

LEADER ATTENDS MOURNING CEREMONY FOR HAZRAT ZAHRA (SA)



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 Tehran, Nov, 21

Ayatollah Khamenei observed the Fatemiyeh mourning ceremony which marks martyrdom anniversary of Hazrat Zahra at Imam Khomeini's Husseiniyeh, where a number of officials and hundreds of different walks of life were attending.

Hazrat Fatemeh Zahra (SA) was the daughter of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and lady Khadijah (SA) and was the wife of Imam Ali (AS) and mother of Imam Hassan and Imam Hos-

sein (AS). Lady Fatemeh is a vital character in the religion of Islam and is considered a role model for all Muslim women.

PRAYING FOR RAIN IN QOM'S JAMKARAN MOSQUE



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QOM, Nov. 21 (MNA) – People in the holy city of Qom prayed for rain in the holy Mosque of Jamkaran.

PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU ARRIVES IN HYDERABAD ON 2 DAY VISIT

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 Hyderabad, Nov, 21

President Draupadi Murmu arrived in Hyderabad on Friday, November 21 for a two-day visit to the city.

Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy received Murmu at the Begumpet airport. Reddy was accompanied by Telangana transport minister Ponnampal Prabhakar, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) mayor Vijayalakshmi Gadwal, Telangana governor Jishnu Dev Verma and Union minister Kishan Reddy others.

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The Hyderabad police had issued traffic diversions for November 21 and 22 in view of the President's visit to the city.



Portfolios allotted to Bihar ministers, Samrat Chowdhury assigned Home dept

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The Home portfolio of Bihar, which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar kept with himself all through his nearly 20-year-long tenure, has been given to his deputy, BJP leader Samrat Chowdhury, this time, according to an official notification issued on Friday.

On the other hand, the Finance portfolio, which has been held by the BJP whenever it has entered into an alliance with the JD(U), has gone to the Nitish Kumar-led party this time. Senior leader Bijendra Prasad Yadav got the Finance and Commercial Tax departments.

Another Deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha got Revenue & Land reforms and Mines & Geology departments, the notification said.

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While senior JD(U) leader Shrawan Kumar has been



given portfolios of Rural Development and Transport departments, his party colleague Ashok Chowdhary got the Rural Works department portfolio. JD(U) leader Vijay Chowdhary has been given the portfolios of Building Construction, Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs, while Madan Sahni of the same party got the So-

cial Welfare department portfolio, the notification said.

The BJP's Shreyasi Singh has been given portfolios of Sports and Information and Technology, while her party's Arun Shankar Prasad got the Tourism department. Sanjay Tiger, also of the BJP, has been given the Labour Resources department, it said.

Israel shifts frontline deeper into Gaza, strikes hit families trapped inside

Local authorities say the Israeli military has expanded the so-called "yellow line" truce demarcation in Gaza City and repositioned its forces deeper into the territory in violation of a ceasefire agreement that came into force on October 10, besieging dozens of Palestinian families. Gaza's Government Media Office announced in a statement on Thursday that Israeli forces widened the boundary by shifting the markers, and advanced roughly 300 meters (984 feet) into the neighborhoods of Ash-Shaaf, An-Nazzaz and Baghdad Street. The move pushed further into civilian areas, trapping families who were unable to flee as tanks rolled forward, it added.

Russia confirms it's received White House plan on ending war

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 Eurasia, Nov, 20

Russian President Vladimir Putin said in recent remarks that the US administration's proposed peace plan was drafted before his meeting with Donald Trump in Alaska.

He explained that Russia had received the plan and believed it could be the basis for reaching a final peace agreement on the Ukraine crisis.

He stressed that no one had discussed the details of the plan with Russia, adding, the US administration has not yet been able to reach an agreement with the Ukrainian side, because Ukraine is against the plan.

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'Some parties on mission to protect infiltrators': Amit Shah on Bengal CM's plea to halt SIR

New Delhi: Some political parties are on a mission to shield the infiltrators by opposing the voter verification drive being undertaken by the Election Commission of India (ECI), said Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday. The searing swipe by the Home Minister comes on the back of West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's urgent appeal to the poll panel to stop the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) — currently underway in 12 states, including three union territories.

Addressing an event in Gujarat, HM Amit Shah said that stopping infiltration in the country was not just necessary but also the need of the hour because of the threat it poses to the country's demography and democracy. "Preventing infiltration is not only necessary for the security of the country, but also essential to protect our democratic system from being corrupted. Unfortunately, some political parties are opposing the 'ghuspaithiya hatao' campaign and the voter list purification drive being carried out by the Election Commission under SIR," he stated.

Telangana HC quashes case against KTR over election code violation

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Thursday quashed the case registered against BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) by Saifabad police for allegedly violating the Model Code of Conduct during the 2023 Assembly elections. According to the case details, police had booked KTR and a few party workers for using a drone near the Amaraveerula Stupam in Hyderabad during election time, claiming it breached election guidelines.

Lebanon at 'critical phase' as PM says Israel blocking withdrawal talks

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Lebanon's Prime Minister Nawaf Salam says Israel is refusing to enter talks to end its occupation of Lebanese territory, despite last November's ceasefire agreement and the regime's public rhetoric.

Salam said Lebanon's President Joseph Aoun has offered to start talks with Israel to discuss its withdrawal from the five border outposts.

