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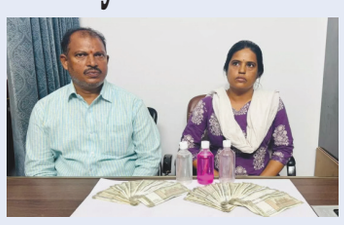
BRS will make bigger comeback than its setback, says KTR

Indian Women's Squash Team Loses to Hong Kong, Signs off with Bronze



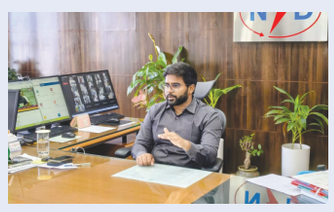
Nagoya: Tanvi Khanna scripted a stirring fightback but Anahat Singh's opening-match loss proved crucial as the Indian women's squash team signed off with a bronze medal after losing to Hong Kong 1-2 in the semifinals of the Asian Games here on Thursday.

2 Moinabad Municipality Officials Caught In Rs 75,000 Bribery Case



Hyderabad: Two officials of the Moinabad Municipality in Telangana were allegedly caught by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 75,000 in connection with a construction-related matter, officials said.

TGNPDCL Achieves 100 MW Solar Power Milestone under PM-KUSUM



Hyderabad: TGNPDCL has achieved a significant milestone in the renewable energy sector by crossing 100 MW of solar power generation capacity under the PM-KUSUM-A scheme across all its 18 circles.

Revanth Reddy Congratulates Sandy Reddy on Becoming Sydney Council Mayor



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy extended congratulations to Sandy Reddy, a proud daughter of Telangana on being elected Mayor of Sydney Council in Australia. Hailing from Mallareddygudem in Mominpet mandal of Vikarabad district, Sandy Reddy will serve as mayor till September 2028. Her election as Mayor has been welcomed by the Telugu community in Australia, particularly in view of her involvement in community initiatives. She became the first Indian woman to be elected the deputy mayor of Strathfield in 2023.

Bring Youth Driven By Public Service Into Civil Services Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the country must bring youth into public services who are not attracted to public office. Addressing an event here, he said it is essential that the recruitment examination does not just test what a candidate knows but also sees that "why that youth wants to come into civil services". "Our mantra is... citizen is God. Meaning, the citizen of the country is no less than a deity to us. For us, the service of the citizen is paramount," he said. Modi said that "we must always remember two touchstones.



One - nation first. Second - citizen first"."We must bring such youth into public services who are attracted not by public office, but by public service. Therefore, it is essential that the recruitment examination... does not just test what the candidate knows. But also sees that... why that youth wants to come into civil services," he said, addressing the centenary celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Modi also released a commemorative coin, a stamp and a book titled '100 Landmark Judgements: Shaping the Policies of UPSC and Public Service Commissions in India'. Thursday's programme marks the culmination of year-long celebrations that began on October 1, 2025, to commemorate 100 years since the establishment of the UPSC in 1926.



New Delhi: The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2026, came into effect on Thursday, making provisions for delayed registration more stringent, with separate procedures for registering births and deaths reported after one year and after two years of their occurrence. From now onwards, as the amended Act has come into force, any birth or death of which delayed information is given to the Registrar after one year but within two years of its occurrence, shall be registered only

Nation Proud of Captain Machchhar President Murmu

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday praised the heroic courage and incredible presence of mind of Captain Smit Machchhar for foiling his co-pilot's alleged attempt to crash a flydubai flight to Israel and said that the nation is proud of him. Even after being seriously injured in a moment of grave peril, he remained determined to protect the lives of others, she said in a post on X. The flydubai flight FZ1073, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv,



had transmitted emergency signals and made a sharp descent before diverting to Prince Sultan Bin Abdel Aziz Airport in Tabuk. The flight was carrying 174 passengers, including 27 children. "The nation is proud of Captain Smit Machchhar. His heroic courage and incredible presence of mind have deeply touched us all," President Murmu said. His bravery and quick response helped prevent a major tragedy and saved many precious lives, she said. "I salute his indomitable spirit. I pray for his speedy recovery and good health," President Murmu said.

Hyderabad SHE Teams Nab 3,068 for Harassing Women in Public Places

Hyderabad: Under the supervision of Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar, SHE Teams and Women and Child Safety Wing implemented extensive security and surveillance measures to ensure the safety, security, and dignity of women and children attending the festivities across the city. Considering the large congregations at temples, procession routes, bus stops, metro stations, market places, and other crowded locations, SHE Teams intensified deployment in vulnerable areas through plain-clothes surveillance and video monitoring.

Deputy Commissioner of police, Women and Child Safety Wing, Dr. Lavanya NJP, said the SHE Teams maintained close and intensive vigilance at major crowded locations, procession routes, entry and exit points, transport hubs and other vulnerable places to prevent harassment and ensure the safety, dignity and security of women and girls. Special attention was focused on preventing eve-teasing, harassment, stalking, passing obscene comments, misbehaving with women, unwanted physical contact and other forms of harassment in public places. Persons found red-handed while indulging in such acts were subjected to appropriate legal and preventive legal action.

Who at ECI Ordered to Make That change: Rahul Questions Form 6 Change

New Delhi: Amid the mounting controversy over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Leader of Opposition (LoP) Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday questioned the Election Commission of India (ECI) over changes made to the online Form 6 for voter registration. In a post on X, Gandhi asked who within the poll panel ordered the alteration to Form 6 and who approved it. "The online Form 6 was changed illegally - as the EC's own Commissioners have recorded. Who at the ECI ordered Tata Consultancy Services to make that change? Who at TCS signed off on it? And were they pressured into doing it?" Gandhi asked.



His remarks came after an investigative report by The Indian Express revealed that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had raised objections to changes made to the online Form 6, the application used for inclusion of names in electoral rolls. According to the report, an additional declaration relating to the previous SIR electoral roll was added to the online Form 6 on the ECINET portal. The declaration sought information on whether the applicant's name, or that of their parent or grandparent, appeared in the electoral roll prepared during the previous SIR.

Aadhaar e-KYC Mandatory for 14.2-kg LPG Refills from Today



New Delhi: Consumers who have not completed Aadhaar e-KYC will not be able to book 14.2-kg domestic LPG refills at the fixed price from October 1. Such consumers will instead have the option to buy or refill 5-kg Free Trade LPG (FTL) or 10-kg composite fibre cylinders, according to information received from sources. The new requirement takes effect from Thursday, with Biometric Aadhaar Authentication (BAA) now mandatory for domestic LPG consumers seeking refills at the regulated retail selling price with applicable subsidy.

Consumers who have completed the authentication will continue to receive domestic LPG refills as before. Those who have not completed the process will not be able to book the 14.2-kg refill at the fixed price. The implementation of the Aadhaar requirement comes alongside a revision in LPG prices from October 1. The price of a 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder has been increased by Rs 62.50 to Rs 2,810 in Delhi, while the 5-kg FTL cylinder has become Rs 15.50 costlier at Rs 779.50. There has been no change in the price of domestic LPG cylinders.

Anand Addresses 112 Probationary DSPs on Leadership in Policing



Hyderabad: Director-General of Police DGP C V Anand interacted with 112 probationary DSPs undergoing training at RBVRR Telangana Police Academy and addressed them on the importance of leadership in policing. He said that true leadership is not defined by titles or authority, but by courage, vision, integrity, teamwork, effective communication, hard work, innovation and, above all, humility. He stressed that maintaining the highest ethical standards and safeguarding one's reputation are essential throughout a long career in public service. Following their one-year training at the Academy, the probationary DSPs will proceed to the districts for a further 11 months of training before completing their training period.

Exercise Caution in Procuring Materials for Prasadam at Sabarimala Kerala HC to TDB



Kochi: The Kerala High Court has directed the TDB to exercise due care and caution to ensure that the materials procured for the preparation of 'prasadam' are in conformity with the prescribed quality standards and the religious customs and requirements applicable to the Sabarimala temple. A bench of justices Raja Vijayaraghavan V and K V Jayakumar issued the direction while disposing of a plea filed in 2021 claiming that 'halal jaggery' was being reportedly used to prepare 'aravana' and 'appam' for distribution at the Lord Ayyappa temple in Sabarimala and to stop using it. 'Aravana', a payasam made out of jaggery and rice, and 'appam' - a sweet rice and jaggery based fritter - are 'prasadam' (sacred offering) given to devotees at the Ayyappa temple.

CM Naidu Aims To Transform Araku Into Premier Global Coffee Destination



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday said his government is working towards transforming Araku into a premier global coffee destination. Marking International Coffee Day, the Chief Minister underscored that building the Araku Coffee brand will empower local growers and strengthen Andhra's presence in the global coffee market. "We are actively investing in building Araku into a premier global coffee destination - empowering our local growers and ensuring Andhra Pradesh takes its rightful place on the world coffee map," said the CM in a post on X. Noting that coffee was an integral part of the daily routine for millions of people worldwide, Naidu said his day doesn't truly begin without that first perfect sip of coffee.

Pilot stabbed his co-pilot in apparent attempt to crash Israel-bound plane, Netanyahu says



TEL AVIV — A pilot stabbed his co-pilot aboard a plane headed to Israel on Wednesday and may have tried to crash the aircraft with 174 people on board, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

"I don't think it was a hijacking. It looks like a suicide attempt, simply because of what this hero, Yaniv, has described," Netanyahu said on "CBS Evening News," referring to Yaniv Hayun, a passenger who said he entered the cockpit and subdued the attacker.

Elderly Couple Ends Life in Narayankhed Due To Children's Neglect



Sangareddy: In a heartbreaking incident, an elderly couple who had distributed their entire property to their children took their own lives by jumping into a well due to alleged neglect. The incident occurred in Chapta (K) village of Narayankhed mandal in the district. According to Narayankhed CI Srinivas Reddy, Munge Narsareddy (88) and Anjamma (85) had three sons - Siddareddy, Kishtareddy and Sangareddy. Narsareddy owned about 22 acres of agricultural land and a house in the village, which he had distributed among his three sons. While one son lived in Hyderabad, the other two were staying in the same village. However, the sons allegedly failed to take care of them, forcing the octogenarian couple to take shelter in a relative's house in the village.

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Three Gujarat residents return after alleged Ethiopia abduction, ransom demand



Mehsana: Three Gujarat residents who went missing in Ethiopia while allegedly attempting to reach the United States through an illegal migration route have returned to India and are on their way to Mehsana district, police confirmed on Thursday.Rutvik Jansari, Mamta Chavda and Mayuri had left Gujarat on September 20 after allegedly paying agents tens of lakhs of rupees to facilitate their journey to the US. “They reached Mumbai airport at 3 a.m. today with the help and coordination of the Ministry of External Affairs and other local authorities. They are on their way to Mehsana, their hometown,” Langhnaj Police Inspector Ankush Gehlot told IANS. The police officer said the alleged abductors have reportedly been identified as being linked to the “Baba Khan network”, but stressed that the matter is still under investigation.

