch A New Policy Framework Aimed At Attracting More Global Capability Centers In Non-Tech Sectors, Leveraging The State's Diverse Talent Pool.

DEPUTY CM BHATTI VIKRAMARKA MALLU ORDERS IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF 303 CRORES FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP DUES

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Directed The Finance Department Officials To Immediately Release 303 Crores Towards Pending Overseas Scholarship Dues For Sc, St, Bc, Oc, And Minority Students. He Issued Strict Instructions That All Pending Amounts From 2022 Till Date Must Be Cleared At Once.

The Deputy Cm's Directive Has Brought Immense Relief And Joy To Thousands Of Families Who Had Been Facing Distress And Disappointment For A Long Time. Many Students From Poor And Middle-Class Families Went Abroad Under The Scheme With The Dream Of Pursuing Higher Education. However, The Non-Release Of Scholarship Funds Since The Previous Government's Tenure Caused Severe Mental And Financial Stress To Students Abroad And Their Parents In Telangana. Adding To The Pressure, Countries Like The U.S. And U.K. Have Imposed New Restrictions. Students Are Facing Increasing Financial Bur-



dens, With Rising Costs And Limited Work Opportunities. Understanding The Gravity Of The Situation, Deputy Cm Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Prioritized The Issue And Ordered Immediate Clearance, Rekindling Hope Among Struggling Families. Families Expressed Happiness That The Government Is Extending Crucial Support Of About 20 Lakhs Per Student Even In Challenging Financial Circumstances. Overseas Students Conveyed Gratitude, Stating That This Timely Financial Support Would Help Them Achieve Their Academic Goals And Return To Contribute Meaningfully To The State And The Nation. This Decisive Action By The Deputy Cm Highlights The Congress Government's Commitment To Student Welfare And Clearing The Administrative Backlog Left By The Previous Regime. The Immediate Release Of Funds Will Allow Students To Focus On Their Studies Without The Burden Of Mounting Debts And Fees.

Ponguleti Promises Indiramma Houses For All; 300 Join Congress In Jubilee Hills

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Minister For Revenue, Housing, Information, And Public Relations, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Stated That The Primary Goal Of The Indiramma Government Is To Construct And Provide Indiramma Houses To All Eligible Poor People In The State. He Mentioned That Over Four Lakh Houses Have Already Been Sanctioned, With Over Three Lakh In Various Stages Of Construction.

Minister Ponguleti Led A Padayatra (Foot March) In Karmika Nagar, Rehmat Nagar Division, As Part Of The Jubilee Hills Election Campaign In Support Of Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav. During The Event, Approximately 300 People From



The Trs Joined The Congress Party In His Presence. Despite The Rain, The Minister Continued His Campaign, Having

Been Appointed The Congress In-Charge For The Division Just Two Days Prior. He Announced That The Gov-

ernment Has Relaxed Indiramma Housing Rules To Benefit The Poor In Urban Areas. He Criticized The Previous

Kcr Regime For Not Building A Single House For The Poor Over Ten Years, Alleging That Kcr Built The Kaleshwaram Project For Commissions. Minister Ponguleti Assured That Titles Will Be Given And Houses Will Be Built For All Eligible Poor Under The Limits Of Ghme And Hmda. He Also Promised To Complete The Pending Double-Bedroom Houses From The Previous Government's Tenure. The Minister Welcomed The 300 New Members, Including Leaders Like Chepala Krishna, Anand Rao, Basada Krishna, And Lakshmi, Who Were Impressed By The Development Work Of The Congress Government.

KTR Slams Congress 'Fake Promises' At Munnuru Kapu Sammelan

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Ktr Participated In The Munnuru Kapu Atmiya Sammelan (Get-Together) At Telangana Bhavan, Launching A Fierce Attack On The Congress Government. He Compared The State's Situation To A "Fake Movie," Alleging That The Congress Is Promising The "Chicken" (Six Guarantees) But Only Delivering A "Mirage."

Ktr Alleged That No One Shows Enthusiasm To Vote For Congress, Stating That The State Has No Proper Procurement System For Paddy And Cotton, No Bonus, Investment Support, Seeds, Or Fertilizers. He Accused The Congress

Of Deceiving The Unemployed By Promising Two Lakh Jobs, And Stated That The Number Of Jobs Provided Is Less Than Seven Thousand. He Claimed Ministers' Statements Are Full Of Lies, And That The Promises Of Scooters For Young Women And 2,500 Per Month For Women Have Not Been Kept. He Accused The Congress Of Increasing Fares For Men To Offset The Free Bus Travel For Women, Effectively Taking The Money From Husbands. Ktr Asserted That The Congress Government Has Not Built A Single Indiramma House But Has Demolished Thousands Of Houses Belonging To The Poor. He

Urged People To Elect Brs In Jubilee Hills To "Teach The Government A Lesson," Calling The Election A Contest Between The "Car And The Bulldozer." He Accused Congress Of Attempting To Win The Election Through Vote Buying And Intimidation, Urging Voters To Take The Money If Offered But Vote For Brs, Stating, "Defeat Deceit With Deceit." He Accused Congress Of Enrolling 12-13 Thousand Fake Votes And Highlighted That Even The Candidate's Brother Has Three Votes. He Urged People To Vote For Brs To Ensure Welfare Schemes Are Implemented And To Bring Kcr Back As Chief Minister.

Ponnam Rallies For Naveen Yadav, Urges Voters To 'Board The Moving Vehicle'



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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Joined By Congress Leaders Charan Kaushik Yadav, Bomma Sriram Chakravarthy, And Bhaskar, Held A Press Conference At Gandhi Bhavan, Urging Voters To Elect Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. The Minister Stated That The "Praja Palana" Government Is Winning Public Support Through Its Welfare And Development Initiatives, Asserting That Congress Will Win Jubilee Hills.

He Emphasized That Development In Jubilee Hills Is Only Possible With The Ruling Congress Party, Advising Voters To "Board The Moving Vehicle" (Congress) And Not The

Stalled One (Trs/Br). The Minister Argued That The Election Is A Contest Between "Congress Development And Trs Lies." He Reminded Voters That It Was The Congress That Provided House Sites And Built Houses For The Poor In Jubilee Hills, Established Government And Private Companies For Employment, And Is Now Providing Fine Quality Rice To Satisfy Hunger. He Highlighted The Indiramma Housing Scheme, Allowing The Poor To Build Houses Even In Hyderabad, And The Free Bus Travel For Women, Which Is Widely Beneficial. The Minister Stressed That The Government Has Distributed New Ration Cards To All Eligible People, Is Providing 6

Kg Of Fine Rice To Over 2.4 Lakh People In Jubilee Hills, Offering 200 Units Of Free Electricity, And Gas Cylinders For 500. He Countered Brs's "False Propaganda," Noting That While The Brs Failed To Bring A Drop Of Water To Hyderabad In 10 Years, Congress Has Begun Work To Bring 10 Tmc More Water Under Godavari Phase 2. He Defended Candidate Naveen Yadav Against Accusations, Calling Him An Educated Son Of A Bc Family. He Challenged Brs And Bjp Leaders To Discuss Their Contributions To Jubilee Hills Over The Last 10-12 Years, Accusing Them Of "Diversion Politics" And Working Together ("Dosti In Delhi, Kushti In The Lane").

Seethakka Charts Strategy With Mulugu Congress Team For Jubilee Hills Victory

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Mulugu District Congress Leaders And Activists Are Enthusiastically Campaigning For The Victory Of Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. The Delegation, Led By District Congress President Paidakula Ashok, Met With Minister Seethakka At

Praja Bhavan To Discuss Strategy.

During The Meeting, Minister Seethakka Provided Crucial Suggestions On The Strategy To Ensure The Party's Victory. She Instructed Them To Take The Development And Welfare Programs Implemented By The "Praja Government" To Every Household. Simultaneously,

She Advised Them To Strongly Condemn The False Propaganda Of The Brs And Expose The Secret Alliance Between The Bjp And Brs To The Public. Minister Seethakka Stated That While Naveen Yadav's Victory Is Certain, They Should Avoid Overconfidence. She Advised Them To Personally Meet Every Voter And Continue A

Comprehensive Campaign That Effectively Communicates The Congress Government's Schemes To The People. The Minister's Guidance Emphasizes The Need For A Grassroots, Door-To-Door Approach Focused On Highlighting Tangible Government Achievements Rather Than Just Relying On Anti-Incumbency Fac-

tors. She Stressed The Importance Of Mobilizing Youth And Women Voters, Who Are Direct Beneficiaries Of Schemes Like Free Bus Travel. The Mulugu Team Pledged To Implement The Minister's Instructions Diligently, Recognizing That A Strong Win In Jubilee Hills Would Send A Positive Message Across The State.

Ponnam Welcomes 50 Leaders From BJP, BRS Into Congress Fold

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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Welcomed Approximately 50 Leaders From The Bjp And Brs Parties Into The Congress Fold At Gandhi Bhavan. The Leaders, Primarily From The Kalwakurthy Assembly Constituency, Joined The Party In The Presence Of

And Under The Leadership Of Mla Kasireddy Narayan Reddy.

The Minister Draped The Congress Scarf Around The New Entrants, Formally Welcoming Them To The Ruling Party. This Mass Induction Is Seen As A Significant Boost To The Congress Party's Strength At The Grassroots Level In

The Kalwakurthy Constituency. Mla Narayan Reddy Expressed Confidence That The Joining Of These Leaders Will Further Consolidate The Party's Position And Strengthen Its Electoral Prospects In The Region, Demonstrating The Growing Trust In The "Praja Palana" (People's Government) And The

Leadership Of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The Leaders Who Joined Congress Cited Their Dissatisfaction With The Policies And Internal Politics Of Their Former Parties And Their Attraction To The Welfare And Development Agenda Being Implemented By The Current Congress Government. Minister

Prabhakar Assured The New Members That They Would Be Given Due Respect And Opportunities To Contribute To The Party's Activities And The Development Of The State. He Stated That The Congress Door Remains Open For All Individuals Who Believe In Secular Values And Democratic



BRS Accuses Naveen Yadav Of Threats, Says Hyderabad Turning Into 'Mafia Den'



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In A Press Meet At Telangana Bhavan, Former Mla Balka Suman Accused Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav Of Threatening Brs Leaders And Activists In Jubilee Hills, Alleging That He Is Doing So With The "Support Of Cm Revanth Reddy." Suman Stated That Yadav Is Using The Same Aggressive Language As The Chief Minister, And Questioned The "Vindictive And Vengeful" Comments Made By The Congress Candidate.

Suman Claimed That Law And Order Have Completely Deteriorated In Hyderabad, With Day-

light Thefts And Attacks Occurring, Turning The City Into A "Mafia Den" Since Cm Revanth Reddy Took Office, Leading To An Increase In "Gun Culture." He Criticized The Ministers For Insulting Maganti Sunitha While She Was Grieving Her Husband's Death. He Highlighted That Hyderabad's Development Occurred Under Ktr's Leadership, Leading To Brs Victories In 2018 And 2023. Mlc Takkellapally Ravinder Rao Accused Police Of Raiding A Pastor's House And Intimidating A Brs Booth Committee Convener, Forcing Him To Join Congress. He Also Re-

ferred To A Minister's Daughter Claiming That A Cm Follower Threatened Her With A Gun. The Brs Leaders Alleged That The Congress Is Violating The Election Code And That Police Are Following Naveen Yadav's Orders Instead Of The Ec's. Former Mla Nomula Bhagath Stated That Naveen Yadav's "Intimidation Tactics" Will Not Scare Brs Leaders, And That The Congress Party Will Be Buried In The Jubilee Hills By-Election. They Warned The People That If Such "Rowdy-Sheeters" Are Elected, The Situation In The Constituency Will Worsen Drastically.

Osman Sagar & Himayat Sagar Gates Opened

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Due To The Impact Of Cyclone Montha, Heavy Rains Are Lashing Across Telangana State. Following The Continuous Rainfall, Authorities Have LIFTED THE GATES Of The Twin Reservoirs In Hyderabad, Osman Sagar And Himayat Sagar. Osman Sagar's 10 Gates Were Lifted, Releasing Approximately 2,300 Cusecs Of Water Downstream. Similarly, Himayat Sagar's 3 Gates Were Opened, Releasing 2,900 Cusecs Of Water. As The Water Flow Increased From The Reservoirs, Traffic On The Narsinga-Manchirevula Culvert Has Been Temporarily Halted To Ensure Public Safety, With Police Diverting Vehicles To Alternative Routes.



