

## BHATTI OUTLINES POWER NEEDS FOR USD 3 TRILLION TELANGANA ECONOMY

The government would like to inform investors that energy, water and law and order are assured in the state, he said.

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Telangana requires 1,39,310 MW of power by 2047 to achieve the Congress government's goal of transforming the state into a USD three trillion economy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said on Saturday.

The state must register 13 per cent annual economic growth and 10 per cent annual growth in power demand to meet the target, he said.

"Telangana's economic target — USD 3 trillion GDP by 2047 — requires 13 per cent annual economic growth and 10 per cent annual power demand growth, implying an eight-fold increase in peak demand by 2047," said Vikramarka, who made a presentation on the energy sector.

At a 10 per cent annual rate, the state's power demand is



expected to reach 18,826 MW by 2025-26 and would rise to 1,39,310 MW by 2047.

On contracted capacity, he said 24,769.6 MW power would be available in the state by April, 2026.

The government has initiated a 10-year power capacity addition plan (FY25-FY35).

Noting that green energy is a core pillar, he said Telan-

gana will expand solar, wind, and hydel capacity to cut fossil-fuel dependence, reduce costs over time, and support climate sustainability.

Solar energy procurement is being prepared in advance and it will be carried out through a mix of government-built solar assets and Private PPAs.

According to Vikramarka,

the state government is making plans to meet the energy requirements as per the goal of making the state a USD three trillion economy by 2047.

"The state is seriously planning to meet the energy requirement. We are transparently taking plans forward towards making the state globally competitive," he said.

## 200 INJURED, HUNDREDS DETAINED IN ISRAELI RAIDS IN WEST BANK

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West Bank, Nov, 29

The group said that of the people injured in Tubas, at least 78 people have required hospital treatment since Wednesday, according to Press TV.

Additional raids in Qalqilya, Jenin, and Nablus led to at least nine arrests, including two children and a woman, according to local officials.

Most of the detainees were subjected to field interrogations and then released, but at least eight were taken to the regime's military prisons.

After withdrawing from Tammun and the Far'a refugee camp, Israeli forces shifted the offensive to the city of Tubas and the surrounding villages of Aqqaba and Tayaseer, leaving behind torn-up roads, destroyed water networks, vandalized property, and dozens of injured residents.

The Palestinian Prisoners Society (PPS), however, said the real number of detentions is far higher than Israeli officials admit.



## 9,300 Gaza children face severe malnutrition: UNICEF

According to UNICEF, health teams conducting screenings throughout the month identified almost 9,300 children under 5 years of age with acute malnutrition in October. UNICEF has issued a fresh warning about the deteriorating humanitarian situation for Gaza's children, reporting that close to 9,300 boys and girls under the age of five were found to be suffering from severe acute malnutrition in October, Lebanon's Al-Mayadeen reported. The alert comes as Gaza faces overlapping emergencies, with winter storms flooding displacement camps and washing sewage into living areas, deepening the risks for already malnourished children.

## Israel's assassination of Hezbollah military leader Tabatabai an attack on entire Lebanon: MP

A senior Lebanese lawmaker has denounced the recent Israeli assassination of high-ranking Hezbollah military commander Haytahm Ali Tabatabai, calling it a flagrant act of aggression against the Lebanese government, the nation, and the resistance movement. "It is their right and duty to act in a manner that halts the Zionist violations of Lebanon's sovereignty," Mohammad Raad, head of Loyalty to the Resistance Bloc — the political wing of Hezbollah — in the Lebanese parliament, said on Friday in an interview with the al-Modon news portal. He noted that the sensible approach is to compel the Israeli enemy to stop its hostilities and fully withdraw from the Lebanese territories.



## 69 Dead, 34 Missing As Sri Lanka Battles One Of Its Worst Floods

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Sri lankan, Nov, 29

Sri Lankan troops were racing to rescue hundreds of people marooned by rising floodwaters on Friday as weather-related deaths rose to 69, with another 34 people declared missing.

Helicopters and navy boats carried out multiple rescue operations, plucking residents from tree tops, roofs and villages cut off by floodwaters.

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said the toll had climbed with the recovery of more bodies in the worst affected central region, where most victims had been buried alive as mudslides hit this week.



At least 3,000 homes were damaged in mudslides and floods.

Rain was falling across the island with some regions receiving 360 millimetres in the past 24 hours, the DMC said.

The Kelani River, which flows into the Indian Ocean near the capital Colombo, breached its

banks on Friday.

V. S. A. Ratnayake, 56, said he had to leave his flooded home in Kaduwela, just outside Colombo.

"I think this could be the worst flood in our area for three decades,"

Ratnayake told AFP. "I remember a flood in the 1990s when my house was under seven feet of water."

Another Kaduwela resident, Kalyani, 48, who uses only one name, said she was sheltering two

## IDLI, VADA AND UNEASE: Siddaramaiah-DKS meet ends in smiles but no big breakthrough



The Democratic News  
Karnataka, Nov, 29

Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar sat down for a highly anticipated breakfast on Saturday, a meeting meant to calm the chatter over a possible leadership change. But despite the smiles and handshakes at a press conference that followed the idli-vada breakfast, sources familiar with the talks said the discussion "hit a bit of an impasse".

