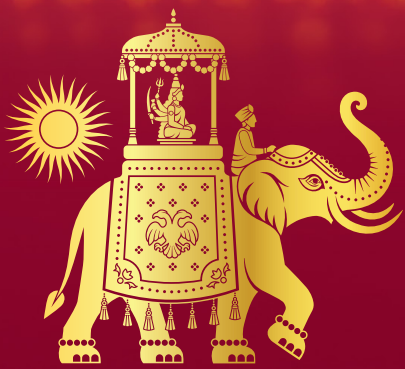
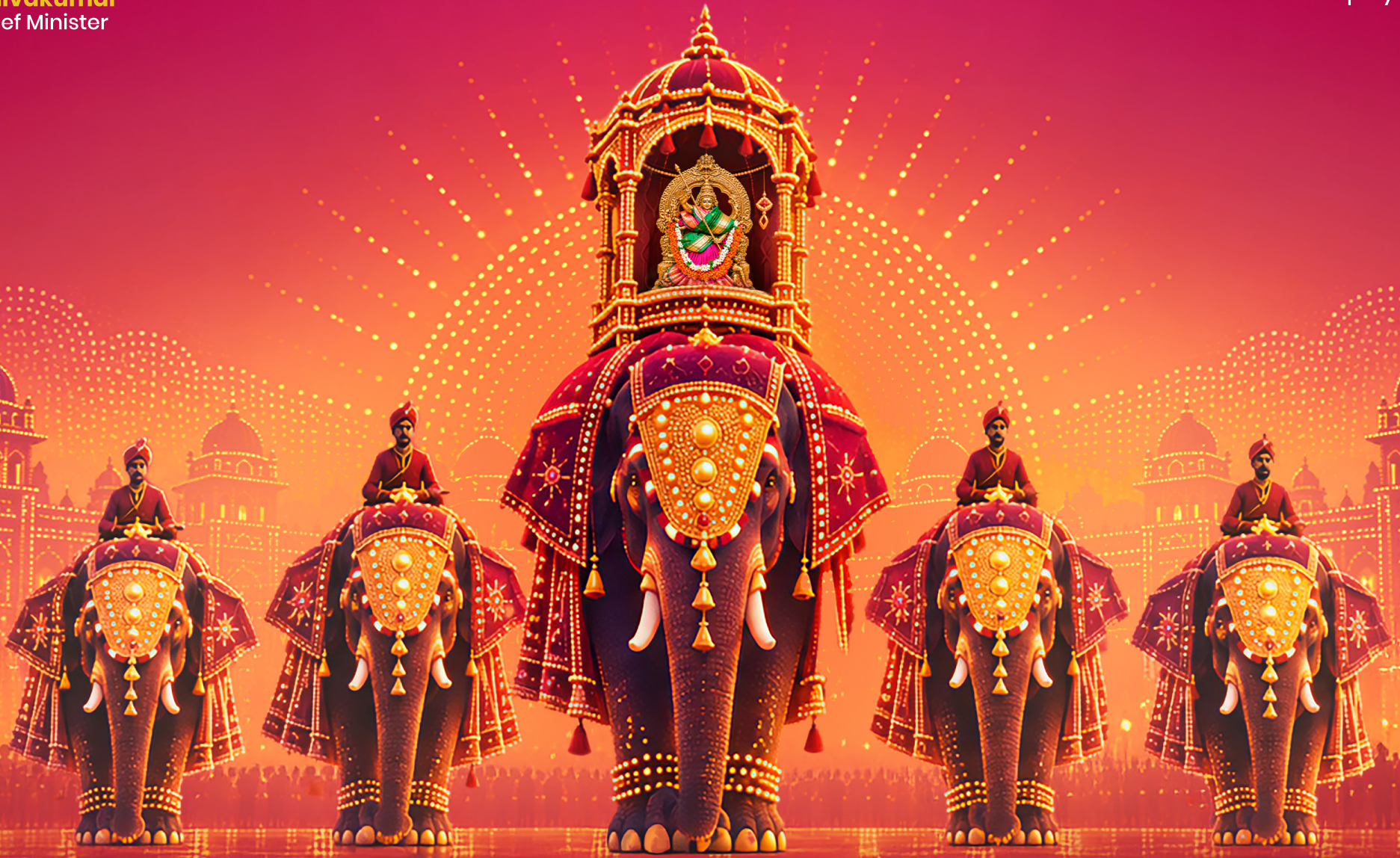




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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister



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11-21 October

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With the Agra Puja of Nada Devate Sri Chamundeshwari Devi

In the Auspicious Presence and Inauguration by
His Holiness Sri Abhinava Gavisiddheshwara Mahaswamiji
Sri Gavi Matha, Koppal
Date: **11 October 2026, Sunday**
Shubha Muhurta:
Between **11:50 AM and 12:13 PM**, during the auspicious Dhanu Lagna
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Quick Read

Strong winds and rain damage Uppinangady area

CH NEWS, UPPINANGADY

Strong winds and heavy rain on Friday evening uprooted four to five electric poles and several areca nut trees in Uppinangady. Advertisement hoardings were also damaged. Meanwhile, waterlogging on Shenoy Hospital Road has caused inconvenience to pedestrians, residents and local traders. Rain-water failed to enter highway drains because their edges were higher than the road level, causing water to collect on the lower-lying stretch.

Absconding accused arrested after 13 years in Puttur

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Mangaluru Women's Police arrested Hasan Shabir, 41, who had reportedly been absconding for 13 years without appearing before the court. He was taken into custody at Inland Apartment in Puttur on October 9. The court had reportedly issued warrants against him around 37 times, but he allegedly changed his address and remained in hiding. Following his arrest, Shabir was produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody until October 17.

Shivamogga court sentences man to 20 years in assault case

CH NEWS, SHIVAMOGGA

The Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a 22-year-old man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl. The court also imposed a fine of ₹1.10 lakh and ordered ₹5 lakh in compensation for the victim. The incident occurred in a locality within Shivamogga city, and a case was registered at Teerthanagara Police Station. After hearing both sides, Judge Ninganagouda B. Patil delivered the verdict.

Aldur Panchayat faces irregularity allegations as villagers demand probe

CH NEWS, CHIKKAMAGALURU

Villagers and former public representatives raised serious concerns over alleged irregularities at Aldur Gram Panchayat during a social audit meeting, demanding an investigation into suspected misuse of funds and poor delivery of basic services. Residents of Tudukur village protested against the continuing drinking water shortage by placing empty pots on the meeting table. Villagers also alleged that bills had been approved for works under the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme without the required photographs and supporting documents. The villagers demanded a comprehensive investigation into the alleged irregularities and called for strict action against those found responsible. The allegations are yet to be established through an official inquiry.

Lawyers demand HC mobile bench for Central Karnataka

Gowda said the committee may visit Shivamogga, recalling Siddaramaiah's assurance of a mobile bench for Central Karnataka, which remains unfulfilled.

CH NEWS, SHIVAMOGGA

Senior advocate K. Basappa Gowda has demanded that a High Court mobile bench be established in Shivamogga to provide easier access to justice for people in Central Karnataka. He said the region should receive priority over Mangaluru.

At a press conference, Gowda said a three-member committee constituted by the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court would examine the possibility of establishing a mobile bench.

The committee is expected to visit several districts, including Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Davanagere and Kodagu, and submit a report.

Gowda said the committee might also visit Shivamogga. He recalled meeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah earlier and requesting a mobile bench for Central Karnataka. Al-



though the Chief Minister had assured them, the demand remained unfulfilled, he said.

He questioned the inclusion of Hassan and Davanagere in the committee's review, stating that there had been no demand for a High Court bench in those districts. He expressed concern that Shivamogga and neighbouring districts might be brought under the jurisdiction of a proposed Mangaluru bench. Travelling to Mangaluru

for court proceedings would cause difficulties for lawyers and litigants, increasing travel time and expenses, Gowda said. He added that people from Shivamogga had already accepted travelling to Bengaluru for judicial services, but reaching Mangaluru would be more challenging.

With High Court benches already functioning in Kalaburagi and Dharwad, he urged the authorities to establish a

mobile bench centred in Shivamogga to serve Central Karnataka.

Gowda also recalled that lawyers at a conference held in Shivamogga in 1950 had demanded a High Court mobile bench for the district.

Political party representatives, association leaders, lawyers and other prominent citizens attended the press conference and supported the discussion on regional judicial access.

DC directs police action over highway complaints at night

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner Darshan H.V. has directed the police to take appropriate legal action against reported cases of harassment and alleged illegal activities along national highways at night, following complaints from the public.

He issued the instructions while chairing a meeting of the District-Level Coordination and Monitoring Committee for Gender Minorities at the Deputy Commissioner's office.

The DC said the police should first counsel transgender individuals reportedly gathering along highways at night and create awareness about the complaints and concerns raised by motorists. He instructed officers to take strict legal action if the reported problems continued despite these efforts.

During the meeting, representatives of local transgender organisations alleged that some individuals arriving from other states were involved in illegal activities, affecting the reputation of the local transgender community. They urged the police to investigate the complaints and take action wherever viola-



96 gender minority individuals are registered in Dakshina Kannada district, according to a recent survey

tions were established.

The meeting also reviewed welfare and rehabilitation measures for gender minorities in the district. Officials said a list of 15 individuals without housing sites had been submitted to the Mangaluru City Corporation for consideration.

Arrangements were also being made through the Women's Development Corporation to provide financial assistance for self-employment.

Officials said eligible individuals could apply for comprehensive rehabilitation assistance through the Seva Sindhu portal.

AT A GLANCE	Demand: a High Court mobile bench centred in Shivamogga	Concern: travel to Mangaluru would add time and expenses	Benches now: Kalaburagi and Dharwad	First raised: by lawyers in Shivamogga in 1950
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Sagara police arrest one suspect in three cattle theft cases

CH NEWS, SAGARA

Police have arrested one accused in connection with three cattle theft cases reported in Sagara town and rural areas, Assistant Superintendent of Police Dr Benaka Prasad said on Saturday.

Speaking to reporters at the Deputy Superintendent of Police's office, he said investigators used CCTV footage to identify the suspects. Barkat Ulla, one of the two accused from Bhadravathi, has been taken into custody, while the other suspect, Nasrulla, remains absconding.

Prasad said a video showing a person attempting to capture a cow near Sagara's water tank had circulated on social media.

The investigation identified Nasrulla as the person involved in the incident.

The police have formed a special team to prevent cattle theft and the illegal transporta-



tion of livestock.

Regarding cable thefts, Prasad said cases had been registered against individuals accused of stealing pump-set cables in rural areas.

In a separate incident, police raided a lodge following information about suspicious activities. One woman and three men were detained, and medical examinations confirmed that all four had consumed ganja.

HIGHLIGHTS
Three cases: one accused arrested
CCTV footage: used to identify the suspects
Absconding: the second suspect, Nasrulla
Special team: to curb illegal transport of livestock

Judges' committee to visit Mangaluru over High Court bench demand

CH NEWS, BANTWAL

A three-member committee of High Court judges is expected to visit Mangaluru in November to examine the feasibility of establishing a High Court bench in the coastal region and submit a report.

Preparations for the visit were discussed at a consultative meeting of the High Court Agitation Committee held at the Bantwal Advocates' Association hall. The meeting focused on presenting the demand effectively before the visiting judges.

The meeting was led by Ivan D'Souza, convener of the High Court Agitation Committee, Member of the Legislative Council and senior advocate. Richard M. Costa, president of the Bantwal Bar Association and District Bar Association, presided over the gathering.

Former MLC and advocate Monappa Bhandari, senior ad-

vocates M.P. Noronha and H.V. Raghavendra, Mangaluru Bar Association Secretary B.P. Gautam and Vice-President Praveen Kumar Adyapadi were among those present. Several senior and junior advocates shared their views and suggestions.

A long journey
The agitation committee said people from coastal districts, including Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada, as well as parts of Kodagu, face difficulties travelling to Bengaluru for High Court proceedings. The journey reportedly covers around 350 to 450 kilometres, increasing travel expenses and causing delays.

Lower costs
Supporters believe a bench in Mangaluru would reduce the financial burden on litigants, particularly those from economically weaker sections. They also expect it to improve access to justice and

WHAT NEXT
High Court judges' committee expected in Mangaluru in November
Agitation committee to put the coastal districts' case before the judges
Government urged to expedite the procedures for the bench

help speed up the disposal of civil, criminal, labour and commercial cases.

The proposed bench could also generate employment in the legal sector and support regional infrastructure development. Supporters have cited the existing High Court benches in Dharwad and Kalaburagi as examples. The agitation committee is preparing to present these concerns before the judges during their proposed November visit and has urged the government to expedite the necessary procedures for establishing the bench.

Moodushedde burial ground land allocation sparks village protests

THE VILLAGERS' DEMAND
WITHDRAW THE ORDER
Return the land to the Pilikula Development Authority
Protest march under the slogan "Moodushedde Chalo"

CH NEWS, MANGALURU

The allocation of land for a Muslim burial ground near the Jarandaya Daivasthanana and Nagabana in Moodushedde

village has sparked controversy, with villagers and Hindu organisations demanding the withdrawal of the order.

Two acres of land from the 300 acres reserved for the Pilikula Development Authority in Survey No. 74 have been allotted to Hayathul Islam Badriya Jumma Masjid and Madrasa for a burial ground. The allocation was made through an order issued by the Mangaluru Tahsildar. Excavation work at the site has reportedly begun.

The proposed burial ground is located near the Jarandaya deity's Dharma Chavadi, a sacred Nagabana and Jain Basadis. Villagers and Hindu

organisations have expressed concern over the location, stating that it could affect religious sentiments and local traditions associated with Dai-va worship.

Moodushedde Chalo
The organisations have criticised the land allocation and called for a protest march under the slogan "Moodushedde Chalo".

Panchayat not consulted
Residents, speaking to TV9, alleged that the order was issued without consulting the local gram panchayat.

The villagers have urged the administration to withdraw the order and return the land to the Pilikula Development Authority.

Thousands join march for justice on 14th anniversary of Sowjanya case

CH NEWS, BELTHANGADY

Thousands of people participated in a 'March for Justice' in Belthangady, marking the 14th anniversary of the Sowjanya rape and murder case.