"I repeat the same offer of negotiating with Israel," Salam said in an interview with Bloomberg on Thursday, noting that Israel declined to respond to the Lebanese offer.

Israel and Hezbollah agreed to a ceasefire agreement that took effect on November 27, 2024. Under the deal, Tel Aviv was required to with-



draw fully from the Lebanese territory—but has kept forces stationed at five sites, in clear violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 and the terms of the agreement.

"That's a puzzle for me. They ask for negotiations, and when we show readiness, they don't agree to the rendez-vous," the premier said.

"That's something I'll be bringing

up with the Americans," he added.

His remarks came as the premier's government approved a US proposal to disarm the Hezbollah resistance movement that has for decades defended the country from external aggression, especially from the Israeli enemy.

Hezbollah has condemned the government's decision to disarm it

as a "grave sin," warning that such a move would weaken the country against Israeli aggression. The popular resistance group declared it would ignore the decision entirely, treating it "as if it did not exist."

Referring to the Israeli occupation of the five sites and the regime's ongoing deadly attacks, Lebanese armed forces commander General Rodolphe Haykal said on Friday, "Today, our nation is witnessing a critical phase, one of the most difficult in its history."

He added that the Israeli violations "prevent the army's full deployment, and cause widespread destruction to property and infrastructure." Haykal was scheduled to visit Washington this week, but the visit was canceled over his recent statement condemning Israel for its incessant aggression on the Arab country's south.

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also essential to protect our democratic system from being corrupted. Unfortunately, some political parties are opposing the 'ghuspaithiya hatao' campaign and the voter list purification drive being carried out by the Election Commission under

SIR," he stated. Reiterating the pledge to oust infiltrators and outsiders, he said that every single infiltrator will be identified and thrown out of the country. "It's the people of this country and not the infiltrators who will elect their representatives," he added. The Home Minister's remarks come just a day after Mamata Banerjee dashed off a letter to the Election Commission, demanding a stay on the ongoing SIR exercise on the grounds of 'alienating the common public and snatching their right to vote'. "I would request you to kindly intervene decisively to halt the ongoing exercise, stop coercive measures,

provide proper training and support, and thoroughly reassess the present methodology and timelines," Mamata Banerjee wrote in a letter to CEC Gyanesh Kumar. She also claimed that many BLOs (Booth Level Officers) were under extreme pressure and fear of punitive action and were resorting to "submission of incorrect or incomplete entries, thus risking disenfranchisement of genuine voters and eroding the integrity of the electoral roll". Her letter drew backlash from the BJP, including the state unit, which not just dismissed her charges but also accused her of trying to derail a lawful process.

RAHUL MOURNS IAF PILOT'S DEATH IN TEJAS CRASH: 'NATION STANDS WITH FAMILY'

"We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends in this time of grief," the party said.



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The Congress condoled the death of an Indian Air Force pilot in the Tejas crash at the Dubai Air Show on Friday, with Rahul Gandhi saying the nation stands with the family of the pilot, honouring his courage and service.

Visuals of the crash aired on various . TV channels showed the IAF's fighter jet dropping altitude and then crashing on the ground, before being engulfed in a ball of fire. As smoke billowed out of the crash site, the sight left the spectators shocked. In a post on X, Rahul Gandhi

said, "Deeply saddened by the loss of our brave IAF pilot in the Tejas crash at the Dubai Air Show." "My heartfelt condolences to his family. The nation stands with them, honouring his courage and service," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "We have lost a courageous son of India, an Indian Air Force pilot, in the Tejas crash at the Dubai Air Show." "My prayers and deepest condolences to his family. The nation stands with them in this hour of sorrow, honouring his supreme sacrifice," the MP from Kerala's Wayanad said.

NEHRU'S WRITINGS RECORD OF INDIA'S EVOLVING CONSCIENCE, NOT JUST HISTORY, SAYS RAHUL GANDHI

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New Delhi: Nov, 21

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archive will continue to expand. Rahul Gandhi shared his thoughts on the social

media platform X and said, "Nehru's writings are not just history, they are a record of India's evolving conscience. For anyone seeking to understand our nation's democratic journey — its courage, its doubts, its dreams — his words remain a powerful compass." He further said, "I'm glad this legacy is now open, searchable, and free for all. It will keep getting expanded." Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge also posted on X, "Facts are facts and will not disappear

on account of your likes" ~ Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. In an era of deliberate distortion, disinformation and misinformation regarding Pandit Nehru and his colossal achievements for India, it is worthwhile to digitise his writings for truth and posterity. " He said he was pleased that "The Nehru Archive" is now live, calling it India's first comprehensive, open-access digital archive of Nehru's letters, speeches, notes, and other writings

Anti-CAA protests aimed at regime change: Delhi police to SC

When intellectuals become terrorists, they become more dangerous than those working on the ground, the Delhi Police had argued while opposing bail pleas in the February 2020 riots case.