Both men held firm to their positions during the closed-door meeting at the CM's official residence,

Kaveri, sources told HT. Siddaramaiah is learnt to have asked Shivakumar to take over the chief minister's post only after the next election in 2028.

The tensions go back to an understanding — never officially confirmed by the

Congress but widely spoken of — that Shivakumar would take over as CM once Siddaramaiah completed half his term. With the government hitting the 2.5-year mark on November 20, the buzz about a possible transition has grown louder.

Siddaramaiah, however, has consistently maintained he holds a full five-year mandate. Shivakumar has dropped periodic hints that he expects the Congress to honour its 2023 promise.

The breakfast meeting was arranged after the party leadership intervened on Friday and directed the two leaders to sit together to resolve their differences.

## Telangana govt issues ordinance cutting retirement benefits for regularised temporary staff

Hyderabad: In a bid to avoid Rs 20,000 crore burden on the exchequer, the cash-starved State government has issued an ordinance cutting off retirement benefits to temporary employees, whose services were regularised over a period of time in different government departments. The ordinance was issued on November 25 amending the Telangana (Regularisation of Appointments to Public Services and Rationalisation of Staff Pattern and Pay Structure) Act, 1994. With these new amendments coming into force, nearly 7,000 government employees are expected to get affected.

## IRAN FULLY PREPARED TO GIVE CRUSHING



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Tehran, Nov, 29

Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Army Major General Amir Hatami says the army forces of the country are fully prepared to give a de-

cisive and crushing response to enemy at any point that requires preserving national interest.

Speaking in a ceremony commemorating the "National Navy Day" and unveiling "Kordestan" floating naval

base and annexation of "Sahand" destroyer to the Southern Fleet of Iran Army Navy, Hatami praised the unflinching efforts of the navy forces of the country who showcased the unprecedented authority of the country on the international stage.

He also lauded the bravery and courage of the naval forces of the country during the eight years of the Sacred Defense (Iraqi imposed war against Iran in 1980-1988) which will go down in all-time naval history of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

## Over 50K citizens write to SC against stray dogs order

New Delhi: More than 50,000 citizens across India, including nearly 10,000 from Delhi, posted handwritten letters to the Supreme Court on Saturday, urging it to reconsider its November 7 order directing authorities to remove community dogs from institutional areas, the organisers said in a release. This was part of a nationwide letter petition campaign urging citizens to write to the apex court in support of animal rights and human experience, it said. The organisers said that they had asked people across the country to visit their nearest post office on November 29 and mail a letter to the Chief Justice of India seeking a stay, recall and reconsideration of the order. The citizen-driven initiative was led by animal welfare activist Ambika Shukla, the release said.

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## Cyclone Ditwah: Tamil Nadu on high alert, rain pounds coastal districts

CHENNAI: The city and its neighbouring regions received heavy rainfall on Saturday evening, even as the state government announced measures are afoot to meet any eventualities arising out of the storm.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Cyclonic Storm Ditwah moved nearly northwards at 10 kmph in the past six hours and lay centred at 1730 hrs IST on November 29, 2025, over the southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu coasts.

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## KARNATAKA RIFT RUMOURS: GEHLOT ASSERTS CONGRESS UNDER KHARGE & RAHUL IS UNITED



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Jaipur Nov, 29

Amid persistent speculations of a rift within the Congress government in Karnataka, former Rajasthan chief

minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday asserted that the party remains united under the leadership of Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. His remarks came on a day when Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar — often seen as political rivals — shared breakfast in Bengaluru, signalling a thaw. Asked about the meeting, Gehlot told reporters here, “It is a good sign, there is no quarrel at all.” In a lighter vein, he added, “Love and affection don’t become news; divorce does. Here there is no divorce -only love and affection.” Dismissing speculations about power-sharing disagreements in Karnataka, the senior Congress leader said, “These are all airy rumours. Under Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, the Congress is completely united.”Earlier, Gehlot attended a

meeting at the Rajasthan Congress headquarters to review preparations for the party’s ‘Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod’ rally in Delhi on December 14. Sharing photos from the meeting on X, he wrote that Congress workers and booth-level agents were “working with full responsibility” to safeguard democracy during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, adding that the party’s fight against “vote theft” would continue under Gandhi’s leadership. Earlier, Gehlot attended a meeting at the Rajasthan Congress headquarters to review preparations for the party’s ‘Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod’ rally in Delhi on December 14. Dismissing speculations about power-sharing disagreements in Karnataka, the senior Congress leader said, “These are all airy rumours. Under Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, the Congress is completely united.”

## ROW OVER ‘VANDE MATARAM’ ‘JAI HIND’ ERUPTS AFTER RAJYA SABHA REMINDER ON PARLIAMENTARY DECORUM

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New Delhi Nov, 29

A political confrontation erupted after the Rajya Sabha Secretariat reiterated that MPs must refrain from using expressions such as ‘Vande

Mataram’ and ‘Jai Hind’ inside Parliament to maintain decorum, prompting sharp reactions from the Opposition, which accused the BJP-led NDA of being uncomfortable with symbols of India’s Independence and unity. The controversy stems from

a memorandum issued on November 24 ahead of the upcoming parliamentary session, reminding members to adhere to established norms. The Parliament bulletin stated, “The decorum and the seriousness of the proceedings of the House require that there should be no

‘Thanks’, ‘Thank You’, ‘Jai Hind’, ‘Vande Mataram’ or any other slogans raised in the House.”