The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply And Sewerage Board Officials Are On High Alert, Monitoring The Inflow And Outflow Levels Continuously, And Releasing Surplus Wa-

ter Into The Musi River Due To The Large Inflow From Catchment Areas. The Combined Discharge From The Reservoirs Has Significantly Increased The Water Level In The Musi

River, Prompting A High-Alert Warning. The Public Is Strictly Advised Not To Visit The Musi River Banks, Adhere To Official Instructions, And Avoid Roads With

High Water Flow. Authorities Have Warned Residents In Low-Lying Areas Downstream Of The Musi River To Be Extremely Vigilant And Be Prepared For Potential Evacuation. Contin-

uous Monitoring And Coordination Between The Water Board, Police, And Revenue Officials Are Being Maintained To Manage The Flood Situation Effectively.

Hydraa, GHMC Chiefs Inspect Flood Points Amid Rains

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Hydraa Commissioner Av Ranganath And Ghmc Commissioner Rv Karnan Conducted A Field Inspection Of The Lakdikapul Area And Its Surroundings Due To The Continuous Rains Caused By The Severe Cyclone Montha. The Commissioners Inquired With Officials About The Reasons For Water Stagnation On The Road Near The Mehdi Function Hall While Approaching Lakdikapul From Masab Tank. Noting That The Water Stagnation Was Causing Severe Traffic Problems, The Two Commissioners Immediately Ordered Officials To Resolve The Issue. They Were Informed That Two-Foot Wide Pipelines Have Already Been Laid By Excavating The Road On Both Sides, And It Is Necessary To Connect The Sewage And Flood Water From Areas Including Mahavir Hospital Surroundings And Chintal Basti To These Pipelines. The Commissioners Instructed That These



Connection Works Also Be Completed Quickly. In The Meantime, They Suggested That The Issue Could Be Largely Resolved By Removing The Accumulated Silt From The Pipelines Running Alongside The Road From Mahavir Hospital To Mehdi Function Hall. They Ordered That These Works Be Completed In One Or Two Days. Timely Completion Of This Drainage Work Is Crucial To Mitigate Waterlogging During Future Rainfall Events And To Ensure The Smooth Flow Of Vehicular Traffic On This Busy Stretch. The Commissioners Also Directed Officials From The Water Board And The Engi-

neering Wing To Coordinate Closely To Prevent Any Delays. They Further Stressed The Need For Proactive Measures To Identify And Clear Other Potential Waterlogging Spots Across The City In Light Of The Ongoing Monsoon Season. They Also Asked The Traffic Police To Cooperate In Expediting The Pipeline Connection Work. Hydra Additional Director Varla Papaiah And Traffic Dcp Srinivas Accompanied The Commissioners During The Visit. The Officials Have Been Asked To Submit A Detailed Action Taken Report (Atr) On The Work's Progress By The End Of The Week.

Man Killed Over 600 Hotel Bill; Four Booked for Murder

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A 35-Year-Old Man Was Allegedly Beaten To Death By Hotel Employees In Hyderabad Following A Dispute Over A Pending Payment Of 600. The Victim Was Identified As Vismawath Shankar From Karmanghat In Saroornagar. According To Police, Shankar Checked Into The N7 Elite Hotel In Karmanghat With His Friends On October 22. During Checkout The Following Day, Shankar Argued With The Hotel Management Over The 600 Outstanding Payment. The Argument Escalated, And Shankar Was Allegedly Attacked By The Staff With Sticks And A Chair, Leaving Him Severely Injured. Shankar Was Rushed To A Nearby Hospital For Treatment And Returned Home, But His Condition Worsened On Monday Evening. He Was Then

Rushed To Osmania General Hospital, Where He Passed Away. Based On A Complaint Filed By Shankar's Family, Police Have Registered A Murder Case Against Four Hotel Staff Members: Noor, Kamaluddin, Islam, And Raheem. The Brutality Of The Attack Over A Small Sum Of Money Has Shocked The Local Community. Police Are Actively Searching For The Four Accused Staff Members, Who Absconded After The Incident. The Saroornagar Police Station Has Formed Special Teams To Track Down And Arrest The Perpetrators. The Body Was Handed Over To The Family After A Post-Mortem Examination. The Incident Highlights The Need For Better Training And Conflict Resolution Skills Among Service Industry Employees. Further Investigation Is Underway.

521g Ganja Seized in Ameerpet

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The Sfc C Team Of The Excise Department, Led By Ci Venkateshwarlu And Si Manju, Along With Staff, Apprehended A Person Named Kundan Kumar Jha, A Resident Of Secunderabad, While He Was Selling Ganja In The Ameerpet Area. The Authorities Seized 521 Grams Of Ganja From The Accused. The Seizure Was A Result Of Targeted Intelligence Gathering By The Sfc Team, Who Monitored The Suspect's Activities For Several Days. The Street Value Of The Seized Contraband Is Estimated To Be In The Thousands Of Rupees. The Operation Is Part Of The Ongoing Efforts By The Excise Depart-

ment To Clamp Down On Drug Peddling And Curb The Supply Chain Of Illegal Substances In The City, Especially Targeting Areas Near Educational Institutions And Public Hubs Like Ameerpet. The Accused Is Being Questioned To Identify His Suppliers And Any Larger Network He Might Be A Part Of. A Case Has Been Registered Against Kundan Kumar Jha Under The Relevant Sections Of The Nds (Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances) Act. The Suspect Will Be Produced Before The Court Shortly. The Ganja And The Accused Were Subsequently Handed Over To The Ameerpet Excise Station For Further Investigation.

Zoo Staff Take Integrity Pledge, Launch Plantation Drive

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As Part Of The Vigilance Awareness Week Observance (October 27th To November 2nd, 2025), The Regional Vigilance And Enforcement Office, Hyderabad City, In Collaboration With Nehru Zoological Park (Nzp), Conducted A Mega Plantation Program And Integrity Pledge Ceremony At Nzp. The Event Was Held To Reaffirm Their Commitment Towards Integrity And Transparency

In Public Service, Emphasizing "Shared Responsibility." Smt. J Vasantha, Ifs, Curator, Nzp, Along With Sri. S Srinivas Rao, Dsp, Regional Vigilance And Enforcement, Planted Saplings Of Maredu, Jamun, Neem, Moduga, And Other Plant Species. The Plantation Drive Aims To Promote Environmental Sustainability And Green Practices, Linking It Symbolically To The Cultivation Of Ethical Values In Public

Administration. Vigilance Department Officials And Zoo Officials Participated Together In The Integrity Pledge Ceremony, Vowing To Uphold The Highest Standards Of Honesty And Transparency In Their Official Duties. The DSP Highlighted That Vigilance Awareness Week Is Crucial For Educating Employees About The Dangers Of Corruption And Encouraging A Culture Of Accountability. He Urged All Staff To Be

Proactive In Reporting Any Unethical Practices. The Curator Added That Integrating Such Programs With Environmental Initiatives Helps Foster A Holistic Sense Of Responsibility.

Other Officials Present Included M Barnoba, Deputy Curator; Dr. Ma Hakeem, Deputy Director (Vet); And Several Other Officers From Both The Zoo And The Regional Vigilance And Enforcement Office.

IT Raids Manepally Jewellers Over Suspected Tax Evasion

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The Income Tax (IT) Authorities Are Conducting Searches At Manepally Jewellers In Secunderabad. The IT Department Officials Have Been Conducting The Searches Since Morning. A Team Of Officials From The Income Tax Department Is Currently Involved In The Search Operations At The Jewellery Store. Sources Suggest The Raids Are Connected To Allegations Of Significant Tax Evasion And Discrepancies In The Firm's Financial Statements Over The Past Few Years. The

Searches Are Being Conducted Simultaneously At Multiple Locations Connected To The Jewellery Group, Including The Residences Of Key Management Personnel And Other Business Premises. The Officials Are Scrutinizing Books Of Accounts, Inventory Records, Digital Data, And Bank Transactions To Ascertain The Extent Of Undisclosed Income And Unaccounted Wealth. Preliminary Information Indicates That Large Amounts Of Unaccounted Cash And Gold May Have Been Unearthed During The



Initial Hours Of The Search. The Raids Are Part Of A Broader Crackdown By The IT Department On Businesses Suspected Of Operating Parallel Financial Systems. The Management Of Manepally Jewellers Has Not Issued Any Official Statement Regarding The Ongoing Operation. The Investigation Is Expected To Continue For Several More Hours As Officials Delve Deeper Into The Complex Financial Records. Further Details Regarding The Scope And Findings Of The Raids Are Awaited.

DGP Leads Blood Donation Drive, 164 Units Collected



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As Part Of The Police Commemoration Day Events, A Blood Donation Camp Was Organized At The Director General Of Police (Dgp) Office On Wednesday, Marking The First Time Such A Camp Was Held There. Dgp B Sivadhar Reddy Himself Donated Blood At The Camp. Additional Dgp (Law & Order) Mahesh M Bhagwat And Igps S Chandrasekhar Reddy And M Ramesh Were Among The 164 Police Personnel And A Large Number Of Ministerial Staff Who Participated. The Red Cross Society Organizers Collected Blood, A Total Of 164 Units Were Collected From The Dgp Office Staff. Dgp Reddy Emphasized That Blood Donation Can Save Lives In Dangerous Situations, Stating That One Donation Can Provide Blood, Plasma, And Platelets, Potentially Saving Up To Three Lives. He Called On Everyone With The Opportunity To Come Forward And

Donate Blood. He Mentioned That A Recent Mega Blood Donation Camp Organized By The Hyderabad City Police Collected Approximately 4,500 Units. He Noted That While Doctors Suggest Donating Four Times A Year, Even One Donation Can Save Many Lives. The Dgp Stated That About 8,000 People Die Annually In Road Accidents Across The State, And The Availability Of Blood Could Save Some Of Those Lives. Igp (P&I) M Ramesh Welcomed The Initiative, Expressing Joy At The High Turnout. The Success Of This First-Ever Camp At The Dgp Office Is Expected To Encourage Similar Initiatives In Other Police Units Across The State, Reinforcing The Police Force's Commitment To Community Service. The Red Cross Society Officials Commended The Police Department For Their Proactive Role In Addressing The Critical Need For Blood Supply.

Hydraa Fences 10-Cr Park Land in Nizampet, Foils Encroachers

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Hydraa Officials Protected And Fenced A Park Land Valued At 10 Crores In The Brindavan Colony, Nizampet Corporation, Quthbullapur. The 20 Guntas (Half Acre) Of Park Land In Survey Number 93 Had Been The Target Of Encroachers Attempting To Occupy It Two Months Ago, Despite A Collector's Order In 2020. The Encroachment Attempt



Was Thwarted By Colony Residents And Akula Satish's Team. Following A Complaint And Pressure From Hydra Offi-

cials, A Case Was Registered At Bachupally Police Station. Over Two Months, Officials Met With The Collector And

Rdo To Address The Issue. A Di Survey Was Completed, Identifying The Park As Government Land, And A Sketch Plan Was Issued. Subsequently, A Petition With All Relevant Documents Was Submitted To Hydra Commissioner Ranganath. Following The Commissioner's Orders, Under The Leadership Of Ci Naresh, The Park Land Was Fenced And A Board Declaring It As Government Prop-

erty Was Erected On Wednesday, Much To The Delight Of The Colony Residents, Who Expressed Their Thanks With Enthusiastic Slogans. Akula Satish Requested The Municipal Commissioner To Allocate Funds For The Park's Development And Open It For Public Use. This Successful Reclamation Is Seen As A Major Victory Against Land Grabbing And A Testament To The Persistence

Of The Local Residents And The Responsiveness Of The Hydra Commissioner. The Resident Welfare Association Leaders Stressed The Importance Of The Park Land For The Community's Recreational Needs And The Need For Immediate Landscaping And Infrastructure Development By The Municipality. Officials Have Assured That A Plan For The Park's Development Will Be Prioritized.

School Attender Held for Sexual Assault on Minors in Karimnagar

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A School Attender In Karimnagar District Has Been Arrested On Charges Of Sexually Assaulting Minor Girl Students Under The Pocso (Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences) Act And Has Been Sent To Judicial Custody, Officials Confirmed. According To A Press Release, The Accused, An Office Subordinate/Attender At The School, Was Misbehaving With The Victim Minor Girls For The Past Few Days By Touching Their Sensitive Body Parts.