Safir News
New Delhi, 21

The protests against the CAA in the national capital were not a simple dharna but were aimed at regime change like Bangladesh and Nepal, the Delhi Police told the Supreme Court on Friday while opposing bail plea of activists Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam and others in the February 2020 riots case. Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, appearing for the Delhi Police, told a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and

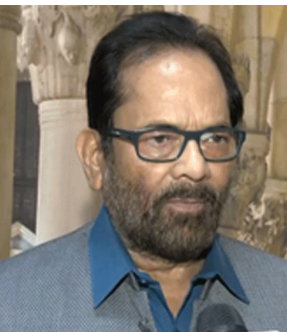


N V Anjaria that the Delhi riots were the result of a conspiracy involving several accused, including Tahir Hussain, Shifa Ur Rahman, Meeran Haider, Ishrat Jahan and Khalid Saifi, who he al-

leged financed the violence. Citing statements from a witness, Raju submitted that conspirators planned violence, organised chakka jams to disrupt and "choke Assam out of India," and further

mobilised rioters who, armed with sticks, engaged in heavy stone-pelting. "This is a clear case where UAPA [Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967] offences are attracted, conspiracy to commit terrorist act, murder, etc is made out. It was not a simple dharna for CAA [Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019], it was for regime change. "All those who went for dharna carried sticks, acid bottles. They wanted regime change like in Bangladesh and Nepal. They have scant regard for the Constitution,"

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Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said, "I am compelled to say with great regret that a new phase of 'intellectual terrorism' has begun. This new wave of educated explosives that has started is not in the interest of the country. People must unite to stop this. Any country that promotes or protects such elements cannot claim to be a well-wisher of humanity or Islam. These terrorists who claim to speak for 'Islamabad' are actually enemies of its existence, and of Islam and humanity." He also reacted to the controversy surrounding the postponement of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Kerala ahead of the upcoming Local Self-Government Institutions (LSGI) elections.

AFTER SHIVAKUMAR'S CRYPTIC REMARK, SIDDARAMAIAH HINTS AT CONTINUING AS KARNATAKA CM

Bengaluru: Signalling that he will continue as the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramaiah has asserted that he would present his record 17th Budget next year. Siddaramaiah, who also holds the finance portfolio, presented his 16th budget in March. He was speaking at the golden jubilee of LG Havanur on Wednesday, marking submission of the first backward classes commission report. "When I first became finance minister, a newspaper wrote — this Siddaramaiah (a Kuruba) can't count a hundred sheep, how will he function as Karnataka's finance minister — I accepted this as a challenge. I have presented 16 budgets. Next, I will present the 17th budget," Siddaramaiah said, drawing loud applause. The 2026-27 budget is likely to be presented in March next year, and preparatory work has already begun. Siddaramaiah's comments come amid speculations about a possible leadership change in the state, when the Congress government reaches the halfway mark of its five-year term in November.

'SWADESHI INTERPRETATION' ADOPTED BY SC ON PRESIDENTIAL REFERENCE: CJI GAVAI

The exchange took place during the ceremonial Bench proceedings in Courtroom No. 1 of the Supreme Court, marking CJI Gavai's last working day before his retirement.



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New Delhi Nov, 21

Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai, who demits the highest judicial office of the country on November 23, on Friday reflected on the "swadeshi interpretation" adopted by the Supreme Court in its recent opinion on the Presidential reference, highlighting

the top court's preference for Indian precedents over foreign jurisprudence. Responding to Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's remark that "a fresh breeze of Indianness has started flowing in the judgments", CJI Gavai said: "In yesterday's judgment, we did not use a single foreign judgment and we used swadeshi interpretation." SG Mehta, the second-hig-

hest law officer of the Centre, said that the 5-judge Constitution Bench has carefully distinguished the American and British systems from India's constitutional framework. "Your lordships said we have our own jurisprudence, and the judgment answered everything in just 110 pages. It is a new thing. Judgment should be a judgment and not an article for a law review," the Solicitor

General stated. The exchange took place during the ceremonial Bench proceedings in Courtroom No. 1 of the Supreme Court, marking CJI Gavai's last working day before his retirement. Justice Surya Kant, who will take charge as the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24, praised Justice Gavai for setting "a high standard" and praised his "unshakable devotion to the rule of law." Justice Gavai had earlier recommended Justice Kant as his successor, following the established convention of appointing the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court as the Chief Justice of India (CJI). In a lighter moment that drew laughter across the packed courtroom, a lawyer attempted to shower flower petals on CJI Gavai as a mark of respect.

PM Modi in South Africa for G20, looks forward to key discussions

"Our focus will be on strengthening cooperation, advancing development priorities and ensuring a better future for all," the prime minister said.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said he was looking forward to "productive discussions" with world leaders on key global issues as he arrived in Johannesburg to attend the G20 Leaders' Summit, being hosted by South Africa. Modi arrived at Waterkloof Air Force Base (AFB) in Gauteng, where he was accorded a warm and ceremonial welcome. He was greeted with a red-carpet salute from the South African Air Force. The prime minister was received by Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, South Africa's Minister in the Presidency, at the airport. A cultural performance troupe greeted him with traditional dances



and songs. "Landed in Johannesburg for the G20 Summit related engagements. Look forward to productive discussions with world leaders on key global issues," Modi said in a social

media post. This is the first G20 Summit being held in Africa. The African Union became a member of the G20 during India's presidency in 2023.