Reacting strongly, Samajwadi Party spokesperson Abbas Haider said, “This is the same BJP government that was against India’s freedom. Earlier, their parent organisation, the Hindu Mahasabha, consisted of people who always supported British

rule... So it’s not surprising that they have a problem with ‘Jai Hind’, because they have a problem with our country’s Independence and unity. The public is also well-aware of this.”Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Arvind Sawant asserted that citizens have every right to say ‘Vande Mataram’.

## ECI, BJP pushing BLOs to suicide over SIR work, says Akhilesh Yadav

Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led Uttar Pradesh government and the Elec-

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New Delhi: Nov, 29

Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led Uttar Pradesh government and the Election Commission of India (ECI), alleging that unprecedented pressure linked to the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was driving officials to distress. His remarks came after a 25-year-old clerk, Sudhir Kumar, allegedly died by suicide in Fatehpur earlier this week and other cases of BLOs’ deaths across the nation, which have sparked a massive political row. Addressing a press conference here, Akhilesh Yadav claimed that pressure was being exerted not only on field-level Booth Level Officers (BLOs) but also on the institutions they were associated with.“The SP

has already demanded that unnecessary work pressure be avoided. This is a sensitive responsibility. Why is the BJP in such a hurry?” he said.He alleged that the Election Commission and the BJP were “working in cahoots” to influence electoral processes, leaving officials stretched and added that “people of West Bengal are saying that the Election Commission has blood on its hands”.“Municipal sanitation workers have been assigned as assistants. Many BLOs lack training and information but are still being pushed to complete tasks quickly,” he added.Akhilesh Yadav, a former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, also questioned the government’s claim that all required forms had been distributed for the revision. “On the ground, this is not true. Preparations are being made to take away the right to vote. They will create pressure to end reservations,” he warned. Referring to Sudhir Kumar’s death,



the SP chief said he spoke to his family in Fatehpur. “They told me pressure was being exerted on him, leading to his suicide. A supervisor too faced extreme pressure,” he alleged, while announcing Rs 2 lakh in assistance for Sangeeta, the wife of deceased BLO Vijay Kumar Verma

of Malihabad. Charging the ECI with allowing “booth looting” and refusing to release CCTV footage from polling stations, he called it a “deliberate strategy to destroy democracy” The SP, he announced, would raise the SIR issue in Parliament and then take to the streets.

## AIMIM EYES MAJOR GAINS IN MAHARASHTRA AHEAD OF LOCAL BODY POLLS

The elections for 246 municipal councils and 42 nagar panchayats in Maharashtra are scheduled to be held on December 2.

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The legislators of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) have intensified their outreach efforts across Maharashtra, undertaking extensive campaigns in a wide range of districts. Their activities are especially prominent in the regions that were once part of the erstwhile Hyderabad State—areas known for their distinct historical, cultural, and political identity. These include the districts of Aurangabad (now Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar), Nanded, Latur, Parbhani, Osmanabad (Dharashiv) and several neighboring regions. In addition to these traditional strongholds, AIMIM representatives are actively expanding their presence



into other parts of Maharashtra, such as Washim, Akola, and surrounding districts, aiming to strengthen the party’s grassroots network. Through rallies, public meetings, door-to-door visits, and community engagement programs, the legislators are seeking to connect with diverse voter groups, highlight local issues, and present the party’s vision for social

justice, development, and political representation. This broadened campaign reflects AIMIM’s strategic effort to consolidate its influence across the state and position itself as a significant voice in Maharashtra’s dynamic political landscape.The elections for 246 municipal councils and 42 nagar panchayats in Maharashtra are scheduled to be held on December 2.

## UP, Maharashtra will no longer accept Aadhaar for birth certificates

These state directives come even as the Supreme Court recently permitted the use of Aadhaar as proof of identity for voter registration in Bihar.

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New Delhi: Nov, 29

In a notification released by the state governments of both Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, Aadhaar cards will no longer be deemed acceptable as proof of birth or for issuing a birth certificate. In an official letter from the Special Secretary of the Planning Department, Amit Singh Bansal instructed various government departments



to halt the acceptance of Aadhaar cards for birth-re-

lated verification. The notice emphasised that Aadhaar is primarily an identity and address proof and should not be used for procuring information related to birth.“Aadhaar card is not a valid proof of date of birth. However, various departments of the State Government are still accepting the Aadhaar card as proof of date of birth. In this regard, all State Government departments are requested to be informed of

this matter,” the letter read. Additionally, the Maharashtra government issued a similar order stating that Aadhaar cards will not be accepted as a document for obtaining a delayed birth certificate. The notice from the State Revenue Department added that all birth certificates issued solely based on an Aadhaar card after the Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Act, 2023, will be cancelled.

