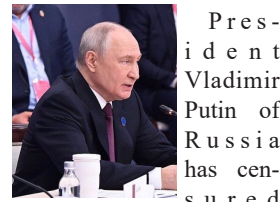


Putin Urges GECF to Bypass Western Gas Blockades



President Vladimir Putin of Russia has censured attempts by the West to weaponize global energy markets, calling on major gas producers to unite through mutual “swap operations” to stabilize global supply chains.

The Russian president addressed the 8th Summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) in Moscow on Tuesday.

Putin encouraged bypassing blockades and the establishment of independent mechanisms to stabilize global markets. Addressing the heads of state and government in attendance, Putin highlighted the severe disruptions in global energy logistics caused by geopolitical tensions, notably the escalating situation in West Asia and the Western economic warfare against Russia.

No talks with US before Iran's conditions are met: Senior lawmaker

A senior Iranian lawmaker says the Islamic Republic will not negotiate with the United States unless Tehran's seven conditions are met, warning that renewed unprovoked aggression against the country would prompt a stronger response and have consequences across the region.



LEADER PUTS PREMIUM ON FULFILLMENT OF IRAN'S CONDITIONS FOR ENDING WAR

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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei has placed a premium on the need to secure Iran's conditions for ending the war and the state of “neither war nor peace.”

During a meeting with Major General Mohsen Rezaei, Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council (SNSC), Ayatollah Khamenei said the SNSC and its secretariat act as a “crossroads of policymaking.”

The Leader underscored the interconnectedness of culture, politics, economy and security. He said it was imperative that their mutual effects be accounted for in decision-making, his office reported on Tuesday.

He said sound and firm decisions require a comprehensive roadmap that takes into account every stage of an action, from its starting point to its conclusion.

Other key issues discussed included strengthening national cohesion

and unity, building mutual trust between the public and officials, and using the constitutional capacities to help the president and executive bodies resolve Iran's problems more efficiently.

The meeting also addressed protecting national and regional security through the management of the Strait of Hormuz and strengthening relations with neighboring countries on the basis of lasting mutual interests.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the enemy's desperation was an outcome of Iran's national resistance. He also emphasized the need for timely and proactive public communication to sustain popular participation in defending the country and the political system.

He called for efforts to secure the rights and interests of the Iranian people and the Resistance Front through the fulfillment of conditions announced by Iranian officials for ending the war and the “neither war nor peace” situation.

Stay Alert for Cyclone Arnab: CM Naidu Reviews Cyclone Preparedness, Announces Measures to Curb Essential Commodity Prices

The Democratic News
Amaravati, October 27:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to remain vigilant against Cyclone Arnab and take all necessary precautionary measures to protect lives and property, while also instructing the Civil Supplies Department to ensure the availability of essential commodities at affordable prices across the state.

The Chief Minister said the government was fully prepared, with control rooms functioning round the clock and 290 cyclone shelters established. He appealed to people in coastal and low-lying areas to remain alert and move to shelters when necessary, assuring that human lives were the top priority.

He also directed officials to reduce the prices of essential commodities, expand Dharani rice sales, ensure supply of tur dal, palm oil and wheat flour through ration shops before Deepavali, and monitor onion availability and prices.



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviews cyclone preparedness and essential commodity price measures with officials at the Secretariat in Amaravati on Monday.

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Key Measures Announced

- Supply 1 kg tur dal per month to ration cardholders at ₹100 per kg (through PDS).
- Supply palm oil at ₹125 per litre and wheat flour at ₹25 per kg (via ration depots).
- Expand Dharani rice sales to municipalities and mandal HQs through mobile vehicles. Fine rice ₹49/kg, super-fine ₹50/kg.
- Tighten checks at border posts and toll gates to stop illegal paddy transport.
- Monitor onion prices; 800 MT to be procured, with fresh arrivals from Kumool.

Other Key Points

- 290 cyclone shelters; 84,396 people evacuated.
- Alerts issued; control rooms working 24×7.
- Government to bear ~₹100 crore/month for price control measures.

INDIA Bloc won't back down on Gyanesh Kumar removal campaign, says Venugopal

Congress general secretary KC Venugopal accused the Modi government of obstructing the INDIA Bloc's proposed campaign seeking the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar by denying permission for venues in Delhi.

The Democratic News
New Delhi, Oct, 27

Congress General Secretary, K.C. Venugopal, on Tuesday accused the Modi government of blocking the INDIA Bloc's planned protest and public campaign for the removal of Chief Election Commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar, over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls.

He said the Opposition would not give up despite being denied permission to hold the programme at two proposed venues in the national Capital.

“Modi and Amit Shah are so scared. We announced a public impeachment,” Venugopal told the media in Delhi.



He said the Opposition first approached the Ashoka Hotel lawn to hold the programme.

The venue initially agreed, but the police subsequently intervened and the hotel denied permission, he alleged.

The Opposition then booked Ramliya Maidan for nine days and permission was initially granted but was later withdrawn, Venugopal said.

He alleged that the decisions were not merely those of the Delhi Police.

Instead, he accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah of trying to protect Gyanesh Kumar.

“This means it is not a Delhi Police decision. Instead, Modi and Shah want to protect their pet Gyanesh,” he said.

Venugopal said the Opposition would not succumb to the government's attempts to stop the campaign.

He said the INDIA Bloc would decide on an alternative venue and announce its programme shortly.