“The abductors have reportedly been found to be from the Baba Khan network. The matter is currently being investigated,” Gehlot said. The three had travelled through Jaipur and Abu Dhabi before reaching Ethiopia. Their families lost contact with them after September 22, following which Mamta Chavda’s father, Kirit Chauhan, approached the Langhnaj police. According to the complaint, Mamta’s husband, Chiragkumar, had travelled to the US around six months earlier on a student visa. Mamta had allegedly attempted to obtain a US visa six times but was unsuccessful, following which the family approached intermediaries to arrange her travel through an illegal route.

Driving on Tamil Nadu’s Tambaram-Tindivanam highway gets easier as NHAI launches barrier-free tolling



Barrier-free tolling system in Tamil Nadu: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has rolled out Tamil Nadu’s first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system at Paranur Toll Plaza. Located on the Tambaram-Tindivanam section of NH-179B, the new system introduces barrier-free tolling, allowing vehicles to pass through the tolling point without having to stop.

What is the new MLFF tolling system?..

The Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) system is designed to make toll collection faster and more seamless. Unlike conventional toll plazas, vehicles do not need to stop at physical toll booths for toll payment. The system uses technology to identify vehicles and collect the applicable toll electronically. NHAI said the move is aimed at improving the toll collection system and providing a smoother travel experience on National Highways.

How will MLFF tolling work?

The system uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) along with FASTag-based Electronic Toll Collection. ANPR technology helps identify vehicles through their number plates, while FASTag enables electronic toll collection. For motorists, this means they can pass through the tolling location without stopping at a traditional toll barrier.

No stopping at toll plazas

One of the key benefits of MLFF is that vehicles can move through the tolling point without stopping. According to NHAI, the system is expected to help:

Reduce congestion at toll locations
Improve travel time
Reduce human intervention in toll collection
Improve fuel efficiency
Lower vehicular emissions
Improve the overall efficiency of toll operations

MLFF tolling expanding across India

NHAI is implementing MLFF-based tolling systems at different National Highway locations in a phased manner. The system has already been rolled out at several tolling locations, including Chorayasi Toll Plaza on the Surat–Bharuch section of NH-48 in Gujarat and Mundka-Bakkarwala Toll Plaza on Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II) in Delhi-NCR.

Aradhana Mishra likely to be new UP chief in Congress' fresh Brahmin outreach



The Congress party is set to change its state president in Uttar Pradesh. Pramod Tiwari's daughter Aradhana Mishra (Mona) is likely to be the new Congress chief, replacing the current president Ajay Rai, sources said. The party aims to promote a leader who represents both the female and Brahmin demographics.

Aradhana first became an MLA by winning the 2014 assembly by-election from Rampur Khas. She subsequently won consecutive elections in 2017 and 2022. Her father, Pramod Tiwari, has previously served as an MLA from this same constituency nine times.

Congress demands 150 seats in UP assembly elections 2027

The Congress has earlier demanded 150 seats in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections as part of an alliance with SP. The UP state incharge Rajendra Pal Gautam, said the seat-sharing arrangement between Congress and its alliance partners is expected to be finalised in October. His remarks put a specific number on the Congress' expected share in the 403-member Uttar Pradesh Assembly, signalling that the party intends to seek a substantial role in the electoral alliance with the Samajwadi Party. The Congress and SP are key constituents of the INDIA bloc in Uttar Pradesh. The two parties had joined hands for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in the state and are now preparing for the much larger electoral contest due in 2027.

Gautam said the Congress has been preparing for the seat-sharing exercise for the past two months and has organisational and candidate preparations across the state. "Seat-sharing will likely be finalised in the month of October. Congress has candidates available to contest all 403 seats. Under the alliance, the Congress party is entitled to get 50 per cent of the seats. Congress will not contest less than 150 seats," Gautam said. At the same time, Gautam referred to the party's claim that it is entitled to half of the Assembly seats under the alliance formula. With 403 Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh, half would amount to 201.5 seats. However, Gautam specifically said that the Congress would not contest fewer than 150 seats. The seat-sharing negotiations are taking place against the backdrop of the Congress-SP alliance in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh. The two parties contested the parliamentary polls together as INDIA bloc partners. The experience of the 2024 contest has become an important backdrop to the discussions for the 2027 Assembly elections, where the parties will have to work out an arrangement covering all 403 Assembly constituencies.

UP Police SI recruitment 2025: HC stays appointment letters over answer key changes



A major development has emerged in the Uttar Pradesh Police Sub-Inspector recruitment 2025 case. The Allahabad High Court has stayed the issuance of appointment letters for the recruitment, putting the process on hold for now. The order came while the court was hearing petitions filed by Shyam Sundar, Kamlesh Yadav and others, as well as Yash Pandey and 44 others. The next hearing in the matter has been scheduled for October 5. The hearing was conducted by a single bench of Justice Anees Kumar Gupta.

When was the UP Police SI exam held?

The recruitment advertisement for direct recruitment to the posts of Sub-Inspector in the Uttar Pradesh Civil Police and equivalent posts was issued on August 12, 2025. The recruitment received 15,75,706 applications.

The written examination was conducted on March 14 and 15 in two shifts each. Around 10.77 lakh candidates appeared for the exam. The written exam result was announced on May 7, with 12,733 candidates qualifying for the next stage of the recruitment process.

The final result was subsequently declared on July 14. Preparations were then under way for the distribution of appointment letters by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Why has the court stayed appointment letters?

The petitions concern changes made to answers in the final answer key. According to advocate Sanjay Kumar Yadav, the recruitment board released the provisional answer key on March 23, while the final answer key was issued on May 7, the same day as the written examination result.

Several answers were reportedly changed in the final answer key. Candidates raised objections to these changes, particularly because each question carried 2.5 marks. As a result, some candidates who missed the cut-off by a small margin were affected. There were also candidates who qualified for the next stage but later failed to make the cut after the final result was declared on July 14. Some reportedly missed selection by just one or two marks. The candidates had raised objections over the changed answers, but alleged that the recruitment board did not consider them. They subsequently approached the High Court through petitions. Senior advocate Ashok Khare, along with advocates Sanjay Kumar Yadav and Alok Mishra, presented the petitioners' case before the court. The High Court has now stayed the issuance of appointment letters, with the matter listed for further hearing on October 5.

Anant Singh joins Jan Suraaj candidate's nomination in Patna MLC poll, rift with JDU out in open?



A fresh rift appears to have surfaced within Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) ahead of the election to the Patna Graduate MLC seat, with party MLA Anant Singh openly backing the Jan Suraaj Party candidate Anuj Singh.Anant Singh on Wednesday joined Anuj Singh's nomination rally and arrived at the venue in an open jeep along with a large number of his supporters. While Anuj Singh went inside the office to file his nomination papers, Anant Singh remained outside in the open jeep. The JDU MLA was seen waving a yellow scarf and striking his trademark pose by twirling his moustache as supporters gathered around him.

Anant Singh backs Jan Suraaj

Anant Singh has been openly opposing JDU candidate Neeraj Kumar in the Patna Graduate constituency election for the past several days. He has maintained that his opposition is not against the JDU as a party, but against Neeraj Kumar personally. Singh has alleged that Neeraj Kumar opposed him on four occasions and said he wants to ensure that the JDU candidate is defeated in the election. His decision to publicly participate in the nomination of a rival party's candidate could invite disciplinary action from the JDU. When asked about the possibility of action against him, Anant Singh did not respond. The development has brought the differences within the ruling party into the open.

'Anant Singh is a party in himself'

A large number of Anant Singh's supporters were present during Wednesday's nomination event. Jan Suraaj workers and leaders also attended the event carrying party flags and banners. Jan Suraaj founder Prashant Kishor, however, was not present during Anuj Singh's nomination. Supporters of Anant Singh and Jan Suraaj claimed that there was no reason for the JDU to take action against the MLA. Some supporters openly backed his stand, saying that "Dada himself is a party" and questioning why disciplinary action should be taken against him. The atmosphere at the nomination event remained charged, with supporters raising slogans and even singing songs in support of Anant Singh's stand. Ahead of the nomination, arrangements had also reportedly been made for supporters who had arrived from different districts. Around 30,000 rasgullas were prepared for the gathering. Anant Singh's open support for the Jan Suraaj candidate has added another layer to the political contest for the Patna Graduate constituency and put the JDU leadership in a difficult position as it faces a challenge from within its own ranks.

Arrest us now, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke tells Fadnavis govt



Mumbai: Launching a direct and fiery broadside at Maharashtra Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday warned the state government against making tactical errors, daring the authorities to arrest him ahead of the CJP’s scheduled demonstrations from October 2 in Mumbai. “Do not repeat the mistake committed on July 20. If you want to arrest us, do it right now,” he declared during a press conference in Mumbai, setting a tense backdrop for his party’s upcoming agitation against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar. Calling Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar a “traitor to the nation”, Dipke demanded his immediate resignation over allegations of widespread electoral roll manipulation. He accused the ruling coalition of engaging in state-sponsored disenfranchisement and using the Election Commission of India (ECI) as a political tool. “Whoever sits as the Chief Election Commissioner must be transparent. The 13 crore voters whose names were deleted across the country will hit the streets, and when they do, the public will demand the resignation of Gyanesh Kumar’s bosses,” Dipke asserted. He further demanded that the Election Commission freeze the recent Special Intensive Revision (SIR) lists and conduct upcoming elections strictly using the 2005 voter lists.

Addressing questions regarding police authorisation for the demonstrations, Dipke rejected the necessity of official approval, drawing a historical parallel to the Indian freedom struggle.

“Which of our protests was ever granted permission? We are protesting democratically against the ruling power — why would they permit it? Had Mahatma Gandhi asked the British for permission to protest, they would have refused him too. Permission or not, we will march,” he said.

Taking a direct swipe at CM Fadnavis over his recent remarks that protesters face a three-day jail term before securing bail, Dipke scoffed, “Keep me in jail for three months instead of three days… I will return to the streets again and again,” echoing Fadnavis’s famous political slogan. He also questioned the selective granting of venue permissions: “If Devendra Fadnavis can hold a political rally at Shivaji Park and ask for votes, why are we barred from protesting at the very same site?” Dipke announced that CJP will extend full support to the Opposition’s joint agitation on October 4. While Dipke will be on a nationwide tour, CJP cadres will assemble in force in Mumbai, setting aside party lines to join a larger united front against the ECI.