## Operation Sindoor a brilliant example of civil-military fusion: Rajnath Singh

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New Delhi: Nov, 29

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday that Operation Sindoor is a brilliant example of civil-military fusion where the administrative machinery worked seamlessly with the Armed Forces to communicate vital information and build public confidence. Addressing the valedictory ceremony of the 100th Common Foundation Course at the Lal



Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie, the Defence Minister called upon the young civil servants

to understand their crucial role in safeguarding national interests, and, like the brave soldiers, always stay ready for such critical situations. He asserted that, during Operation Sindoor, the Armed Forces destroyed the terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir in a balanced and non-escalatory response, but it was the misbehaviour of the neighbouring country which did not allow the situation along the border to return to normal. The Defence Minis-

ter commended the bravery of the soldiers and appreciated the work carried out by the administrative officers as they communicated crucial information and ensured the successful conduct of mock drills across the country. He emphasised increased coordination between governance and national security for the country to become Viksit Bharat by 2047. You must create a culture where honesty is neither a virtue nor an exception, but a normal part of everyday life.

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asked people across the country to visit their nearest post office on November 29 and mail a letter to the Chief Justice of India seeking a stay, recall and reconsideration of the

order.The citizen-driven initiative was led by animal welfare activist Ambika Shukla, the release said. At Lucknow’s GPO, people from different walks of life, including stu-

dents and professionals, lined up to speed-post their petitions, the release claimed.It further said that people from places ranging from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, including cities such as Imphal, Vadodara, and Chennai, also wrote to the top court in support of the campaign. Kunal, an animal activist, said that they circulated English and Hindi templates for the letters, and stressed that public participation had been stronger than expected.“This movement shows how deeply people care about animal welfare. A handwritten letter carries sincerity and by now more than 10,000 letters have already been submitted,” he said.According to the organisers, more than 50,000 postal receipts had been uploaded on their website by Saturday evening.

## BLOs accuse EC of ignoring work-pressure concerns

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Members of a BLO rights platform with Trinamool Congress leanings on Saturday staged a protest outside the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) here, demanding compensation for colleagues who allegedly fell ill or died during electoral roll-related duties and seeking planned scheduling of future assignments. During a demonstration that coincided with the arrival of a special team of the Election Commission (EC) in the city, protesters alleged they were denied a meeting with the visiting officials despite

waiting for hours. The agitation, organised under the banner of the BLO Adhikar Raksha Committee, brought along family members of a Murshidabad-based block-level officer who was admitted to a hospital after suffering a stroke, allegedly due to severe work pressure. The group accused the poll panel of “ignoring genuine grievances”. The BLOs’ platform raised two key demands: compensation for families of workers who allegedly suffered severe health complications or died while performing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) duties, and a commitment that future SIR work be



carried out only with proper planning and adequate preparation time. The Commission had earlier written to the West Bengal DGP and the Kolkata Police commissioner, directing them to ensure strict security at the CEO’s office premises.



# Phil Foden Bails Out Wobbly City As Leeds Launch Shock Comeback

Phil Foden's stoppage-time winner gave Manchester City a dramatic 3-2 victory over Leeds at the Etihad, keeping Pep Guardiola's side second behind Arsenal.



Manchester City flirted with full-blown crisis mode before Phil Foden saved them at the death in a chaotic 3-2 win over struggling Leeds at the Etihad. What should've been a routine afternoon turned into a nervy escape act for Pep Guardiola's title chasers. City Cruise... Then Completely Implode Foden smashed City ahead inside 59 seconds, finishing off Matheus Nunes' piercing run. Josko Gvardiol's tap-in from Nico O'Reilly's header made it 2-0, and Leeds looked cooked. VAR waved away claims that Bernardo Silva blocked keeper Lucas

Perri, and City seemed on their way to a stress-free afternoon. Leeds Smell Panic, City Provide It But this is 2024-25 Manchester City — chaos is part of the script. A shocking Nunes error gifted substitute Dominic Calvert-Lewin the first Leeds goal early in the second half, and the Etihad's anxiety levels spiked. Josko Gvardiol then clattered Calvert-Lewin in the box; Donnarumma saved Lukas Nmecha's penalty, but the forward tucked away the rebound to stun the champions. Suddenly, City were on the brink of dropping points for the third straight game, after defeats to Newcastle and Leverkusen — and after Guardiola's public blast that his rotated side "didn't try" in midweek. Foden to the Rescue With Erling Haaland unusually muted in his hunt for Premier League goal No. 100, Foden stepped up again. In stoppage time, the 24-year-old created half a yard and buried a cold-blooded finish to drag City into second place, four points behind Arsenal. Leeds, meanwhile, slumped to a sixth defeat in seven, piling more pressure on Daniel Farke. Elsewhere: Thiago on Fire, Sunderland's Miracle Turnaround Brentford 3-1 Burnley: Igor Thiago hit a brace — now 11 league goals— as Brentford punished relegation-threatened Burnley, who briefly levelled through Zian Flemming's penalty. Ouattara sealed it with a late rocket. Sunderland 3-2 Bournemouth From 0-2 down to 3-2 up, Sunderland produced the comeback of the day. Le Fee's penalty started the revival, Traoré levelled, and Brian Brobbey's header completed the turnaround to lift the Black Cats into fourth. Phil Foden's stoppage-time winner gave Manchester City a dramatic 3-2 victory over Leeds at the Etihad, keeping Pep Guardiola's side second behind Arsenal.