The Accused Also Threatened The Girls By Taking Photos Of Them In Sarees During School Celebrations And Claiming He Would Morph And



Post The Pictures. After Learning About The Heinous Actions Of The Accused, Government Officials, Including The District Child And Women Welfare Officer, Child Welfare Committee Members, Mandal Education Officer (Meo), And Man-

dal Parishad Development Officer (Mpdo), Visited The School And Conducted An Enquiry, Where The Allegations Were Proven True. The Headmistress Filed A Report At The Police Station On October 27. A Case Was Registered Un-

der Strong Sections Of Bns (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita), Pocso, And It Acts, And Was Entrusted To An Assistant Commissioner Of Police (Acp) For Investigation. The Acp's Expedited Investigation Revealed That The Accused Committed Sex-

ual Assault On Several Minor Girls. The Meo Confirmed That The Attender, Yakub Pasha, Was Immediately Suspended, And The Headmaster Was Also Suspended For Failing To Report The Incident. Furthermore, The Authorities Are Working On Transferring All Ten Teachers From The School. The Accused Was Arrested, Medically Examined, And Remanded To Judicial Custody. This Decisive Action By The Authorities Underscores The Commitment To Protecting Children And Maintaining A Safe Educational Environment. The Sakhi Team And Bharosa Team Played A Crucial Role In Counseling The Victims And Gathering Evidence.

Aditha Swapna Appointed National Observer for AP Mahila Congress

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The All India Mahila Congress (Aimc) President, Ms. Alka Lamba, Has Appointed Ms. B Aditha Swapna As The National Observer For Andhra Pradesh Mahila Congress. Previously, Ms. Aditha Swapna Successfully Served As The National Observer For Bihar, Puducherry, And Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Where She Was Instrumental In Strengthening The Organization's Grassroots Outreach And Leadership Development.

Recognizing Her Dedication, Efficiency, And Leadership, The Responsibility For Andhra Pradesh Has Now Been Additionally Entrusted To Her. Speaking On The Occasion, Ms. Aditha Swapna Expressed Her Sincere Thanks To Aimc President Ms. Alka Lamba For Reposing Faith In Her. She Pledged To



Work Under Lamba's Leadership To Strengthen The Mahila Congress In Andhra Pradesh And Further Reinforce The Vision And Leadership Of Shri Rahul Gandhi. Her Primary Focus Will Be On Expanding Mahi

la Congress Presence Across Every Mandal And Booth Level In The State, Mobilizing Women's Participation In Politics. The Aimc Continues Its Efforts To Empower Women Leaders, Strengthen The Or-

ganizational Framework, And Promote Equal Participation Of Women In Politics. This Appointment Signals A Renewed Push To Revitalize The Party's Women's Wing In Andhra Pradesh Ahead Of Up-

coming Electoral Cycles. Aditha Swapna Also Intends To Conduct Extensive Outreach Programs To Address Women's Issues, Including Economic Empowerment And Safety, At The Grassroots Level.

Child Rights Body Orders Action in Nalgonda Infant Sale Case

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The Telangana State Commission For Protection Of Child Rights (Tscprc) Has Directed Officials To Take Immediate Action Following The Disclosure Of An Illegal Infant Sale In Nalgonda District. The Incident Came To Light After A Couple From Shantinagar, Korra Babu And Parvathi, Sold Their Newborn Daughter To A Family From Eluru In Andhra Pradesh, Reportedly Because The Birth Of A Fourth Girl Was Seen As A Financial Burden.

Officials From The District Icdfs Department, Child Protection Unit, And Child Welfare Committee Initiated An Investigation, Exposing The Unlawful Transaction. The Commission Instructed Authorities To Take Strict Action Against Those Who Facilitated The Illegal Adoption And Ordered That The Infant Be Kept Under The Telangana State Home Protection For Ten Days. Expressing Dissatisfaction, The Commission Noted That Such Incidents Have Been Recurring In Nalgonda Despite Previous Warnings To Officials. Telangana Lokayukta,

Justice A Rajasekhara Reddy, Has Taken Suo Motu Cognisance Of The Issue Based On Media Reports And Issued Orders To The District Child Welfare Officer And Women And Child Welfare Department Officer Krishnaveni To Submit A Detailed Report By November 4 On The Protective Measures Taken. Police Have Detained Both The Couple Who Sold The Baby And The Couple Who Purchased Her. Investigations Revealed That A Mediator Named Kondal From Guntur Facilitated An Illegal Sale Agreement For 2.5 Lakh With Sambamurthy-Rajitha, A Couple Employed In The Panchayat Raj Department From Eluru. An Advance Of 10,000 Was Reportedly Paid, And The Child Was Handed Over On Saturday. The Commission Emphasized The Need For Rigorous Monitoring And Counseling Of Families To Prevent Such Tragic Incidents Driven By Economic Distress And Gender Bias. Authorities Are Also Investigating The Role Of The Mediator And Potential Links To Any Organized Adoption Racket.



Minister Srihari Launches 12-Lakh Fish Seed Drive at Koyil Sagar

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State Minister For Fisheries, Dairy, Animal Husbandry, Youth Services, And Sports, Vakiti Srihari, Attended The Fish Seed Distribution Program As Chief Guest At The Koyil Sagar Project In Bollaram Village, Devarakadra Constituency, Mahabubnagar District. The Program Aims To Bring Prosperity And Economic Development To Fishermen's Families Through Aquaculture.

At Koyil Sagar Reservoir, 7.77 Lakh Fish Seeds Worth 12 Lakhs Are Being Distributed; 2.5 Lakh Seeds Were Released In The First Phase. Speaking At The Meeting, Minister Srihari Announced That The State Government Has Sanctioned Approximately 123 Crores For

The Development Of Fisheries Wealth In The State. This Includes Releasing 84 Crore Fish Seeds Worth 94 Crores In 26,000 Water Bodies And 10 Crore Prawn Seeds Worth 29 Crores In 300 Ponds With 100% Subsidy. This Initiative Is Expected To Provide Economic Development And Livelihoods For 5 Lakh Fishermen Families. The Minister Assured Priority To The Development Of Makthal, Devarakadra, And Narayanpet Constituencies. He Criticized Previous Rulers For Neglecting Fish Seed Production For 10 Years. He Thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy For Allocating 123 Crores To The Fisheries Department After He Requested An Increased Budget Post His Appointment As Cabinet

Minister (The First From The Mudiraj Community). He Highlighted Other Welfare Schemes, Including Free Bus Travel For Women, 200 Units Of Free Electricity, And Loan Waivers For Farmers. The Minister Announced A 1 Crore Grant For The Modernization Of The Fish Rearing Center In Bollaram And The Establishment Of Fish Markets In Kothakota, Madanapuram, And Devarakadra. He Urged Public Cooperation For The State's Development Agenda. The Minister Underscored The Congress Government's Commitment To Supporting Farmers, Providing MSP With A 500 Bonus Per Quintal For Paddy, And Procuring The Harvest To Distribute Fine Quality Rice To The Poor.

DGP Lauds Mahabubabad Police for Aiding Stranded Passengers Amid Rains



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Due To The Heavy Rainfall In The District, The Golconda Express Was Halted At Dornakal And The Krishna Express Was Halted At Mahabubabad Railway Station. In Response To The Situation, Mahabubabad District Police For Help During Emergencies. He Emphasized That Serving The People Is The Primary Goal Of The Police, And They

Will Work Continuously For Public Welfare During Disasters Like The Rain. Director General Of Police (DGP) B Sivadhar Reddy Applauded The Mahabubabad District Police For Their Humanitarian Response And Their Efforts To Aid The Stranded Passengers. The DGP Highlighted That Such Acts Of Compassion Reinforce Public Trust In The Police Force And Set A Benchmark For Policing During Natural Calamities. Local Residents Also Praised The Quick And Decisive Action By The District Police Administration.



Satavahana Express Gets Additional Stop at Jangaon

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Bhuvanagiri Member Of Parliament (MP) Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Announced That The South Central Railway (SCR) Has Granted An Additional Stoppage At Jangaon Railway Station For The Vijayawada - Secunderabad Satavahana Express (Train Nos. 12713/12714). This Decision Follows A Request Made By MP Reddy Last Month To SCR General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava.

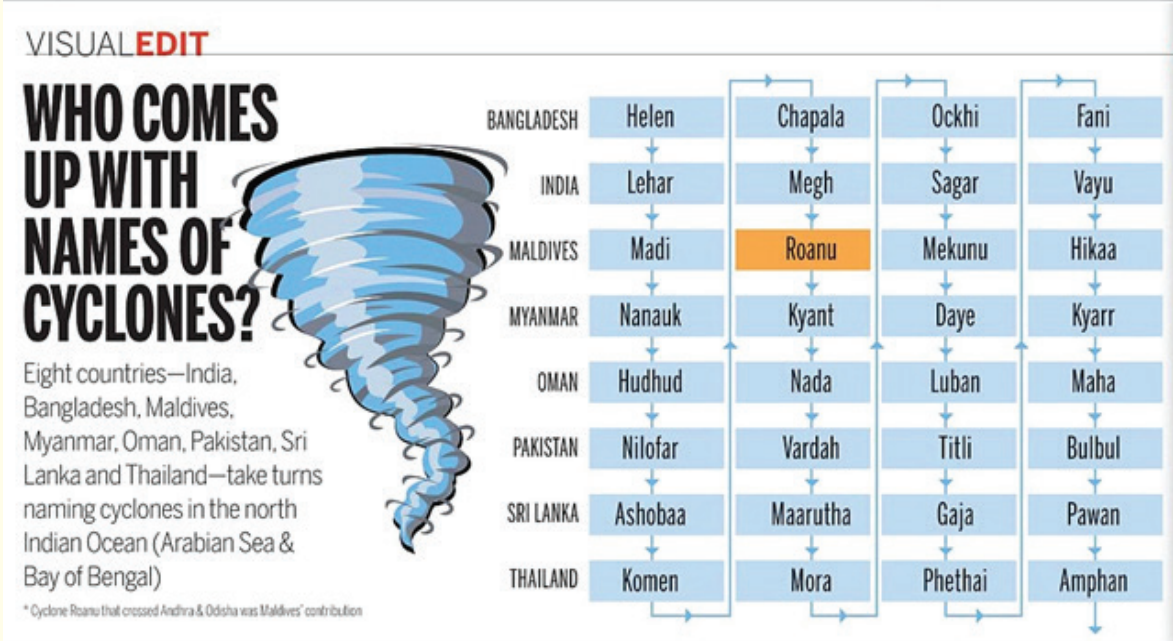
This New Facility Will Be Implemented On A Trial Basis Starting From October 30, 2025. Jangaon District Is A Rapidly

Developing Region, And Its Residents, Including Students, Employees, And Businessmen, Frequently Travel To Hyderabad And Vijayawada. Providing A Stoppage For The Satavahana Express Will Significantly Enhance Travel Convenience For The People And Improve Regional Connectivity. The MP Expressed His Heartfelt Gratitude To The South Central Railway Management For Honoring This Public Request And Responding Promptly. This Stoppage Is Expected To Be A Major Boon For Daily Commuters And Traders, Reducing Their Travel Time And Making

The Two Major Cities More Accessible. MP Reddy Further Stated That This Decision Is Extremely Beneficial For The People Of Jangaon And Its Surrounding Areas, Fulfilling A Long-Pending Demand. The SCR Management Acknowledged The Strategic Importance Of Jangaon As A Key Node Between The Capital Region And Vijayawada. The MP Also Assured The Public That He Would Continue To Work Closely With Railway Officials To Introduce More Amenities And Facilities At The Jangaon Station To Cater To The Growing Passenger Traffic.

From Montha to Amphan: How Cyclones Get Their Names

Decoding Cyclone Names



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Cyclones often bring widespread destruction, causing immense property damage, loss of life, and severe disruption to communities. Yet, the name of a cyclone—announced almost instantly by meteorological authorities—often captures public attention more than the storm itself. How are these names chosen, and what do they mean? The story behind cyclone naming is both organized and international.

The latest cyclonic storm, Cyclone Montha, formed in the west-central Bay of Bengal, currently centered 160 km from Machilipatnam, 240 km from Kakinada, and 320 km from Visakhapatnam. Forecasts suggest it could intensify and make landfall near Kakinada, between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam. The storm's name, Montha, might raise questions: who named it and what does it signify?

According to the Visakhapatnam Cyclone Warning Center, the name Montha originates from Thailand. Derived from the combination of “Mom” and “Tha,” in Thai, Montha refers to a fragrant flower that holds cultural significance, often placed near Buddhist statues and in temples as a sacred symbol.