The event was organised by activists associated with the Rashtriya Hindu Jagarana Vedike and Prajaprabhutva Vedike.

Before the public meeting, a large silent procession began in Ujire and proceeded towards Belthangady. Participants demanded justice in the case and renewed their call for accountability.

Mother inaugurates
Sowjanya's mother, Kusumavati Chandappa Gowda, inau-

Participants demanded justice in the case and renewed their call for accountability

gured a felicitation programme held at Ambedkar Maidan in Belthangady.

During the event, lawyers who had represented Sowjanya's parents without charging fees across various courts were honoured for their efforts. Media representatives and activists who had continued to highlight the case and support the family's struggle were also felicitated.

Mahesh Shetty Thimarodi

presided over the meeting. Girish Mattanavar, Thammanna Shetty, Prasanna Ravi, Jayanth T., Dinesh Ganiga and High Court advocates Mohit Kumar, Vijaya Vasu Poojari, Naveen Kumar and Krishnappa Gowda Devasya were among those present on the dais.

The gathering brought together thousands of activists and supporters who participated in the procession and the felicitation programme.

The anniversary event highlighted the continued demand for justice in the Sowjanya case. Participants paid tribute to those who had supported the family and kept the issue in public discussion over the years.

Preserving Nature's Future 'Environmental conservation awareness must begin during childhood'

CH NEWS, KARKALA

Environmental and wildlife conservation awareness must be developed among children from an early age, said Manjunath Poojary, Chairman of the Narayana Guru Development Corporation.

He was speaking at the closing ceremony of awareness and community activities organised by the Kudremukh-Karkala Wildlife Division from October 2 to 8 under the theme "Connecting Habitats, Prosperity and Wildlife Conservation."

Addressing the programme at Perwaje Sundar Puranik Memorial High School, Poojary said forests, wildlife and the environment were closely connected. Protecting forests was essential to conserving water, air, soil and other forms of life. He stressed that every living organism played an important role in maintaining ecological balance and called for collective efforts to protect nature for future generations.

He appreciated the initiative to involve children in conservation activities and

said environmental awareness should begin at the school level.

Mangaluru DFO Ravishankar, IFS, who presided over the programme, said children should gain practical experiences alongside classroom education. Activities such as identifying birds, butterflies and plants in their surroundings could help them develop a love for nature and responsibility towards conservation.

Kudremukh Wildlife Division ACF Latha Guru Bhat said Wildlife Week aimed to

Protecting forests is essential to conserving water, air, soil and other forms of life

create public awareness about protecting wildlife habitats.

As part of the celebrations, achievers from different fields and Forest Department officers and staff were felicitated. Drawing, elocution, quiz and tree and animal identification competitions were held for school and college students.



Jantar Mantar Saturday stir. ➡ No police protest permission. ➡ High drama at Delhi airport.
Over 7,000 protesters detained. ➡ Dipke, Ranka, Das detained. ➡ Delhi security goes pro-max.
Capital goes into shutdown ➡ 45 metro stations shut till 6.30 pm. ➡ Brakes on 75 train operations.



A large, ornate, illuminated fountain or monument at night. The central structure features a canopy with a dome and is flanked by several white horses or figures. The entire structure is brightly lit, and a circular arrangement of lights surrounds the base. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of people and vehicles, suggesting a public square or park setting.

armataka has urged the Centre to extend price controls on expensive medications used to treat heart and kidney diseases, beyond the anti-cancer drugs already covered by the measure. The demand was made after the Centre on Saturday decided to cap trade margins on non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines at 30% of their maximum retail price (MRP). armataka said similar safeguards should cover other essential drugs to make treatment more affordable for patients.

His actions also drew appreciation from Indian officials and authorities in Israel (including PM Netanyahu) and the UAE.

Machchhar underwent surgery and has been recovering in Abu Dhabi. The ministry of external affairs reported that his condition was improving.

Quick Read

Moving car catches fire near police office

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Panic gripped Infantry Road on Saturday when a moving car suddenly caught fire right outside the City Police Commissioner's office. The driver, Shabbir, noticed thick smoke pouring out of his Toyota Taisor vehicle and managed to step out quickly before getting hurt. Local residents and nearby hospital staff rushed forward with water to help control the massive flames. The unexpected road incident caused heavy traffic delays for a short while. Officials suspect a sudden technical short circuit triggered the blaze, but timely action prevented any major tragedy.

Karnataka faces severe water crisis over releases

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Tensions are rising high across Karnataka following a fresh Cauvery Water Management Authority order. Authorities directed the state to release 3,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu for the next 15 days. This mandate arrives while local reservoirs face alarming shortages. The Krishnarajasagara dam holds only 24 TMC of water right now. After sharing water, barely 15 TMC will remain for local needs. Farmers and city residents now fear a severe drinking water drought. Locals desperately urge the state government to act fast before reserves run completely dry.

K'taka hikes vehicle purchase cap to ₹31 lakh for ministers, MPs

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Even as vast swathes of rural Karnataka reel under crippling drought conditions, widespread crop failures, and acute agrarian distress, the state government has drawn sharp public criticism by issuing an official administrative order substantially increasing the financial cap for vehicle purchases by state ministers and parliamentarians. According to the revised notification, the expenditure ceiling allocated for acquiring official passenger vehicles for state cabinet ministers and Members of Parliament representing Karnataka in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha has been hiked from ₹26 lakh to ₹31 lakh.

Pet dog attack leaves boy seriously injured

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Sheer terror gripped Niduvanda village in Nelamangala taluk after a vicious pet dog attacked a young child. 14-year-old Akshay was playing outside his home when the neighbor's dog suddenly pounced on him. The violent animal inflicted deep, painful wounds across the boy's arms, legs, and chest. Terrified family members rushed the injured child to the Tumakuru District Hospital for urgent medical care. The grieving parents are deeply distressed by the terrifying incident. They plan to lodge a formal police complaint at the Dabaspet station once treatment concludes.

Police Commissioner raids late-night pubs & bars

Leading a massive late-night police crackdown on hundreds of pubs and bars, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh targeted curfew violations.

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a massive, coordinated enforcement operation that caught the city's hospitality sector by surprise, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh personally led a sweeping late-night crackdown on hundreds of pubs, clubs, and bars across the capital. Deploying approximately 1,500 police personnel, including 19 senior IPS officers and specialized Central Crime Branch units, the intense operation targeted widespread violations of mandatory closing hours, licensing stipulations, and public safety regulations. The high-visibility mid-night sweeps spanned major entertainment and commercial districts, focusing heavily on prominent nightlife hubs along Brigade Road (including Brigade Garden and Page 3 Ladies Pub), Koramangala, Gandhinagar, and upscale hotel venues such as the Lalit Ashok. Teams moved systematically through commercial zones as the clock ticked past the mandated 1:00 AM deadline, instructing management to halt music, close kitchens, and escort remaining patrons



off the premises. Speaking to the media during the operation, Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh issued an uncompromising warning to establishment owners, stressing that regulatory compliance is non-negotiable. "There is a strict deadline for pubs, and raids were conducted to check whether they are complying with it," Singh stated. He noted that authorities had received concerning reports regarding underage individuals being permitted entry or illegally employed within nightlife venues, prompting comprehensive preliminary inquiries. Beyond checking commercial establishments for curfew breaches and serving liquor to minors, the police department intensified citywide security. Strategic nakabandis and interception checkpoints were established across key arterial roads to intercept drink-driving and deter illegal activities. Furthermore, law enforcement officials highlighted that specialized units, such as the newly activated anti-rowdy squads and cyber monitoring cells tracking social media channels, are maintaining continuous vigilance. The commissioner affirmed that authorities will not hesitate to register spontaneous suo motu cases against any venue flouting the law, ensuring that Bengaluru's vibrant social economy operates safely and strictly within legal parameters.

Lakhs gear up for K-SET across Karnataka

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) is finalizing comprehensive administrative preparations to conduct the prestigious Karnataka State Eligibility Test (K-SET) for assistant professor positions on October 11, 2026. With over 1.29 lakh aspirants registered across the state, regional authorities have instituted rigorous security protocols and surveillance mechanisms across all designated examination venues to ensure absolute transparency and fair play. The statewide competitive examination will see participation from 1,29,212 candidates vying for eligibility across 37 distinct academic disciplines. To streamline logistics, KEA has established 326 specialized examination centers spread across 11 key administrative districts, in-

cluding Bengaluru North and South, Ballari, Belagavi, Davanagere, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, and Vijayapura. While Bengaluru serves as the primary hub hosting examinations for all 37 subjects concurrently, the remaining ten district centers will facilitate tests for 13 major subjects. The test is scheduled to run in a single combined session from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Candidates will be provided question booklets and separate Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets simultaneously for both sections: a 100-mark General Knowledge and teaching aptitude paper, and a 200-mark rigorous subject-specific evaluation, in a three-hour compos-



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ARC Hospital launches resilience clinic & free screening

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Marking World Hospice and Palliative Care Day alongside the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, ARC Cancer Hospital has officially launched its specialized Resilience Clinic, aimed at providing holistic physical and emotional support to oncology patients. Simultaneously, the hospital announced a major public health outreach campaign, offering free mammography screening coupons to women across the state through December 2026 to encourage early detection. The inauguration event, held at the hospital premises,



was graced by prominent medical experts and civic leaders. Chief guest Dr. T.H. Anjanappa, Chief Surgical Gastroenterologist, emphasized that medical professionals must act as educators to eliminate social stigmas surrounding cancer. Dr. (Prof.) Kumara Swamy, former Professor of Radiation Oncology

at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, formally unveiled the Resilience Clinic. Structured around five core pillars—physical movement, clinical nutrition, mental well-being, healthy daily habits, and community connection—the clinic addresses comprehensive patient rehabilitation.

CIABC warns state over AIB Tax policy

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Five months following Karnataka's pioneering rollout of the Alcohol-in-Beverage (AIB) taxation framework, a sharp divergence in market performance has ignited a debate over the policy's long-term fiscal sustainability. While the system—which links excise duty directly to the actual quantity of pure alcohol rather than volume or

price tiers—has triggered a massive surge in beer consumption, representatives from spirits manufacturers have raised red flags regarding structural revenue dependencies and mounting cost pressures on mass-market consumers. Data compiled between July and September 2026 highlights a dramatic dichotomy in consumer purchasing trends. Bolstered by lower price points on

select lager and premium portfolios, beer sales volumes skyrocketed by nearly 50%. Conversely, Indian-Made Liquor (IML) volumes experienced sluggish growth, inching up by just over 1.5%. Despite the exponential spike in beer volume, industry analyses from the Confederation of Indian Alcohol Beverage Companies (CIABC) reveal that IML remains the bedrock of state excise collections.

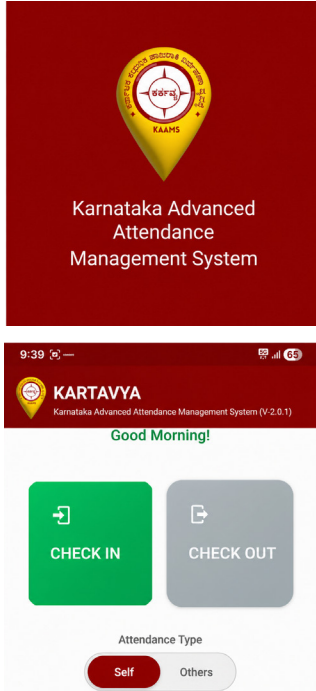
Digital attendance mandate stirs discontent in police force

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Police Department's recent directive making the digital attendance tracking application 'Kartavya' (KAAMS) mandatory for all personnel has triggered widespread debate and operational concern within the ranks. While the state government champions the software as a revolutionary transparency initiative to streamline administration across departments, law enforcement personnel argue that the application's rigid structure fails to accommodate the unpredictable, 24/7 realities of police work. Following a circular issued by the State Police Headquarters directing unit heads to ensure universal registration and daily login-logout compliance, officers across various divisions have voiced practical difficulties. Unlike conventional secretariat or civil departments with fixed office hours, police duties frequently involve emergency responses, prolonged festival and protest security bandobasts, and cross-district or interstate travel for criminal investigations. Personnel point out that mandatory check-ins and check-outs often clash with active field operations, where exceeding an eight-hour shift

Mandatory digital attendance tracking via the Kartavya app has sparked operational concerns among police personnel regarding field realities.

is standard and logging out immediately is impossible. Furthermore, field officers have expressed frustration over geo-fencing restrictions and procedural bottlenecks involving 'On Other Duty' (OOD) permissions. Constables deployed for traffic management or accident site investigations note that constantly seeking digital approval for multiple field-movement entries creates unnecessary administrative friction. There are also lingering anxieties regarding potential salary deductions linked to Human Resource Management System (HRMS) automated integration if technical glitches or operational emergencies delay attendance marking. Addressing these concerns, senior administrative leadership, including Sridhar T., DIGP (Administration), emphasized that the application has already undergone several rounds of customization with the e-Governance Department to make it police-friendly. Of-



ficials clarified that the app features dedicated options such as 'field duty' and 'court duty' to handle off-station movements, and that attendance is not strictly bound to fixed office boundaries. As the department works to iron out initial technical hurdles, authorities maintain that the digital transition is vital for modernizing accountability, even as field personnel continue to push for guidelines better tailored to operational realities.

Panchayat quota draft notified, 10 days for objections

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Accelerating preparations for long-pending grassroots democratic elections, the Government of Karnataka has officially issued the draft notification detailing constituency-wise reservation rosters for Zilla Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats across the state. The administration has opened a strict ten-day window inviting formal objections and suggestions from the public. The published draft framework governs 1,129 member seats distributed across 31 Zilla Panchayats and 3,656 seats spanning Taluk Panchayats statewide. Upholding strong commitments toward inclusive grassroots governance, over fifty percent of the total designated seats—specifically 571 Zilla Panchayat seats and 1,905 Taluk Panchayat positions—have been exclusively reserved for women candidates. The allocation structure further incorporates precise category-wise

OBJECTIONS: HOW TO FILE	
DEADLINE	5:00 PM, October 19, 2026
SEND TO	Office of the Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Phase 3, Multi-storied Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001
HOW	In person or by registered post, with supporting documents

reservations for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes (Categories A and B), ensuring broad-based social representation. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Eshwar Khandre noted that the comprehensive delimitation and reservation exercises have been successfully completed following statutory guidelines under the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Rules, 2023. Citizens, local representatives, and community organizations wishing to challenge or contest specific ward allocations must submit formal objections accompanied by relevant supporting documents. Submissions must reach the office of the Addi-

tional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Phase 3, Multi-storied Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, either in person or via registered post no later than 5:00 PM on October 19, 2026. Following the review of public feedback received during the ten-day objection window, the state will finalize the reservation roster before formally submitting final affidavits and schedules to the State Election Commission. While the ongoing Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls runs its course, state authorities anticipate conducting the grassroots elections by early January.