## VIRAT KOHLI'S INSIGHTS KEY AS RAHUL OUTLINES INDIA'S SA ODI PLANS: 'WE ALL KEEP LEARNING...'



India's stand-in ODI captain, KL Rahul, has said that in the 50-over format, singles are as important as fours and Virat Kohli is a master at running quick singles between the wickets, highlighting the latter's importance in India's ODI setup ahead of the three-match series against South Africa. With Rohit Sharma and Kohli now featuring in only one international format and India all set to play just six ODIs in the next two months, three against South Africa and three at home against New Zealand, the pressure has never been higher on two of the nation's modern-day greats. How they perform in these matches could influence Rohit and Kohli's prospects for the 2027 ODI World Cup. While it would not determine their futures, it marks the start of a high-stakes audition, one that could either prolong two iconic careers or edge them closer to an inevitable sunset. "Their importance at any point is huge. To have senior players in the team obviously makes the dressing room feel a lot more confident. Having their presence and experience helps out a lot of players and helps the team," Rahul said while speaking at the pre-match press conference. "In ODIs, singles are as important as boundaries. Virat is a master at that. We all keep learning from him. He is excited to be back and his presence is always invaluable," Rahul added. The star Indian batter confirmed that he will remain at No. 6, a position he said fits the side's balance now that Rohit and Kohli have returned to the top order. "His experience is invaluable for us," Rahul said, adding that the final XI will be confirmed on match day. He added that if selected, Rishabh Pant will be the wicketkeeper and not him. Rahul acknowledged that the side is still fine-tuning its batting, shot selection and pacing, but noted that the presence of experienced cricketers provides much-needed stability. How they perform in these matches could influence Rohit and Kohli's prospects for the 2027 ODI World Cup. While it would not determine their futures, it marks the start of a high-stakes audition, one that could either prolong two iconic careers or edge them closer to an inevitable sunset. KL Rahul highlights Virat Kohli's quick singles and experience ahead of India's ODI series against South Africa, stressing their key roles in the team.

# BCCI Asks Rohit Sharma To 'Focus On Fitness And Performance' And Avoid...

According to a BCCI source, the board wants Rohit to continue playing his aggressive brand of cricket in ODIs as an opening batter.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has reportedly asked Rohit Sharma to focus on his fitness and performance and avoid reacting to speculations about his future in international cricket. Rohit, who retired from T20Is on June 29, 2024, and from Tests on May 7, 2025, is only active in ODIs now. There were a lot of question marks over his future in international cricket ahead of the three-match ODI series in Australia last month. But after he scored one century and one half-century against the six-time ODI World Cup winners and also finished the away series as the highest run-getter, the rumours of his retirement from ODIs were put to bed. The right-handed batter from Mumbai, who is also India's third-highest run-getter in the 50-over format of the game, will next be seen in action for the Indian team in the three-match ODI series against South Africa. The three ODI series between India and South Africa will be played in Ranchi, Raipur and Visakhapatnam on November 30, December 3 and December 6, respectively. According to a report in the Times of India on Saturday (November 29), "BCCI has asked Rohit to 'just focus on his fitness and performance' while 'avoiding' reacting to speculation on his future." As per a BCCI source, the board wants Rohit to continue playing his aggressive brand of cricket, which was missing in the Australia series. "It is expected that he (Rohit) continues to lead by example as a fearless batter at the top of the order. The conditions were tough in Australia, but it did look like he was avoiding taking risks. Both (Rohit and Virat) are expected to lead the batting to make it easier for the rest of the younger batters around them," a BCCI source was quoted as saying by TOI. It has also been reported that following the conclusion of ODI series against South Africa, BCCI is planning to set up a meeting between selectors and team management to "firm up a plan on Rohit and Virat's future in the setup, with an eye on the 2027 ODI



World Cup. "It is very important that players of Rohit and Kohli's stature are given clarity about what is expected of them and how the current management views their roles. They can't just be playing with uncertainty," a BCCI source said.

# Aaron Finch's Advice To England Batters Ahead Of 2nd Ashes Test: 'You Don't Have To...'

The second Test of the 2025-26 Ashes series between Australia and England will be played at The Gabba with the pink ball from December 4 to 8. Finch, who made a big name for himself in white-ball cricket but was not able to achieve the same success in Test cricket as an Australia player, feels England players need to understand that they don't have to hit every ball for a four. Former Australia captain Aaron Finch has donned the hat of an expert and

# Don't Be Like Me...Stay': Neymar Warns Vinicius Jr Against Real Madrid

Neymar has slipped into "big brother mode" — and his message for Vinicius Jr. is crystal clear: Don't make my mistake. Stay at Real Madrid. According to a report from OKDiario, the Brazilian star, who has openly regretted ditching Barcelona for PSG, has advised one of his closest friends to sign the extension at the Bernabéu, even if it means living in Kylian Mbappe's economic and sporting shadow. Neymar reportedly stated that if Vini wants to win a Ballon d'Or, then Madrid is the place to be. If the report is to be trusted, then it would be safe to say that Neymar speaks from experience. He won it all at Barcelona, including their last Champions League title in 2015, but got tired of orbiting around Messi. PSG showed up with €222 million, Neymar jumped, and despite the goals and the glamour, he never stopped regretting leaving Catalonia. But Vini? He isn't convinced. His contract runs until 2027, but negotiations are frozen solid. He wants the renewal bonus he believes he deserves. Real Madrid says absolutely not — especially after already paying over €45 million for him as a teenager. Vini insists Mbappe got a bonus; Madrid insists it was a totally different context. And the financial tension isn't even the biggest problem. The Vini-Xabi Alonso dynamic is ice cold. Nothing like the affectionate father-son bond he had with Carlo