The tradition of naming cyclones in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea started in 2000, under the guidance of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Member countries include India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, each maintaining a list of 13 names. Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia,

UAE, and Yemen joined in 2018. Names are proposed alphabetically by country, starting with Bangladesh, followed by India, and continuing in order of the member nations.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), one of six Regional Specialized Meteorological Centers (RSMC) worldwide, is tasked with issuing cyclone warnings, advisories, and announcing names. Cyclone naming serves practical purposes: it simplifies communication for disaster management, scientists, media, and the general public. Names make it easier to issue warnings, track simultaneous cyclones, and record historical data.

The selection process ensures that names are free of political, religious, or cultural sensitivities, gender-neutral, non-offensive, easy to pronounce, and limited to eight letters in English. Each member country provides spelling and pronunciation guidance, while a governing panel reviews and can reject proposed names. Names once used for North Indian Ocean cyclones cannot be reused, ensuring uniqueness.

The IMD follows lists approved in meetings dating back to 2004, after extensive discussion among member states. The previous list expired after Cyclone Amphan, and the current list is set to remain valid for 25 years. Annually, up to five cyclones form in the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, and North Indian Ocean, with each being assigned the next available name from the approved list.

Cyclone naming has become an essential part of modern disaster management. It allows governments, media, and citizens to communicate clearly and act quickly in preparation for potentially catastrophic storms like Cyclone Montha, linking science, culture, and international cooperation in a single, memorable identifier.

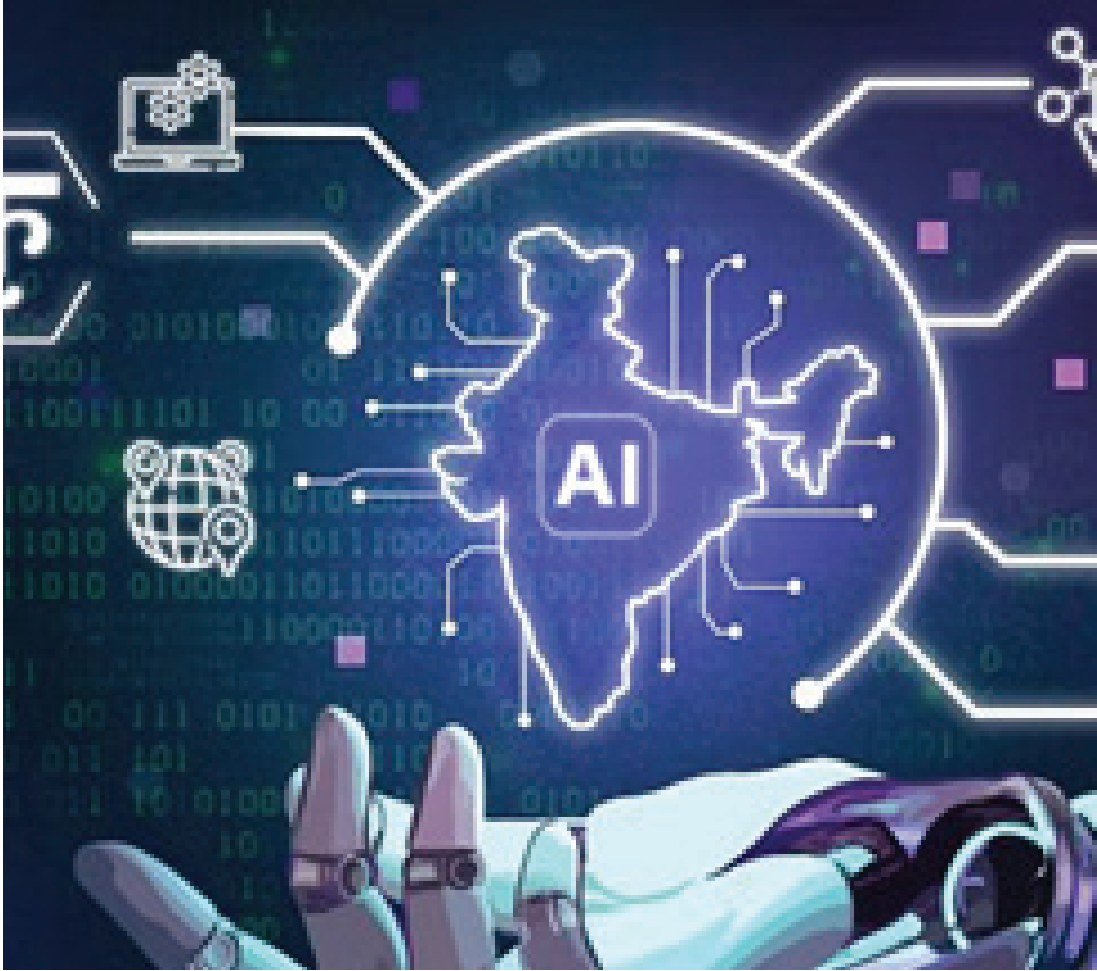
Labelling AI Content Alone Won't Solve Misinformation: India Needs Smarter Rules

The Union government has proposed India's first major Artificial Intelligence regulation, seeking to address the growing threat of AI-generated misinformation. On 22 October, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released draft amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Rules, 2021, introducing obligations for social media companies to label synthetic or AI-generated content shared on their platforms.

Under the proposed rules, platforms enabling the creation or circulation of AI content must embed metadata, superimpose visible labels covering 10 per cent of the content, and verify user declarations when synthetic material is uploaded. The move aligns India's regulatory direction with the European Union and China, both of which have introduced AI labelling norms.

However, experts warn that labelling alone cannot curb misinformation. Large-scale detection of synthetic content is technologically difficult, and errors—such as missing fake posts or mislabelling genuine ones—could distort public trust. Unlabelled content might even appear more authentic to users, inadvertently amplifying falsehoods.

The draft rules also raise legal concerns by diluting India's safe harbour protections—a key provision that shields social media platforms from liability for user-generated content. The amendments allow platforms to remove posts based on user complaints without court orders, and require them to monitor and act on synthetic content



proactively. This could turn social media intermediaries into arbiters of online speech, reversing the Supreme Court's *Shreya Singhal v. Union of India* precedent, which placed the burden of judging illegality on the State, not private entities.

Critics argue that this shift may lead platforms to over-censor content to avoid enforcement risks, undermining free

expression. Parliamentary committees have also cautioned against giving social media companies excessive discretion in moderating speech.

Instead of relying solely on labels, experts recommend a multi-layered approach—promoting transparency standards, such as those by the Coalition for Content Provenance and Authenticity, and investing in media literacy to help users recognise synthetic information.

As AI-generated content grows exponentially, India's regulatory response must go beyond cosmetic labelling. Effective policy will require collaboration between the government, platforms, and users, grounded in transparency, accountability, and public education.

Delhi's Air: The Myths That Keep Choking Us



Every winter, Delhi sinks once again into a thick haze of smog, triggering a familiar cycle of outrage, blame, and quick fixes. Yet, as author A.K. Mehta writes, the real barrier to clean air isn't a lack of technology or governance—it's the persistence of myths that distort how we understand and tackle the problem.

The first myth is that Delhi's air pollution is unique. While the city's smog is severe, history shows that other global capitals once faced similar crises. London's streets were blanketed in soot through the mid-20th century, while Los Angeles and Beijing endured decades of choking smog. These cities cleaned up their air not through miracles but through discipline and long-term investment—upgrading fuel standards, reforming transport systems, and enforcing strict emissions policies.

Delhi's challenge, therefore, is not exceptional; it is solvable with sustained commitment.

Another enduring misconception is the belief in instant solutions—that one dramatic intervention could clear the air overnight. This year's favourite fix, for instance, is cloud seeding, the process of inducing artificial rain to wash away pollutants. However, experts point out that cloud seeding works only when moisture-laden clouds are already present. It can temporarily reduce pollution but cannot create rain from a clear sky.

The truth, Mehta argues, is that clean air comes from thousands of small, consistent actions rather than grand gestures. Effective air management requires watering dusty roads,

greening open soil, maintaining vehicles, enforcing construction rules, and managing the city's airshed—all actions that require discipline and cooperation from citizens, contractors, corporations, and the government alike.

Delhi's fight for breathable air, therefore, demands collective responsibility. It's not just about bans or emergency measures during winter but about consistent year-round action. Cleaner air won't arrive as a gift from the state; it will emerge when everyone—from policymakers to pedestrians—treats the air they breathe with the same seriousness as life itself.

Until that shift happens, Delhi's skies may clear briefly, but its lungs will remain under siege—trapped not just by pollution, but by the myths that keep the crisis alive.

Bihar Beyond Buddha and Mandal: Why the 2025 Polls Matter for Indian Democracy

As Bihar heads to the polls, the state once again finds itself at the crossroads of history and politics. Known as the land of Buddha and the birthplace of democracy, Bihar's legacy extends far beyond its current economic challenges. It was here that ancient republican assemblies, or sanghas, once flourished—earning Bihar a reputation as one of the earliest cradles of democratic governance.

Bihar's modern story, too, has shaped India's political fabric. It was in Champaran that Mahatma Gandhi launched his first satyagraha in India in 1917, and from Bihar that Jayaprakash Narayan led

the movement against Indira Gandhi's Emergency in the 1970s, ushering in India's first non-Congress government.

Today, Bihar represents another crucial test—one that could define the trajectory of Indian democracy itself. Despite the BJP's dominance across North India, Bihar remains the only major Hindi-speaking state where the party has never ruled alone. Here, the enduring legacy of Mandal politics, rooted in lower-caste empowerment, continues to resist the consolidation of Hindu nationalism that transformed Uttar Pradesh.

This resistance stems from the

legacy of Karpoori Thakur, who as chief minister in 1978 introduced a 26% reservation policy for OBCs, cementing the foundations of caste-based social justice politics. His ideological heirs—Lalu Prasad Yadav and Nitish Kumar—have kept this vision alive for decades. The BJP's posthumous Bharat Ratna for Thakur in 2024 signalled an attempt to align with this legacy, but whether it translates into political dominance remains uncertain.

Beyond electoral arithmetic, the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls in Bihar has stirred concerns

about disenfranchisement. Critics argue that the process risks excluding vulnerable communities and undermining the neutrality of democratic institutions.

Political scientists warn that such trends reflect democratic backsliding, where executive power encroaches upon independent institutions. Bihar's elections, therefore, are more than a regional contest—they are a litmus test for India's democratic resilience. Whether the polls reinforce backsliding or revive the state's historic democratic spirit will reveal much about the direction in which India's democracy is headed.



Rahul Gandhi vs BJP Over His “PM Will Dance” Comment At Bihar Rally



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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi ignited a political storm in Bihar on Wednesday after making controversial remarks about Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the launch of the party's state election campaign. Addressing a rally, Gandhi said Modi

“will dance if you ask him to” and accused the ruling BJP of “stealing elections” in previous states, including Maharashtra and Haryana, while warning voters to remain vigilant in Bihar.
The BJP was quick to retaliate, condemning Gandhi's comments as those of a “lo-

cal goon” and asserting that he had insulted all Modi supporters. Party leaders accused Gandhi and Congress of mocking Indian voters and undermining democracy, while also claiming that the opposition was “openly standing with intruders.”
Union Home Minister Amit

Shah addressed Gandhi's “Voter Adhikar Yatra,” highlighting the opposition's repeated allegations of Election Commission-BJP collusion during their foot march across eastern Bihar.
Gandhi also criticized reports of a specially constructed pond on the Yamuna

in Delhi, claiming the Prime Minister used it for Chhath Puja rituals instead of performing the ceremony in the river. “There is no Yamuna there... he went to bathe in his 'swimming pool,’” Gandhi said.
The Congress is allied with Tejashwi Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bihar. Yadav, recently named the opposition's chief ministerial candidate, focused on poll promises during his rally, including cooking gas cylinders at Rs 500 and 200 free electricity units per household, while criticizing Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for allegedly being “remotely controlled” by the BJP.
The campaign has also sparked debates over the legacy of socialist leader Karpoori Thakur, with Congress naming Gandhi as “Jan Nayak,” a move opposed by Hindustan Awam Morcha and the ruling alliance.
Bihar will vote in a two-phase election starting November 6, with results declared on November 14, setting the stage for a heated contest between the BJP-JDU alliance and the Congress-RJD opposition.