"Our focus will be on strengthening cooperation, advancing development priorities and ensuring a better future for all," the prime minister said. When Modi arrived at the hotel, a group of children recited a prayer to welcome him. Local artists performed traditional dances, displaying the cultural heritage of states such as Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan. The prime minister also interacted with children who recited Vedic Mantras. He was seen clapping to the tunes of musical performances. He shook hands and interacted with the members of the Indian community as they chanted 'Modi-Modi'.

NCERT REMOVES 'GREAT' FROM AKBAR, TIPU SULTAN IN HISTORY BOOKS: RSS

Safir News
Nagpur Nov, 21

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader Sunil Ambekar on Friday said many positive changes have been introduced in history textbooks, and epithet 'the great' is no longer used to describe Mughal emperor Akbar or Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan. Although the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has brought these changes, "nobody has been removed" from these textbooks as the new generation should know their cruel deeds. Ambekar was address-

ing a gathering at the Orange City Literature festival organised by SGR Knowledge Foundation here. "India has vast and rich resources of ancient knowledge, which if we learn and understand can help us a lot in our lives. This rich knowledge can be given to the world as well, but for that we also need to focus on that knowledge," the Akhil Bharatiya Prachar Pramukh of the RSS said. "I could see that many good changes have been brought in the history books, and more could be done in the future. But now, their (history textbooks) do not have 'Akbar the Great' nor do they



have 'Tipu Sultan the Great'. Many changes have been brought, although nobody has been removed from these books as the new generation should know their cruel deeds and should also know because of whom we were victimised and from whom we should be free," he said.

Manchester United Dealt Blow As Benjamin Sesko Ruled Out For Weeks



Star striker Benjamin Sesko will be sidelined ‘for a few weeks’ because of a knee injury sustained before the international break, manager Ruben Amorim confirmed on Friday. The forward, who joined United from RB Leipzig for £74 million (\$97 million) in August, got injured during the 2-2 draw at Tottenham on November 8 and missed Slovenia’s World Cup qualifiers. Amorim initially expressed greater concern because it involved a knee, but he is now confident the 22-year-old has avoided a lengthy absence. “He will be out for a few weeks; I don’t know exactly how long, but it is not that serious,” Amorim said at his pre-match press conference for Monday’s game against Everton. “We need to be cautious with him. He is recovering and feeling better. So, I expect to have Ben (Sesko) back in a few weeks.” Amorim anticipates Sesko’s return around the same time

that Cameroon’s Bryan Mbeumo, Ivory Coast international Amad Diallo, and Morocco’s Noussair Mazraoui will depart for the Africa Cup of Nations, which begins in Morocco on December 21. “We are trying our best to keep the players a bit longer, but it’s not entirely in our control,” Amorim said “We must respect that, but we will do everything to protect the club, the player, and the national team.” When asked about approaching the anniversary of his first game as United manager against Ipswich on November 24 last year, Amorim reflected on the challenges. “From the start, I knew we would face some struggles,” he said. “But it’s the best league in the world and maybe the best club. It’s a big job that requires a lot of effort.” Amorim noted that United are showing progress after a difficult 2024/25 season, in which they finished 15th in the Premier League.

INDIA Vs PAKISTAN T20 World Cup 2026 Match To Be Played On...

India hosts the T20 World Cup 2026 and have been grouped with USA, Namibia, Pakistan, and Netherlands. India-Pakistan clash in Colombo on February 15.



India’s schedule for the T20 World Cup 2026 (As Per Reports) Group: India, USA, Pakistan, Namibia, Netherlands The report further stated that Mumbai is expected to host one of the semi-finals on March 5. Ahmedabad’s Narendra Modi Stadium will stage the final on March 8. If Pakistan qualify for the semi-finals, they will play their last-four match in Colombo. Likewise, should Sri Lanka reach the semi-final stage, they too will play at home. An intriguing scenario arises if Pakistan reach the final. The India-Pakistan encounter, traditionally the biggest drawcard in global cricket, is expected to once again command massive attention despite the increasingly one-sided recent results. Beyond sport, the rivalry remains layered with geopolitical tension, adding greater weight and drama to the anticipated contest.

The T20 World Cup 2026 is around the corner, with India hosting the mega ICC event for the first time since 2016. Defending champions Team India will begin their campaign against the USA at the Narendra

Modi Stadium on February 8. According to RevSportz, the men in blue have been grouped with Pakistan, Namibia, the Netherlands and the USA. Their marquee clash against Pakistan is likely scheduled

for February 15 in Colombo. The tournament — jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka — will run from February 7 to March 8, marking the first time the T20 World Cup will be played during the Asian winter.

Shubman Gill Ruled Out, India Announce 38th Captain Of Their Test History

India will be without their captain Shubman Gill for the all-important 2nd Test against South Africa that starts from Saturday.