Ancelotti. Sparks started flying at the Club World Cup and turned into flames this season. Vini's reaction to being subbed in El Clasico — and his apology that carefully avoided mentioning Xabi — hasn't helped. Now, both the coach's future and Vinicius's renewal are tied to what happens between them between now and June. Someone may have to bend. Or someone may have to walk. Neymar, regardless of whether the report is true or not, hopes it's neither. Neymar urges Vinicius Jr. to stay at Real Madrid for Ballon d'Or dreams, warning against his own PSG move, as Vini's renewal talks stall amid tension with Xabi Alonso. PSG showed up with €222 million, Neymar jumped, and despite the goals and the glamour, he never stopped regretting leaving Catalonia.

# Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: Indian Men's Hockey Team Go Down In Rescheduled Belgium Clash

The Indian men's hockey team lost to Belgium 2-3 in their rescheduled second round-robin match of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup on Tuesday. The match was originally scheduled for Monday but had to be pushed to the next day following bad weather. Abhishek (33') and Shilanand Lakra (57') scored for India, while Roman Duvekot (17', 57') and Nicolas De Kerpel (45') netted for Belgium. India Vs Belgium The game between India and Belgium began on time, but heavy showers forced the umpires to stop the match after just three minutes. The match was initially rescheduled to start at 8:45 PM IST, but the weather did not improve, leading the organisers to postpone it again. "We would like to inform you that the Indian Men's Hockey Team's match against Belgium in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2025 has been postponed. The match is now set to resume tomorrow (25th November) at 10:00 MYT (7:30 AM IST)," stated the organisers. India made a determined start, keeping Belgium at bay and enduring early pressure. Indian goalkeeper Pawan made crucial saves on both sides of the restart, allowing India to grow into the game. Belgium had their first significant chance from a Penalty Corner ten minutes into the match, quickly followed by



another, but the Indian defence held firm to keep the game level after the first quarter. In the second quarter, India began assertively, stringing together neat passes in search of an opening. However, Belgium took the lead against the run of play with a goal from Roman Duvekot (17'), breaking Pawan's resistance. Dilpreet Singh quickly responded with a tidy move for India, but the goal was disallowed for dangerous play. Despite India's efforts, Belgium maintained their 1-0 lead at halftime.



## Congress, BRS in war of words on Deeksha Diwas

**I** KTR said that Congress was 'conveniently forgetting' the fact that it was them who had asked KCR to withdraw his fast, stating that his life had become crucial for the political decision on Telangana.

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Congress president in Telangana, B Mahesh Kumar Goud, on Friday, alleged that the indefinite fast undertaken by Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) in 2009 for state formation was a "drama."

BRS MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav reacted to his statement, saying, "The whole world knows that Telangana would not have been possible without the role of KCR."

On November 29, 2009, KCR announced an indefinite hunger strike demanding a separate Telangana state.

Responding to the BRS celebrating November 29 as 'Deeksha Diwas' to mark



the anniversary of KCR's fast, he said the BRS is now trying to rake up regional sentiment among people to revive itself following a string of electoral defeats.

"BRS says Telangana was achieved because KCR undertook the indefinite fast by putting his life at stake. The fast undertaken by KCR was a drama. Telangana became a reality not because of the fast. Telan-

gana State became a reality because of Sonia Gandhi," Goud told reporters here.

Sonia Gandhi, who was UPA chairperson then, had decided in favour of Telangana formation by recognising the struggle of students of Osmania University and others, he said.

KCR's fast was not genuine as he took several vitamins and fluids, he said.

KCR's fast cannot be compared with the 56-day fast undertaken by Potti Sriramulu in 1952 for the formation of Andhra state or the 16-year-long hunger strike of Manipur activist Irom Sharmila, he said.

BRS should call off its proposed 'Deeksha Diwas' on November 29 and perform milk 'abhishekam' to the portraits of Sonia Gandhi instead, he said.

KCR did have a role in Telangana formation, but it is wrong to say that the state was formed because of him, the PCC president said.

Taking exception to Goud's comments, BRS MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav said the whole world knows that Telangana would not have been possible without the role of KCR.