President Murmu Meets Rafale Pilot, Pakistan Claims Debunked



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President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday met Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh, the first female Indian pilot to fly the Rafale, at Ambala Air Force Station in Haryana. Singh posed with the President and gave her a hands-on tour of the fighter aircraft, dismissing recent Pakistani social media claims that she had been captured during Operation Sindoor.
Varanasi-born Singh, who has become a symbol of women's achievements in the Indian Air Force, was seen standing tall in flight overalls alongside the President, with the Rafale jet in the background. The visit highlighted India's op-

erational readiness and reaffirmed confidence in its air force personnel.
The Pakistani claims, circulated widely on social media, suggested that Singh's aircraft had been shot down and that she had been captured. Indian authorities clarified that these reports were false, and videos purporting to show her “grief-stricken family” were unrelated, actually depicting the family of Sergeant Surendra Kumar.
Operation Sindoor, launched in May as a response to a terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir's Pahalgam region, involved heightened aerial operations along the border. Pakistani sources had exaggerated their military success, claiming to have downed six Indian jets, including Singh's, while India reported that Pakistan suffered losses in the engagement.
President Murmu's visit underscores India's commitment to honoring its armed forces while countering misinformation. The interaction with Squadron Leader Singh also served to inspire young women across the country, highlighting their growing role in the defense sector. The display of India's Rafale capability and Singh's leadership reflects the nation's continued focus on operational excellence and gender inclusion in the armed forces.

Bastar Faces Bloodiest Push Against Maoists



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As the March 31, 2026 deadline to eliminate Left Wing Extremism (LWE) approaches, Bastar remains a flashpoint of violence, with decades of conflict leaving deep scars on the region.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has described this period as the “final phase” of India's long war against Maoist insurgency, but the human and operational cost continues to mount.
Official records from 2001 to October 27, 2025,

show Bastar has witnessed 3,404 armed encounters between security forces and Maoists, with 1,541 insurgents killed. The year 2025 alone was among the deadliest, registering 89 encounters and 224 Maoist fatalities, the highest in two

decades. Security forces have lost 1,315 personnel in the same period, with particularly heavy casualties in 2010 and 2017 due to ambushes and IED attacks.
Civilian casualties remain stark: 1,817 innocents have died, often targeted as al-

leged informers by Maoist squads. Explosives recovered from Maoist hideouts number 4,312, including 820 in 2025, alongside 3,327 recorded weapon seizures, reflecting the insurgents' continued militarization.
Parallel to the violence, a growing number of Maoists have surrendered. Between 2001 and 2025, 7,826 cadres laid down arms, including 1,319 in 2025 alone. Security operations also resulted in 13,416 arrests over 25 years, highlighting the persistent cycle of recruitment and conflict in the region.
Despite years of counter-insurgency efforts, Bastar's forests remain tense, with fear and fatigue dominating village life. As the March 2026 deadline looms, authorities hope for a decisive push toward peace, yet the region's bloody history casts a long shadow.
The figures tell a stark story: 3,404 encounters, 1,541 Maoists killed, 1,315 security personnel dead, 1,817 civilian casualties, 7,826 surrenders, 13,416 arrests, and 4,312 explosives seized. Bastar's struggle against Maoism continues, with the jungle still burning.

India Must Reduce Dependence On Foreign Critical Technology, Energy: Goyal

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Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday emphasized the need for India to reduce its dependence on foreign critical technologies and energy resources to ensure long-term growth and national sovereignty.
Speaking at an economic forum, Goyal highlighted that strategic autonomy in technology and energy is essential for India to strengthen its manufacturing sector, secure its supply chains, and maintain global competitiveness. He stressed that while imports have supported rapid development, over-reliance exposes the country to geopolitical risks and supply disruptions.
“India must invest in homegrown technologies and energy solutions. This is not just about economic growth—it is about safeguarding national interests and ensuring sustainable development,” Goyal said. The minister pointed out sectors such as semiconductors, renewable energy, electric mobility, and advanced manufacturing as key areas where

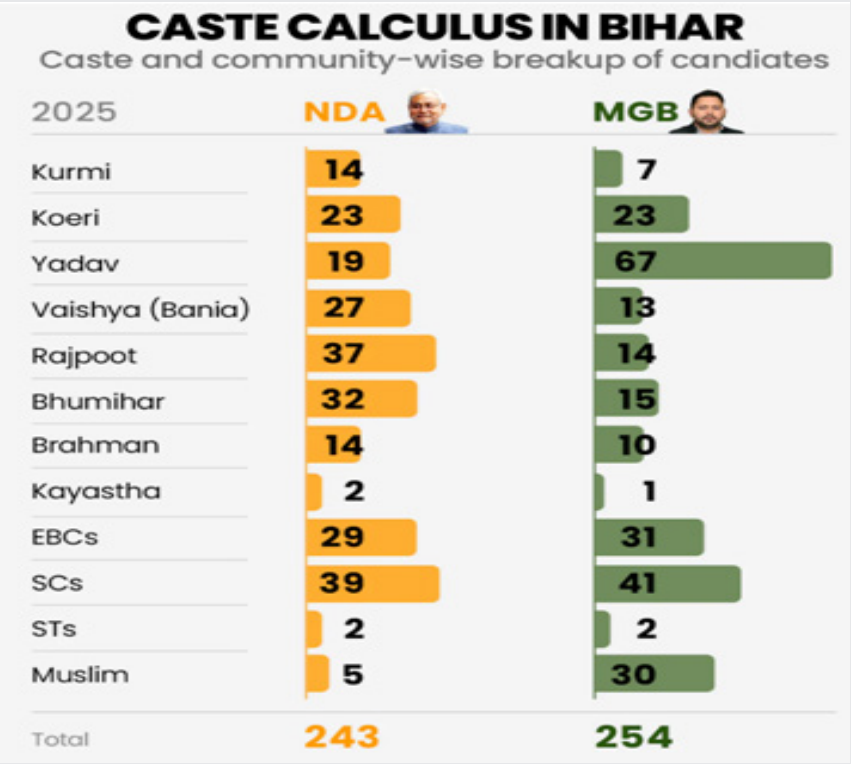


domestic capabilities need to be strengthened.
Goyal also urged businesses and startups to focus on innovation and research in critical technologies. “We need an ecosystem where Indian enterprises can develop cutting-edge solutions, reducing the country's dependence on imports while

creating high-value jobs at home,” he added.
The minister's remarks come at a time when India is strategically expanding its industrial base and pursuing policies to encourage self-reliance under the “Make in India” and “Atmanirbhar Bharat” initiatives. Goyal underlined that investments in

renewable energy, battery storage, and digital infrastructure are critical to achieving energy security and technological independence.
He concluded by stating that reducing foreign dependence is a long-term endeavor requiring collaboration between the

government, private sector, and research institutions. “This is the path to sustainable growth, economic resilience, and national sovereignty,” he said, reinforcing India's commitment to building a robust domestic industrial and technological foundation.



TPN Correspondent | Patna
Bihar heads to the assembly polls in two phases starting November 6, both major political alliances—the NDA and the Mahagathabandhan (MGB)—have prioritized caste arithmetic over inclusive representation in their ticket distribution. The strategy underscores a shift from election slogans to hard-nosed calculations aimed at winnability.
The MGB, which campaigned on the progressive slogan “JiskiJitni Sankhya Bhaari, UskiJitni Hissedaari” (representation proportional to population), and the NDA, with its inclusive “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas” tagline, have both leaned on their traditional vote banks.
Within the NDA, the BJP

has emphasized upper-caste consolidation. Rajputs have been allocated 21% of tickets and Bhumihars 16%, far above their estimated 3% population share each. Muslim representation has been nearly eliminated, while Yadavs—a core MGB bloc—received just 6% of BJP tickets. JD(U) has reinforced its Luv-Kush support, giving 12% of tickets to Kurmis, 13% to Koeri/Kushwahs, and 19% to Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs). Muslim candidates constitute only 2% of NDA nominations despite forming 18% of Bihar's population.
On the other hand, the MGB, led by RJD, has doubled down on its Muslim-Yadav (M-Y) base, giving Yadavs 37% of tickets—more than double their 14% population share—and

Muslims 13%. To counter the perception of “Yadav Raj,” upper-caste representation has been reduced to 8%, while Kushwaha and EBC candidates each receive 10%. The Congress has fielded 34% upper-caste and 15% NYOBC/EBC candidates to expand the alliance's reach and balance caste representation.
Analysts say the allocation reveals a pragmatic electoral approach where parties are consolidating core voter bases rather than pursuing broader inclusion. The Bihar election, spanning two phases, will conclude with results on November 14, setting the stage for a high-stakes contest shaped as much by caste arithmetic as by campaign promises.

Pakistan-Afghanistan Talks Fail Over Militancy Dispute



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Pakistan confirmed on Wednesday that recent talks with Afghanistan aimed at tackling cross-border terrorism have failed, accusing Kabul of backtracking on commitments to control militancy along the border.

The discussions, held over four days from October 25, were facilitated by Turkiye, which hosted officials from both nations. The agenda focused on finding a mutual framework to curb militant activities affecting Pakistan's border regions. Despite repeated efforts, the two sides could not reach a consensus.

Pakistan's Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Attaullah Tarar, emphasized that Islamabad had approached the talks in good faith, expecting concrete measures from Kabul to curb terrorism. He alleged that Afghan authorities did not uphold previously agreed commitments, undermining regional security cooperation.

"The outcome of these talks is disappointing. Pakistan remains committed to peace and stability in the region, but such unilateral backtracking hampers joint efforts against terror-

ism," Tarar said.

The discussions were part of an ongoing effort to strengthen bilateral relations and address security concerns, including cross-border militant infiltration and extremist activities. Pakistan had urged Afghanistan to take strict action against groups operating from its territory and carrying out attacks in Pakistan.

Afghanistan's response to the breakdown has not been officially detailed, but sources indicate that differing interpretations of prior agreements and security arrangements contributed to the stalemate.

Regional analysts say the failure underscores the persistent challenges in coordinating counterterrorism measures between the two neighboring nations. Observers also highlight the importance of international facilitation, such as Turkiye's role, in bridging differences, though diplomatic negotiations remain delicate and complex.

Pakistan has reiterated that it will continue pursuing dialogue while simultaneously safeguarding its border areas through enhanced security measures.

Amazon Lays Off Thousands Amid AI-Driven Restructuring



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Thousands of Amazon employees in the U.S. woke up Tuesday to early-morning messages informing them that they had been laid off, part of a broader reduction of around 14,000 corporate roles. Many affected workers were retail managers, according to sources and screenshots reviewed by Business Insider.

The notifications, sent via text, instructed employees to check their personal or work emails and contact a help desk regarding their employment status. A memo from Amazon's HR head, Beth Galetti, confirmed that impacted employees would continue to receive full pay and benefits for 90 days, along with a severance package.

The layoffs come as Amazon pursues a major restructuring aimed at efficiency and increased adoption of artificial intelligence tools. In an internal blog post, Galetti highlighted that AI represents the most transformative technology since the Internet, enabling companies to in-

novate faster in exist-

ing and new markets. "These changes are occurring despite Amazon's strong financial performance," she noted. The company has been streamlining operations over the past few years by reducing management layers, tightening spending, revamping performance evaluation and compensation structures, and requiring corporate staff to return to the office five days a week.

Amazon's cost-cutting measures accelerated after pandemic-era expansion slowed. Earlier in 2025, the company froze hiring in its retail division, and its cloud computing arm, Amazon Web Services, also implemented layoffs in July.

The move reflects a broader trend in the tech sector, where companies such as Microsoft and Meta have undertaken significant workforce reductions despite strong revenues. Experts say AI and automation are increasingly driving these changes, reshaping corporate structures and job roles across industries.

Trump Hails Modi as 'Tough', Announces India Trade Deal

TPN Bureau | Tokyo

U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday praised Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing him as "tough as hell," a "father," and the "nicest-looking guy," while also announcing that he is "doing a trade deal with India."

Trump made the remarks during his keynote address at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEOs Luncheon in Gyeongju, where he highlighted his engagement with leaders across the region. The U.S. President underscored his admiration for Modi's leadership style, noting that his decisiveness and firmness have contributed to stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

In the same speech, Trump reiterated his controversial claim of having personally intervened to avert a "nuclear war" between India and Pakistan in May. He asserted that his diplomatic efforts helped de-escalate tensions between the two nuclear-armed nations, and claimed that seven aircraft were shot



down during the crisis.

While Trump's remarks on averting conflict have not been independently verified, they come amid heightened attention on U.S.-India relations and expanding trade ties. The planned

trade deal, according to Trump, will strengthen economic cooperation and open new avenues for investment between the two nations.

Experts note that closer U.S.-India trade engagement could have far-

reaching implications for regional supply chains, technology partnerships, and defense collaboration. The announcement is likely to be welcomed by Indian business communities looking to expand ex-

ports and attract foreign investment.