Subsidized PDS rice seizure: Over 5.6 lakh kg confirmed

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

In a massive statewide crackdown on the illicit diversion and smuggling of subsidized food grains intended for marginalized communities, enforcement authorities from the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, alongside allied administrative agencies, have executed a series of high-impact lightning raids. The coordinated operations resulted in the seizure of a staggering 5,64,992 kilograms of illegal public distribution system (PDS) ration rice, alongside 24 heavy commercial lorries utilized for illegal transportation, carrying an aggregate estimated market valuation exceeding ₹4.75 crore. The comprehensive statewide sweep, conducted continuously over a three-day surveillance window across multiple administrative districts, targeted sophisticated supply chains operated by black-market syndicates. According to departmental disclosures, the cumulative fi-



nancial assessment of the confiscated food stocks stands at ₹1,34,43,033, while the 24 seized transport vehicles are valued at an estimated ₹3,41,50,000, bringing the total valuation of seized assets to ₹4,75,93,033. Authorities have formally registered criminal cases against nine primary individuals under strict provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Taking a severe stance against internal administrative complicity, Commissioner of the Food Department B. Poornima issued immediate suspension orders against Food Department Inspector Praveen Sagar and Shiraste-

dar L.B. Dhange. The officials were suspended for gross dereliction of duty following preliminary inquiries that revealed they had unlawfully released a detained lorry and substantial stocks of PDS rice previously impounded at a warehouse belonging to Ravi Traders in Bastawada village, Hukkeri taluk, without initiating mandatory legal proceedings. Food and Civil Supplies Minister Rizwan Arshad formally commended the collaborative investigative efforts of personnel from the Food Department, Commercial Taxes, Agricultural Marketing, and the state police force. Condemning the diversion of subsidized food provisions meant for underprivileged citizens as a heinous economic offense, the minister issued an unsparing warning. He reiterated that the state government will enforce zero tolerance against racketeers and will pursue strict, unlenient disciplinary and criminal actions against any enforcement personnel found abetting illicit smuggling rings.

Quick Read

NSS special camp to promote drug-free youth
CH NEWS, GADAG

A special National Service Scheme (NSS) camp themed "Youth for My India" will be held from October 12 to 18 at Sri Channaveera Sharana Pre-University College in Balaganuru village, Chikhenkoppa, to promote drug-free and TB-free youth. The camp will be inaugurated on October 12 at 4 pm in the presence of Pujya Channaveera Sharana. Doctors will visit the camp, and free medicines will be distributed. Daily lectures and cultural programmes will begin at 6 pm. Activities will cover agriculture, environment, rural development, drug de-addiction, banking and nutrition. The valedictory ceremony will be held on October 18.

Fake YouTube ad costs Belagavi man ₹21.93 lakh
CH NEWS, BELAGAVI

A 60-year-old Belagavi resident lost ₹21.93 lakh in an alleged online investment scam after responding to a fake YouTube advertisement promising high stock market returns. The victim, Kishore of Hindwadi, reportedly saw the advertisement, which appeared to use the name of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on June 20. He registered through a link and was later added to a Telegram group. According to his complaint, fraudsters initially collected ₹22,000 and subsequently persuaded him to transfer larger amounts. A total of ₹21,93,999 was allegedly collected in multiple transactions. Kishore said neither his investment nor the promised profits were returned. A complaint has been registered at the city's CEN police station.

Youth Parliament meeting scheduled in Challakere
CH NEWS, CHITRADURGA

A taluk-level Youth Parliament meeting will be held on Oct 14 at 10.30 am at the Challakere Taluk Panchayat Hall. The Social Welfare Department is organising the programme. According to the department's Assistant Director (Grade-1), the Challakere Tahsildar, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer, Deputy Director of the Social Welfare Department, Block Education Officer, and principals of pre-university and degree colleges in the taluk will participate in the meeting. The programme aims to provide a platform for youth to engage in parliamentary discussions and understand democratic processes.

9-year-old boy rescued at Mangaluru Railway Station
CH NEWS, MANGALURU

Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel rescued a nine-year-old boy from West Bengal at Mangaluru Central Railway Station under the Indian Railways' "Operation Nanhe Farishte" initiative. On Saturday around 9.49 am, RPF staff member Vinisha spotted the boy wandering alone while monitoring CCTV footage. Officials immediately reached the spot and ensured his safety. During questioning, the boy reportedly revealed that he had run away from home and travelled to Mangaluru aboard the Santragachi Express.

NAME CHANGE
I, NISSAR AHMED, S/o. Nazeer Ahmed, Resident of No. 26, Lazar Road, M K Palya, Frazer Town, Bengaluru -560005, Karnataka, have changed my name to NISSAR AHMED N, vide affidavit dated: 10.10.2026 before notary G. DAYANANDA, Bengaluru.

Advocates launch second phase of protest on Oct 12

Advocates call the three-judge committee for a Mangaluru circuit bench a temporary fix that ignores Central Karnataka's demands.

CH NEWS, SHIVAMOGGA

The second phase of the agitation demanding a High Court circuit bench in Shivamogga for the convenience of people



in Central Karnataka will begin on October 12, District Advocates' Association president Raghavendra announced. Speaking at a press conference at the Shivamogga Press Trust on Saturday, Raghavendra said around 49 organisations, including political parties and various associations that had supported the earlier protest, had pledged their support for the next phase of the movement. He described the formation of a three-judge committee to examine the possibility of es-

tablishing a circuit bench in Mangaluru as a temporary measure that did not address the demands of Central Karnataka. He insisted that Shivamogga should not be clubbed

taluk advocates' bhavans. Similar demonstrations were earlier held in front of the Shivamogga District Advocates' Bhavan. Raghavendra said the agita-

Shivamogga circuit bench demand

Advocates in Shivamogga are protesting against clubbing their district with Mangaluru for a circuit bench. Rejecting a three-judge committee as a temporary fix, they demand an independent circuit bench in Shivamogga, urging public support during upcoming demonstrations.

attended by BJP district president N. Jagadish, Congress district president H.C. Yogish, JD(S) district president Ramakrishna, District Industrial Association president Gopinath, Press Trust president N. Manjunatha, Working Journalists' Association district president Vaidyanatha, advocate K.P. Sripal, and other prominent figures, including Deepak Singh, Kantaraj, Jagadish and Vidyanani. The advocates said the movement would continue until their demand for a circuit bench in Shivamogga was addressed.

Farmers protest Krishna water release to Telangana

CH NEWS, VIJAYAPURA

The Akhanda Karnataka Farmers' Association has strongly opposed the release of Krishna river water to Telangana, demanding an immediate halt to the supply from the Narayanapura reservoir. Association members staged a protest on Saturday and submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar through the district administration.

Addressing the protesters, association State General Secretary Aravind Kulkarni and State Organising Secretary Vithal Biradar alleged that the state government was compromising the interests of farmers in the Bagalkot region by releasing water to Telangana.

They claimed that the decision followed a verbal instruction from the Chief Minister on Thursday night, allegedly after pressure from Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

According to the association, the release of 2,667 cusecs from the Narayanapura reservoir began on Thursday night, with a proposed target of two thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water. The leaders expressed concern



They claimed the decision stemmed from a verbal order by the Chief Minister, reportedly driven by Telangana CM Revanth Reddy's pressure.

that the supply could be increased in phases, even as farmers in northern Karnataka face restrictions on irrigation water. The association leaders argued that farmers in the region were being told that agricultural water would be supplied in stages, while water was being released to another state. They demanded that the government stop the current release and prioritise the irrigation requirements of local farmers.

The leaders cited reservoir storage figures to support their opposition, stating that the Almatti reservoir held approximately 98.729 TMC of water. They said the available water must be managed carefully to meet requirements over the coming nine months, particularly with restrictions on usable storage.

The association also pointed to Telangana's legal objection to raising the water level at the Almatti reservoir. It demanded that Telangana withdraw its objection before Karnataka considers any further water release. The leaders said humanitarian assistance could be considered for drinking water needs, provided the interests of Karnataka's farmers were protected. Warning of intensified agitation, the association said the

At a glance

- Release: Narayanapura reservoir began discharging 2,667 cusecs of water with a target of two TMC.
- Priorities: Farmers demand a halt to the water release to prioritise local irrigation needs in northern Karnataka.
- Storage: Almatti reservoir holds roughly 98.729 TMC, requiring careful management for the next nine months.
- Objections: Telangana's legal objection to raising Almatti's water level must be withdrawn first.
- Humanitarian aid: Drinking water assistance could be considered only if local farmers' interests are safeguarded.
- Agitation: The farming community warns of intensified protests if the government ignores their irrigation demands.

farming community would take to the streets if the government continued releasing water without adequately addressing local irrigation needs. Hanamantraya Handrala, women farmers' leader Nilambika Biradara, Maligeppa Sasanura, Lalasaba Hallura and others participated in the protest.

SKDRDP rural scheme wins National Women Award

UIJIRE

The Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Scheme has earned top national recognition, securing the prestigious "Best Women-Friendly Financial Institution of the Year 2025-2026 - Ela Bhatt Memorial Award" at the 21st National Conference in Delhi.

Presented by Sa-Dhan—the Reserve Bank of India-designated Self-Regulatory Organization—the honor highlights the organization's benchmark standards in workplace safety, gender equality, and holistic female empowerment. The trust operates under the divine guidance of Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari of Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala, and Matrushree Hemavathi V. Heggade.

A high-profile delegation accepted the accolade, including Chief Executive Officer Anil Kumar S.S., Chief Financial Officer Shantaram R. Pai, and Regional Directors Smt. Geetha B. and Smt. Dayasheela. The award carries immense weight within the microfinance sector,



drawing from a national registry of 210 financial institutions that spans banks, small finance institutions, and co-operatives. It honors the legacy of Ela Bhatt, a legendary pioneer of women's economic empowerment in India. Behind the national recognition lies an inclusive workforce model. Out of SKDRDP's 41,000 total personnel, 29,000 are women. The institution has instituted robust HR policies that prioritize family welfare, offering location transfers based on family considerations and spouse-joining grounds alongside transparent promotion frameworks.

Safety and health remain central to the organization's operations. Strict protocols, rigorous POSH Act training, and zero-tolerance policies ensure a secure atmosphere. Furthermore, Matrushree Hemavathi Amma champions extensive health initiatives, providing nutritious food programs, regular medical camps, and annual health insurance coverage worth roughly five lakh rupees per staff member.

Beyond internal employee welfare, SKDRDP has transformed millions of grassroots lives. Through 6,547 Jnana Vikas centers, nearly 330,000 members have achieved holistic development. Additionally, its Business Correspondent services have extended low-interest financial loans to approximately 4.2 million women, catalyzing livelihoods and financial independence.

CEO Anil Kumar S.S. dedicated the milestone to the tireless efforts of the female workforce, praising them as true embodiments of Nari Shakti and pillars of societal progress under visionary leadership.



13 candidates contest North-East Teachers' Constituency MLC election

Campaign vehicles within the district need permission from the Deputy Commissioner's office, while cross-constituency movement requires the Regional Commissioner's approval.

CH NEWS, KALABURAGI

A total of 13 candidates are contesting the Karnataka Legislative Council's North-East Teachers' Constituency election, with polling scheduled for October 23. As many as 34,784 voters will exercise their franchise at 144 polling stations, while vote counting will take place on October 27. Regional Commissioner and Returning Officer Zaheera Naseem announced the arrangements during a meeting with candidates at the Regional Commissioner's office in Kalaburagi. She said elaborate measures had been taken to ensure free, fair and transparent polling. Enforcement teams have been deployed across all taluks to monitor compliance

13	144	14
candidates contesting	polling stations	counting tables

with the Model Code of Conduct. Election-related complaints can be reported to the control room at 08472-200255.

34,784 voters, 144 polling stations

Polling will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 23. The electorate includes 20,040 men and 14,744 women. A total of 144 polling stations, including an additional station in Ballari, have been arranged. Naseem said candidates must follow the prescribed procedures before printing election pamphlets. Prior permission from the Deputy Commissioner's office is required for campaign vehicles within the district, while permission for vehicle movement across the constituency must be obtained from the Region-

al Commissioner's office.

Strict rules on polling day

Prohibitory orders will be enforced within 200 metres of polling stations on October 23. The sale and consumption of liquor will also be prohibited on polling day. Webcasting facilities will be provided at all polling stations. Voters must mark their preferential votes using only the violet-coloured sketch pen supplied by the Election Commission. Preferences may be indicated in Kannada, English or Roman numerals. There is no NOTA option, and incorrectly marked ballots may be declared invalid.

Counting on October 27

The strong room and counting centre will be located at Bhaskar Hall on the Gulbarga University campus. The strong room seal will be opened at 7.45 a.m. on October 27, with

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DID YOU KNOW?

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RECONSIDER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

DYFI protests arrest of Delhi activists in Kundapura

CH NEWS, KUNDAPURA

The Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) staged a protest in Kundapura against the arrest of activists in Delhi, demanding that the FIR registered against them be quashed. The protest was held to express opposition to the arrests and call for action by the authorities.

The protesters raised concerns over the action taken against the activists and urged the authorities to review the case. They called for the withdrawal of the FIR and demanded that the legal proceedings be reconsidered in accordance with the law.

The demonstration highlighted DYFI's position on the arrests and its demand for the protection of democratic rights. The organisation maintained that people should be able to raise public concerns and participate in peaceful democratic activities without facing unjustified action.

During the protest, DYFI members called upon the authorities to address their concerns and take appropriate



steps regarding the case. They stressed the importance of ensuring fairness and accountability in legal proceedings involving activists.

The protest in Kundapura also brought attention to the wider debate surrounding the rights of activists and the use of police cases against individuals involved in public movements.