## TELANGANA HC RE-BUKES ENDOWMENTS DEPT IN DEVARAYAM-JAL TEMPLE LAND DISPUTE

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Friday, November 28, sharply criticised the Endowments department's handling of a long-standing dispute over 1,521 acres of land belonging to the Sri Sitarama Swamy Temple in Devarayamjal village, Shamirpet mandal, Medchal Malkajigiri district. Justice Jukanti Anil Kumar questioned Director (in-charge Commissioner) Harish for appearing only with 1925-26 pahani records despite court orders to produce original documents from that period to the present. The court demanded details on pending petitions before tribunals, issued orders, relevant survey numbers, and land extent, expressing frustration over the department's functioning. Judge hears arguments on 54 petitions Justice Anil Kumar heard arguments on 54 petitions filed regarding rights over these temple lands, with the Endowments Commissioner

## Owaisi urges CM to start of multilevel parking at Old Charminar Bus Stand

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All India Majlis e Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi urged Telangana chief minister, A Revanth Reddy, to immediately start the work of multilevel smart parking at Old Charminar Bus Stand.

The GHMC had planned a multi-level parking complex near Charminar on 3493 sqm (three cellars plus three floors) to accommodate paid parking facilities for 145 to 150 four-wheelers and an equal number of two-wheelers. Additionally, it will also accommodate commercial shops for hawkers in cellar one and ground floor (310-315) and a roof garden restaurant with gazebos on



the terrace.

The objective of the project is to provide world-class parking on multiple floors to cater to the needs of visitors and vendors, with a dedicated floor (preferably ground floor) for small vendors.

The proposal was made at least a decade ago by the GHMC. So far, except for barricading the land, no work has been taken up. The GHMC had called for

tenders from reputed agencies, but none had turned up, citing local issues in taking up the works. Key features of the project include – Automated parking systems with digital display boards, payment kiosks supporting digital transactions, organised commercial and hawkers spaces, rooftop garden and dedicated commercial areas, robust security infrastructure with CCTV surveillance, fire safety systems, and emergency exits. The visitors to the Charminar and surrounding markets are facing a lot of problems parking their vehicles. The vehicles are parked at Charminar bus stand and Khilwat playground by the tourists. The multi-level parking complex will end the parking issues and give scope of more business scope to the local businesses.

## Warangal railway manufacturing unit to be completed in 2026: Kishan Reddy

**The facility will initially manufacture state-of-the-art MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) rakes of 16-20 cars to enhance short- and medium-distance train travel across the country.**

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Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy on Saturday said that construction of the Railway Manufacturing Unit at Warangal here is on track for completion next year.

Reddy, who inspected the site, described the RMU as a "game-changing project" for the region, adding that work is progressing as per schedule with speed and scale.

"We are moving ahead with the target of fully completing it next year," he told reporters.

Spread over 160 acres, the RMU's first phase involves an

investment of Rs 521 crore, Reddy said in a post on 'X'.

He added that sustainable methods and advanced technology are being used to construct the world-class facility, reflecting the Centre's commitment to a modern and environmentally responsible railway ecosystem. The unit is being equipped with technology-driven machinery.

The facility will initially manufacture state-of-the-art MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) rakes of 16-20 cars to enhance short- and medium-distance train travel across the country, he said.

The RMU is expected to strengthen the railway sector,

generate large-scale employment for Warangal's youth, and boost ancillary industries in the region.

Reddy, who reached Warangal earlier in the day via Vande Bharat Express, also interacted with officials from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC), and the Ministry of Textiles. He reviewed the progress of key central government development projects, including tourism development around the Bhadrakali temple, land acquisition for the proposed Warangal Airport, and the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park.



Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy inspecting the Railway Manufacturing Unit in Warangal.

## Govt okays Rs 4000 cr plan to shift overhead power lines underground

Hyderabad: In a bid to reduce constant power outages, prevent accidents, and support economic growth, the state government on Saturday approved a Rs 4051 crore project to convert overhead electricity lines into an underground cable network across Hyderabad. The underground cabling project, which includes the complete undergrounding of the existing 33 kV, 11 kV and LT networks on major roads, will cover Banjara Hills, Secunderabad, central and south areas.

According to TGSPDCL, the massive project will also integrate telecom and internet service providers, including T-Fiber.



## HYDRAA TACKLES 1.62 LAKH MONSOON COMPLAINT FROM JULY- NOVEMBER

Hyderabad: During the 150-day monsoon season between July and November, HYDRAA-constituted monsoon emergency teams (METs) dealt with more than 1.62 lakh rain-related issues. According to official data, a total of 1,62,291 works were executed across the city, including 1,10,780 catch-pit cleaning and problem-resolution tasks, 10,102 drain works, and 8,830 flooded-area complaints. In addition, completed 15,663 culvert works and 16,916 other related tasks. HYDRAA commissioner AV Ranganath on Saturday presented commendation certificates, cash rewards and shawls to 30 members of METs for their exceptional performance this year. He also congratulated the disaster response force (DRF), station fire officers (SFOs). "This monsoon, we came across several instances where 10 to 18 centimetres of rainfall was recorded on a single day. But, by sheer hard work and dedication, you have proven what results can be achieved," he said. HYDRAA chief said that the teams successfully removed silt from 3,000 lorry loads from drains in different sectors of Hyderabad. "We cleared encroachments along the Patny drain, ensuring no flood threat rushes down the 25 colonies and bastis. These are important victories," he said. "For the first time, MET teams, DRF units and SFOs have a clear mapping of waterlogging hotspots and the causes behind them. We gained significant experience. It will greatly help us manage next year's rainy season more efficiently," he concluded.