It’s official. The Indian men’s cricket team will be led by a new captain in the crucial 2nd Test against South Africa to be played at the Barsa-para Cricket Stadium of Guwahati from Saturday. Shubman Gill has been ruled out from the contest, and his deputy, wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, will lead the hosts. “Team India captain Shubman Gill, who suffered a neck injury during the first Test against South Africa, has been ruled out of the second Test in Guwahati,” stated BCCI on Friday afternoon. Gill suffered a neck injury while batting on Day 2 of the first Test at Eden Gardens last week. He retired hurt after facing just three balls in India’s first innings and was stretchered off to a Kolkata

hospital. Gill was kept under observation before being discharged the following day. He did travel to Guwahati on November 19 but didn’t take part in the training sessions before being ruled out. “Unfortunately, he (Gill) was not fully fit to feature in the 2nd Test and will head to Mumbai for further assessment of his injury,” read the statement. Pant To Become 38th Test Captain Gill’s absence means Pant will be promoted to captaincy and will thus become the 38th different man to lead India in Test cricket. This is not the first time that the wicketkeeper-batter will be captaining India at the international level. In 2022, he captained India in five T20Is with mixed results, winning two and losing as many



with one producing no result. Pant will enter an exclusive club and become the second designated wicketkeeper-batter to lead India in Test cricket after the legendary MS Dhoni. Pant faces a big task of ensuring India don’t suffer a

second series defeat at home in just over a year, having lost the opening match inside three days by 30 runs. It’s a must-win for India as Guwahati is set to become the 30th different venue to host Test cricket in India.

Australian Open: Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy Ousted By Indonesian Duo In Quarters

The ace Indian pairing succumbed to a 19-21, 15-21 defeat at the hands of Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Fajar Alfian to exit the event down under.



India’s top-ranked badminton duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj

Rankireddy were ousted from the Australian Open on Friday

with their quarterfinal defeat to Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Fajar Alfian. The ace Indian pairing succumbed to a 19-21, 15-21 defeat at the hands of the Indonesian duo of Fikri and Alfian to exit the event down under. Lakshya Sen defeated Ayush Shetty in straight games to advance to the men’s singles semifinals at the Australian Open Super 500 tournament on Friday. The seventh-seeded Indian, who had previously defeated the 20-year-old Shetty at the same stage in the Hong Kong Open

earlier this year, won 23-21, 21-11, setting up a semifinal clash against Chinese-Taipei’s Chou Tien Chen, the event’s second seed. However, Shetty, the US Open Super 300 champion earlier this year, fought back, repeatedly taking the lead in a see-saw battle before levelling at 21-all. Sen eventually closed out the opener. The second game of the 53-minute contest was more one-sided, with Sen taking an early 6-1 lead, which quickly grew to 15-7 as Shetty’s challenge faded.

Right On Time! Raphinha, Yamal Fit For Barca’s Return To Camp Nou

Barcelona winger Lamine Yamal, who missed Spain’s World Cup qualifiers this month due to a groin injury, is fit and ready for the club’s LaLiga match against Athletic Bilbao at the Camp Nou on Saturday, manager Hansi Flick informed reporters. Yamal, having been sidelined three times with groin issues since September, is set to return as Barcelona plays at their home ground for the first time in two-and-a-half years. The club is reopening the partially renovated Camp Nou with a reduced capacity. “He worked very hard these two weeks and I’m really happy with what I see,” Flick said on Friday about the 18-year-old Yamal, who was released from Spain’s squad on November 11. Raphinha, who has been out since September with a hamstring injury, is also poised to make a comeback. However, fellow forward Marcus Rashford remains doubtful for Saturday’s match after developing a fever, Flick added. The Barcelona team is delighted to return to the Camp Nou for the first time since May 2023, Flick stated. The Catalans played their home matches at the Olympic Stadium for the last two seasons, where Flick led them to the league title in his debut campaign in 2024-25. The squad held an open training session at the Camp Nou on November 7. “I think we prefer to play at Camp Nou. When we were at the training and I went up the



stairs and reached the pitch, it was an unbelievable feeling,” Flick commented. “It can give us a really big push in the match because it’s very close and the fans know exactly when the team needs this push.” Second-placed Barcelona are three points behind Real Madrid in LaLiga and are 11th in the Champions League, where they

will visit Chelsea on Tuesday. “Game-by-game, this is what we want to do. I know that it’s a long, long way till the end of May. We never have doubts about what we want to do, how we want to play, and reach our goals,” Flick said. “Last season was the same. We have to look into ourselves and give our best performance in every match.”

‘They Aren’t Ready For Black Superstar Who Can...’: Arsenal Legend Ian Wright Calls Out Undue Criticism Of Players Of Colour

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Arsenal legend Ian Wright backed English superstar Jude Bellingham and defended the Real Madrid midfielder after undue recent criticism of the 22-year-old. Wright noted that the targeting and persecution of black players isn’t a new phenomenon and that certain echelons aren’t ready to accept a black superstar. “I’m

worried for Jude simply because he’s somebody that they can’t control,” the 62-year-old said. “Obviously coming off of the who else and what he’d done at the World Cup, he’s showing people, ‘I’m here, I’m black, I’m proud and I’m ready to go’,” the former England international added. “And all that vibe is something

that certain men can’t deal with,” Wright, as he is fondly known, continued. Gary Neville chimed in with his exchange with Raheem Sterling, who conveyed to the Manchester United full-back that he was being targeted and persecuted during the 2016, for reasons not relating to football. Wright recollected the time he did a piece for GQ stating, “I’m an Englishman, I can’t hide from that. Even when was younger people would say, ‘Yeah, you’re not really English, are you?’” “Yeah, I’m English,” he asserted. “I don’t think they are ready for a black superstar, who can move like Jude can.” “They can’t touch him, he goes out there, he performs, does what he does, he says ‘Who Else?’” “He too uppity for these people,” he explained.