Trump's colorful characterization of Modi as both a "killer" and a "father" reflects the former U.S. President's unique style of political commentary,

blending personal admiration with assertive rhetoric. The trade deal signals a deepening of bilateral ties at a time when both countries are navigating complex geopolitical dynamics in the Indo-Pacific.

India to Repatriate 500 from Thailand After Scam Hub Raid

TPN Correspondent | Bangkok

India will repatriate 500 of its citizens from Thailand following a crackdown on a major scam hub in Myanmar, Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul announced on Wednesday. The move comes after authorities in Thailand received a wave of workers fleeing across the border in the wake of raids on sprawling fraud compounds.

The KK Park compound, located near the Thailand-Myanmar border, has been notorious for hosting operations where internet scammers target victims through romance and business cons. Many of those staffing these facilities claim they were trafficked into the hubs, although analysts note that some workers join willingly, lured by the promise of high salaries.

More than 1,000 individuals reportedly crossed into Thailand over the past week after Myanmar's military raided one of the country's largest scam centers. Images from the Mae Sot District in Tak Province show people navigating the Moei River by boat to escape the crackdown.

Thai authorities have coordinated with the Indian government to ensure safe repatria-



tion. "We are working closely with Indian officials to facilitate the return of their citizens," Charnvirakul said.

These scam operations have flourished along Myanmar's loosely governed border regions since the country's 2021 mili-

tary coup and the subsequent civil unrest. Such hubs have become a magnet for both trafficked workers and those seeking quick financial gains, exploiting the lawlessness in certain border areas.

The repatriation of 500 Indi-

ans highlights growing international concern over cross-border scams and the welfare of workers caught in these illicit operations. Governments in the region are now under pressure to tighten border controls, improve labor protections, and clamp

down on criminal networks that profit from these schemes.

India's move to bring back its citizens underscores its commitment to ensuring the safety of its nationals abroad, even amid complex regional security challenges.

Netanyahu Orders Strikes in Gaza Amid Hostage Tensions

TPN Correspondent | Buenos Aires

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday ordered immediate "forceful strikes" in the Gaza Strip, accusing Hamas of violating the ceasefire. The announcement came after Hamas reportedly fired on Israeli forces in southern Gaza and returned the remains of a hostage previously recovered.

Minutes after the strikes were ordered, Hamas stated it would postpone the handover of another hostage body scheduled for Tuesday evening. The Ezzedine Al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement that any Israeli escalation would impede the search, excavation, and recovery of the bodies.

On Monday, Hamas handed over the 16th of 28 hostage bodies under the ceasefire deal effective from October 10. However, forensic checks revealed the remains belonged to the same hostage returned two years ago — Ofir Tzarfati. Israeli officials accused Hamas of staging the discovery, claiming the remains had been reburied before being handed over to the Red Cross. Tzarfati's family condemned the act, stating it was the third time they had been forced to rebury their son.

According to the Associated Press, Israeli troops were



fired upon in Rafah on Tuesday, prompting them to return fire. Israeli government spokeswoman Shosh Bedrosian emphasized that "nothing is off the table" regarding consequences for Hamas but

added that all actions were coordinated with the United States, including President Donald Trump and his team.

The situation has escalated tensions in the region, with both sides accusing each other

of ceasefire violations. Netanyahu's decision to authorize strikes underscores Israel's determination to respond swiftly to perceived provocations, while Hamas continues to link the transfer of hostage

remains to Israeli actions.

The international community has urged restraint as the fragile ceasefire faces mounting pressure amid ongoing hostilities and complicated hostage negotiations.

Coal India Q2 Profit Falls 50%

Coal India Ltd (CIL) reported a sharp decline in its consolidated net profit for the second quarter, falling 50.2% sequentially and missing market expectations. The company's earnings were weighed down by lower production volumes and softening coal prices.

CIL's Q2 revenue stood at Rs 30,187 crore, down 15.8% from Rs 35,842 crore in the previous quarter, broadly in line with Bloomberg's forecast of Rs 30,394 crore. The decline reflects subdued demand from power and industrial sectors amid moderating fuel prices.

Analysts pointed out that while Coal India remains a dominant player in India's coal market, rising operational costs and falling dispatches have impacted profitability. The company's margins narrowed significantly, raising concerns among investors about near-term earnings growth.

Despite the setback, CIL continues to benefit from government support and long-term contracts with state utilities. The company has also been focusing on cost optimization, mechanization of mines, and expansion into renewable energy projects to diversify revenue streams.

Industry experts noted that the decline in Q2 profits aligns with seasonal trends, as mon-



soon-related disruptions and lower off-take from thermal power plants typically weigh on output and revenue during the period.

Coal India remains a key supplier to India's energy sector, and any recovery in power demand or domestic coal prices could help restore margins in coming quarters. Investors will closely watch the company's operational updates, production targets, and cost-control measures to gauge future performance.

The latest results highlight the challenges faced by traditional energy companies amid changing market dynamics and increasing competition from alternative fuels, even as Coal India retains a strategic position in India's coal supply chain.

Markets Rebound on Fed Rate Cut Hopes



Indian stock markets rebounded in early trade on Wednesday, supported by global cues, hopes of a U.S. Federal Reserve rate cut, and fresh foreign fund inflows.

The 30-share BSE Sensex gained 287.94 points to 84,916.10, while the 50-share NSE Nifty rose 86.65 points to 26,022.85 in early trading. Investors were buoyed by optimism that the Fed may reduce interest rates, which could ease global liquidity conditions and spur investment in emerging markets like India.

Among Sensex constituents, Asian Paints, Tata Steel, Trent, Larsen & Toubro, State Bank of India, and Adani Ports were major gainers, leading the recovery.

Market participants noted that foreign institutional investors (FIIs) had resumed buying, contributing to the positive momentum.

Sectorally, banking, metal, and infrastructure stocks outperformed, reflecting investor confidence in domestic economic growth despite lingering concerns over inflation and global economic uncertainties. Analysts said that optimism around corporate earnings and government reforms also supported buying sentiment.

Globally, key indices in Asia and Europe showed mixed-to-positive trends following upbeat corporate results and easing concerns about interest rate hikes. Wall Street futures indicated a positive opening, reinforcing risk-on sentiment in Indian markets.

Market experts cautioned that while early gains were encouraging, investors should remain watchful of macroeconomic developments and global cues, which could influence volatility in the near term.

Overall, Wednesday's early rebound highlighted the impact of international monetary policy expectations and foreign capital inflows on domestic equities, underscoring India's sensitivity to global financial conditions.

IIP Growth Slows to Three-Month Low in September

India's industrial activity moderated in September 2025, with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) registering a growth of 4%, marking a three-month low. The data, released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, also highlighted that industrial growth during the first half of the financial year (April-September) was the slowest in at least five years.

The IIP growth in September last year stood at 3.2%, reflecting a modest improvement over the same period. Industrial expansion had accelerated to 4.3% by July 2025, but growth momentum slowed in subsequent months. Analysts attributed the slowdown to a combination of factors, including muted domestic demand, cautious private investment, and lingering global economic uncertainties.

Sectoral data showed that manufacturing, which constitutes the largest share of the index, experienced a deceleration, while mining and electricity generation also contributed to the overall slowdown. The moderation in industrial output is expected to weigh on overall GDP growth in the second half of the fiscal year.

Economists noted that while



some sectors, such as capital goods and consumer durables, showed pockets of resilience, the overall trend reflects a cautious business environment. They emphasized the need for policy measures to stimulate investment, boost infrastructure development, and incentivize industrial production.

The Ministry of Statistics will release more detailed data on sector-wise and use-based IIP growth in the coming weeks, which will offer further insights into industrial performance. Meanwhile, market participants and policymakers are closely monitoring the trend, as industrial output remains a key indicator of economic health and manufacturing activity in India.

Amazon to Cut 14,000 Corporate Jobs Globally



Amazon on Tuesday announced plans to reduce its corporate workforce by approximately 14,000 employees worldwide, as part of its ongoing efforts to streamline operations and become a leaner, AI-driven organization.

The Seattle-based e-commerce giant, which employs over 1.5 million people globally, said the move is aimed at reducing bureaucracy and improving operational efficiency. Contrary to some media reports suggesting 30,000 layoffs, the company clarified that the corporate job cuts would affect a smaller segment, with implications across multiple geographies, including India.

In India, Amazon employs between 1.2 lakh and 1.3 lakh people, with around 35,000 in corporate roles, according to industry sources. "A few thousand roles" are expected to be impacted in the country. The layoff exercise is scheduled to commence within the next few days, with managers undergoing special training to communicate the changes sensitively and manage interactions with affected employees.

The decision comes amid wider restructuring in the technology and e-commerce sectors, as companies focus on automation, cost optimization, and adapting to new business models. Analysts note that Amazon's move mirrors similar steps taken by global tech giants in recent months to control expenses and prioritize high-growth areas.

Industry insiders highlighted that while the corporate layoffs are significant, Amazon continues to expand its operational workforce in logistics, delivery, and cloud computing divisions to support business growth. The company emphasized that affected employees would receive severance packages and support during the transition.

The announcement is expected to have ripple effects in India's corporate sector, sparking conversations on workforce realignment and the increasing role of AI in corporate decision-making.

Rupee Slips to 88.27 Against Dollar



The Indian rupee weakened by 8 paise to close at 88.27 against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday, tracking weak domestic equities and foreign fund outflows. The depreciation reflects investor caution amid global and domestic market movements.

Forex traders noted that foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold equities worth 55.58 crore on October 27, 2025, putting pressure on the currency. Despite the outflows, the rupee's decline was limited as a softening U.S. dollar and easing crude oil prices provided some support.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six major currencies, fell 0.09% to 98.69, indicating mild weakness in the U.S. currency in global markets. Analysts said that a weaker dollar tends to ease pressure on emerging market currencies, including the rupee, even when domestic factors exert downward pressure.

Sectorally, persistent selling in equity mar-

kets, coupled with cautious trading ahead of upcoming macroeconomic data, influenced currency movements. Market participants highlighted that short-term fluctuations in the rupee are often driven by global risk sentiment, crude oil price trends, and capital flows.

Economists observed that while the rupee's recent depreciation is modest, continued foreign fund outflows or sharp volatility in crude oil prices could create further downward pressure. They advised monitoring macroeconomic indicators and global market cues closely for clues on the near-term trajectory of the currency.

Overall, the rupee's performance on Tuesday reflects a balance between domestic equity market weakness and global cues, underscoring its sensitivity to both local and international developments. Investors and exporters are expected to track currency movements closely in the coming days.

Why Cyclones Move Towards Land



Tropical cyclones, powerful weather systems that form over warm ocean waters, are driven and directed by large-scale wind patterns in the atmosphere. These storms typically develop where sea surface temperatures exceed 26°C, providing the heat and moisture they need to intensify. However, their eventual movement — whether they make landfall or remain over the sea — is determined entirely by surrounding winds.

Cyclones generally form between 5° and 20° north and south of the equator, regions dominated by the trade winds. These winds blow from east to west as part of the Hadley circulation, a massive global convection system created by uneven solar heating. Warm air rises near the equator, moves poleward at high altitudes, cools and sinks around 30° latitude, and then flows back toward the equator near the surface. Due to Earth's rotation, this returning air is deflected

westward by the Coriolis effect, generating the easterly trade winds that push cyclones toward the west — and, in many cases, toward land.

This is why tropical cyclones in the North Indian Ocean often travel from the Bay of Bengal or the Arabian Sea toward India, Bangladesh, or Myanmar. Similarly, storms in the Atlantic typically move westward toward the Caribbean or the southeastern United States.

If global geography or wind patterns were reversed — if the trade winds blew from west to east instead — most cyclones would be steered away from land, drastically reducing landfall events.

Ultimately, cyclones don't "seek" land; they are simply carried by the winds that dominate tropical regions. Their devastating landfalls are, therefore, a consequence of geography and atmospheric circulation rather than any natural preference of the storms themselves.

Why We Don't Feel the Earth Moving



Even though the Earth is constantly spinning and hurtling through space, we don't feel any of this motion — and that's because everything around us is moving along at the same steady pace. The Earth rotates once every 24 hours, which means someone standing on the equator is traveling at about 1,600 km per hour due to the planet's spin. At the same time, the Earth orbits the Sun at an astonishing 1,07,000 km per hour.

Despite these immense speeds, we don't sense any movement because it's smooth and constant. Our bodies, including our inner ears — which help detect balance and motion — can only feel changes in speed or direction, known as acceleration. For example, when a car suddenly starts, stops, or turns, we feel it immediately. But once the car cruises smoothly at a constant speed, that sensation disappears unless we look outside.