The demonstrators demanded that the authorities examine the circumstances of the arrests and take a decision based on the relevant legal provisions.

The organisation's principal demand was that the FIR be quashed. The protesters urged the authorities to respond to their concerns and

Summary

- Protesters demand the immediate quashing of the FIR against activists.
- DYFI advocates strongly for the protection of democratic rights.
- Authorities are urged to review the case and ensure legal fairness.
- Demonstration in Kundapura highlights the use of police cases against movements.
- Accountability and transparency are stressed in ongoing legal proceedings.
- Arrests face widespread opposition from organisation members seeking justice.

ensure that the matter was dealt with fairly.

Quick Read

Woman’s body found with bite marks at Kolkata hospital

KOLKATA

Officials said on Saturday that an inquiry had been ordered at a state-run hospital in Kolkata after a woman’s body was found with bite marks on the fingers. Parts of her eyelids and lips appeared to have been gnawed at, possibly by rodents. The incident took place at Maniktala ESI Hospital. Alpana Dey, of Andul in Howrah district, had suffered from kidney ailments for about six years. Her condition worsened and she was admitted to the hospital’s surgical ward on Thursday. Her relatives alleged they discovered the injuries when they reached the hospital on Friday morning. A preliminary assessment suggested rodents might have caused the injuries, but the circumstances remain unclear. The West Bengal health department has formed a committee to investigate possible lapses in supervision and hospital maintenance. The panel has three days to submit its report. The incident has also prompted concerns about cleanliness and upkeep at the hospital.

Truck hits pilgrims in UP, four killed

SAHARANPUR

A canter truck carrying utensils ploughed into pilgrims walking back from the Shakambhari Devi shrine in Uttar Pradesh’s Saharanpur district on Saturday, killing four devotees and injuring more than 15. The pilgrims had stopped to rest on a highway flyover in Deoband when the truck hit them at about 7 am. The victims, from Kushawali village in Meerut district, were carrying the goddess’s sacred flame. All the injured were hospitalised, and the critically injured were referred to facilities in Saharanpur and Meerut. The truck’s driver and cleaner have been detained by police. Circle Officer Amit Kumar Singh said an inquiry was under way into how the collision happened.

ED attaches ₹54.71-crore property in Amrapali case

LUCKNOW

An immovable property in New Delhi’s Maharani Bagh, valued at ₹54.71 crore, has been provisionally attached by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in its money laundering probe into the Amrapali Group. The attachment, made under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, covers a property held in the name of Surbhaee Advertising Pvt. Ltd. The ED said a forensic audit showed that over ₹5,000 crore of home-buyers’ money had allegedly been routed through shell companies and other group entities. Part of the money was reportedly passed to Surbhaee Advertising as loans and used in connection with the property. The case arises from 18 FIRs alleging cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy. Buyers in several unfinished housing projects in Noida and Greater Noida have received neither possession nor refunds. The probe is continuing.

Rahul Gandhi meets Vijay ahead of student outreach programme

Rahul Gandhi met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay in Chennai before launching a student outreach event aimed at addressing young people’s concerns, attracting over one lakh registrations.

CHENNAI

Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi called on Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay in Chennai on Saturday, hours before his student interaction programme, ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’, that evening. The event is part of the Congress party’s outreach campaign to understand concerns affecting students.

Congress MP Manickam Tagore said more than one lakh students had registered online for the programme. “More than a lakh student, one lakh students have registered on the online QR code registration,” Tagore said. He added that entry would be restricted to students carrying QR-code registrations, with selection criteria determining who could attend the interaction.



The Chennai event marks the sixth leg of ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’, which began in Kota, Rajasthan, on June 17, 2026. Gandhi subsequently took the campaign to Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, Pune in Maharashtra and Indore in Madhya Pradesh before bringing it to Tamil Nadu.

Examination irregularities, question paper leaks, rising education costs, recruit-

ment-related problems and unemployment are among the concerns at the heart of the campaign. Through interactions across different states, Congress leaders aim to hear students’ experiences and understand the challenges they face.

The meeting between Gandhi and Vijay took place on Saturday, before the evening programme. Details of their discussion were not

Student outreach programme in focus

- 1 lakh+ students registered online
- 6th leg of the Chhatron Ki Goonj campaign
- June 17, 2026: Campaign launched in Kota, Rajasthan
- 6 locations: Kota, Dehradun, Prayagraj, Pune, Indore and Chennai
- 5 key issues: Exam irregularities, paper leaks, education costs, recruitment problems and unemployment

available. The Chennai interaction is intended to continue the campaign’s student outreach, giving young people an opportunity to raise concerns about education, examinations, recruitment and employment with Congress leaders.

Goa CM vows strict action in fake excise job scam

PANAJI

Strict action will be taken against those allegedly behind a job fraud in which a man was cheated of ₹27 lakh with the promise of a senior post in the state Excise Department, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said on Saturday. Police have been told to investigate thoroughly and arrest those responsible, he said.

The fraud came to light on Thursday, when Manoj Talekar turned up at the Excise Department office in Panaji with an appointment letter and said he was to take charge as Additional Excise Commissioner. The post fell vacant when IAS officer Asvin Chandru was transferred. Suspicious staff checked with senior officials, who confirmed that no such appointment letter had been issued.

Talekar told police during questioning that one Ajit Shankhwalkar had taken ₹27 lakh from him for the fake appointment letter. A

case has been registered against Shankhwalkar, and police are looking for him. Investigators also found that the accused had allegedly given Talekar another letter, bearing a forged signature of Chief Minister Sawant, which claimed that Talekar had been appointed to the post.

Speaking to the media, Sawant said nobody involved would be spared, repeating that he had asked police to investigate the matter and arrest the accused. He also voiced concern that a growing number of educated people, including graduates, post-graduates and people with previous government service experience, were falling victim to such scams.

The state government would seize the properties of those involved in fraudulent activities, Sawant said. He urged citizens to stay alert and to check any suspicious job offer or official communication directly with the government department concerned.

Delhi Police detain Mahila Morcha workers during protest



NEW DELHI

BJP Mahila Morcha workers marching from Laxmi Nagar

Metro Station towards the Congress headquarters on Saturday were detained by Delhi Police. They were

BJP Mahila Morcha leaders protested in Delhi, seeking action against Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam following his dismissal as a JNU professor.

demanding that Congress MP Angomcha Bimol Akoijam be expelled and arrested over allegations that he sexually harassed female students at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). The protest came after

the university, following an inquiry into the allegations, dismissed the professor from service with immediate effect.

Rajya Sabha MP Sangeeta Yadav, national secretary of the BJP Mahila Morcha, led the march along with Delhi BJP general secretary Yogita Singh. Mahila Morcha president Archana Gupta, state vice-president Sarika Jain and in-charge Aarti Mehra also took part.

Speaking to the protesters, Yadav sought immediate action against Akoijam and

accused the Congress of shielding its MP.

Yogita Singh said the Congress had failed to deal with

The slogan of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao will be meaningful only when those responsible are punished.”

— Sangeeta Yadav, Mahila Morcha National Secretary

the allegations and asked the party to make its stand clear. “We demand justice, not compromise,” she said, warning

that the Mahila Morcha would keep up its protest. Archana Gupta accused the party of double standards on women’s empowerment, and Sarika Jain said the protesters were ready to face arrest but would not give up their demand for action.

The BJP workers repeated their demand that the MP be expelled from the Congress and arrested. JNU’s order dismissing Professor Akoijam from service with immediate effect, issued on October 9, followed an inquiry into the sexual harassment allegations.

ED arrests Sadhna Group chief in money laundering case

NEW DELHI

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, chairman of the Delhi-based Sadhna Group, has been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case over alleged irregularities in insolvency proceedings, officials said on Saturday. The 63-year-old businessman has been sent to ED custody for five days by a court in Ghaziabad.

₹110.10 crore could be settled for just ₹20 lakh.

Investigators further allege that over ₹2 crore in cash came in through cryptocurrency or hawala channels from the resale of Sadhna Media and Aryan TV. Connected creditors were allegedly paid ₹4.48 crore by the company, ₹2.99 crore of it to Sharpline Broadcast, Gupta’s company.

The ED also relied on a May 2025 order of the Secu-

KOHIMA

Nagaland is considering a long-term partnership with Indian and German philanthropic organisations to improve learning outcomes in its government schools and make better use of education funds, said Kekhrielhoulie Yhome, Advisor for School Education.

The plan grew out of discussions on October 5 between the state government and a delegation headed by Martin Kasper, president of the Germany-based Childaid

Network Foundation, and Nikunj Jhaveri, president of the Rotary Club of the Queen’s Necklace, Mumbai.

According to Kasper, the collaboration could last at least five years and would follow a roadmap for better teaching standards and student performance. Teacher training, digital infrastructure, early childhood education, vocational skills and project-based learning are among the planned interventions, which would strengthen existing government systems as well.

Yhome said the state spends about 8.3 to 8.7 per cent of its budget on education, but admitted that public funds could be put to better use. Pointing to the challenges, Kasper said fewer than half of the students in Nagaland’s government school system passed the Class 10 examinations.

Childaid Network, Kasper said, spends roughly two million to three million euros a year on education and works at about 1,500 project locations in the Northeast.

Besides financial assistance, the initiative would

support government schools through knowledge-sharing, networking and monitoring, Jhaveri said.

The long-term vision, Kasper said, also includes encouraging companies to set up centres in Kohima and Dimapur, so that local jobs are created and young people can work in Nagaland instead of migrating elsewhere. He clarified that Childaid Network is a private non-governmental organisation, though the German government also contributes funding to its programmes.

SCINDIA REJECTS MUSK’S MONOPOLY CLAIMS OVER STARLINK IN INDIA

NEW DELHI

India does not permit monopolies in any sector, Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Friday, rejecting Elon Musk’s allegation that powerful business interests were blocking his satellite internet service, Starlink, in the country.

Speaking to reporters at the India Mobile Congress, Scindia said licences had been issued to all applicants seeking to provide satellite communication services. He noted that

Starlink, Reliance Jio’s satellite venture Jio Satcom and Bharti-backed Eutelsat OneWeb had secured licences, while Amazon’s Kuiper was in the process of acquiring one. He added that the companies still needed to meet security requirements before starting services. The revenue-based charges for satellite communication services were almost finalised, Scindia said, with the Department of Telecommunications and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India close to a final decision on pricing.

Musk, who has criticised the delay for three consecutive days, alleged on Wednesday that Starlink was being blocked by “certain oligarchs” maintaining a “monopolistic chokehold” over Indian consumers. The Communications Ministry rejected the claims as “baseless and misconceived”, saying the regulatory framework was fair and non-discriminatory.

The dispute intensified after Musk questioned whether Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani was influenc-

Satcom licences

✓ Starlink: licence secured

✓ Jio Satcom (Reliance Jio): licence secured

✓ Eutelsat OneWeb (Bharti-backed): licence secured

— Amazon’s Kuiper: in the process of acquiring one

ing the approval process. On Friday, he posted a sarcastic message addressing Ambani as “Prime Minister Ambani” and asking him to allow Starlink to compete.

PROTECT JUVENILE IDENTITIES

CJI says children in conflict with law need protection

When a child breaks the law, the law must not break the child.”
— Justice B V Nagarathna
Supreme Court judge

NEW DELHI

The identities of children in conflict with the law must be protected, Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said on Saturday, pointing out that the phrase describes a circumstance, not a permanent identity. He asked authorities to



keep such children’s names out of news reports and off the internet so that stigma does not affect their future.

The CJI was speaking at the

National Annual Stakeholders’ Consultation, held by the Supreme Court’s Juvenile Justice Committee with UNICEF to mark 10 years of the Juve-

55% of cases before Juvenile Justice Boards pending (India Justice Report)

nile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, where he called for stronger rehabilitation and reintegration measures. The law, he said, gives children a second chance and recognises that they can become productive members of society instead of being branded criminals for life.

Rehabilitation, Kant said, must go beyond institutional

55,000+ children awaiting decisions

care and help children return to their families, schools and communities without stigma. The CJI asked legal services institutions to consider a dedicated wing of trained defence lawyers for children, so that the same representation continues from the police station to the final order and rehabilitation.

Supreme Court judge Justice B V Nagarathna de-

111 of 470 responding boards without a full bench

scribed the consultation as a chance to take stock of the Act’s impact. Quoting a November 2025 India Justice Report study, she said 55 per cent of cases before Juvenile Justice Boards in 18 states and two Union Territories were pending in the year to October 2023. The system, Nagarathna said, must recognise that children can change.

Quick Read

2 wanted smugglers injured, cop shot in Gurugram encounter

GURUGRAM

Two wanted interstate drug smugglers and a policeman were injured in an exchange of fire in Gurugram’s Sector 62 late Friday. A third suspect was arrested, police said on Saturday.

The suspects, Marfat alias Maru, 32, and Phool Babu Sheikh, 26, sustained bullet injuries to their legs, while the policeman was shot in the arm.

Police recovered 136 grams of MDMA, a pistol, a country-made firearm, an empty cartridge and a motorcycle.

Punjab Police bust two drug modules, seize 15 kg opium

AMRITSAR

Punjab Police arrested four people after busting two cross-border drug smuggling modules and seizing 15 kg of opium, an M16 assault rifle, nine pistols and live ammunition, officials said on Saturday.

Two accused, Malkit Singh and Gurjit Singh, were arrested with the opium and M16 rifle. Police said they owned land near the India-Pakistan border.

In a separate operation, the police special cell recovered nine pistols and live ammunition.

Investigators are probing the weapons’ source and the involvement of other suspects.

According to Inspector General Gupreet Singh Bhullar, smugglers allegedly used aerial drops to send consignments across the border. GPS coordinates were then shared with local operatives to retrieve and distribute the contraband.

Kerala to pay ₹12.5 lakh to teacher tortured in custody

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government has sanctioned ₹12.5 lakh compensation to teacher K.K. Surendran, who was allegedly tortured in police custody during the 2003 Muthanga tribal land agitation in Wayanad.

The Home Department directed the State Police Chief to release the amount and recover it from two retired police officers’ personal assets.

The compensation was enhanced from ₹5 lakh to ₹12.5 lakh by an appellate court, with six per cent annual interest. The government will not pursue further appeals.