“We will conduct it. We will let you know the programme,” he said.

He accused the government of trying to shut down Opposition activities but insisted that the campaign would continue until the Opposition achieved its objective.

“We will do it. We can do it at Amit Shah's or Modi's house,” he said, underlining the Opposition's determination to go ahead despite the denial of permission for the planned venues.

Venugopal said around 21



Yemen strikes Saudi oil refinery, targets military aircraft in retaliatory operations

Brigadier General Yahya Saree, spokesperson for the Yemeni Armed Forces, has announced a missile strike on Saudi Arabia's Ras Tanura oil refinery in the Eastern Province, saying the attack hit its designated target and triggered major fires at the facility. In a statement issued Tuesday, Saree also announced a separate operation targeting two Saudi military transport aircraft with ballistic missiles. He said one aircraft was targeted at Najran Airport and the other at King Khalid Air Base in Khamis Mushait, adding that both missiles struck their intended targets.

Over 550 companies to attend Telangana global summit in December

He said the curtain-raiser for the Summit would be held in New Delhi on October 29, with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy attending it.

The Democratic News
Hyderabad, Oct, 27

Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Tuesday, October 27, said the state government is inviting more than 550 leading domestic and international companies to participate in the ‘Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026’ to be held at the Future City here on December 7, 8 and 9.

Jaju, who held a meeting with senior officials, said state government is organising the Global Summit prestigiously, with the objective of positioning Telangana as a leading global investment destination, attracting major investments, accelerating industrial development and generating employment opportunities for the youth.



He said the curtain-raiser for the Summit would be held in New Delhi on October 29, with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy attending it.

Ambassadors, heads of leading companies, prominent industrialists and distinguished personal-

ities from different sectors have been invited to the programme, according to an official release.

The Chief Secretary emphasised that the New Delhi event would serve as an important platform to showcase Telangana's investment potential, strengthen

engagement with international investors and industry leaders, and build momentum for the upcoming Global Summit.

He said roadshows highlighting ‘Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026’ were conducted in Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

Jaju said special emphasis is being placed on the defence and aerospace sectors as part of the Global Summit.

Around 100 companies and organisations from across the world in the aerospace and defence sectors are being invited to participate in the ‘Raksha Expo’, which will be organised in connection with the summit.

Special invitations have already been sent to the identified companies and organisations, and

the invitation process is underway, the release said.

The expo is expected to provide an important platform to showcase Telangana's industrial capabilities, manufacturing ecosystem and investment opportunities in the aerospace and defence sectors, it said.

The Chief Secretary directed the officials to ensure comprehensive arrangements for the smooth participation of domestic and international delegates. The Chief Secretary said the main summit venue at Future City is being divided into 25 sectors to facilitate systematic organisation of plenary sessions, seminars, discussions, agreement-signing ceremonies, exhibitions and displays by participating companies and institutions.

Farmers Should Explore Alternative Crops to Tackle El Niño Effects: TGSPDCL CMD



The Democratic News
Hyderabad, October 27

TGSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Jitesh V. Patil has stressed the need to educate farmers on alternative crops, water conservation and additional income opportunities in view of the anticipated impact of El Niño.

On Tuesday, Patil visited the Indian Institute of Oil-

seeds Research (IIOR), Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Directorate of Poultry Research and Telangana Veterinary University at Rajendranagar. He held discussions with scientists and senior officials on crop diversification, efficient water use and ways to protect farmers' incomes.

The CMD suggested promoting less water-intensive crops such as jowar, bajra, ragi

and foxtail millet wherever suitable. He also highlighted opportunities to increase farmers' earnings through poultry and animal husbandry.

Patil directed Rangareddy Zone Chief Engineer L. Gopaiyah and other officials to coordinate with research institutions and conduct village-level awareness programmes on alternative crops, water conservation and efficient agricultural power consumption.

He said scientific guidance and judicious use of water and electricity would help farmers prepare for changing weather conditions and reduce pressure on irrigation resources.

Senior scientists, electricity department officials and staff participated in the programme.

Andhra Pradesh fields get water, while Telangana lets it flow into sea: KTR

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BRS working president KTR Rama Rao accused the Congress government of allowing water from the Godavari and Krishna rivers to flow downstream and into the sea while crops in Telangana withered for want of irrigation. He said Andhra Pradesh was utilising available water to irrigate its fields, while Telangana was failing to harness its share.

“This is not a drought caused by nature, but one brought about by Revanth Reddy,” he said, blaming the Chief Minister's negligence and failure to operate irrigation projects for the prevailing agrarian distress.

Addressing a meeting at



Telangana Bhavan to welcome Congress and BJP cadre from Nirmal district into the BRS on Tuesday, Rama Rao said the Congress government had failed to utilise available water despite advance weather warnings. He said operating the pumps at the Kannepalli pump house of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme could have helped save crops in most districts.

The BRS working presi-

dent said around 750 TMCft of Godavari river water and another 250 TMCft of Krishna river water had flowed into the sea. He argued that effective utilisation of the 1,000 TMCft could have enabled irrigation of one crore acres in Telangana. He accused Revanth Reddy of keeping the Kaleshwaram pumps switched off for political reasons.

“Revanth Reddy is reluctant to acknowledge the utility of a project built under former Chief Minister K Chandrababai Naidu and deny credit,” he added. He demanded that the government set aside political differences over Kaleshwaram and immediately operate irrigation pumps to protect standing crops.

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