Attacker's identity, motive remain unknown

After flydubai flight to Israel escapes disaster

Jerusalem: The identity and motive of the Omani copilot who stabbed his captain on a flight to Israel, causing the plane to plummet dangerously and forcing it to land in Saudi Arabia, remained unknown on Thursday as investigators raced to learn more. Israeli passengers on the flydubai flight carrying 174 people from the United Arab Emirates to the Israeli city of Tel Aviv have described how the bloodied Indian captain managed to open the cockpit door to let them in before they grappled with the copilot and stabilised a descent so sharp that the plane's rudder was torn away.

"We felt helpless, suspended in midair, and I didn't know who to turn to. But it was all instinct to survive," one of the responders, Asaf Rajuan, said in a new statement shared by Israel's presidency. Saudi and UAE authorities have said little publicly beyond confirming that investigations were underway. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said the copilot was arrested. Capt. Smit Machchhar, widely praised as another hero of the flight, was reportedly in stable condition, the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia said overnight. The condition of the arrested copilot was not clear.

In a CNN interview aired on Wednesday evening, Netanyahu said the attacker was an Omani national and was being interrogated in Saudi Arabia. US President Donald Trump told reporters at the White House that he and



Netanyahu discussed the incident "at length" over the phone and that it seemed as though the copilot "was perhaps a terrorist or perhaps a whack job." Netanyahu said he spoke with the UAE's president, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who agreed that Israel would join the interrogation of the suspect.

Israel's foreign ministry said the people on board were from Israel, India and the UAE. The US State Department said four passengers had American citizenship. flydubai has said its flights to and from Israel would be suspended while an investigation takes place.

Netanyahu had warned in recent days of unspecified, heightened security threats. The country is a week away from the anniversary of the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel, which has triggered the war in Gaza.

In the chaos that unfolded about two and a half hours after leaving Dubai, the flight descended from 33,000 feet to 17,000 feet (around 10,000 metres to 5,100 metres) in about a minute, before making an erratic circle close to the Jordanian border and landing in the Saudi city of Tabuk about an hour later, according to Flightradar24, which identified the aircraft as a Boeing 737 Max 8.

A person who heard the flight's communications with air traffic control described the plane being turned away by Saudi Arabia and Jordan before eventually landing in Tabuk, while passengers screamed in the background. The pilot's voice was trembling as he called "mayday" and said a hijacking was taking place. The air traffic control operators gave no reason for the refusals. The person who heard the communications spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media.

INTER-NATIONAL

Kuwait mandates digital salaries for private sector, including foreign workers



Dubai: Gulf countries have been moving fast to implement a transparent system in which wages are paid fully and without delay, and strengthen confidence between employees and employers. Kuwait is the latest country to adopt a mandatory digital wage payment system for the private sector. The stricter monitoring system is part of Kuwait's wider efforts to improve labour compliance, protect foreign workers, among whom Indians constitute the largest group, and reinforce the country's international reputation in labour standards and human rights protection.

The Kuwait Wage Payment System (KWPS) will process and monitor salary transfers to private sector employees through local banks and ensure that wages are disbursed electronically in a secure and reliable manner. Officials emphasised that delayed or irregular salary payments would not be tolerated, as First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahd Al-Yousef instructed authorities to implement a transparent system, stating that "workers' wages are a red line", according to reports.

The move comes as part of broader efforts to protect workers' rights and strengthen compliance among private sector employers. Under Article 57 of Kuwait's Private Sector Labour Law, employers with five or more workers are required to transfer wages directly into employees' bank accounts. The Kuwait Wage Payment System (KWPS), under the supervision of the country's central bank, will process and monitor salary transfers to private sector employees through local banks and ensure that wages are disbursed electronically in a secure and reliable manner. The Public Authority of Manpower oversees and monitors the level of compliance.

Amazing example of how we can fight terrorism together: Israel envoy hails Capt Smit Machchhar



New Delhi: Israel's Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, on Thursday hailed Captain Smit Machchhar, the Indian pilot of flydubai flight FZ1073, who was injured after helping avert a major in-flight crisis, terming it an "amazing example" of how the people of the two nations can fight terrorism together and not surrender to terrorists.

In an interview with IANS, Reuven Azar said he is not aware whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu, have spoken about the incident, but added that the counter-terrorism agencies of the two nations remain in close contact. On how he sees the role of the Indian pilot and passengers in this incident, he said, "…We know that in order to fight terrorism, it is not enough for governments to work together. It is essential that people work together as well, as we saw yesterday. I think this is an amazing example of how we can determine our destiny by being involved, by not surrendering to terrorists and by working together at a personal level. And this is exactly what happened yesterday." On Wednesday, the co-pilot of a flydubai flight, which was carrying over 170 passengers, tried to sabotage the aircraft and later stabbed Machchhar, who was trying to prevent him from doing so. At the time, the Boeing 737, cruising at about 34,000 feet, began dropping at roughly 23,000 feet per minute before reaching about 15,600 feet. However, Machchhar fought back the co-pilot, resisted him, and opened the cockpit door so that passengers and crew members could overpower him. When asked whether PM Modi and PM Netanyahu have spoken about the incident, he responded, "I am not aware that the leaders have spoken to each other at this point in time. I think we continue to be in close contact. Our counter-terrorism agencies are in constant dialogue, and I'm sure that whether it is at the highest level, or at the medium and operational levels, we will share information and continue working together to create a situation in which we do everything needed to fight terrorism." Earlier, Azar said he was praying for Captain Machchhar's recovery and described him as an experienced and gifted pilot. "Together with Israel, India, UAE, I pray for the life of Captain Smit Machchhar, the experienced and gifted hero Indian pilot of flydubai flight FZ1073. His courage & the courage of other Israeli & Emirati passengers and crew members saved the lives of 180 souls," Azar posted on X.

Pakistan airstrikes kill 9 civilians, injure 11 in Afghanistan: Taliban



Kabul: At least nine civilians, including women and children, were killed, and 11 others were injured after Pakistani military airstrikes hit civilian homes in Afghanistan's Kunar and Helmand provinces, Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said on Thursday. Condemning the "act of aggression", Mujahid said the attack was carried out on Wednesday night in the Chugam area of Shultan district in Kunar, and the Safar area of Garmser district in Helmand, killing and injuring civilians, while destroying three residences. "Last night, Pakistani aircraft bombed civilian homes in Chugam, Shultan District of Kunar, and Safar, Garmser District of Helmand. Nine Afghan civilians, including women and children, were killed, 11 were injured, and three homes were destroyed. We condemn this act as an aggression and crime in violation of all accepted principles,". The latest attack comes amid an escalating wave of Pakistani airstrikes targeting several provinces across Afghanistan in recent days. On September 24, Pakistani strikes in Kandahar, Paktia and Khost killed four civilians, while strikes carried out three days earlier in Kunar and Paktika left three people dead. Last week, Taliban spokesperson Mujahid accused Pakistan of launching attacks against Afghanistan to divert attention from its internal problems and evade its obligations under the Mecca Pact, local media reported. Speaking at a religious seminary in Kandahar, Mujahid alleged that Islamabad was using attacks on Afghanistan to distract the public from mounting political and economic problems in Pakistan, including protests at home. Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Turkey signed the defence agreement in Mecca on August 7, pledging to strengthen collective deterrence against acts of aggression. Under the agreement, an armed attack against any one of the signatories would be regarded as an attack against all three. "Pakistan's recent attacks on Afghanistan were carried out with the aim of escaping the Meeca agreement with Saudi Arabia, while portraying the situation as though Pakistan is engaged in a war in Afghanistan,".

Attackers open fire, kill 7 on small passenger bus in Syria



Damascus: At least seven people were killed late Wednesday when attackers opened fire on a small passenger bus in northwestern Syria, state media reported. Four people were wounded in the gun attack near the Masyaf Bridge in the western Syrian province of Homs late Wednesday, state-run SANA news agency reported. The motive was not immediately clear and no group claimed responsibility. Syrian authorities did not name any individuals or groups as suspects. The victims were employees from a company returning home from work, authorities said. First-responders transported the victims to hospitals around the city of Homs as security forces began investigating the scene of attack, where blood stains and broken glass were visible inside the bus. "We view this cowardly attack as an attempt to undermine the security of Homs and destabilise the security we have worked to consolidate through various measures across the governorate," Homs Internal Security Forces Commander Brigadier General Bassem Mohammad Shaaban told SANA. Syrian authorities are struggling to maintain security after more than 13 years of war and the downfall of the Assad dynasty in late 2024. While authorities said they have foiled numerous planned attacks and activity by armed cells, there still have been deadly shootings and explosions in the capital Damascus and elsewhere.

India highly important trading partner: Brazilian Minister Rosa



Milwaukee: Brazil is expanding trade with India and other Asian economies as part of a strategy to diversify its global markets without replacing existing partners, a senior Brazilian minister has said, pointing to significant growth in commerce with New Delhi. Brazil's Minister of Development, Industry, Trade and Services Marcio Elias Rosa made the remarks during an impromptu gaggle on the sidelines of the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting here. Rosa said Brazil was strengthening bilateral economic relationships and adding new markets amid global geopolitical and commercial uncertainty. "Brazil has been able to position itself, trying to diversify its markets, strengthening bilateralism, but without actually replacing any partner," he said through an interpreter. The minister stressed that Brazil's strategy was not aimed at excluding any trading partner. "Brazil is not practising an exclusion policy. Brazil is just adding," Rosa said. He said that approach had resulted in stronger trade with Asian economies, including India. "So today we have seen significant growth with Asian countries," Rosa said. In his Portuguese remarks, the minister specifically identified India among the markets where Brazil had experienced significant growth, along with other partners.He said Brazil was heading towards a record trade performance. "Brazil's closing this year with a record in its balance of trade, the biggest surplus in history," Rosa said. Earlier, responding to an IANS question about his discussions with India, Rosa described New Delhi as an important economic partner. "India is a highly important trading partner to Brazil," he said. "India is an economy that is very important to the whole wide world. We have good relations with them," Rosa added. Brazil's diversification strategy also includes efforts to strengthen trade agreements. Rosa said the country was seeking wider commercial relationships while continuing to advocate multilateralism and universal trading rules. The comments come as India and Brazil seek to deepen economic engagement both bilaterally and through Mercosur. The two countries have also identified areas including defence, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, skills development and investment for greater cooperation. India and Brazil maintain a Strategic Partnership and work together in BRICS, IBSA and the G20. Their economic relationship spans energy, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, automobiles and other sectors, alongside efforts to expand trade and investment between two of the largest emerging economies.