KTR RESPONDS TO FORMULA E DEVELOPMENTS; ALLEGES 'LARGEST LAND SCAM' BY CONGRESS

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BRS Working President K T Rama Rao on Friday, November 21, said the law would take its course in the Formula E race case in which the governor has given the nod for his prosecution.

Responding to the governor's decision, he said he is even ready for a lie detector test in the matter.

"Law will take its own course. I have already said I did not do anything wrong. I have said I am ready for a lie detector test," he told reporters.

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma has given nod to the state government for the prosecution of Rao in the Formula E race case, official sources said on Thursday.



The Telangana government's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), probing the Formula-E race case, sought the state government's permission in September this year to prosecute Rao, who is an MLA, and two others accused.

Apart from Rao, the prime accused, the ACB had written to the government seeking its permission to prosecute

senior IAS officer Arvind Kumar and former Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) chief engineer B L N Reddy.

The Formula-E race was held in Hyderabad in February 2023. Although the second edition of the race was initially planned for 2024, it was cancelled after the Congress government assumed office in December 2023.

The probe against Rao pertains to alleged irregularities in payments amounting to about Rs 55 crore, most of which were in foreign currency, in "violation of laid-down procedures" during the previous BRS regime, for the event planned for 2024.

In December 2024, the ACB registered a case against Rao, Kumar, and Reddy.

KTR alleges 'largest land scam' by Congress

On the other hand, he also accused the Congress government of 'India's biggest ever land loot' in Telangana under the leadership of the chief minister A Revanth Reddy. He accused the Telangana government of orchestrating a Rs 5 lakh crore land scam involving the illegal conversion, undervaluation and reallocation of approximately 9,292 acres of prime industrial lands across Hyderabad and its surrounding areas. Addressing a press conference at the Telangana Bhavan, the Sircilla MLA alleged that the land scam was intended to benefit Revanth Reddy personally, besides his inner circle of friends, family members, loyalists, in-laws, and brokers.

Jagan urges Chandrababu Naidu to protect Andhra's interests in Krishna waters

YSR Congress Party president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has urged Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to safeguard the interests of the people of the state before the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II).

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YSR Congress Party president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has urged Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to safeguard the interests of the people of the state before the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II). In a letter to the Chief Minister, Jagan said that the state government will have an opportunity to present its case in the upcoming hearings before the KWDT-II.

The YSRC leader wrote that this is of vital importance in light of the Telangana government's demand for the allocation of 763 TMC of dependable water in the Krishna River to the state of Telangana. If the Tribunal ac-



ceeds to this request, the State of Andhra Pradesh would be subjected to severe injustice. Andhra Pradesh Government has to now present its final arguments before the KWDT-II and prevent the unfair reallocation, YS Jagan said.

"It is quite distressing to note that the TDP coalition Government in the State of AP does not seem to have any sincerity in protecting the

State's rights over the Krishna river waters. The coalition government is making fragile arguments on behalf of the State before KWDT-II," he wrote.

The former CM also pointed out the callous attitude of the TDP towards the Rayalaseema Projects. Referring to the decision of the Karnataka Government to provide clearance for ac-

quisition of 1,33,867 acres of land to facilitate increase in Almati dam height from 519.16 meters to 524.256 meters, YS Jagan told CM Naidu that insincere attitude of his Government towards safeguarding the interests of the State is giving scope for the "neighbouring States to initiate steps that will result in adverse consequence for our State." He recalled that works pertaining to increasing the Almati dam height commenced when Chandrababu Naidu was not only the Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh but also the convener of the United Front in 1996. At that time, opposition parties and farmers were justifiably worried that this development would seriously undermine the rights of a united Andhra Pradesh.

Burial of Madinah accident victims yet to take place: AIM-IM MLA Majid Hussain

Madinah: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MLA Majid Hussain has confirmed that the burial of the Hyderabad Umrah pilgrims who died in the bus accident near Madinah has not yet taken place, urging the public to rely only on official updates while formalities continue in Saudi Arabia. In a video shared on his Instagram on Friday, November 21, Hussain said the required documentation and legal procedures are still being completed by Saudi authorities and that the funeral schedule will be announced once it is formally approved. He also appealed to the public not to circulate sensitive videos linked to the tragedy, noting that several clips showing women and children have caused distress to the families of the victims.

Poultry India Delegation Meets Telangana CM Ahead of 17th Poultry Expo 2025



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In a significant boost to the upcoming 17th Poultry India Expo 2025, a high-level delegation from the Indian poultry sector met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Animal Husbandry Minister Vakiti Srihari to seek the state's support for the flagship industry event.

A senior team from the Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers' Association

(IPEMA)—Led by Uday Singh Bayas, President; P. Chakradhar Rao, Founding President; and M. Shrikanth, Treasurer—called on the Chief Minister and formally invited him to inaugurate the expo. Leaders of the Telangana Poultry Federation (TPF), including K. Mohan Reddy, President, and V. Narsimha Reddy, Vice President, along with industry representative G.K. Murli, were also part of the delegation.