Yamuna cleanliness drive to begin on Oct 18

NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has urged citizens to participate in the Yamuna cleanliness drive scheduled for October 18, calling for collective efforts to improve the condition of the river.

In a post on X, Gupta shared details of the initiative, titled #ChaloYamuna Mega Cleanliness Drive, and encouraged residents to join the campaign. She said the drive aimed to bring people together to support efforts to clean the Yamuna.

Gupta asked citizens to register online and reach their nearest Yamuna ghat on Sunday morning with family and friends to participate in the cleanliness campaign.

Participants can register through the official campaign website, meriyamuna.in.

Wangchuk threatens fast or march if Delhi detainees held

Wangchuk criticised the detention of opposition leaders protesting alleged Election Commission irregularities, describing the situation as an “undeclared emergency” in India.

NEW DELHI

Ladakhi activist Sonam Wangchuk has warned that he may launch a hunger strike or undertake a foot march if political leaders detained during Saturday’s protests in Delhi are not released by Sunday.

In a video message shared on social media, Wangchuk expressed concern over the detention of several political leaders and activists who had attempted to march towards Jantar Mantar to protest against alleged irregularities in the functioning of the Election Commission. He



described the situation as an “undeclared emergency” in the country.

Wangchuk, who had extended his support to the protest called by the Cockroach

Janta Party (CJP), did not attend the demonstration in person because of preparations for winter in Ladakh.

The activist said he hoped the detained leaders would be

released soon. However, he warned that he would be “compelled to consider an Anshan Fast or Padyatra March” if they remained in custody by Sunday.

Wangchuk had earlier said he would not participate in the October 10 protest, citing preparations for winter and work related to water security. These included the construction of artificial glaciers, experiments to improve glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) safety and efforts to address potential hazards posed by more than 200 glacial lakes in the high Himalayas.

Several opposition leaders were detained at different locations across Delhi amid heavy security arrangements and restrictions on movement. Those detained included former chief ministers Arvind Kejriwal, Mamata Banerjee, Pinarayi Vijayan and Manik Sarkar.

Other detainees included CPI(M) general secretary M.A. Baby, veteran Left leader Brinda Karat, CPI(ML) Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, activist Yogendra Yadav and lawyer Prashant Bhushan.

The protest was organised to demand the resignation of

“I had never imagined that the biggest democracy in the world would be under an undeclared EMERGENCY.”

— Sonam Wangchuk, activist

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in electoral rolls and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. The allegations remain contested, and the demonstrations brought together political leaders, activists and protesters seeking accountability from the Election Commission.

Jagan says Naidu betrayed BCs on reservation

AMARAVATI

YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday accused Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of betraying Backward Classes (BCs) by failing to deliver on his promise of 34 per cent reservation in local body elections.

The former chief minister’s remarks came after the Supreme Court dismissed the state government’s plea challenging an Andhra Pradesh High Court ruling that struck down the enhanced reservation. The High Court had ruled on October 1 that the 34 per cent quota violated the 50 per cent ceiling on total reservations in local bodies.

In a post on X, Jagan accused Naidu of misleading BC communities with promises of increased representation. “You promised 34% reservations for BCs in local bodies, lured them with that promise and betrayed them,” he wrote, alleging that the Supreme Court’s decision had exposed the government’s failure to fulfil its commitment.



The Supreme Court upheld the High Court’s ruling against Andhra Pradesh’s enhanced quota, intensifying debate over political promises and welfare commitments to BC communities.

At a glance	
34%	RESERVATION PROMISED TO BCS IN LOCAL BODIES
50%	SUPREME COURT CEILING ON TOTAL LOCAL BODY RESERVATIONS
33.33%	QUOTA ANNOUNCED FOR BCS IN URBAN LOCAL BODIES
₹9,000 cr	PENDING FUNDS ALLEGED UNDER VIDYA DEEVENA AND VASATHI DEEVENA
143	PROMISES IN THE ELECTION MANIFESTO, ACCORDING TO JAGAN

ment.

Jagan also criticised the state government’s other electoral promises, including its “Super Six” and “Super Seven” commitments. He accused the Naidu government of cancelling welfare schemes introduced during the YSR Congress regime and

leaving nearly ₹9,000 crore pending under the Vidya Deevena and Vasathi Deevena schemes. Naidu had announced the enhanced quota on August 18, stating that BCs would receive 34 per cent reservation in rural local bodies and 33.33 per cent in urban local bodies.

Delhi deploys 2,947 bus marshals, 56 special buses for women

NEW DELHI

The Delhi government has deployed 2,947 bus marshals in Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses and is operating 56 special buses for women as part of measures to strengthen public safety, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Saturday.

Of the 56 special buses, 15 operate during the evening shift, with armed women police personnel deployed on board after 5 pm. Gupta said in a statement. All buses have been connected to the Bus Management System, with panic alarms, live CCTV feeds and GPS tracking monitored round the clock through a control centre.

The Department of Women and Child Development will soon introduce additional accommodation facilities for working women in Vishwas Nagar and Rohini. Gupta said the government was working to ensure that women received prompt assistance during



emergencies and had access to essential facilities.

The chief minister also highlighted measures to strengthen child protection. Sub-Divisional Magistrates have been designated as Child Marriage Prohibition Officers to prevent child marriages, she said.

Around 1.5 lakh CCTV cameras have been installed in schools to improve children’s safety. Self-defence training is also being provided in 1,397 schools under the Rani Lakshmbai Self-Defence Training Programme, Gupta added.

Highlighting road safety and infrastructure, she said 96,000 streetlights had been installed on roads maintained

by the Public Works Department (PWD). These include 45,000 high-pressure sodium vapour lights and 51,000 LED lights.

Gupta further said 2,53,983 CCTV cameras under the

The Delhi government is strengthening systems to ensure women receive prompt crisis assistance, working women access essential facilities, and every child learns and develops safely.”

— Rekha Gupta Delhi CM

PWD were operational. Citizens can register complaints through the toll-free number 1908 and the PWD Seva Portal.

The chief minister described the measures as part of a broader safety network covering women’s transport, emergency assistance, child protection and public infrastructure.

Academics demand withdrawal of Bengal university transfer Bill

KOLKATA

Eighteen academics have called for the withdrawal of the West Bengal Universities and Colleges Amendment Bill, 2026, alleging that it threatens university autonomy and academic freedom. The demand was raised during an all-India online protest meeting held on October 8, organised by the Association of Bengal University Teachers (ABUTA) along with other teachers’ organisations.

The Bill was introduced and passed during a special session of the West Bengal Assembly on September 10. It empowers the state government to transfer teaching and non-teaching staff between eight state universities across West Bengal. Academics have expressed concern that the provision could undermine institutional independence and discourage teachers from expressing dissenting views.

Jawhar Sircar, former principal secretary of higher

education in the state government and former chief executive officer of Prasar Bharati, described the proposed legislation as a “direct attack on university autonomy”. He called for collective efforts to protect publicly funded higher education.

The Bill so far

- SEPT 10** Introduced and passed in a special session of the West Bengal Assembly
- OCT 8** All-India online protest meeting of teachers’ organisations
- NEXT** Teachers’ organisations to challenge the Bill in court

A.H. Rajasab, former vice-chancellor of Tumkur University in Karnataka, alleged that attempts were being made to suppress progressive and rational thinking in public universities. Arun Kumar, general secretary of

the All-India Federation of University and College Teachers’ Organisations, described the Bill as an attempt to “punish teachers and create an atmosphere of fear”.

Syed Akhtar Husain, president of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers’ Association and FEDCUTA, urged teachers across the country to oppose the legislation through political, legal and social means.

ABUTA general secretary Goutam Maity argued that the fear of transfers could prevent teachers from thinking independently and expressing dissent. He warned that the measure could undermine creativity and innovation in education and research, with wider implications for economic and social development.

WBCUTA general secretary Nilay Kumar Saha said teachers’ organisations would jointly challenge the Bill in court and continue their agitation.

Manja Ban Enforcement

Telangana to cancel licences of synthetic manja sellers

HYDERABAD

Telangana’s Head of Forest Force, Vinay Kumar, has directed officials to cancel the licences of shops selling prohibited synthetic manja and intensify enforcement measures to protect people, birds and other wildlife.

The directions were issued during a review meeting with senior officials from various government departments at Aranya Bhavan on Friday. Kumar called for stricter action against the sale and use of synthetic manja, which poses risks to human safety and wildlife, particularly Indian rollers.



Noting that synthetic manja was being supplied from other states, especially Rajasthan and Gujarat, he instructed officials to strengthen surveillance of incoming consignments. Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials were asked

to direct shopkeepers not to sell the prohibited material and take stringent action against violators.

Kumar also directed the police to monitor online platforms and e-commerce websites to prevent the sale of Chinese manja. Officials were

THE DIRECTIONS

Licences: cancelled for shops selling synthetic manja

Online: police to monitor e-commerce websites

Festivals: no synthetic manja at the Kite Festival, no caged Indian rollers at Durga pandals

instructed to coordinate with the concerned organisations to identify illegal listings and curb sales. To increase public awareness, posters highlighting the ban will be displayed at bus stations, railway stations, markets and other crowded places. The School Education Department was asked to educate students and parents about the dangers synthetic manja poses to people and birds.

Bus drivers and conductors

will also be advised to inform the Forest Department helpline if they notice the illegal transportation of synthetic manja or wildlife, including Indian rollers.

During the meeting, officials raised complaints from voluntary organisations about the use of Chinese manja at the Kite Festival organised by the Tourism Department. Kumar directed officials to ensure that synthetic manja was not permitted at this year’s

festival and that any material found was confiscated immediately.

He also instructed officials to prevent Indian rollers from being kept in cages for display at Durga pandals. The Endowments Department was asked to ensure that temples complied with the directions.

Kumar stressed the need for coordinated action among government departments to enforce the ban and strengthen wildlife protection.

Quick Read

'PMDDKY aims to develop 100 aspirational agri districts'

NEW DELHI
The PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), which turns one on October 11, 2026, seeks to develop 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts through focused intervention, a government fact-sheet said on Saturday. By meeting the specific needs of each district, the scheme can help open up opportunities in productivity, irrigation, access to credit and post-harvest infrastructure. The Union Cabinet approved the PMDDKY on July 16, 2025, for six years, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally launched it on October 11, 2025.

ED attaches Rs 54 crore property in Delhi's Maharani Bagh

NEW DELHI
The ED attached immovable property worth Rs 54.71 crore in Delhi's Maharani Bagh area in connection with a money laundering case involving the Amrapali Group and others, an official statement said on Saturday. The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office, provisionally attached the property bearing No. A-3 (New), Maharani Bagh, which stood in the name of Surbhaee Advertising, the official said in a statement. The ED investigation was initiated on the basis of 18 FIRs registered by UP Police and EOW, Delhi Police, under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC, 1860, against the Amrapali Group of companies and its directors/promoters, it said.



Household income, wealth, debt stress rose from 2022 to 2025: Fed

WASHINGTON
Most US families saw their incomes and wealth rise as the country emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, a new Federal Reserve survey of the 2022-2025 period has shown, with the less well off gaining most in income but more of the wealth going to the top 10%. The bigger income gains among poorer families did little for their wealth: the net worth of the bottom fourth of households dropped by more than 50%, to \$1,700 from \$3,800 at the time of the previous survey in 2022.

Russia to supply diesel to US, global markets: Trump

WASHINGTON
Russia has agreed to supply diesel to world markets to help bring down fuel prices, President Donald Trump said. His administration also temporarily lifted US sanctions on Russian fuel, which were meant to deny Moscow revenue for its war on Ukraine. In a social media post, Trump said he had held a "highly successful" discussion with President Vladimir Putin, in which they agreed that Russia would immediately supply more than 300,000 metric tons of diesel, or about 2.25 million barrels, to US and global markets.

RBI tightens forex derivative rules

The measures come amid persistent foreign portfolio outflows, elevated hedging demand from importers and continued RBI intervention to limit the rupee's weakness.

NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Saturday announced fresh regulatory measures to curb currency speculation, strengthen risk management and maintain orderly trading in the foreign exchange market. The central bank reduced the threshold for undertaking foreign exchange derivative transactions involving the rupee without establishing an underlying exposure from \$100 million to \$5 million. The revised limit applies across authorised dealers. A similar reduction has been introduced for exchange-traded currency derivatives involving the rupee across recognised stock exchanges.

Under the new directions, authorised dealers will not permit users to rebook rupee-related foreign exchange derivative contracts, whether deliverable or non-deliverable, if the contracts were cancelled with any authorised dealer after the directions were issued. The RBI has also directed authorised dealers to obtain and retain undertakings from users entering into rupee-related foreign exchange derivatives to hedge contracted exposures. Users must confirm that the same under-

lying exposure has not been hedged through another authorised dealer.

Additionally, the central bank introduced a Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve (FERR) requirement. For rupee-related derivative contracts exceeding \$2 million in notional value, undertaken to hedge current account exposures where users purchase foreign currency against rupees, authorised dealers must maintain a cash reserve with the RBI equivalent to 20 per cent of the rupee value of the no-

These measures are intended to strengthen market discipline and ensure appropriate risk management while maintaining an orderly and transparent market environment."

— Reserve Bank of India



tional amount.

The reserve must be maintained daily until the contract terminates.

KEY REGULATORY CHANGES

Unhedged forex derivative threshold reduced from \$100 million to \$5 million

FERR of 20 per cent mandated for specified contracts exceeding \$2 million

Daily reserve maintenance and reporting requirements introduced

Rebooking cancelled rupee-related contracts restricted; maturity rollovers remain permitted

'Dear Prime Minister Ambani,' Musk fires fresh salvo

NEW DELHI

Elon Musk, chief executive of SpaceX and Tesla, has again targeted billionaire Mukesh Ambani over Starlink's entry into India. Addressing him as "Dear Prime Minister Ambani," Musk accused him of trying to hold on to a monopoly and asked whether he would let the satellite internet service compete in the country. Writing on X, Musk called Ambani the "real boss of India" and said sorry for failing to recognise his influence.

He went on: "Naturally, you would prefer to maintain your monopolistic exploitation of the great people of India, but would you nonetheless consider allowing Starlink to compete?"