BUSINESS



Rupee hits over two-month low at 96.31 against dollar

Mumbai: The rupee slumped below the psychologically important 96-per-dollar mark on Thursday to close at 96.31 (provisional) against the US dollar, its lowest level in more than two months, amid risk aversion in global markets, surging global bond yields and selling pressure from foreign investors. Forex traders said the rupee is expected to trade with a negative bias amid risk aversion in global markets and concerns over rising global Treasury yields.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.95 and then lost ground to touch an intraday low of 96.34 against the US dollar. At the end of Thursday's trading session, the domestic unit was quoted at 96.31 (provisional) against the greenback, down 37 paise from its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee pared gains to settle flat at 95.94 against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on risk aversion in global markets and worries over rising global Treasury yields. A strong dollar and surge in global crude oil prices may further pressurise the rupee," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset Sharekhan. Choudhary further noted that uncertainty over a US-Iran deal may also pressurise the rupee. However, any intervention by the RBI may support the rupee at lower levels. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the strength of the greenback against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 101.90, higher by 0.45 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 2.54 per cent higher at USD 100.52 per barrel in futures trade. On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex dropped 570.59 points to settle at 71,909.70, while the Nifty tanked 198.50 points to 22,421.95. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 10,148.41 crore on a net basis on Wednesday, according to exchange data. On the domestic macroeconomic front, India's manufacturing sector activity growth touched a seven-month high in September, boosted by accelerating new orders and output. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose by more than two index points in September to 55.1 from 52.8 in August, signalling the strongest improvement in the health of the sector in seven months.

OMCs raise commercial LPG rates; aviation fuel price increased from October 1



New Delhi: State-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) have increased commercial LPG rates by Rs 62.50 per 19-kg cylinder effective from Thursday in line with firming international benchmark prices. Apart from that, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices were also increased by Rs 16 per litre. ATF prices for domestic airlines have been increased to Rs 137 per litre from Rs 121 per litre. However, the latest hike follows an increase of Rs 6.28 per litre or 5.46 per cent in September and Rs 5 per litre in August. ATF accounts for up to 40 per cent of an airline's operating costs which makes fuel prices a key component of carriers' expenses. Moreover, commercial LPG prices were increased by Rs 62.50 per 19-kg cylinder following a Rs 9.50 increase in September after rates were cut by Rs 192 in August and Rs 183.50 in July. Commercial LPG prices had surged to a record high in June amid disruptions to global energy supplies and elevated international prices. In addition, rates had risen by Rs 1,373 per 19-kg cylinder between February and June from Rs 1,740.50 to Rs 3,113.50 before declining in July and August. However, prices of domestic LPG are kept unchanged at Rs 942. Prices of these segment cylinders had risen by Rs 89 per cylinder between March and June amid supply disruptions linked to the West Asia crisis and a surge in international energy prices. The latest revisions are based on movements in international benchmark prices and the rupee-dollar exchange rate. ATF and LPG prices are revised on the first day of every month and may vary across states due to local taxes such as VAT. Additionally, fuel-petrol and diesel-prices that were increased earlier in May also have remained unchanged.

PIB debunks fake order claiming all saturdays are public holidays for public sector banks

New Delhi: The Press Information Bureau's (PIB) Fact Check unit on Thursday dismissed as fake a purported government gazette notification circulating on social media that claims the Centre has declared every Saturday a public holiday for all public sector banks, including the State Bank of India (SBI). In a post on social media platform X, PIB Fact Check clarified that no such notification has been issued by the Ministry of Finance's Department of Financial Services. The agency said the document being shared online is fake and does not represent any official government order.

"A Gazette circulating on social media , purportedly issued by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services), claims that the Central Government has declared every Saturday a public holiday for all Public Sector Banks , including SBI. The document being circulated is fake," it said.

The fact-checking unit urged the public not to rely on unverified documents circulating on social media and advised citizens to verify government-related information through official channels before sharing it further. "No such notification has been issued by Finance Ministry declaring every Saturday as public holiday for public sector banks," it said. "Flag suspicious content related to the Central Government to PIB Fact Check," it added.


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The clarification came after the widely circulated document claimed that all public sector banks would remain closed every Saturday following a purported decision by the Central Government. However, PIB Fact Check firmly denied the claim, stating that no notification declaring every Saturday as a public holiday for public sector banks has been issued by the Finance Ministry. PIB also encouraged people to report suspicious content related to the Central Government to its Fact Check team to help curb the spread of misinformation online. This comes after the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) last week deferred its three-day nationwide strike early next week, following an eleventh-hour meeting with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA). According to a statement released by the bank union, the IBA and UFBU met on Sunday. After talks, both sides agreed to defer the nationwide bank strike.


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Jet fuel prices for domestic airlines increased by around Rs 16 per litre: Will air travel get costlier?



New Delhi: Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) or jet fuel prices have witnessed a sharp increase from Thursday (October 1), putting fresh pressure on the operating costs of domestic airlines. According to state-owned oil marketing companies, ATF rates have been raised by around Rs 16 per litre, while commercial LPG prices have also gone up by Rs 62.59 for a 19-kg cylinder. The latest monthly revision comes amid changes in international benchmark prices and the rupee-dollar exchange rate. ATF is a major expense for airlines and accounts for up to 40 per cent of their operating costs.

ATF price rises to Rs 137 per litre

For domestic airlines, ATF prices have been increased to around Rs 137 per litre from Rs 121 per litre. This translates into an increase of approximately Rs 16 per litre from the previous month. The latest hike follows two consecutive increases in ATF prices. In September, aviation fuel became costlier by Rs 6.28 per litre, or 5.46 per cent. This came after a Rs 5 per litre increase in August. Since jet fuel represents a significant portion of an airline's operating expenses, sustained increases in ATF prices can add to the cost of running flights. The actual impact on airlines can vary depending on fuel consumption, route length, fleet efficiency and other operating expenses.

Will flight travel get costlier?.. ATF accounts for about 35-40 per cent of an airline's overall operating expenditure in India, making jet fuel prices a key cost for domestic carriers. Higher ATF prices are expected to increase operating costs for airlines. Higher fuel prices can eventually lead to higher airfares. However, air ticket prices are also influenced by factors such as passenger demand, competition among carriers, and seat availability.

Commercial LPG cylinder gets Rs 62.59 costlier

Along with ATF, the price of commercial LPG has also been increased. A 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder will now cost Rs 62.59 more than it did last time. The latest increase comes after a much smaller hike of Rs 9.50 per cylinder in September. Before that, commercial LPG prices had declined sharply for two consecutive months. In August, the price was reduced by Rs 192 per 19-kg cylinder, following a reduction of Rs 183.50 in July.

Commercial LPG prices had surged earlier this year

The recent fluctuations come after a major spike in commercial LPG prices earlier in the year. Between February and June, the price of a 19-kg cylinder increased by Rs 1,373, rising from Rs 1,740.50 to a record Rs 3,113.50. The sharp increase during that period came amid disruptions in global energy supplies and elevated international prices. Prices subsequently declined in July and August before beginning to rise again in September.

Why are ATF and LPG prices changing?

The prices of ATF and LPG are revised at the beginning of every month. The latest changes are linked to movements in international benchmark prices as well as fluctuations in the rupee's exchange rate against the US dollar. Since fuel prices can also be affected by state-level taxes, including VAT, the final prices may differ from one state to another.

What about domestic LPG prices?

There is some relief for households as the price of domestic cooking gas has been left unchanged. The price of a 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinder remains at Rs 942. Domestic LPG prices had increased by Rs 89 per cylinder between March and June, following disruptions to energy supplies and a rise in international energy prices linked to the West Asia crisis.

Petrol and diesel prices remain unchanged

There has been no fresh revision in petrol and diesel prices either. Both fuels had witnessed an increase of around Rs 7.50 per litre in May but have remained unchanged since then. The latest fuel-price revision therefore primarily affects aviation fuel and commercial LPG users, while domestic LPG, petrol and diesel prices have been kept unchanged.

HDFC Bank appoints Anup Bagchi as its new MD and CEO, to take charge from October 27

HDFC Bank has appointed former ICICI Bank's executive director (ED) Anup Bagchi as its new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) for three years, said the company in a statement on Thursday. He will succeed Sashidhar Jagdishan and take charge from October 27 after he completes his tenure on October 26. The development comes after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Bagchi as HDFC Bank's new MD and CEO.

The company also said Bagchi has also been appointed as HDFC's Additional Director of Bank (ADB) with effect from October 2 "till the date of approval of the shareholders as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013".

"In furtherance to our intimation dated September 12, 2026, we wish to inform you that pursuant to an application made by the Bank to the Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), the RBI vide its communication dated October 1, 2026, has approved appointment of Mr. Anup Bagchi (DIN: 00105962) as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer ("MD & CEO") of the Bank and the remuneration payable to him, under Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 for a period of 3 (three) years with effect from October 27, 2026," the HDFC Bank's statement read.

Who is Anup Bagchi?

55-year-old Bagchi, who has a management degree from IIM Bangalore, has been in financial services for over three decades. For a majority of his career, he was associated with the ICICI Bank and had also served as its ED from 2012 to 2023. Under him, the ICICI Bank became India's first private sector bank to cross Rs 2 lakh crore retail mortgage portfolio.

Additionally, Bagchi, who also holds an engineering degree from IIT Kanpur, also served as the CEO and MD of ICICI Securities and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. Furthermore, he was also the ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company's chairperson and the director of ICICI Prudential Pension Funds Management Company and ICICI Home Finance.

Bagchi will succeed Jagdishan, who took over as the CEO of HDFC Bank in October 2020.



Earlier, he had conveyed his decision not to seek reappointment. "The board deeply appreciated his commitment, leadership, contribution to the growth and stability of the Bank and his role in successful completion of one of the largest mergers in corporate India," the bank had said earlier.

SPORTS

Indian Super League to be known as MG Indian Super League



Hyderabad: The Indian Super League (ISL) on Thursday announced its partnership with JSW MG Motor India as the title sponsor for the 2026-27 season, marking the return of a title sponsor to India's premier football league after three seasons. The league will be known as the MG Indian Super League. MG will become an integral part of the ISL's 2026-27 season as the league enters a new chapter with a renewed focus on accessibility, fan engagement and building a sustainable football ecosystem in India. The partnership with JSW MG Motor India comes at an important juncture for the ISL, with the 2026-27 season set to begin on October 10 and the competition entering a new club-led commercial era.

Speaking on the partnership, Karan Yadav, CEO, Indian Super League, said, "We are delighted to welcome MG as the Title Sponsor of the Indian Super League at an important moment in the league's journey. The return of a title sponsor after three seasons is a significant milestone and a strong reflection of the belief and opportunity around Indian football. As a club-led league, we are entering a new chapter with a clear ambition to build a stronger, more commercially sustainable and fan-focused ISL. MG shares our ambition to connect with a new generation of India, and together we look forward to making this partnership bigger than a brand association and using it to create greater engagement and experiences for football fans across the country."