The same principle applies to the Earth. Since its rotation and revolution are stable and unchanging, there's no acceleration for us to detect. Everything — the air, oceans, buildings, and even our bodies — moves together with the planet, maintaining a constant relative position.

We only notice Earth's motion indirectly, through natural phenomena like day and night, caused by the planet's rotation, or seasons, resulting from its orbit around the Sun and tilted axis. Without these clues, there's nothing in our everyday experience to suggest we're moving at such extraordinary speeds.

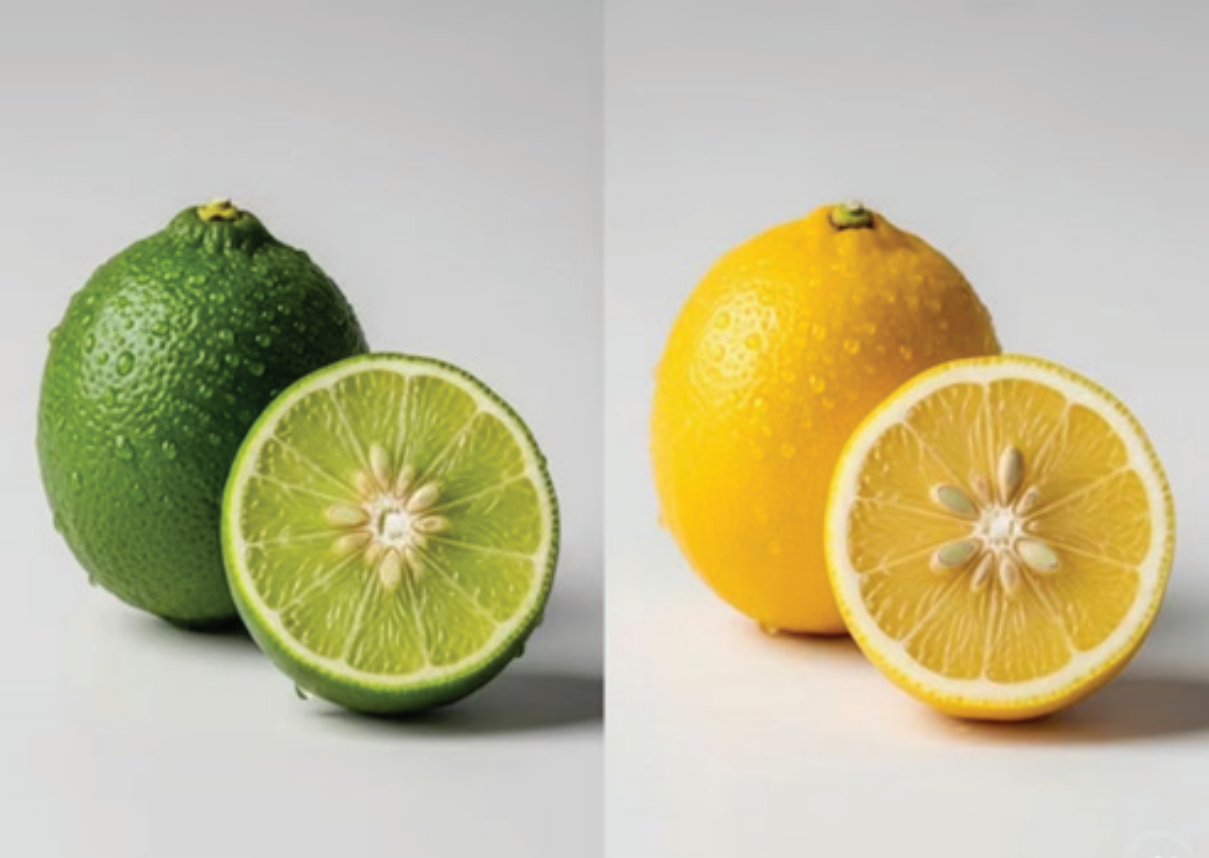
In short, the reason we don't feel the Earth move is not because it isn't moving — it's because it moves perfectly smoothly, carrying us along with everything else on its surface through space.

Lemon vs Lime: The Subtle Difference Everyone Misses

They may look alike, taste similarly sour, and both boost immunity — but lemons and limes are not the same fruit. While often used interchangeably in kitchens around the world, these citrus cousins have distinct differences in appearance, flavour, and nutrition that set them apart.

The lemon, easily recognised by its bright yellow colour and oval shape, is the larger of the two. The lime, by contrast, is smaller, rounder, and usually green. Both belong to the same citrus family and are rich in vitamin C, known for strengthening the immune system and promoting healthy skin.

When it comes to taste, lemons tend to be more sour yet slightly sweet, owing to their higher citric acid content balanced with mild sugar levels. Limes, meanwhile, have a sharper, more pungent flavour with a hint of bitterness. Their zest and juice



are popular in pickles, cocktails, and various international cuisines, from Thai and Mexican to Indian dishes. Lemons, on the other hand, are commonly used in desserts, marinades, and refreshing drinks like lemonade.

Nutritionally, both fruits are excellent detoxifiers and aid digestion. However, lemons generally contain slightly more vitamin C and folate, while limes offer more antioxidants and a stronger aroma.

In everyday cooking, choosing between lemon and lime often comes down to flavour preference and recipe type. Lemons pair well with sweet or mild dishes, while limes add a bold kick to spicy or tangy foods.

So, while the two may seem almost identical at first glance, a closer look — and taste — reveals that lemons and limes each bring their own unique zest to the table.

Organic vs Non-Organic Foods: Which Is Better for Your Health?

Walk through any supermarket and you'll see shelves lined with products proudly labelled "organic." From fruits and vegetables to cereals and snacks, organic foods have become a global trend. Many consumers believe they're healthier and better for the environment, while others argue they're just pricier versions of regular produce. So, what truly sets organic and non-organic foods apart?

How They're Grown:

Organic foods are cultivated without synthetic pesticides, fertilisers, or genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Farmers rely on natural techniques like composting and crop rotation to maintain soil health. Non-organic foods, on the other hand, use modern farming methods and chemical inputs to increase yield and efficiency, which may leave small traces of residues—though typically within safe regulatory limits.

Nutritional Value:

Research shows that while organic produce can contain slightly higher levels of antioxidants, the overall nutritional difference is minor. Both organic and conventional foods provide similar amounts of vitamins and minerals. Experts suggest that eating a diverse range of fresh, seasonal foods is



far more important than focusing solely on labels.

Pesticide Exposure:

Organic produce generally has fewer pesticide residues. However, conventional foods are regularly tested and deemed safe. Washing or peeling fruits and vegetables can further reduce exposure, making non-organic options safe for most people.

Environmental Impact:

Organic farming supports biodiversity, enhances soil fertility, and reduces pollution. Conventional farming, though more productive, can deplete resources and harm ecosystems due to heavy chemical use.

Cost and Accessibility:

Organic food often costs more due to lower yields and higher labour needs. Budget-conscious consumers can mix and match—choosing organic for thin-skinned fruits like strawberries and non-organic for produce with protective peels such as bananas or avocados.

Ultimately, both options can be part of a healthy, balanced diet when chosen thoughtfully.

China's Heatwaves Threaten Hairy Crab Supply

China's famous "hairy crabs," a seasonal delicacy prized for their sweet meat and golden roe, are under threat as the country battles worsening heatwaves linked to climate change. Farmers say the last three years have been the most difficult in over a decade for crab cultivation, with extreme temperatures disrupting breeding and survival rates.

For farmers like Xie Dandan, 34, who has spent more than ten years raising hairy crabs, rising temperatures have become a major concern. "From 2022, it feels like the weather has been getting worse every year," she said, as she prepared freshly harvested crabs for customers at her farm in Jiangsu province — the heartland of China's hairy crab industry.

The labour-intensive process of cultivating these freshwater crustaceans begins with larvae being raised in ponds for about a year. They are then transferred to fenced wetland farms where they grow until harvest season in autumn. However, sustained high temperatures and reduced rainfall have heated water bodies, lowered oxygen levels, and increased the risk of disease — all factors that threaten crab survival.

Hairy crabs, traditionally enjoyed steamed and served with vinegar, are a symbol of Chinese culinary culture, especially around the Mid-Autumn Festival. But this year, farmers report lower yields and smaller crabs, leading to supply shortages and higher prices across restaurants and markets.



Experts warn that climate change could make such challenges more frequent, forcing farmers to adapt by investing in shaded ponds, aeration systems, and improved water management.

As the heat intensifies, the fate of China's beloved hairy crabs — once a reliable seasonal luxury — now hangs in the balance, with both farmers and food lovers anxiously watching the changing climate's toll on this iconic delicacy.

World No.1 Alcaraz Shocked by Norrie at Paris Masters

World number one Carlos Alcaraz suffered an unexpected first-round exit at the Paris Masters on Tuesday, losing 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to 31st-ranked Cameron Norrie. The 22-year-old Spaniard admitted he had “no feeling at all” for the ball, struggling through a mid-match slump that mirrored his earlier struggles at Roland Garros this season.

“Even in the first set that I won, I felt I could do much more,” Alcaraz said. “I tried in the second set, but it was totally the opposite... I had no feeling at all.” Despite his poor performance, he praised Norrie for taking full advantage of his mistakes.

Norrie, in contrast, played with poise on the 17,500-capacity La Defense Arena centre court, keeping his composure through key points and drawing admiration from the crowd for precise shot-making, including a stunning passing shot and a perfectly placed lob. “Such a special win to beat probably the most confident player in the world right now,” Norrie said.

Alcaraz’s early exit opens



the door for rival Jannik Sinner to potentially claim the top ranking if he goes deep in the tournament. The Spaniard had returned to competition after a three-week break due to an ankle injury that forced him to skip the Shanghai Masters.

Other notable results included Taylor Fritz cruising past Australian qualifier Aleksandar Vukic 7-6 (7/4), 6-2, and Daniil Medvedev defeating Jaume Munar 6-1, 6-3. Rising stars also impressed: 19-year-old Joao Fonseca overcame Denis

Shapovalov, while Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime staged a comeback to beat Francisco Comesana.

Meanwhile, wildcard Valentin Vacherot continued his remarkable form, defeating 14th seed Jiri Lehecka 6-1, 6-3, and will face cousin

Arthur Rinderknech in a rematch of the Shanghai final. The winner of that clash will meet Norrie in the third round. Sinner, seeded second, begins his Paris campaign against Belgium’s Zizou Bergs on Wednesday.

Medvedev Cruises Into Second Round at Paris Masters



Former world number one Daniil Medvedev began his Paris Masters campaign with a dominant 6-1, 6-3 victory over Spain’s Jaume Munar on Tuesday. The 2020 Paris Masters champion looked in fine form on the centre court at the new La Defense Arena, wrapping

ping up the first set in under 30 minutes and breaking Munar in the sixth game of the second set to seal the win. Medvedev will now face Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov in the second round.

Meanwhile, Canadian ninth seed Felix Auger-Ali-

assime kept his hopes of qualifying for the ATP Finals alive with a comeback 6-7 (2/7), 6-3, 6-3 win over Argentina’s Francisco Comesana. Auger-Aliassime is currently ninth in the ATP Finals race and needs a strong run in Paris to secure a spot in Turin for

his second career appearance at the season-ending tournament.

Another standout performance came from Valentin Vacherot, the Monegasque wildcard and Shanghai Masters winner. Vacherot continued his sensational form by defeating 14th seed

Jiri Lehecka 6-1, 6-3 in under an hour. Vacherot will face his cousin Arthur Rinderknech in a repeat of the Shanghai final, with the winner set to meet either Medvedev or Dimitrov in the next round.

Other early-round victories included Canadian Gabriel Diallo, who beat the Netherlands’ Tallon Griekspoor 6-3, 6-4, and France’s Corentin Moutet, who overcame American lucky loser Reilly Opelka in three sets.

The marquee clash of the day will feature world number one Carlos Alcaraz, who will play his opening match against Britain’s Cameron Norrie in the round of 32. Alcaraz, returning after a short injury break, will look to make a statement after missing the Shanghai Masters and will be under pressure to maintain his top ranking as the Paris Masters unfolds.

With top seeds advancing smoothly and emerging talents making headlines, the Paris Masters promises high drama as players jostle for crucial ranking points ahead of the ATP Finals.