Musk added that "there are many areas of India, as there are in all countries, with no



Internet access, which denies children the opportunity for education and for small businesses the opportunity to sell their goods to a global market. Starlink would change their lives for the better."

He also said: "Starlink has proven to be essential for saving lives during natural disasters throughout the world, when all other communications systems have failed, so you would also be helping save men, women and children throughout India."

Earlier, Musk had asked why Starlink was still waiting for the final approvals it needs to start commercial operations in India, saying the satellite internet firm had spent five years following the country's laws and regulations.

At first, Musk blamed unnamed "oligarchs" for holding up Starlink's entry into India, alleging that powerful business interests wanted to shield their position in the Indian telecom market. He named no company or individual.

The government then hit back at the US businessman over his claim that Starlink's satcom services were being blocked, and made it clear that every satcom licensee in the country must, without exception, demonstrate compliance with security norms.

Amitabh Kant defends India's Starlink regulations

NEW DELHI

Former G20 Sherpa and NITI Aayog chief executive Amitabh Kant on Saturday defended India's right to protect its national security amid the controversy surrounding Starlink's entry into the country's satellite communications market.

In a post on social media platform X, Kant said India welcomed innovation, investment and fair competition but could not compromise its national interests to accommodate any global corporation. He argued that the security measures considered legitimate by the United States should not be dismissed as protectionism when adopted by India.

Kant was responding to a recent post by Elon Musk, chief executive of SpaceX and Tesla, who took a swipe at billionaire Mukesh Ambani over Starlink's entry into India. Musk referred to the industrialist as "Dear Prime Minister Ambani", prompting Kant to criticise the remark as being in poor taste.

Kant said suggesting that India was controlled by one

Starlink's India entry

- Starlink has secured a licence to provide satellite communication services in India
- Security clearances and other approvals remain necessary before commercial operations can begin
- The government says security compliance is mandatory for every satellite communication licensee
- Officials have rejected allegations of discriminatory regulatory treatment



industrialist was disrespectful to the country and its democratic institutions.

To support his argument, Kant cited US restrictions designed to protect domestic industries and national security. These include 100 per cent tariffs on electric vehicles, which effectively restrict Chinese manufacturer BYD's access to the US passenger car market, restrictions on telecom equipment and proposed measures concerning foreign testing laboratories certifying electronic devices.

NEW DELHI

Adani Defence & Aerospace has won the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) Champion Award 2026 for Export Performance in Defence and Aerospace, recognising its contribution to India's defence manufacturing and export capabilities.

The award was presented by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during SIDM's eighth annual session on Saturday. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Director General (Acquisition) A Anbarasu were also present at



the event.

Adani Defence & Aerospace operates a manufacturing complex in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, with an annual production capacity of 300 million rounds of ammunition. The facility manufactures NATO-standard ammunition

and supports the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative aimed at increasing indigenous production and reducing dependence on imports.

Addressing the session, Rajnath Singh called for greater private sector participation in defence manufacturing, in-

WASHINGTON

The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) has strongly defended the Green Card and H-1B visa programmes, calling them major drivers of American economic growth and innovation, even as the Trump administration moves to tighten scrutiny of legal immigration pathways.

"The Green Card and H-1B programs are among the United States' most significant economic policy success stories, strengthening America's economic growth, innovation,

and global competitiveness," USISPF said in a statement.

According to the organisation, these routes to immigration have drawn some of the brightest minds in the world, enabling American companies to grow, add jobs and stay ahead in technology.

USISPF cited an analysis of US Census Bureau data for 2022, saying the legal immigration pathways had produced \$2.1 trillion in combined household income.

The analysis, according to the organisation, showed that the immigrants covered had

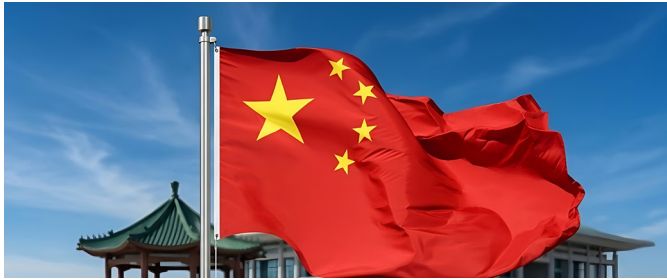
EUROPE-CHINA TRADE TENSIONS

China's trade practices threaten Europe's industry

BEIJING

China's trade practices and dominance over critical raw materials are raising concerns across Europe, with growing calls for stronger trade safeguards and diversification of supply chains to protect the continent's industrial base.

A recent report has described China's state subsidies, alleged currency manipulation and control over essential raw materials as factors contributing to pressure on European manufacturers.



It argues that these practices have intensified competition for domestic industries and exposed the risks of excessive dependence on Chinese supplies.

According to the report, French and German leaders are calling for sector-wide anti-dumping investigations targeting Chinese electric vehicles, chemicals and machine

tools. They are also seeking greater powers to reduce Europe's dependence on Chinese supply chains.

The report points to industrial job cuts in Germany, the closure of domestic assembly lines by European automobile manufacturers and the outsourcing of critical supply chains as signs of mounting pressure on the region's manufacturing sector.

However, it questions whether a proposed European Union rapid-response mechanism would be effective,

arguing that the European Commission may struggle to address the structural vulnerabilities behind the problem.

Even if Brussels manages to push the button, Beijing holds the real levers of power."

— The report, on the proposed EU rapid-response mechanism

It also warns that an aggressive tariff conflict could raise costs for European consumers and manufacturers, while

China retains considerable influence through its control of rare earths and semiconductor-grade gases.

The debate has renewed attention on the United Kingdom's efforts to diversify trade and investment ties beyond China.

Europe's efforts to diversify supply chains and deepen trade partnerships with countries such as India could become increasingly important as policymakers seek to reduce strategic dependence on China.



ent in headline GDP data, but it's likely to be very apparent as voters cast their ballots in the coming weeks."

The University of Michigan's Consumer Sentiment Index fell to 46.3 this month from 48.1 in September. The decline, the third in a row, left sentiment near the record low reached in May. Economists polled had expected a reading of 47.8.

Its gauge of current economic conditions dropped to an all-time low of 44.7 from 50.9 in September.

Consumer Sentiment Index

SEPTEMBER

48.1

University of Michigan

EARLY OCTOBER

46.3

third monthly fall in a row

SURAKSHA TEA BECOMES PART OF DHAGE FILM STORY

The poster of the Kannada film Dhage was unveiled, and the Suraksha Tea franchise and distribution network was launched at Sri Renukamba Studio. Sri Karivrushabha Deshikendra Shivayogishwara Mahaswamiji inaugurated the event.

The programme was attended by Hasya Ratna Gangavathi Pranesh, actor Naveen Shankar, actress Mamatha Ravut, Kannada Sene President Kumar, Chanakya Career Academy founder N.M. Biredar, Basavaraja Mahamani and Latha Kunderagi, among others.

The Swamiji wished the film success and said he had never tasted tea in his 75 years until Aravinda Patil requested him to try Suraksha Tea. He said the tea tasted good and wished that it would reach more people and support their well-being.

Film director Kernahalli Eshwar, who wrote the story, screenplay, lyrics and dialogues, said Suraksha Tea plays a role in the film. He thanked Aravinda Patil for allowing the brand to feature in the story. He added that the film reflects North Karnataka's language, culture and tea-drinking traditions. Dr. Sangamesha Upase plays the lead character.

Aravinda Patil said the venture aimed to create employment through franchises and distri-



bution opportunities. He encouraged people to explore meaningful work instead of depending only on government jobs. He also credited Gangavathi Pranesh for inspiring the launch of Suraksha Tea.

Padma Shri Manjamma Jogathi shared her experiences from the film's shooting. She recalled the popularity of Tangadaki tea in North Karnataka and said Suraksha Tea had been included naturally in the film. She also spoke about how folk art helped her become self-reliant and gain recognition.

The event brought together cinema, local culture and entrepreneurship, highlighting the film's connection with North Karnataka's traditions.



Taapsee Pannu opens up about anxiety and online trolling

Actor Taapsee Pannu has spoken about mental health, anxiety and online trolling on World Mental Health Day, sharing how the COVID-19 pandemic helped her understand the importance of addressing her emotional well-being.

Taapsee said she once believed mental health support was needed only during serious conditions. Over time, she realised it also involved finding peace, staying present and managing emotional challenges, especially in the demanding entertainment industry.

The actor explained that she previously kept herself busy with work, sports and physical activities to avoid confronting anxiety. During the pandemic, however, she had to spend more time alone and understand her emotions.

Speaking about online trolling, Taapsee said she would not romanticise the experience with statements about self-worth. She explained that constant criticism and personal attacks could affect actors because their careers often depended on public perception.

She admitted that she once tried to please everyone, which left her exhausted. It took years for her to realise that she had wasted valuable time trying to satisfy trolls instead of focusing on personal and professional growth. She added that negative media coverage could also affect mental health.

Taapsee believes social media has increased anxiety and comparison among celebrities. She said actors sometimes present carefully created public images instead of showing their real personalities because of constant judgement.

The actor eventually chose to become inactive on social media to protect her mental well-being rather than face continued criticism.

Taapsee also revealed that she attended therapy sessions during the pandemic. She said the experience helped her learn to manage her emotions instead of escaping from difficult feelings.

She welcomed the growing acceptance of therapy and stressed the importance of understanding mental health beyond serious conditions. Her experiences highlight the need to address anxiety and emotional well-being openly.

Actor Anne Hathaway has given Tom Cruise's latest film, Digger, a perfect 10 out of 10 rating, calling it a brilliant movie despite mixed reviews from critics.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Hathaway recently joined the film review platform Letterboxd and shared her views on the Alejandro G. Iñárritu-directed film. The story follows an oil tycoon who tries to prevent a natural disaster caused by his own actions.

Praising the film, Hathaway said she enjoyed its unusual story, humour and style. She described it as smart, funny, ambitious and worth watching, encouraging audiences to form their own opinions.

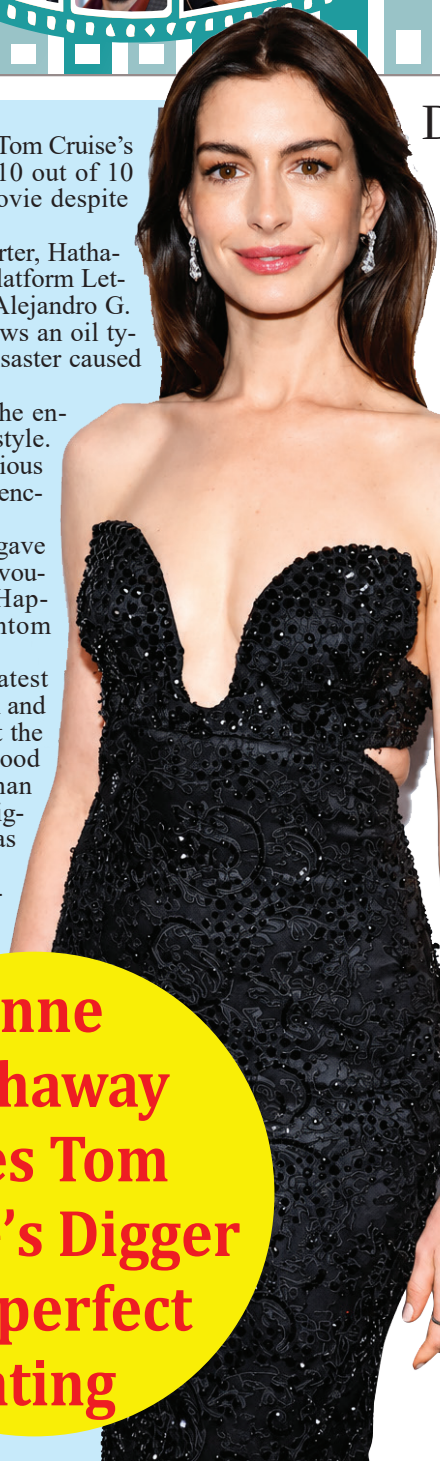
Apart from Digger, Hathaway also gave five stars to The Odyssey. Her other favourite films included Moonstruck, It Happened One Night, Mirror and Phantom Thread.

Hathaway's praise comes as her latest film, Verity, featuring Dakota Johnson and Josh Hartnett, has performed better at the box office. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Verity had earned more than USD 70.8 million worldwide, while Digger had collected USD 24.9 million as of Thursday.

Directed by Iñárritu, Digger has received mixed reactions from critics. Following its disappointing opening, Cruise thanked the cast and crew on X, expressing pride in their work and describing the experience as unforgettable.

Meanwhile, Hathaway is set to reunite with Cruise in the sequel to Days of Thunder, scheduled for release on June 2, 2028. Her positive review has added attention to the film despite its mixed critical response.

Anne Hathaway gives Tom Cruise's Digger film perfect rating



Dhurandhar 2 soundtrack enters Grammy race across nine categories

The soundtrack of Dhurandhar: The Revenge has been submitted for consideration in nine categories at the 69th Grammy Awards, scheduled for 2027. The film's music, composed by Shashwat Sachdev, has been submitted by T-Series and B62 Studios.

The makers announced the Grammy campaign on social media platform X on October 9, thanking audiences for their support.

Arijit Singh's song Phir Se has been submitted in the Best Song Written for Visual Media category. Aari Aari, featuring Bombay Rockers, Khan Saab, Jasmine Sandlas, Reble, Token and Sudhir Yadvanshi, is being considered for Best Asian Pop Music Performance.

The entries also include Jaan Se Guzarte Hai and Kanhaiyya in the Best Global Music Performance category. Jaiye Sajana, featuring Jasmine Sandlas and Satinder Sartaaj, has been submitted for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.

Other songs submitted include Destiny - Mann Atkeya for Best Rap Performance, Vaari Jaavan for Best Dance/Electronic Recording and Hum Pyaar Karne Wale for Best Remixed Recording.

Headlined by Ranveer Singh, the spy thriller also features Arjun Rampal, R. Madhavan, Sanjay Dutt, Rakesh Bedi, Sara Arjun and Danish Pandor.



Nani enters gangster mode for Sujeeth's Bloody Romeo

Telugu actor Nani is preparing for his upcoming film, Bloody Romeo, directed by Sujeeth. The gangster drama marks the first collaboration between the actor and the filmmaker.