Vinay Raina, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, "At JSW MG Motor India, we have always believed in the ability of sport to bring people together, inspire young minds and create a positive impact in communities. Football has been an important part of MG's story in India, from our association with Liverpool FC to supporting the next generation of football talent through initiatives such as our work with the Patan Girls.

"Our partnership with the Indian Super League is a natural progression of that journey, allowing us to take our engagement with football to a much larger national platform. We look forward to creating exciting and memorable experiences for fans and using the power of football to build a deeper connection between MG and a new generation of India."

MG, the 102-year-old British automotive brand, has built an association with sport globally and in India through grassroots initiatives and athlete partnerships. Its football journey includes its association with Liverpool FC as the club's Official Global Car Partner and an ongoing multi-year partnership with Arsenal, which MG has used to create fan experiences and engage with India's growing football community. In India, this has extended to supporting the Patan Girls, a grassroots football team from Gujarat, with infrastructure and community-development support. Beyond football, MG has supported women in sport through partnerships with golfer Tvesa Malik, Paralympic medallist Bhavina Patel, and Khel Ratna and Arjuna Awardee Deepa Malik. The 2026-27 ISL season will return to a full home-and-away format, with clubs competing across the country as the competition builds towards a new era of Indian football. With MG coming on board as title sponsor, the league will enter the new season with a renewed commercial identity and a shared ambition to take Indian football to a wider audience. The 2026-27 Indian Super League season is set to kick off on October 10, with Bengaluru FC hosting Sporting Club Delhi at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, while FC Goa takes on Chennaiyin FC at the Fatorda Stadium in Goa.

Nitish Siwach settles for silver in Greco-Roman 97kg category, men's squash team claims bronze



New Delhi: Nitesh Siwach won silver in the Greco-Roman wrestling competition after losing to Japan's Yuri Nakazato in the gold medal bout at the Asian Games. The contest began with Nakazato taking a 2-0 advantage after Nitesh was penalised for passivity for the second point. The Indian was then forced to defend as the Japanese wrestler looked to increase his lead, but Nitesh managed to keep the deficit at two points through the remainder of the opening round.

After the break, Nitesh looked for some control but could not create an opening. It left him with a two-point deficit heading into the closing stages. Nakazato eventually strengthened his position after the restart, taking two further points to move 4-0 ahead with two minutes remaining. The Japanese wrestler continued to dictate the pace and also attempted to end the bout with a pin, but Nitesh resisted and remained in the contest. The Japanese grappler maintained his control until the final moment to claim gold, while Nitesh took silver. His achievement came 64 years after Maruti Mane became the first Indian Greco-Roman wrestler to reach an Asian Games final. Mane won silver in the men's 97kg category at the 1962 Asian Games. On the other hand, the men's squash team settled for bronze after a 2-1 defeat to Malaysia in the final. They were trailing 1-0 before Veer Chotrani took India game 3 after winning in straight games. However, India went on to suffer in the third game. Malaysia will now play the coveted final against Pakistan.

How has the day been for India?.. Earlier on Thursday, Manu Francis and Prince Noble won silver in the men's skiff sailing event, giving India its first sailing medal at these Games. The women's squash team added bronze after losing its semifinal, while compound archer Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru also reached the podium. Ganesh defeated Vietnam's Cong Duc Dang to win bronze in the men's compound individual event. In men's cricket and hockey, India have defeated Sri Lanka and Pakistan, respectively and will play their gold medal matches on October 3. Meanwhile, India's medal count now stands at 65.

Australia A declare at 173/4, leave India A facing daunting chase



Puducherry: Australia A took a firm grip on the second and final four-day game against India A, setting the hosts a daunting target of 365 runs after a productive third day at the Siechem Stadium in Puducherry on Thursday. Having secured a 191-run first-innings lead, Australia A opted for an aggressive declaration at 173/4, leaving India A with a little over an hour to negotiate before stumps. The hosts finished the day at 28/1, with Aayush Pandey unbeaten on 11 alongside night-watchman Tushar Deshpande, who was on four. Todd Murphy provided Australia A with the breakthrough, bowling Sai Sudharsan for 12. The visitors' position strengthened considerably in the opening session, as India A's first innings unravelled after lunch. Resuming on 122/5, India A added only 45 runs before being dismissed for 167.

Shaik Rasheed and Tanush Kotian had initially offered resistance, extending their overnight sixth-wicket partnership to 46. Rasheed made 42 from 167 balls, while Kotian contributed 33 off 46 balls, including three fours and a six. Liam Hatcher ended the stand by bowling Rasheed, triggering a collapse in which India A lost their final five wickets for just 10 runs. Jhye Richardson and Corey Rocchiccioli then shared four of the remaining wickets, finishing with three apiece. Australia A began their second innings positively, with Sam Konstas and Josh Philippe adding 53 for the opening wicket. Konstas continued to attack alongside Nathan McSweeney, putting together another 40-run partnership before India A finally made inroads. Kotian dismissed both Konstas and Australia A captain Peter Handscomb in quick succession. Handscomb, who was dismissed for a duck, endured another difficult outing after also failing to score in the first innings.

Praful Hinge then accounted for McSweeney, who made 36, but Jason Sangha ensured Australia A retained control. He remained unbeaten on 44 and shared an unbroken 40-run partnership with Liam Scott, who was 13 not out, before the declaration came. Hinge was brought into the India A side as a substitute for Anshul Kamboj, who has been called up to the Indian squad for the final ODI against the West Indies in place of the injured Prasidh Krishna. India A, which won the opening match of the series by 162 runs, now face a demanding final day as they attempt to save the contest. Brief scores: Australia A 358 all out & 173/4 dec in 49 overs (Sam Konstas 40, Jason Sangha 44 n.o., Tanush Kotian 2/55) vs India A 167 & 28/1 in 13 overs.



India make changes to ODI, T20I squad for ongoing series vs West Indies

Chandigarh: India pacer Prasidh Krishna has been ruled out of the third and final ODI against West Indies, slated to be played on October 3 in Mullanpur. BCCI has confirmed that the Karnataka pacer sustained a left hamstring injury during the second ODI in Guwahati and has been replaced by Anshul Kamboj. Prasidh bowled five overs in the second ODI, conceding 45 runs and dismissing Keacy Carty before leaving the field during the 31st over. Since then, he has returned to Bengaluru and could also be unavailable for the opening round of the Ranji Trophy. As things stand, he is very likely to report to BCCI's Centre of Excellence.

Kamboj, on the other hand, has been withdrawn from the India A side currently playing Australia A in Puducherry. He had taken three wickets in each of Australia A's first innings in the two unofficial Tests, before bowling only two overs in the second innings of the latest match. Now, he has officially left the squad to align with the Indian team in Mullanpur. Meanwhile, the 24-year-old has not yet represented India in ODI or T20I cricket. He has, however, played one Test, making his debut during India's tour of England last year. In 35 List A matches, Kamboj has taken 56 wickets at an average of 22.41.

Naman Dhir drafted in T20Is

Naman Dhir has been added to India's squad for the upcoming five-match T20I series against West Indies. He replaced Washington Sundar, who will return to domestic red-ball cricket after his Asian Games campaign in Japan. The selectors want Sundar to get match practice ahead of the two-Test series against New Zealand, which begins in Wellington on November 19. The Ranji Trophy season starts on October 11, giving Sundar an opportunity to prepare through first-class cricket. Notably, Dhir recently made his ODI debut in Trivandrum and is yet to play a T20I for India. The Mumbai Indians all-rounder has scored 1,222 runs in 61 T20 matches at a strike rate of 156.26 and has eight wickets to his name. During IPL 2026, he appeared in all 14 matches for Mumbai Indians, collecting 318 runs at 147.22, including two fifties.

Hyderabad sub-junior athletics championship to be held on October 4

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad District Sub-Junior Athletics Championship will be held on October 4 at Osmania University here from 12.30 pm. Competitions will be held for boys and girlsin the Under-12 and Under-14 age groups.

India's tennis contingent returns without medal in Asian Games for first time in 40 years

New Delhi: India's tennis campaign at the Asian Games ended without a medal. It marked the country's first medalless outing in the sport at the continental event since 1986. The final blow came in the men's singles quarterfinals, where India's top-ranked player Sumit Nagal was beaten 4-6, 4-6 by China's Yibing Wu in one hour and 38 minutes. With that, India's hopes of a podium finish came to an end after the doubles combinations had also exited earlier in the tournament. Notably, India had entered the competition expecting medals, but their challenge faded across all events. In singles, Nagal had reached the quarterfinal stage at the 2023 Hangzhou Games as well, while Ramkumar Ramanathan had gone out in the third round. The last Indian singles players to make the Asian Games podium were Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Ankita Raina, who won bronze at Jakarta in 2018. Rohan Bopanna had also been central to India's recent success, winning men's doubles gold in 2018 with Divij Sharan and another gold in 2022.

Doubles disappoint in Asiad

This time, however, the doubles campaign also fell short. Yuki Bhambri and N Sriram Balaji were unable to carry forward that tradition, with Balaji-Anirudh Chandrasekar and Bhambri-Dhakshineswar Suresh both losing in the quarterfinals. Dhakshineswar Suresh also exited in the third round of the singles competition.

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NIMS medical expenses Rs.2.50 lakh LoC government will support the families in distress: Government Whip, Dornakal MLA Dr. Jatoth Ramachandranayak Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent, October 1: Mahabubabad District Dinapalli Mandal Desagani Yaka Sai of Gunapalli village is undergoing treatment at Nims Hospital due to illness. The family members asked Government Whip, Dornakal MLA Dr. Jatoth Rama chandranayak to provide financial assistance to cover the expenses of medical treatment. Responding to the appeal of the family members, MLA Dr. Jatoth Ramachandranayak sanctioned a letter of credit worth Rs.2.50 lakh by the government and handed it over to the affected family members. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the aim of the government is to provide better medical services to the poor and needy people. He said that the government will support every family suffering from illness. Desagani Yaka Sai wished for a speedy recovery. The victim's family members thanked the Government Whip, Dornakal MLA Dr. Jatoth Ramachandranayak for sanctioning a LOC of Rs.2.50 lakh for medical treatment.

Financial difficulties.. family disputes..

- Married woman commits suicide
- Is frequent quarrels with husband the reason?
- Tragedy over 25-year-old Ankita's deathA few years ago, her daughter died.. now her mother committed suicide



Telangana Essence Om Mahabubabad District Correspondent October 1A tragic incident took place in Thorrur, Mahabubabad district. Chinnapalli Ankita (25) committed suicide by hanging herself from a fan in her married house. According to family members, Ankita had been depressed for some time due to financial difficulties and frequent family disputes with her husband.It is reported that Ankita committed suicide by hanging herself from a fan when no one was at home. The family members informed the police after learning about the matter. The police registered a case and started an investigation based on the complaint filed by the deceased's mother. The body was taken to the hospital for postmortem. Meanwhile, family members said that the couple's daughter died a few years ago. Ankita's death has left a family that had already lost a daughter even more devastated. The full details of the incident are yet to be revealed during the police investigation.