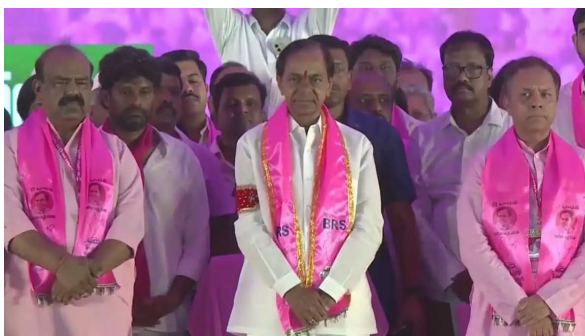
Telangana local body polls: KCR to stay away from campaigning

■ Many political observers believe that the ex-CM has still not recovered from the BRS' loss in the 2023 Telangana election.

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With the Telangana government all set to conduct the local body elections in the coming weeks, many are wondering if ex-chief minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) will finally come out and campaign. After the BRS's loss in the 2023 Assembly elections KCR almost disappeared from public life, and has barely campaigned.

The Telangana local body polls is likely to be held in December due to delays. It was set to be held earlier in November after the state government announced a 42% reservation for Backward Class (BC) communities. However, the high court



struck it down, delaying the process. On November 20, the State Election Commission (SEC) is likely to issue the notification on November 26 or 27.

BRS functionaries said that it is highly unlikely that even a major election like the local body elections will draw out KCR. Many political observers believe that the ex-CM has still not recovered from the BRS' loss in

the 2023 Telangana election.

A senior BRS functionary told that KCR may in fact surface or campaign during the next Assembly election. Since 2023, BRS working president and his son KT Rama Rao (KTR) and Siddipet MLA (and KCR's nephew) T Harish Rao have been leading the party. Many believe that KTR is likely to take over from KCR.

Telangana excise dept takes action against man blackmailing officials

Hyderabad, Nov, 21 (TDN) :The

Telangana excise department on November 18 submitted a complaint to the Nizamabad police commissioner asking them to take stern action against an individual allegedly blackmailing their officers.

In their complaint, they have stated that a person named Turpunnari Danaiah Goud, claiming to be the leader of a group called Gouda Sangham, has been falsely accusing excise officials of collecting money illegally from stakeholders.

He would then try to extort money from the officials by threatening to approach higher authorities. The complaint also stated that Danaiah is not officially related to the organisation, which he claims to be a part of.

Therefore, the department has asked the commissioner to take strong action against the individual.



Telangana Announces Major IPS Reshuffle; Key Hyd Postings Included

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In a significant administrative reshuffle, the Telangana government has transferred and posted numerous IPS officers across the state to strengthen law enforcement and improve administrative efficiency.

This reshuffle involves strategic reassignments within Hyderabad police zones as well as postings across districts and specialised units statewide.

Devendra Singh Chauhan appointed as Addl DGP (Personnel)

Devendra Singh Chauhan, IPS (1997), has been appointed Additional Director General of Police (Personnel) at the office of the Director General of Police, Hyderabad, while continuing to hold additional charge of Multizone-II.

Parimala Hana Nutan Jacob, IPS (2009), has been shifted from Joint Commissioner of Police (Administration), Hyderabad City, to Deputy Inspector General of Police, CID, Hyderabad.

Chetana Mylabathula, IPS (2013), formerly Superintendent of Police, Women Safety Wing, Hyderabad,

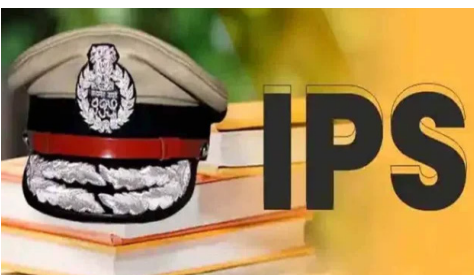
is now Deputy Director, RBVRR TGPA, Hyderabad. Srinivasulu, IPS (2006), transferred from Inspector General of Police, CID, to Additional Commissioner of Police for Crimes in Hyderabad City.

Tafseer Iqbal, IPS (2008), Deputy Inspector General of Police, Zone-VI Charminar, assumes charge as Joint Commissioner of Police for Law and Order in Hyderabad City.

Sneha Mehra, IPS (2018), Deputy Commissioner of Police, South Zone, Hyderabad City, has been posted as Superintendent of Police, Vikarabad.

Beyond Hyderabad
Beyond Hyderabad, Narayana Reddy, IPS (2013), has been posted as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Maheshwaram Zone, Rachakonda. PV Padmaja, IPS (2013), moves from Deputy Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, Rachakonda to Superintendent of Police (Administration), Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau.

Patil Sangramsingh Ganapatrao, IPS (2015), from Superintendent of Police, CID, is posted as Superintendent of Police, Nagarkurnool District. Khare Kiran Prabhakar, IPS (2017), moves from Superintendent of Police, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, to Deputy Com-



missioner of Police, South Zone, Hyderabad City, replacing Sneha Mehra. Chennuri Rupesh, IPS (2017), transfers from Superintendent of Police, Telangana Anti Narcotic Bureau, to Deputy Commissioner of Police, SM&IT, Hyderabad City. Shabarish P. IPS (2017), posted from Superintendent of Police, Mulugu to Superintendent of Police, Mahabubabad.

Nitika Pant, IPS (2017), moved to Superintendent of Police, Komurambheem Asifabad. R. Giridhar, IPS (2017), from Superintendent of Police, Wanaparty District, is now Superintendent of Police, Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau. Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath,

IPS (2018), takes charge as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Task Force, Hyderabad City.