After appearing in The Paradise, which released last month, Nani is now getting ready to begin shooting for his new project. Although Bloody Romeo was officially launched earlier, the team is preparing to start filming.

The film's team recently announced on social media that Nani had begun preparing

for his role and had stepped into the character's world. The actor will play a gangster who presents himself as a chef to the outside world.

In a recent interview, Nani confirmed that he would portray a gangster-chef in the film. He also hinted that the story would explore a concept not previously attempted in the same way in Indian cinema.

The unusual combination of a gangster and a chef is expected to bring a distinct element to the film's storyline. The project has generated in-



terest among fans as Nani prepares to take on another different role.

Bloody Romeo is produced by Niharika Entertainments. The film will be shot across Hyderabad, Delhi and Lon-

don. With Sujeeth directing and Nani leading the cast, the upcoming gangster drama marks a new partnership for both. Further details about the film's cast and release date are awaited.

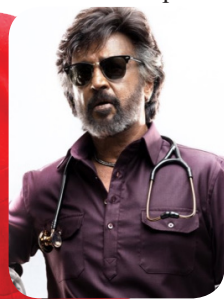
Rajinikanth's Dharman team denies shooting halt rumours

The team behind Rajinikanth's upcoming film Dharman has dismissed rumours that the project's shooting has been stopped. A member of the actor's public relations team clarified that everything was progressing smoothly.

Directed by Ashwath Marimuthu, the film recently began shooting, with portions filmed in Hyderabad and Mysuru. Telugu actor Ram Pothineni reportedly participated in the shoot, while Raashi Khanna shared updates from the sets. Sreeleela was also spotted during the Mysuru schedule.

However, rumours began circulating on social media that production had come

to a halt after Rajinikanth allegedly expressed dissatisfaction with the director's handling of the project. Some reports even suggested that the film could be shelved.



Responding to these claims, Rajinikanth's PR team member Riaz K Ahmed denied the reports and said the shooting was progressing well. He maintained that there was no truth to the rumours and added that Ashwath Marimuthu was working on the project with full energy.

Dharman features Rajinikanth as a surgeon, with Simran reportedly playing his wife. Raashi Khanna is said to portray his daughter, while Sreeleela and Ram Pothineni are expected to appear in important roles.

Salman Khan launches YouTube channel

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has launched his official YouTube channel. Being Salman Khan, offering fans a new way to connect with him. The actor announced the launch, and shared his channel link on Instagram.

Salman's first videos feature humorous lessons on acting, body language and dialogue delivery. In one video, two versions of the actor appear, with one acting as a coach and the other as a student. The coach teaches the student how to copy Salman's famous screen style and mannerisms.

Sharing the channel link on his Instagram Story, Salman invited fans to explore his latest digital venture. He wrote that the channel would offer content covering everything from A to Z. The channel has already attracted 36,300 subscribers.

Salman joins several Bollywood celebrities who use YouTube to

connect with audiences beyond films and television. Actors such as Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Alia Bhatt, Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Kartik Aaryan also have their own channels.

Filmmaker Farah Khan has gained popularity through celebrity cooking videos and conversations with stars, attracting more than 3.2 million subscribers. Actor Archana Puran Singh has also built a following of over one million through family vlogs featuring her husband and sons.

Meanwhile, Salman is hosting the 20th season of the reality show Bigg Boss. He will next appear in Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace, alongside Chitrangada Singh. Directed by Apoorva Lakshia, the film has faced repeated delays, and its release date remains unannounced. With his new channel, Salman aims to bring fans closer to his personality and signature style through digital content.



Quick Read

Israeli strikes kill five people in Gaza

CAIRO
At least five Palestinians were killed in two separate Israeli strikes in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, health officials said. One strike killed four people near Panda Mall in Gaza City and another killed one person in the Tuffah neighbourhood further south of the city, according to medics. The Israeli military said both strikes targeted militants but gave no further details. Israel has intensified its strikes on Hamas in recent weeks, accusing the Palestinian militant group of rearming and of carrying out attacks in violation of the ceasefire.

Magnitude 7.7 earthquake shakes Panama

PANAMA CITY
Southern Panama was hit by a magnitude 7.7 earthquake that damaged buildings and drove thousands of people into the streets, but the country appeared to have been spared widespread destruction or deaths. According to the US Geological Survey, the quake struck at a depth of 12.6 km (7.8 miles), with its epicentre in a sparsely populated area about 200 km (124 miles) from the capital, and some casualties were possible. In the upscale business hub of downtown Panama City, office workers who had poured into the streets worried about how to get home through the snarled traffic.

Germany sticks to Russia sanctions after Trump’s diesel deal

BERLIN
Germany will keep its sanctions on Russia over the war in Ukraine, the government said on Saturday, after US President Donald Trump announced that his administration had temporarily lifted US sanctions on Russian fuel. In a statement, government spokesperson Stefan Kornelius said: “The federal government has taken note of the US decision relating to Russian diesel deliveries.” Germany’s position was clear, he said: “The federal government remains committed to the decisions on sanctions against Russia and is working with its European partners on further sanctions.” Kornelius added that Germany’s support for Ukraine was unchanged and that diplomatic efforts to reach a solution would go on. According to Trump, Russia has agreed to supply diesel to world markets to help bring fuel prices down. He said his administration had temporarily lifted the US sanctions on Russian fuel that were designed to deprive Moscow of revenue for its war on Ukraine. Diesel, which is used in farming, home heating and trucking, now costs close to record levels, a risk for Trump’s fellow Republicans ahead of the November 3 congressional elections, which will decide whether they keep their thin control of Congress. Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who visited Kyiv last weekend, has said repeatedly that Germany, the largest European donor to Ukraine, will not cut its support for the government in Kyiv.

Taiwan vows freedom, rejects subordination to China

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te defended higher military spending and rejected subordination to China, drawing swift criticism from Beijing during National Day celebrations.

TAIPEI

President Lai Ching-te said on Saturday that Taiwan cherishes peace but will not surrender its freedom, reaffirming the island’s commitment to self-determination as China steps up its military and political pressure. In his National Day address, Lai said building up the island’s defences should not be seen as a provocation. Peace could not rest on goodwill alone, he stressed, adding that Taiwan was open to exchanges but would reject any arrangement that put it under Beijing’s control. Lai said in his speech outside the Presidential Office: “Taiwan cherishes peace, but we will not give up our freedom. We are open to ex-



Taiwan won't give up freedom

- Lai says Taiwan will protect its freedom while pursuing peace.
- China condemns the president's speech and reiterates its claim over Taiwan.
- Taiwan is increasing defence spending and modernising its armed forces.
- The United States backs stability across the Taiwan Strait.

changes, but will not accept subordination.” China was quick to criticise the speech. Its Taiwan Affairs Office accused the president of distorting facts, misleading the public and pursuing separatist aims. Taiwan, which has a democratically elected government, faces growing pressure from Beijing, which has never renounced the use of force to bring the island under its control. China has repeatedly called Lai a separatist and rejected his offers of dialogue. Taiwan has responded by raising defence spending and upgrading its armed forces to counter China’s military edge. Beijing keeps expanding its capabilities, including stealth fighter jets, aircraft carriers and missile systems.

US sanctions ICC after former judge wins Nobel Peace Prize

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump’s administration has imposed sanctions on the International Criminal Court, hours after one of the court’s former judges won the Nobel Peace Prize, setting Washington on a diplomatic collision course with its European allies. “The Court cannot stand alone. Its fate now rests also in the hands of the states that created it,” the court said in a statement. “This is not just about defending a single institution, but about safeguard-

ing the international order grounded upon the rule of law. History will judge this moment.” The Trump administration has long been hostile to the court, which was set up in 2002 to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, and it has already sanctioned the court’s prosecutors and judges. The US signed the Rome Statute that founded the court but never ratified it. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a statement: “President Trump will never allow the International Criminal Court to prosecute Americans.” The US Treasury announced the sanctions with an initial six-month grace period, along with other exemptions that would allow some transactions for telecoms, software, pension payments and matters related to detainees.

Firewall against far-right AfD feels the heat in Germany

BERLIN

Concern that the political barriers meant to isolate the far-

Key developments

- **Saxony-Anhalt:** At least four mainstream-party lawmakers reportedly defied party orders during the speaker vote.
- **CDU response:** Deputy chair Karin Prien warned of consequences if CDU lawmakers were responsible.
- **AFD position:** The party celebrated the result as a political turning point.
- **Govt formation:** The AfD remains three seats short of a majority in Saxony-Anhalt.

right Alternative for Germany (AfD) are weakening has grown after German Chancellor Friedrich Merz warned that extremism was entering the country’s parliamentary system. The latest row broke out in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, where at least four lawmakers from mainstream parties appeared to ignore their parties’ instructions and back the AfD’s candidate for speaker of the regional as-



sembly. The ballot was secret, but suspicion fell on members of Merz’s Christian Democratic Union (CDU), whose lawmakers had been told to abstain. Karin Prien, deputy chair of the national CDU, said there would be consequences if members of her party were found to be responsible. The AfD hailed the result as a turning point, arguing that lawmakers’ freedom to act could break down the political firewall built against it. The vote follows the AfD’s record win in Saxony-Anhalt’s regional election last month. The party narrowly missed an absolute majority, but its result deepened fears among mainstream rivals that it could contend for national power in the 2029 federal election.

Ethiopian forces enter border city after Eritrean incursion

MEKELLE

Ethiopian government forces and allied militias entered Adigrat, a strategic city near the border with Horn of Africa neighbour Eritrea, on Saturday, three residents said, days after Eritrean troops were driven back from it. The incursion by Eritrean troops, which Eritrea has denied and which could not be independently verified, has stirred fears of a return to all-out war along Ethiopia’s northern border, where the two nations have clashed before. Conflicts elsewhere in the region and tensions across



the Red Sea have raised the stakes further. Three residents of Adigrat said they had seen the Ethiopian army and an allied militia in the city on Saturday morn-

ing; one of them said soldiers were on patrol with military vehicles. It could not be confirmed whether the army was in control of Adigrat, which lies 30 km (19 miles) from the border with Eritrea. Ethiopia’s military did not immediately respond to a request for comment, and city officials could not be reached on Saturday. In a letter to members of the UN Security Council this week, Ethiopia said Eritrean troops had pushed up to 60 km (37 miles) into Tigray in recent days, and warned that the presence of foreign forces left it no option but to defend itself. Eritrea has called the reports of an incursion false, saying they are part of an Ethiopian plan to justify a war of aggression.

Saudi conferences to go ahead despite Riyadh airport attack

RIYADH

Two major Saudi energy and investment conferences will go ahead this month, their organisers said, as they sought to reassure visitors about security after missile attacks on Riyadh’s airport this week killed four people and badly damaged an airliner. The attacks caused widespread disruption to flights, forcing travellers onto land routes or roundabout alterna-

tive flights. Britain, France and Germany have warned their citizens to stay away from Riyadh. The World Petroleum Congress, due to bring together top global oil executives and policymakers from Sunday to Thursday, will go ahead as planned with foreign leaders and ministers attending, its organisers said in an email to delegates. “Your comfort is our priority,” the email said, adding that other routes to Riyadh

were available, among them a four-hour drive from Dammam on the kingdom’s eastern coast. Italian Energy Minister Gilberto Pichetto Fratin said he would join the International Energy Forum Ministerial Meeting, an event on the sidelines of the World Petroleum Congress, by video link rather than fly to Riyadh. The Future Investment Initiative, launched a decade ago by Crown Prince Mohammed

bin Salman as the kingdom’s flagship investment conference, will also go ahead as planned on October 26-29, its organisers said. “Safety and well-being remain our highest priority,” said a statement attributed to IIF CEO Maha Al Saud. Among the expected guests were the chief executives of some of the world’s biggest financial institutions, including JPMorgan’s Jamie Dimon and Citi’s Jane Fraser.

Amelia Earhart expedition hunts for plane wreckage

LOS ANGELES

A team of US-based marine archaeologists has set sail for a tiny island in the far western Pacific to examine the latest tantalising clue to one of the great unsolved mysteries of the 20th century: the disappearance of the famed aviator Amelia Earhart in 1937. The group, backed by Purdue University, an institution long linked with Earhart and her legacy, wants to find out whether an underwater object



spotted in satellite images of the island’s lagoon six years ago is the wreck of Earhart’s twin-engine Lockheed Electra 10-E aeroplane. The team left Los Angeles earlier this month and is expected to reach Nikumaroro on Tuesday, October 13, local time. The uninhabited speck of land lies in the remote Phoenix Islands, part of the archipelago nation of the Kiribati Republic. Purdue general counsel Steve Schultz, a member of the expedition who was in

Fiji last week doing advance work for the trip, said in an interview: “This would be solving one of the great mysteries in aviation history, certainly one of the great mysteries of the 20th century.” Not everyone is convinced. The leading sceptic is rival Earhart explorer Ric Gillespie, co-founder of TIGHAR, short for The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, and author of the 2024 book “One More Good Flight: The Amelia Earhart Tragedy.”

Gruesome injuries to teen throw spotlight on France’s policing

PARIS

A 14-year-old boy was left with a broken jaw and several shattered teeth when a tear gas grenade fired by a police officer hit him in the face during student protests in France last week, his family and lawyer said. The boy, named only as Eden to protect his family’s privacy, was sitting on a wall looking at his phone near a demonstration in Saint-Ouen-

l’Aumône when it happened. The local prosecutor said an officer went up to Eden and hit him with a baton.



Elsa Marcel, the family’s lawyer, alleged that the officer shot Eden in the mouth and left him on the ground without calling emergency services. The family has lodged a complaint of attempted murder. On Tuesday, the officer was placed under formal investigation on suspicion of assault by a public official causing permanent disability or disfigurement.

The police response has revived criticism of rubber bullets, tear gas launchers and stun grenades.

A French teenager’s severe facial injuries have intensified scrutiny of police tactics as student protests trigger nationwide anger and investigations.

Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez said about 200 students had been hurt in the unrest, but insisted that police action was rarely to blame. The authorities also reported that around 700 police officers had been injured, that schools had been damaged and that thousands of people, mostly minors, had been arrested.