Distribution of nutritional medicines to mothers and children

Program organized by Rotary ClubMullangi Mohan Reddy



Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent October 1Nutritional medicines and powder boxes were distributed to mothers and children under the auspices of Mahabubabad Rotary Club. The program was presided over by President Dudikatla Satyam and was attended by General Secretary Shanthan Ramaraju, Treasurer Mullangi Mohan Reddy, District Leader Vaddula Surender Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, Dudikatla Satyam said that this program was organized today to help mothers and newborns as per the instructions of Rotary International. He said that many poor women in the society are suffering from diseases due to lack of proper nutrition. He expressed deep concern that even newborn babies are suffering from physical ailments and even dying due to not getting the nutritious food they need for their growth. He said that the Rotary Club has undertaken this massive health program to eradicate this social disorder. He said that medicines, protein powder jars, vitamin tablets, milk cartons, etc. have been provided. He said that through these, mothers and children will be physically and mentally strong and have immunity. Later, Kiranmayi, daughter of Eega Srinivas Ramyala from Mahabubabad town, who has achieved PG medical rank at the national level, was felicitated. Treasurer Mullangi Mohan Reddy, past president Vemisetti Kishore Kumar, district leader Bikki Venkateswarlu, Sadhu Mahipal Reddy, Valla Ramesh, Boinipalli Satish Rao, Achcha Srinivas and others participated in the program.

Problems of Mahabubabad Area Hospital should be solved

Vacant posts should be filled.. Additional ambulance, blood sampling equipment should be set up



Telangana Tribal Association District Committee DemandTelangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent October 1:The Telangana Tribal Association District Committee has demanded that the government immediately solve the problems at the Mahabubabad District Area Hospital. District President Bhanot Venkanna Nayak presided over the district committee meeting held on Thursday. Later, District Secretary Maloth Kishan spoke along with him.They said that it is sad that even the minimum medical facilities are not fully available in the government hospital despite the large number of tribal people living in the district. They demanded that the vacant posts of doctor, ANM, social worker etc. in the hospital be filled immediately.Keeping in mind the needs of the patients, they asked for an additional ambulance to be set up and the necessary equipment for collecting blood samples to be made available. They also appealed to the authorities to identify and solve other problems in the hospital immediately. The public representatives of the district responded immediately and visited the Mahabubabad Area Hospital to examine the problems there and take steps to resolve them. He said that the District Collector and the concerned government officials should pay special attention to government hospitals. The leaders warned that if the government neglects to resolve the problems, they will organize large-scale agitation programs under the auspices of the Telangana Tribal Association. He said that the government will have to take responsibility for any situation that arises during the agitation.District committee members Kalyan, Parvati, Prakash, Chandu, Jyoti, Suman and others participated in this meeting.

Blood donation means life donation

We should donate blood to those in need and become life donors: BJP city in-charge Eldi Mallaiah Goud





Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent October 1BJP city in-charge Eldi Mallaiah Goud called on everyone who has the opportunity to donate blood and stand by those in danger. He said that by donating blood, we get the opportunity to save lives, and that is why everyone should donate blood voluntarily.On Wednesday, Eldi Mallaiah Goud himself donated blood at a blood donation camp organized by BJYM district president Diddi Mahesh at the Mahabubabad Governme nt Hospital to commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that organizing a blood donation camp is a great service program.He said that he has already donated blood many times and contributed his part in providing blood to those in need. Everyone who is healthy has been called upon to come forward to donate blood.Mullangi Pratap Reddy, Indhubharathi, Councilor Sridevi and others participated in this program.Photo caption:BJP town in-charge Eldi Mallaiah Goud donating blood.Another photo caption:Eldi Mallaiah Goud receiving a certificate after donating blood.

New chapter at Garla Railway Station

- Work on third railway line complete.. new 3rd platform available
- Golconda Express halts for the first time on new platform



Garla, October 1:A new chapter has begun in the history of Garla Railway Station in Mahabubabad district. With the completion of the work on the third railway line, which has been awaited by the local people and passengers for many years, the new 3rd platform has become available for passengers. On this occasion, the Golconda Express train halted for the first time on the new platform.On Thursday evening, at exactly 5:14 pm, the Golconda Express, which was going from Secunderabad to Guntur, reached Garla Railway Station and halted on the newly constructed 3rd platform. As this was the first occasion when a train stopped on this platform after the construction of the third railway line, passengers, railway staff and locals showed special interest. The availability of a third railway line and a new platform has become a key development for passengers who commute to various places every day via Garla Railway Station. In addition to reducing the traffic pressure caused by the movement of trains on the existing railway lines, the third line is likely to help improve the management and efficiency of trains.The people of Garla region have been waiting for the expansion of railway facilities for many years. Especially if the construction of the additional railway line and platform is completed, the locals have been expressing hope that better facilities will be available to the passengers. Fulfilling that expectation, the completion of the third line and the commissioning of the new 3rd platform have marked an important milestone in the history of the local railway.Locals say that another step has been taken in the development of Garla Railway Station with the first halt of the Golconda Express on the new platform. They hope that the availability of the third line will pave the way for the movement of more trains and expansion of passenger facilities in the future. A new era in railway development has begun with the first halt of the Golconda Express on the new third platform at Garla railway station. This facility, which has become available after many years of waiting, will be beneficial not only to Garla but also to the passengers of the surrounding areas.

Manukota Town Party's Manukota Town District Committee demands change of name of Jam Lake

Rename as Bathukamma Lake: BJP Manukota Town District Committee demands

Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent October 1, The Bharatiya Janata Party Manukota Town Committee District Committee has demanded that the name "Nizam Lake" in Manukota town be removed and renamed as "Bathukamma Lake". To this end, it has submitted a petition to the Tahsildar and requested him to take necessary steps for the name change.In the petition submitted by BJP Manukota Town Party In-charge and Vice MPP Eldi Mallaiah Goud, they expressed their objection to the name "Nizam Lake" which continues to have a historical background related to the Nizam's rule. He said that Bathukamma has a special place in the cultural identity of the people of Telangana and it is appropriate to name the pond in the town after Bathukamma, which symbolizes the cultural tradition of Telangana women. He urged that the cultural connection of the people with ponds and water sources be kept in mind for the Bathukamma festival.Keeping in mind the upcoming Bathukamma festival, he asked the Tahsildar to coordinate with the concerned authorities and take steps to change the name of “Nizam Pond” to “Bathukamma Pond”. He also appealed to the state government to take this issue to its notice.The BJP district town committees have requested that appropriate action be taken on this matter after considering the opinion of the people

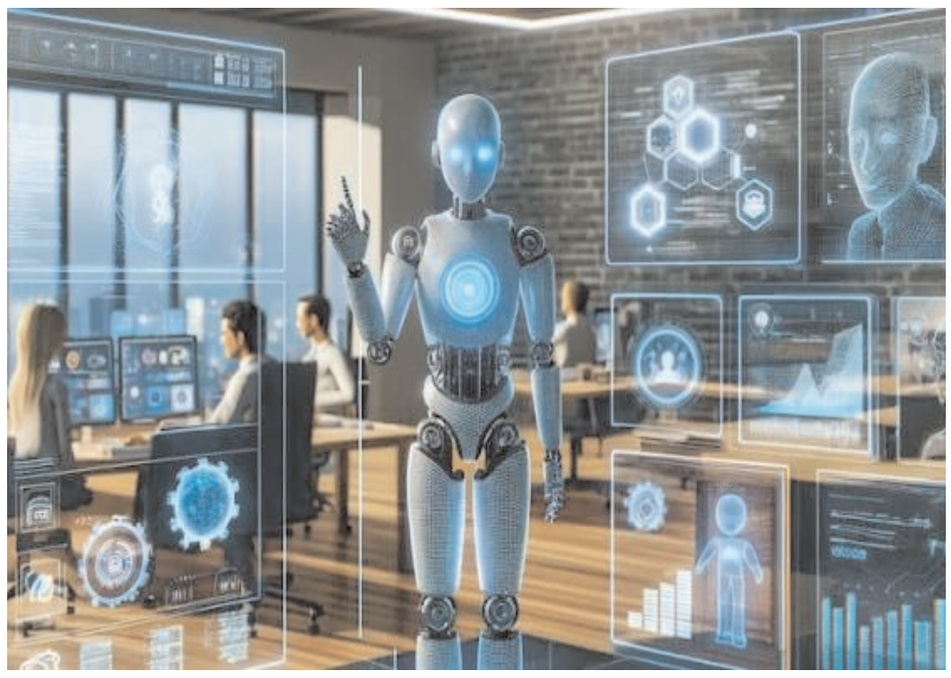
Journalists' Demands Day on Gandhi Jayanti

- Nationwide protests on October 2 for journalists' rights
- TUWJ (IJU) protest at Gandhi statue in Mahabubabad district center



Mullangi Mohan Reddy Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent, September 30: As per the call given by the Indian Journalists Union (IJU) for the resolution of journalists' problems and protection of their rights, a 'Demands Day' will be organized across the country on October 2 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, said the leaders of the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) Mahabubab ad district branch.On this occasion, a protest program of journalists will be organized at Gandhi statue in Mahabubabad district center on October 2 at 10 am, said District President CH. Srinivas and District General Secretary Gadipalli Srihari in a statement. They demanded the establishment of a new media commission to resolve the problems of journalists and a special law to provide protection to media personnel. They demanded the restoration of legal rights of journalists in place of the previously repealed laws and the establishment of a new wage board.They also demanded that journalists be provided with housing plots and health cards in the state of Telangana and a special law be brought for the safety of journalists.It was said that the recent national executive meeting of the Indian Journalists Union (IJU) in Bengaluru had decided to organize a ‘Demands Day’ across the country on October 2 to resolve the problems of journalists. As part of the IJU call, TUWJ State President K. Virahat Ali and General Secretary K. Ramnarayana had called for these programs to be made successful in all districts of Telangana.After the protest in Mahabubabad, the district leaders said that the petitions containing the demands of the journalists would be handed over to the district collector as well as the MP and MLA. District President CH. Srinivas and General Secretary Gadipalli Srihari requested that the IJU National and State Committee in-charges of the district, as well as TUWJ District and Mandal in-charges and journalists, attend the program to be held at 10 am on October 2nd in large numbers to make it a success.