Fulham Edge Wycombe in Penalties to Reach Quarter-Finals



Fulham survived a scare from third-tier Wycombe to reach the League Cup quarter-finals after a 1-1 draw at Adams Park on Tuesday. Marco Silva’s side fell behind early when Cauley Woodrow scored in the fourth minute against his former club. The Cottagers responded in the 48th minute as Josh King netted his first senior goal to level the match.

Despite heavy pressure from Fulham, Wycombe defended resolutely, with Anders Hagel-sjaer clearing a Kevin Mbabu strike off the line in the final seconds. The tie was settled via a penalty shoot-out, in which Fulham twice missed chances as Ryan Sessegnon and Jonah Kusi-Asare were denied by Wycombe goalkeeper Will Norris. However, after Donnell McNeill’s effort was saved, Issa Diop scored the decisive penalty, sending Fulham through. The win ended a four-game losing streak that had dropped Fulham to 17th in the Premier League.

West London rivals Brentford

also advanced, thrashing Grimsby 5-0 at Blundell Park. The fourth-tier Mariners had shocked Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday in earlier rounds but were quickly subdued. Mathias Jensen opened the scoring from 20 yards, followed by a Keane Lewis-Potter header and Reiss Nelson strike before halftime. Fabio Carvalho added a penalty in the second half, with Nathan Collins completing the rout. Brentford manager Keith Andrews praised his squad’s depth and competitiveness, aiming for their first major cup final.

Third-tier Cardiff City joined the quarter-finals after beating Championship side Wrexham 2-1 in an all-Welsh clash. Yousef Saleh gave Cardiff the lead, before Kieffer Moore equalised for Wrexham. Will Fish secured victory with a 71st-minute finish. Cardiff reached the quarter-finals for the first time since the 2011-12 final, with boss Brian Barry-Murphy highlighting the team’s resilience and composure under pressure.

Rohit Sharma Becomes No. 1 ODI Batter



Former India skipper Rohit Sharma created history on Wednesday by becoming the No. 1-ranked player in the ICC Men’s ODI Batter Rankings for the first time in his career.

Rohit moved up two spots to claim the top position following his unbeaten century in the third and final ODI against Australia in Sydney, where he led India to a commanding nine-wicket victory. The 38-year-old right-hander, in a destructive partnership with Virat Kohli (74*), struck 13 fours and three sixes to score his 33rd ODI century, overtaking Afghanistan’s Ibrahim Zadran and India teammate Shubman Gill in the process. Rohit has consistently featured in the top 10 of the rankings over the last decade.

India spinner Axar Patel also benefited from the Sydney win, climbing six places to 31st among ODI bowlers and four spots to eighth in the ODI all-rounder rankings. Other notable ODI movements include New Zealand’s Mitchell Sant-

ner rising to fourth and Australia’s Josh Hazlewood moving to eighth among bowlers, while England’s Harry Brook surged 23 spots to 25th among batters.

The latest Test rankings saw South Africa’s Keshav Maharaj jump nine places to 13th after taking nine wickets against Pakistan in Rawalpindi, with teammate Simon Harmer climbing 26 spots to 45th. South African batters Aiden Markram (up two spots to 15th) and Tony de Zorzi (up seven spots to 47th) also moved up, alongside all-rounder Kagiso Rabada, now 11th. Pakistan’s Shan Masood improved five spots to 42nd.

In T20I rankings, South Africa’s Corbin Bosch rose 40 places to 53rd among bowlers, while Pakistan’s Mohammad Nawaz jumped to sixth among all-rounders, and Saim Ayub moved up five spots to 49th in the batter rankings.

Rohit’s ascent to the top underscores his enduring class and consistency, cementing his place among the elite of world cricket.

Oman Replaces Pakistan at Junior Hockey World Cup

Oman will join the lineup for the upcoming FIH Men’s Junior World Cup 2025 in Tamil Nadu, following Pakistan’s late withdrawal, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced on Wednesday. The tournament is scheduled from November 28 to December 10, with matches to be held in Chennai and Madurai.

Oman earned the spot as the next highest-ranked team from the Junior Asia Cup 2024, stepping in after Pakistan decided not to participate despite qualifying through last year’s continental championship. The Pakistan Hockey Federation informed the FIH that the team would not accept the invitation, citing internal consultations with their government before the event.

Pakistan had been placed in Group B alongside India, Chile, and Switzerland. With Oman taking their place, the group composition has been updated ahead of the tournament. This late withdrawal marks the second recent instance of Pakistan pulling out from a major hockey event in India, after the Men’s Asia Cup in



Rajgir, Bihar, where Bangladesh replaced them. The withdrawal also cost Pakistan a chance to qualify for next year’s World Cup, as the Asia Junior Cup served as a qualifying event.

The FIH had initially postponed the official draw

for nearly a month to accommodate Pakistan’s decision-making, eventually holding the ceremony at its headquarters in Lausanne. The Men’s Junior World Cup 2025 will feature 24 teams for the first time, alongside the Women’s edi-

tion, reflecting the FIH’s Empowerment and Engagement strategy aimed at promoting wider participation.

Germany enters the tournament as the defending champions, having won the 2023 edition in Kuala Lum-

pur, Malaysia. The inclusion of Oman ensures the tournament maintains full participation and competitive balance, while giving the Middle Eastern nation an opportunity to showcase its growing hockey prowess on the global stage.

Baahubali: The Epic – Full Interview Video Released



The makers of Baahubali have released the full interview video featuring director S.S. Rajamouli along with actors Prabhas and Rana Daggubati, ahead of the film's special re-release as Baahubali: The Epic. The two-part blockbuster will now be presented as a single cinematic experience, hitting theaters on October 31, 2025.

In the interview, Rajamouli, Prabhas, and Rana took fans down memory lane, sharing behind-the-scenes stories from the making of both Baahubali: The Beginning and Baahubali: The Conclusion. The trio discussed challenges faced during the shoot, including action sequences, visual effects, and the creation of the iconic Mahishmati kingdom that became a landmark in Indian cinema.

Prabhas spoke about the physical and emotional preparation required for his role as Amarendra and Mahendra Baahubali, while Rana re-

flected on portraying the antagonist Bhallaladeva, highlighting the intensity and depth needed for the character. Rajamouli, in turn, elaborated on his directorial vision and how he balanced grandeur with storytelling, ensuring that every scene resonated with audiences.

The interview also revisited fan reactions to the original releases, including the unprecedented excitement surrounding the film's cliffhanger moments and box office milestones. Both actors expressed gratitude to their fans for the enduring support that helped Baahubali achieve cult status.

With the re-release as Baahubali: The Epic, the makers aim to provide audiences a unique experience by combining both parts seamlessly, enhanced with additional cinematic touches for theaters. The full interview video, now available online, has further fueled excitement, reminding fans of the film's epic scale and cinematic legacy.

Korean Star Don Lee Joins Prabhas in Spirit



Korean actor Don Lee, popularly known as Ma Dong-seok, is all set to make his Indian cinema debut in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's upcoming film Spirit, starring Prabhas. According to reports from a Korean entertainment portal, Don Lee will portray a pivotal character who stands in opposition to Prabhas' role, setting the stage for an epic cinematic showdown.

The casting of Don Lee has generated immense excitement among fans of both Indian and Korean cinema. Known for his powerful screen presence and action-packed performances in films like The Outlaws and Train to Busan Presents: Peninsula, Don Lee is expected to bring a fresh intensity to the high-octane narrative of Spirit.

Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, who has earned a reputation as one of the most controversial yet commercially successful filmmakers in recent times, Spirit is anticipated to

be a visually spectacular and action-heavy drama. The collaboration between Prabhas, a pan-Indian star, and Don Lee, a Korean action icon, is being hailed as a landmark moment in Indo-Korean cinema relations.

While specific plot details are being kept under wraps, insiders suggest that the film will feature intense action sequences, larger-than-life stunts, and an engaging storyline that pits two powerful personalities against each other. Fans are eagerly awaiting promotional material, with the first look and teaser expected to release in the coming months.

Produced by a leading studio in collaboration with international partners, Spirit is shaping up to be one of the biggest action spectacles in Indian cinema. With the inclusion of Don Lee, the project is expected to attract a global audience, potentially marking a significant step in cross-cultural collaborations in South Asian cinema.

Malavika Mohanan in Mega158? Denies Rumours

Actress Malavika Mohanan has clarified that she is not part of Megastar Chiranjeevi's upcoming 158th film, tentatively titled Mega158, putting an end to widespread speculation on social media.

The big-ticket project is set to be directed by Bobby, who previously collaborated with Chiranjeevi on the successful Waltair Veerayya. Rumours about Malavika joining the cast had created significant buzz online, with fans eagerly anticipating a fresh pairing with the Telugu superstar.

Addressing the speculation, Malavika said she would be thrilled to share screen space with Chiranjeevi in the future but emphasized that she is not involved in this particular project. "While I would love to work with him



someday, the reports about my casting in Mega158 are not true," the actress stated.

Currently, Malavika is fully focused on her upcoming film The Raja Saab, which stars Prabhas and is directed by Maruthi. The movie, described as a horror-comedy, is scheduled to release on January 9, 2026, across multiple Indian languages.

Industry insiders note that the initial casting of Mega158 is still under wraps, and fans are eagerly awaiting official announcements regarding the lead actors and supporting cast.

With Chiranjeevi returning to the big screen in a high-profile project, expectations are high, and every casting update generates intense discussion online.

Mega158 marks another collaboration between Chiranjeevi and director Bobby, following the box-office success of Waltair Veerayya. The film is expected to feature high-octane action sequences, star-studded music, and elaborate production values, further heightening anticipation.

While Malavika Mohanan fans may be disappointed by the news, her upcoming The Raja Saab promises to be a major draw, especially with the combined star power of Prabhas and her growing popularity in pan-Indian cinema.

Netflix Buys Gujarati Horror Film for Rs. 3.5 Crore

Vash Level 2, the latest Gujarati horror film, has made waves on Netflix since its digital premiere, receiving strong audience reactions and earning praise from the filmmakers. Reports suggest that Netflix acquired the digital rights for approximately Rs. 3.5 crore, marking the highest amount ever paid for a Gujarati film.

The movie, also released in Hindi, is being hailed as a milestone for Gujarati cinema, showcasing the growing popularity and commercial potential of regional films in India. Netflix will stream Vash Level 2 for three and a half years, holding exclusive rights to both



the Gujarati and Hindi versions for the first year. Following this period, the producers have the option to release the film on other streaming platforms.

Produced by Kalpesh Soni and Krunal Soni and directed by Krishnadev Yagnik, the film features a star-studded cast, including Janki Bodiwala, Hitu Kanodia, Monal Gajjar, and veteran actor Hiten Kumar. The film's music is composed by Andrew Samuel, while Shivam Bhatt handled editing, contributing to the overall high production values.

Industry insiders note that the deal reflects the rising significance of regional content in India's OTT market, where platforms like Netflix are increasingly investing in diverse stories to cater to pan-Indian audiences.

The strong reception of Vash Level 2 demonstrates that Gujarati films can attract substantial viewership and generate meaningful revenue beyond traditional theatrical releases.

The success of Vash Level 2 could pave the way for more Gujarati and regional films to secure significant digital deals, encouraging filmmakers to invest in high-quality production and storytelling for wider audiences.

The film's horror genre and bilingual release strategy are also seen as key factors in its digital success.

Ram Pothineni's Andhra King Taluka May Be Preponed

Ram Pothineni's upcoming Telugu film Andhra King Taluka is reportedly eyeing a possible preponement ahead of its scheduled release on November 28, 2025. The movie, directed by Mahesh Babu. P of Miss Shetty Mr. Polishetty fame, is said to focus on Tollywood fandom and extreme fan culture in Andhra Pradesh.

The film's USA distributor recently announced early premieres on November 26, a departure from the standard practice of holding premieres just a day before the official release. Industry observers suggest that this move could hint at a preponement to November 27, though an official confirmation from the makers is still awaited.

Andhra King Taluka stars Bhagyasri Borse as the female



lead, with Upendra playing a key supporting role. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film's music is composed by the Vivek-Mervin duo. So far, the makers have released two songs and a teaser, with the third single scheduled for release on October 31, adding to the anticipation among fans.

The buzz surrounding a possible date change has intensified as Telugu cinema enthusiasts eagerly await a solo release for the Ram Pothineni starrer. Analysts note that preponing releases is often used to capitalize on festival weekends or avoid clashes with other major films, and this could be a strategic move to maximize box office collections.

With Andhra King Taluka promising high-energy performances, catchy music, and a storyline celebrating fan culture, expectations are high. The industry is closely watching for an official release date announcement, which will settle speculation and allow fans in India and abroad to plan for early screenings.