## Kavitha slams Telangana govt, questions Kaleshwaram benefits to Kamareddy

Hyderabad: Telangana Jagruthi President K Kavitha today accused the state government of failing to deliver irrigation benefits to Kamareddy under the Kaleshwaram project, claiming not a single acre in the region had received water despite huge expenditure. Speaking to the media during the "Jagruthi Janam Bata" programme in Kamareddy, she demanded clarity from the state on whether Kaleshwaram works would continue and what alternative plans exist to supply water. Kavitha alleged that funds meant for Packages 21 and 22 of the projects benefited contractors more than farmers and criticised both present and previous governments for what she termed incomplete and ineffective implementation. She said land acquisition was insufficient and project redesigns had not ensured water supply to Kamareddy or neighbouring Nizamabad.

## After decades in service, SI takes VRS to run for Telangana local body polls

Hyderabad: Just three years of service left, a sub-inspector working in Suryapet police station, took voluntary retirement (VRS) on Friday to contest in the upcoming local body elections in Telangana. SI Puli Venkateshwarlu, who was attached to the special branch, will contest for the post of sarpanch from his native village Gudibanda of Kodad Mandal in Suryapet. Venkateshwarlu was promoted to a sub-inspector four months ago. Leaving behind his four decades of police service, he now aspires to serve his people and believes donning the role of sarpanch will help him achieve it better. The polls will be held in three phases on December 11, 14 and 17.

## Strict Action Against Those Disrupting Peace

Bind Over Proceedings Initiated Against 86 Members of 10 Gangs: Commissioner VC Sajjanar Issues Stern Warning

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To maintain peace and law & order in the city and to curb the activities of anti-social elements, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner Sri V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, has taken a significant and stringent step. In order to stop the rising gang rivalry, hooliganism, and turf wars among criminal groups in the city, members of 10 major gangs were summoned and bind over proceedings were carried out against them.

A special court was constituted at TGICC, equipped with the powers of Executive Additional District Magistrate, specifically for this operation. During the process, the Police Commissioner questioned gang members who



were found involved in several serious crimes including murder, attempted murder, and attacks on rival gangs.

These gangs were reportedly active in the South, South-East,

and South-West Zones of Hyderabad.

Under Section 126 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Samhita (BNSS), 86 individuals have been bound over. All of them have

provided written surety, assuring that they will not take part in any unlawful activity and will maintain good conduct for a period of one year.

Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar issued a clear and stern warning stating that any violation during the bind-over period or any attempt to disrupt public peace will result in strict legal action and their sureties will be revoked immediately. He emphasized that the preservation of peace and public safety in the city is the top priority of the police and no act of hooliganism will be tolerated. DCP Special Branch Sri K. Apoorva Rao, along with the concerned Inspectors, also participated in this action.

(Choice News)

## 5 Members of Same Family Killed in Horrific Road Accident in Kurnool

Two Children Among Victims

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A tragic road accident in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh early Saturday morning has plunged the region into deep sorrow. The incident occurred near the Kotekal Ghat curve in the Yemmiganur Mandal, where a Maruti Swift Dzire car and a Toyota Fortuner SUV collided head-on, resulting in the deaths of five members of the same family, including two young children.

The crash took place at around 4 AM when the Swift car heading towards Bengaluru collided with the Fortuner coming from Adoni near a

sharp hill curve.

The impact was so massive that the Swift car was completely crushed, leaving all occupants dead on the spot. According to police, the deceased have been identified as:

- \* Venkatesham (76)
- \* Meenakshi (32) — his daughter
- \* Satish (34) — son-in-law
- \* Ruthvik (4) — grandson
- \* Banith (5) — granddaughter

All of them belonged to the same family and were traveling from Yemmiganur to Bengaluru. Upon receiving the alert, police and emergency services rushed to the location and shifted the bodies to a government hospital for

post-mortem examination. Injured passengers of the Fortuner were provided immediate medical care. Police have registered a case under the relevant sections of the IPC and begun an investigation to determine the exact cause of the accident.

Preliminary inquiry suggests dense early-morning fog, the dangerous curve, and high speed could have contributed to the fatal collision. Authorities have urged motorists to strictly follow traffic regulations and avoid over-speeding, especially along steep and curved roads, to prevent such heartbreaking tragedies.

## Call centre duping Australian citizens busted in Madhapur, 9 held

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Nine people were arrested by the Balanagar special operations team and cybercrime unit of Cyberabad police on Saturday, November 29, for allegedly operating a fake call centre and duping Australian citizens out of Rs 8-10 crore.

According to a press release, the main accused have been identified as cousins Praveen and Prakash, who hail from Khammam district.

The two established a fake call centre called Ridge IT



Solutions in 2024 at Ayyappa Society, Madhapur and also brought 7 people from Kolkata to make fraudulent calls.

Two others, identified as

Ganesh and Keshav, also from Khammam, were hired to oversee daily operations and manage accommodation of the Kolkata employees.

## Patent and Copyright in Pipeline for Dr. Danish's Research

Speaking to this newspaper, Dr. Syed Danish Mehdi said that both a Patent and a Copyright for his latest Research are currently in the pipeline. He described these developments as significant milestones that will help safeguard his work and support future innovation. The process reflects his ongoing commitment to advancing knowledge in his field.