The AI leak nobody is watching



This is not a story about a careless employee. It is a story about every Indian organisation that has not yet noticed how its people actually use artificial intelligence.

Quiet Habit.. Generative AI has arrived in Indian workplaces faster than any technology before it. Staff use it to summarise documents, write emails, analyse spreadsheets and fix code.

Most of this is harmless, and much of it is genuinely useful. But in the rush for productivity, a quiet habit has formed: people paste whatever is in front of them into whichever AI tool is open in their browser. Customer records, salary shee ts, contracts, medical reports and, amon g software developers, the passwords and access keys to company systems.

The risk runs in both directions. Data leaks out through what employees type. It can also leak back through what AI systems say. Chatbots built on company data have, in reported cases around the world, surfaced one customer's details in an answer to another.

For India, the stakes go beyond fines. Our technology services industry and global capability centres run on the trust of overseas clients. Those clients increasingly send security and privacy questionnaires that ask a direct question: how do your people use AI tools with our data? I have seen capable Indian firms lose contracts in Europe and North America not because of weak engineering, but because they could not answer questions like these convincingly. An uncontrolled AI habit is no longer just a compliance risk. It is a commercial one.

Law Catches Up : India's law is catching up. The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, requires organisations to use personal data only for the purpose for which it was collected and to protect it with reasonable security safeguards. The penalty for failing to meet the safeguards can reach Rs 250 crore. The DPDP rules, notified last November, bring the core obligations into force in May 2027, including a duty to report breaches to the Data Protection Board within 72 hours. A single paste into an unapproved AI tool could cause havoc. CERT-In, in its blueprint on AI-driven cyber threats released this May, has specifically warned about shadow AI, prompt injection, and data leaking through AI systems. An agent running with a developer's full access can reach far more than its task needs. These agents must be given only the permissions they need The instinctive response of many entities is to ban public AI tools. It does not work. When the office network blocks a chatbot, employees simply use it on their personal phones, where the company sees nothing at all. A ban does not remove the risk. It only removes the visibility.

The smarter answer is to make the safe path the easy path. That starts with giving employees an approved AI tool, on an enterprise plan whose terms say the company's data will not be used to train the provider's models. It continues with a one-page policy, written in plain language, listing which tools may be used and for what kind of data.

The technical controls matter just as much. Traditional data loss prevention (DLP) tools were designed for email attachments and pen drives, not chat boxes. Organisations now need guardrails at the prompt itself: systems that check what is being sent to an AI tool, spot personal data or passwords, and mask them before they leave, so the employee still gets a useful answer and the customer's identity stays protected.

The same checks should apply to what comes back. And they must work wherever AI is used, not only in the browser. Employees now reach AI through desktop apps, coding assistants that run inside developers' terminals, browser extensions, and AI features built into everyday office software. A control that watches only websites misses most of that traffic.

People and Tools : People matter as much as tools. Most employees who paste sensitive data into a chatbot have simply never been told why it is risky. Short, practical training, built on real examples of what not to paste, changes behaviour faster than any policy document. Smaller firms and startups need not wait for large budgets either. An approved tool, a clear one-page rule and a monthly spot check of how AI is being used will close most of the gap at very little cost.

The next wave is already here. AI agents software that can read files, call other tools and send emails on its own are entering Indian companies through coding assistants and workflow automation. An agent running with a developer's full access can reach far more than its task requires. These agents must be registered, given only the permissions they need, and stopped before they take actions that cannot be undone.

Companies should start asking three plain questions. Do we know which AI tools our employees are using today, including the ones we never approved? Can we see what data is being sent to them? And if a regulator or a customer asks us tomorrow how we protect personal data in AI tools, could we answer with evidence rather than intentions? If the answer to any of these is no, that is where the work begins.

None of this is exotic. It is the same discipline Indian companies already apply to email and cloud storage, now extended to a new channel.

The organisations that act now will be ready when the DPDP obligations take effect. Those that wait will discover the problem the hard way, in a breach notice or a regulator's letter.

The question is no longer whether your employees are using AI. They already are. The question is whether they are using it safely, and whether you would know if they were not. Artificial intelligence and privacy are not opposites. Indian companies can have both, but only if they put the guardrail where the risk begins: at the prompt.

Samsung hikes Galaxy S26 series prices by up to 17pc in India



New Delhi: Korean electronics major Samsung has increased the price of its flagship Galaxy S26 series by up to 17 per cent, industry sources tracking the mobile phone segment said. Samsung's base model in the Galaxy S26 series with 256 GB storage will now cost around 17 per cent more at Rs 1,02,999, compared with the launch price of Rs 87,999.

The Galaxy S26 models were launched in January this year at prices 8-15 per cent higher than those of their predecessors in the Galaxy S25 series.

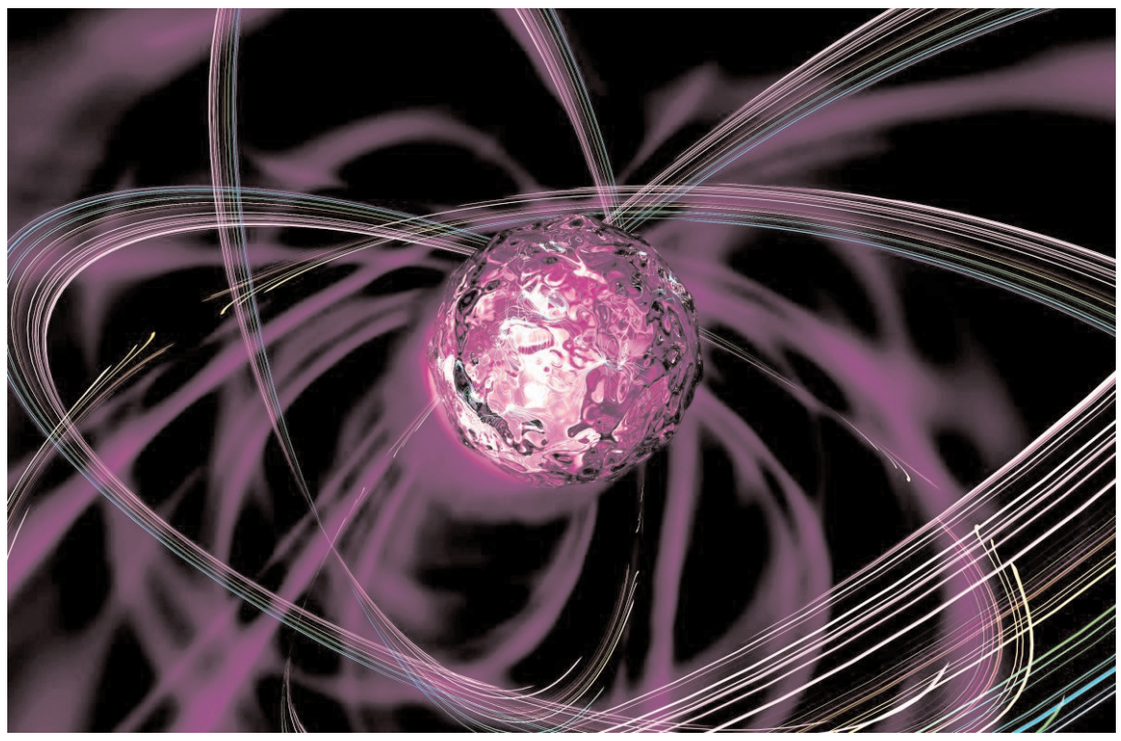
The Galaxy S26 Ultra was launched at a starting price of Rs 1,39,999, while the Galaxy S26+ was priced at Rs 1,19,999 and the most affordable S26 base variant at Rs 87,999. With the latest price hike, all Samsung Galaxy S26 devices will now cost more than Rs 1 lakh, while the top-end S26 Ultra with 1 TB storage will be available at Rs 2,14,999.

The company has increased the price of the Samsung S26 with 512 GB storage by 13.9 per cent to Rs 1,22,999, the S26+ with 256 GB by 12.5 per cent to Rs 1,34,999 and the S26+ with 512 GB by 10.7 per cent to Rs 1,54,999. The price of the top-end Samsung S26 Ultra with 256 GB storage has been increased by 10.7 per cent to Rs 1,54,999, while the Samsung S26 Ultra with 512 GB storage will cost 9.4 per cent more at Rs 1,74,999. An email query sent to Samsung regarding the price hike elicited no reply. Industry sources attributed the price increase to rising costs of memory chips, motherboards and other electronic components this year.

Apple also launched the iPhone 18 series this year at a higher price point compared with the preceding series. Apple's iPhone 18 lineup has been launched at a 20-43 per cent price hike in India compared with the iPhone 17 series.

Apple's foldable smartphone iPhone Duo, which is available in India in the price range of around Rs 3 lakh to Rs 4.5 lakh, matches the price of some of the top-selling Maruti Suzuki hatchback car models in the country.

Scientists Watch New Particles "Pop Into Existence" on a Quantum Computer



Researchers have observed string-breaking dynamics on a quantum simulator that could help probe questions related to the Big Bang. This is an artistic rendering of string-breaking. Credit: Emily Edwards, Duke University

A new Duke Quantum Center study shows how quantum simulators can help researchers explore particle formation and the conditions that followed the Big Bang. Quarks are the fundamental building blocks of matter, but they never exist alone. Bound tightly inside protons and neutrons, pairs of quarks behave as if connected by a taut string. Pulling them apart takes so much energy that when the connection finally snaps, that built-up energy transforms into entirely new particles.

This process, known as string breaking, normally occurs only in extreme environments such as the Large Hadron Collider or the immediate aftermath of the Big Bang. A team led by faculty at the Duke Quantum Center has now recreated analogous behavior using a quantum simulator built from 13 trapped ions, or electrically charged atoms. By programming the ions to follow a mathematical model, the researchers could track how a simulated string broke and effective charges emerged. The results, published September 23 in Nature Physics, are among the field's first quantum simulations of string-breaking dynamics related to particle-antiparticle formation.

String breaking under laser control

Quarks themselves are about a billion times smaller than an atom and cannot currently be observed directly. A quantum simulator makes it possible to investigate a model of their behavior through a system researchers can control. In the Duke experiment, precisely directed laser beams adjusted the interactions among the ions, allowing those interactions to mimic the energy buildup associated with stretching a connection between quarks.

The creation of particles from that energy reflects the relationship between mass and energy described by Einstein's equation, $E = mc^2$. When new particles "pop into existence" and the string breaks, two or more pairs remain where there was originally one. To follow the analogous transformation in their simulator, the researchers prepared the ion chain out of equilibrium, meaning it began in a state that would evolve rather than remain in balance. They then tracked the appearance of effective charges, features of the model representing charged particles, and reconstructed the resulting string dynamics. Closeup View of a Surface Ion Trap Used in Quantum Computing Technology

"Working at the intersection of quantum simulation and high-energy physics is incredibly exciting," said Arinjoy De, the paper's first author and a former doctoral student in the lab of Christopher Monroe, who led the research and is a professor of electrical and computer engineering and physics at Duke. De is now production machine lead at QuEra Computing. "By simulating quark confinement and string-breaking phenomena in a controlled lab environment, we're opening up new pathways for experimental investigations into the behavior of matter at its most fundamental level."