Kekan Sudhir Ramnath, IPS (2018), posted as Superintendent of Police, Mulugu. Sirisetti Sanketh, IPS (2020), from ADC to Governor to Superintendent of Police, Jayashankar Bhupalapally. Patil Kantilal Subhash, IPS (2020), was newly appointed ADC to the Governor.

B Ram Reddy, IPS (2020), has moved from Superintendent of Police, CID, to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Peddapally, Ramagundam. Ch. Sridhar, IPS (2020), Superintendent of Police, Intelligence, Hyderabad, has been posted as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, Rachakonda.

Avinash Kumar, IPS (2021), SDPO, Bhainsa, Nirmal, takes charge as Additional Superintendent of Police (Operations), B. Kothagudem. Kajal, IPS (2021), SDPO, Uttoor, Adilabad, posted as Additional SP/ASP, Grade-I, Uttoor.

Kankanala Rahul Reddy, IPS (2021), SDPO, Bhongir, posted as Additional SP/ASP, Grade-I, Bhongir. Sheshadrini Reddy Suruconti, IPS (2021), SDPO, Vemulawada, Rajanna Sircilla, has taken over as Ad-

ditional Superintendent of Police (Administration), Jagital.

Shviam Upadhyaya, IPS (2021), SDPO, Eturunagar, Mulugu, posted as Additional Superintendent of Police (Operations) at Mulugu Headquarters. Rajesh Meena, IPS (2022), ASP, Nirmal, posted as SDPO, Bhainsa, in the rank of Additional SP. P. Mounika, IPS (2022), ASP, Devarakonda, Nalgonda, posted as Additional SP/ASP, Grade-I (Administration), Adilabad.

Manan Bhat, IPS (2023), ASP, Greyhounds, moved to ASP/SDPO, Eturunagar. Pathipaka Saikiran, IPS (2023), ASP, Greyhounds, posted as ASP, Nirmal. Ruthiwi Sai Kotte, IPS (2023), ASP, Greyhounds, posted as ASP, Vemulawada, R. Sircilla. Yadav Vasundhara Faurebi, IPS (2023), ASP, Greyhounds, takes charge as ACP, Sathupally (Kalluru), Khammam.

Sreenivas, IPS, assigned as Superintendent of Police, TG TRANSCO. D. Sunitha, IPS, posted as Superintendent of Police, Wanaparthi. K Gunasekhar, IPS, posted as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crimes, Rachakonda.

HYDRAA protects Rs 700 crore govt land in Kondapur

Hyderabad: Hyderabad Disaster Management and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Friday, November 21, reclaimed nearly 4 acres of land meant for public utilities in Kondapur. The Sri Venkateswara HAL Colony was developed over 57.20 acres, comprising 627 plots. The layout had also accommodated 1.20 acres each for two parks, 2 acres for another park and 1,000 square yards for public-utility spaces. Presently, the land prices in the area are reaching Rs 200 crore per acre placing the value of the reclaimed land at around Rs 700 crore.

Telangana Women's Commission seeks probe into online abuse of journalists

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The Telangana State Commission for Women has urged police to conduct a thorough investigation into complaints of abuse, threats to life, online trolling, and harassment faced by women journalists

and their families on social media.

Led by independent journalist Thulasi Chandi and senior journalist C Vanaja, a group of journalists in Hyderabad had registered a complaint with the Women's Commission on November 18.

The complaint stated that some social media accounts that have been targeting women journalists specifically, "using abusive language, issuing life-threatening remarks, circulating derogatory videos, posting defamatory comments, and targeting not only the journalists but also their family members."

The group of journalists, while submitting the complaint to Commission chairperson Sharada Nerella, said that several social media accounts and coordinated groups with clear malicious intent have "consistently targeted women journalists who report on matters of public interest."

'KTR is distorting facts' says Sridhar Babu ON LAND SCAM ALLEGATIONS

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Refuting the allegations made by Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao, Telangana IT and industries minister D Sridhar Babu, on Friday, November 21, stated that the Congress is merely facilitating the conversion of these industrial lands.

Earlier in the day, KTR had claimed that Congress is carrying out a land scam of Rs 5 lakh crore in the name of regularising 9,292 acres of land in prime industrial clusters in key areas like Balanagar,

Jeedimetla, Sanathnagar, and Azamabad.

He alleged that people close to Revanth Reddy had already entered into pre-arranged agreements for these lands and that the land is now being handed to them at only 30 percent of the government's standard valuation (SRO rate.)

In response minister Sridhar Babu stated that it was the previous BRS government that had issued GOs to convert lease lands into freehold and that the Congress is merely allowing industrialists to regularise their lands for commercial or other activity. "KTR is speaking without understating



the difference between freehold and land lease," he said.

He stated that the 30 percent figure quoted by KTR is actually the conversion fee and has nothing to do with the market value of the land. He added that out of the 9,292 acres that KTR cited, only

4,040 acres are actually plotted under, while the rest comes under infrastructure like roads or drainage.

He said that if all eligible industrialists chose to regularise their land under the Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy (HILTP), the government would earn a revenue of Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000 crore.

He accused KTR of distorting facts and being bitter after the Jubilee Hills defeat. He asked KTR to prove if any of the names he has stated have signed an MoU and assured that the government will take action in such a case.