Quantum results pass a classical check

The researchers checked their results by running the same model on a classical computer. Agreement between the calculations and the experiment confirmed that the quantum simulator accurately reproduced the model at the size tested. The challenge ahead is to expand these simulations until they can address problems too complex for classical computers, including the largest supercomputers.

That would give researchers a way to investigate more demanding questions about how matter evolves, including under conditions associated with the aftermath of the Big Bang.

"As a physicist, it is incredibly exciting to investigate the conditions of the early universe in an atomic-level computing machine," said Zohreh Davoudi, an associate professor of physics at the University of Maryland and a member of the research team. "Even the slightest insights from an out-of-equilibrium physics model will guide us in the future."

Three platforms, one quantum benchmark

The Duke-led collaboration included researchers from the University of Maryland, Oxford University, the California Institute of Technology, Cornell University, and KU Leuven. Its results join two similar published studies that reproduced string breaking in other models using different quantum computing technologies. Teams led by Google and QuEra Computing used superconducting circuits and neutral atoms, respectively.

Each approach has its own advantages and challenges, so reproducing the phenomenon across these systems provides a way to compare what different types of quantum hardware can do.

"These are the three platforms leading the charge in quantum computing, so it's a nice benchmark and comparison for the quantum community," said Monroe, who led the Duke research and is the Gilhuly Family Presidential Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Physics.

"Quantum computer simulations provide the best platform to investigate complex questions like matter formation, short of having witnessed the Big Bang itself," Monroe said. "These findings signal a marked development in the quantum science field and open new avenues for us to understand string-breaking dynamics."

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Talcum Powder Glimpse A Hilarious New-age comedy



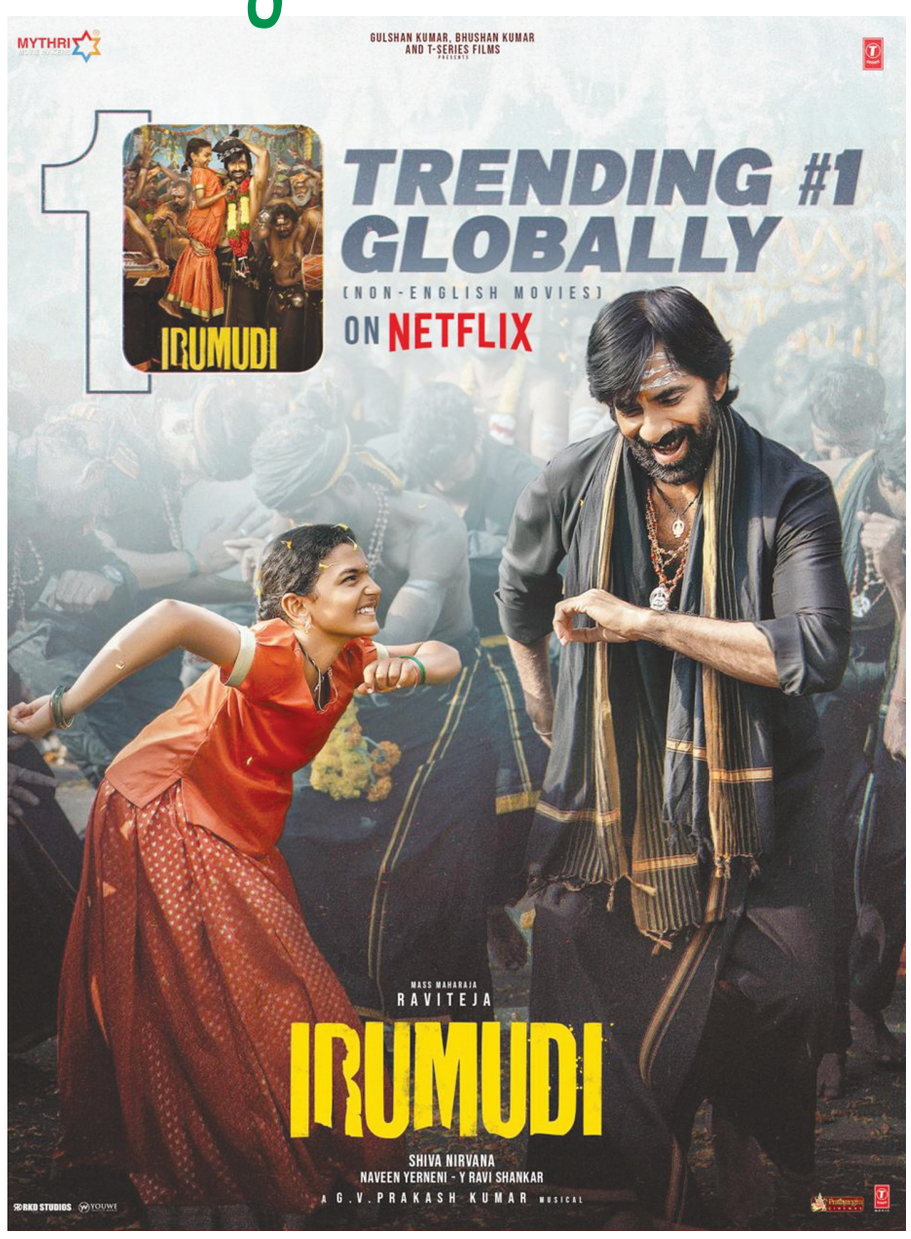
Shiva Kandukuri, Drishika Chander are starring in the new-age comedy, Talcum Powder, produced by National Award winning producer Raj Kandukuri. He gave opportunities to new and fresh talents in Telugu Cinema delivering films like Pelli Choopulu, Mental Madhilo and Choosi Choodangane. Now, the makers unveiled First Sprinkle. The glimpse talks about how a youngster is caught in the nexus of drug peddling. Where does his life takes him due to him being caught up in this drug nexus is set to be explored in a hilarous way. Shiva Kandukuri's comic timing is top notch in the video and his different looks are fresh. Sainath Ponna has come up with interesting one-liners and Shiva delivered them pefectly. The glimpse grows curiosity to watch his journey in the film and the new-age comedy is perfect for Gen-Z audiences and families. Promising a perfect new-age comedy, Talcum Powder is releasing on 13th November.

Mamitha Baiju's Soft Glam Look Is Pure Elegance



Mamitha Baiju, born 22 June 2001 in Kerala, began as a child artist in an uncredited role in Paavada (2016). She made her official debut in Sarvopari Palakkaran (2017) and steadily built her craft through films like Varathan, Operation Java, and Kho Kho (2021), earning the Kerala Film Critics Award for Best Supporting Actress. Her breakthrough came with the 2024 romantic comedy Premalu, where her role as Reenu turned her into a household name and helped the film become one of Malayalam cinema's biggest hits. She entered Tamil cinema with Rebel (2024) and scored another success in Dude (2025). In 2026 she featured in major commercial hits including Jana Nayagan, Vivaah & Sons, Kara, and Bethlehem Kudumba Unit. Upcoming projects include Irandu Vaanam (releasing 23 October 2026) and Hello Dear, marking her

Ravi Teja's "Irumudi" sets Non-English movie record



Jailer 1 vs Jailer 2 Item Song Is Nora Fatehis Bindaas Better Than Tamannaahs Kaavaalaya?



Rajinikanths Jailer 2 is creating buzz ahead of its theatrical release. The makers have now released the much-awaited special song Bindaas, featuring Bollywood dancer Nora Fatehi. While Noras performance has attracted attention, the song is already being compared with Kaavaalaya from Jailer. When Jailer released, Tamannaah Bhatias Kaavaalaa became one of the biggest talking points from the film. The catchy music, Tamannaahs dance moves and Anirudh Ravichanders energetic composition helped the song become popular among audiences. Even people who had not watched the film knew the song and its hook step.

Now, Jailer 2 has tried a similar formula with Nora Fatehi. She appears in a glamorous and energetic avatar and performs several stylish dance moves. The song also has colourful visuals, masked dancers and children, giving it a different presentation. Nora is known for her dancing skills, and she gets plenty of space to showcase them in Bindaas. Her screen presence is one of the major highlights of the song. However, some listeners feel that the music does not create the same excitement as Kaavaalaa.

Mahesh Babu and Jr NTR Join Hands For Him





SS Rajamouli's son SS Karthikeya is making his debut as a producer with Don't Trouble the Trouble. Ahead of the film's release, two big stars, Mahesh Babu and Jr NTR have shown their support for Karthikeya and the entire team. Jr NTR has already attended the film's pre-release event as the chief guest. He also spoke emotionally about Karthikeya and the bond he shares with the Rajamouli family. Now, NTR has once again shown his support by sharing a special post about the film. In his post, NTR praised the performances of Fahadh Faasil and little Ssara. He also appreciated director Shashank Yeleti and music director Kaala Bhairava. NTR wrote, "#DontTroubleTheTrouble is for every child, every parent and everyone who still carries a little bit of that child within them." Talking about Fahadh Faasil, NTR said, "Fahadh sir, what a commendable performance as Suri. Absolutely phenomenal." He also praised the way Fahadh brought life to every scene. NTR had special words for director Shashank Yeleti. He said that Shashank had created a heartfelt story with clarity and warmth. He also wished the young director success in his future journey. NTR also praised Ssara and said that she had stolen his heart with her natural performance. He appreciated Kaala Bhairava's background score and said it played an important role in bringing the film to life. At the end of his post, NTR directly addressed Karthikeya and wrote, "Naaana @ssk1122, I'm so, so proud of you… Can't wait for the world to witness this magic from October 2nd." Interestingly, Mahesh Babu has also watched

"Anakapalli" Interval and Climax Will Be Surprising

The upcoming Telugu film 'Anakapalli' is gearing up for a worldwide theatrical release on October 2. The raw and rustic movie is produced by Kandregula Naidu and Thrinadha Rao Nakkina under Bhavya Sri Movie Makers and Nakkina Narratives. The film stars Vikram Sahidev, Sandhya Vasishta and Tarak Ponnappa in important roles. Thrinadha Rao Nakkina and Kandregula Naidu are also part of the cast. Khagesh Tammineni has directed the film, while Thrinadha Rao Nakkina has provided the story and screenplay. Kandregula Kumar Raja is the co-producer. Ahead of the release, the team interacted with the media and spoke about the film, its characters and the audience response.



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