POST TRUMP-PUTIN DIESEL DEAL

Russian strike kills 12 in Zaporizhzhia

ZAPORIZHZHIA

A Russian attack on the southern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia on Saturday killed at least 12 people, three of them children, as rescuers searched the rubble of damaged residential buildings for survivors. Local authorities said 14 people were also wounded. Among the dead was a six-year-old girl whose body was pulled from the wreckage of



an apartment building. Her grandfather, Anatoliy Chumnyi, stood grieving beside her

“Today, Russia said thank you for the lifting of sanctions on diesel exports by dropping five glide bombs on residential buildings in Zaporizhzhia.”
VOLODYMYR ZELENSKIY
Ukrainian President

body after rescuers brought it out. He said the family would have celebrated her birthday later this month. The strike came a day after US President Donald Trump announced a deal to lift sanctions on Russian diesel exports, a move sharply criticised by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Zelenskyy later argued that easing the pressure on Russia could encourage it to press on with its military campaign.

Regional governor Mykhailo Semikin said Russian forces hit several places at once in the early hours of Saturday. Emergency workers clamoured over broken masonry and concrete to reach people trapped inside. One man could be heard screaming in pain as rescuers freed his leg from the debris. The city has been bombarded by Russia many times, and the attacks have intensified in recent months.

Churchill Brothers Eye Winning ISL Debut



FATORDA

Churchill Brothers head coach Dimitris Dimitriou has expressed confidence in his team's preparations ahead of their Indian Super League (ISL) debut against Mumbai City FC at the Fatorda Stadium in Goa on Saturday.

The match, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., marks a historic occasion for the Goan club as it begins a new chapter in India's top-tier football competition. Dimitriou said the

team's primary objective was to establish a strong footballing identity, remain competitive against established opponents and bring happiness to supporters across Goa.

The coach thanked club owner Churchill Alemão and his family for their continued support, describing the opportunity to guide the historic club in the ISL as a great honour.

Acknowledging the challenge ahead, Dimitriou highlighted Mumbai City FC's squad strength and the experience of their head coach, Manolo Márquez.

Despite a relatively short pre-season, Churchill Brothers completed 37 training sessions over four weeks to prepare for the competition. The retention of 12 players from the previous

season is expected to provide continuity and strengthen coordination within the squad.

Dimitriou emphasised that building a recognisable playing style and maintaining competitiveness would remain central to the club's approach throughout the campaign.

Meanwhile, Churchill Brothers player Kingslee Fernandes described representing the club in the ISL as a proud moment.

Fernandes said the squad featured a balanced combination of young and experienced players, adding that the coaching staff had motivated the team throughout preparations. With supporters eagerly awaiting the club's debut, Churchill Brothers will aim to deliver a strong opening performance against Mumbai City FC.



Rutherford's fireworks after WI script record chase

RANCHI

West Indies captain Shai Hope said building partnerships and Sherfane Rutherford's explosive batting were key to his team's six-wicket victory over India in the second T20I, as the visitors chased down a daunting target of 250 at the JSCA International Stadium Complex here on Friday. Hope smashed a blistering 45-ball century, while Rutherford hammered 84 off 37 deliveries to help the West Indies complete the second-highest successful run chase in men's T20I cricket, reaching 252/4 with two overs to spare.

Reflecting on the early setbacks that saw the visitors reduced to 5/2, Hope admitted the chase had become challenging but said playing in India always gave a team belief that a target could be achieved.

"That it's going to be a tough chase. But when you

chase here in India, you always give yourself a chance. You always think you're in the game, regardless of what score is on the board. But five for two was always going to be challenging," Hope said after being named Player of the Match.

Hope said the partnership with Rovman Powell helped the West Indies regain momentum before Rutherford's counter-attacking knock provided the decisive impetus to the chase.

"When we got that partnership there, myself and Rovman, we just got some more impetus in the innings, and then obviously Sherfane came and did what he did, played really well with the bat, and just gave us that spark that we needed to get over the line today," he said.

The West Indies skipper also explained why he was content to let Rutherford take the attacking role during their match-winning 120-run fourth-wicket partnership.

Indian women's hockey team captain Salima Tete, two other players felicitated

KOLKATA

Salima Tete, captain of the Asian Games gold medal-winning Indian women's hockey team, was felicitated at the South Eastern Railway (SER) headquarters in Kolkata on Friday. Nikki Pradhan and Deepika Soreng, two other members of the team, were also felicitated during the occasion. All three are from Jharkhand and work for SER.

Salima led her team to a historic gold medal at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, by defeating world champions China in

the finals. This was the first Asian Games gold medal for the women's hockey team in 44 years.

The Indian captain has humble roots in a Jharkhand village and has had to struggle hard to reach the top. She displayed her exceptional talent throughout the continental tournament. In the extremely tough final match, she had to leave the field for a while after suffering a severe hand injury. There was major concern regarding the Indian defence till she returned to the field. The Asian Games victory also got the Indian women's team entry

to the Los Angeles Olympics.

Her humble background made the win especially special, Salima said after the victory. She also said that the players had gone to the tournament with the determination to win. Every match was treated as a final, she said.

The win was a great achievement after a disappointing start earlier in the year when the team missed out on reaching the World Cup semi-final spot.

During the day, the three players were felicitated by SER general manager Anil Kumar Jain. The victory has



brought immense pride to the railway fraternity and the nation, he said, pointing to how their dedication, teamwork and sporting excellence have brought many laurels to Indian hockey.

He also wished them all

the best for the future and assured all support. "SER has always stood by sportspersons, and there have been several nationally and internationally acclaimed ones serving with us.

Robin Singh Stresses High Skills in T10

NEW DELHI

Former India cricketer Robin Singh has emphasised that T10 cricket demands exceptionally high skill levels, with batters required to take calculated risks and deliver immediately in the fast-paced 60-ball format.

Singh, who serves as Team Director of Royal Desert Champions, explained that T10 offers little time for players to settle at the crease. Unlike longer formats, batters must be ready to attack from the opening delivery, making confidence, execution and decision-making crucial to success.

Comparing T10 with T20 cricket, Singh said the shorter format resembles the final overs of a T20 match or the powerplay, when scoring quickly becomes essential and every delivery can influence the outcome.

He cautioned that players who hesitate or second-guess their abilities could struggle in the format, where there is little opportunity to recover after a slow start.

Singh also discussed Royal Desert



Champions' strategy during the player draft. The franchise had secured Nicholas Pooran, Phil Salt and Sherfane Rutherford through pre-signings before adding players including Muhammad Waseem, Naseem Shah and Maheesh Theekshana.

According to Singh, the team secured approximately 80 per cent of its desired selections, although

the unpredictable nature of drafts required flexibility and alternative plans.

He explained that franchises must prepare backup options depending on which players are selected by rival teams.

Singh stressed that T10 leaves no room for complacency, with players needing to remain alert and effective throughout the contest.

"T10 is almost like playing the last 10 overs of a T20 game to some extent or in the power plays, for that matter."

- Robin Singh (Royal Desert Champions Team Director)

"You have to take a lot more risks in T10. So your skill levels have to be very high."

- Robin Singh (Former India Cricketer)

T10 Demands:

- Only 60 balls per innings.
- Batters must attack from ball 1.
- Confidence and execution are crucial.
- Teams need balanced squads and adaptable draft strategies.

Cole Palmer Commits Future to Chelsea

LONDON

Chelsea forward Cole Palmer has signed a new contract extending his stay at the Premier League club until 2034, underlining the team's commitment to one of its most influential attacking players.

The 24-year-old has made a significant impact since joining Chelsea in August 2023, registering 91 goal contributions in 138 appearances. His performances have helped the club secure the FIFA Club World Cup and UEFA Conference League titles.

Palmer expressed his happiness at committing his future to Chelsea, saying discussions with the club's owners, sporting directors, manager and players had strengthened his confidence in its direction and ambitions.

"Chelsea means a lot to me, and I think the club is going in the right direction, so I'm

delighted to sign, and I'm obviously very happy," Palmer said.

During his debut season in 2023-24, Palmer scored 25 goals and provided 19 assists. Six goals came across consecutive Premier League hat-tricks, while his performances earned him Chelsea's Player of the Season and Players' Player of the Season awards. He also received the Premier League Young Player of the Season and PFA Young Player of the Year honours.

Palmer continued to deliver decisive performances in subsequent campaigns, including four first-half goals against Brighton and Hove Albion and a hat-trick of assists against Wolverhampton Wanderers.

He played a crucial role in Chelsea's European success, providing two assists in the UEFA Conference League final against Real Betis.

India U17 Women Eye Historic Asian Cup Qualification

SELAYANG: India's U17 women's national team will face hosts Malaysia in a decisive AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup China 2027 qualifier at the MP Selayang Stadium on Sunday, October 11, with a draw enough to secure qualification. Both teams have collected six points from their opening two Group E matches, setting up a direct battle for the group's only qualifying spot. India hold the advantage on goal difference, having scored 16 goals without conceding, while Malaysia have scored five and maintained two clean sheets. Only the eight group winners will qualify for the continental tournament, joining defending champions DPR Korea, Japan, Australia and hosts China PR, who secured direct entry after finishing among the top four at the 2026 edition. India reached the quarter-finals of the previous tournament, marking their first appearance in the knockout stage. Qualification this time would make them the first Indian team to reach consecutive Women's Asian Cups in any age category, including the senior level. Head coach Joakim Alexandersson has urged his players to pursue victory rather than settle for a draw, while maintaining tactical discipline. India began their campaign with a record 14-0 win over Iraq before defeating Syria 2-0. Forward Anushka Kumari has scored seven goals, including five against Iraq and both goals against Syria.



ಶ್ರೀಗೋಕರ್ಣನಾಥ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ

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ಅತೀಯ ಭಕ್ತ ವೃಂದದವರೇ,

ಶ್ರೀ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ **11.10.2026ನೇ ಭಾನುವಾರದಿಂದ 21.10.2026ರ ಬುಧವಾರದವರೆಗೆ** ಭಕ್ತಿ, ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಮತ್ತು ದೈವಿಕತೆಯ ಮಹಾಸಂಗಮ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ದಸರಾ ಹಾಗೂ ನವರಾತ್ರಿ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ಜರುಗಲಿದೆ. ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಭವ್ಯ ದರ್ಬಾರ್ ಹಾಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹಾಗಣಪತಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಅದಿಕೃತಿ, ನವದುರ್ಗೆಯರ ಹಾಗೂ ಜ್ಞಾನದಾಯಿನಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾರದಾ ಮಾತೆಯ ನಯನ ಮನೋಹರ ಮೂರ್ತಿಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾಪನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಾಧನೆ, ಭಕ್ತಿಪೂರ್ಣ ಭಜನೆ, ನೃತ್ಯ-ಸಂಗೀತ ವೈಭವ, ಶ್ರೀದಾಸಾಚಾರ್ಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಸಮೃದ್ಧ ಜಾನಪದ ಕಲಾಪ್ರಕಾರಗಳು ಅನಾವರಣಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿವೆ. ಹತ್ತು ದಿನ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಜರುಗುವ ಪೂಜಾ ಕೈರಿಯೇ, ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ವೈಭವ ಹಾಗೂ ದೈವೀಶಕ್ತಿಯ ದರ್ಶನದೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಶ್ರದ್ಧಾಭಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿಸೋಣ.

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ಬಿಧ್ಯುಕ್ತವಾಗಿ ಅರಂಭಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿವೆ, ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾರದಾ ಮಾತೆ ಮತ್ತು ನವದುರ್ಗೆಯರ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾಪನೆ ನೆರವೇರಲಿವೆ. **ಅ.12ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 6.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್** ಅವರಿಂದ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ದಸರಾ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವಕ್ಕೆ ಅದ್ವೈತಿ ಜಾಲನೆ ಸಿಗಲಿದೆ. ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ ಉಪಸಭಾಪತಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾಂಕಾಳ್ ವೈದ್ಯ, ದ.ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಯು.ಜಿ.ಬಾದರ್ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವಿವಿಧ ಇಲಾಖೆಗಳ ಸಚಿವರು, ಜನಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು, ಗಣ್ಯರು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾಗಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ದಸರಾ ಕಲಾರ್ಯೂಂಕಾರ

ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಕಲಾಮಂಟಪದಲ್ಲಿ **ಅ.11ರಿಂದ 20ರವರೆಗೆ ನಿತ್ಯ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 2.30ರಿಂದ ರಾತ್ರಿ 11.30ರವರೆಗೆ** ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ, ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕಲಾವಿದರಿಂದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ರಸದರ್ಶಣ ಇರಲಿದೆ. ಇದೇ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನವೂ ಸಮಾಜದ ಸಾಧಕ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗೆ ಅಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರ ನೀಡಿ ಗೌರವಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಅಕ್ಷರಾಭಿಷೇಕ

ಅ.20ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರದಾ ಮಾತೆಯ ಮಡಿಲಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಅಕ್ಷರಾಭಿಷೇಕ ನಡೆಯಲಿತ್ತು, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಇದರ ಸದುಪಯೋಗ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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ಅ.12ರಿಂದ 20ರವರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನವೂ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 8.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಂಡಿಕಾಹೋಮ ನೆರವೇರಲಿದೆ. **ಅ.17ರಂದು** ಸಾಮೂಹಿಕ ವಿಶೇಷ ಜಂಡಿಕಾಹೋಮ ಜರುಗಲಿತ್ತು, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30ಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ಣಾಹುತಿ ನೆರವೇರಲಿದೆ. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಜಂಡಿಕಾಹೋಮ ನೆರವೇರಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಕವಿಗೋಷ್ಠಿ

ಈ ಬಾರಿಯ ದಸರಾ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವದಲ್ಲಿ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ಅ.12ರಂದು** ರಾಜ್ಯಮಟ್ಟದ ದಸರಾ ಕವಿಗೋಷ್ಠಿ, ಕಥೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, **13ರಂದು** ಸಂಜೆ 7.30ರಿಂದ ರುದ್ರತಾಂಡವಮ್ ರಾಜ್ಯಮಟ್ಟದ ಭಕ್ತಿಪ್ರಧಾನ ಸಮಾಹ ನೃತ್ಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ ಸೀಸನ್-2, **15ರಂದು** ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ದಸರಾ ಜರುಗಲಿತ್ತು, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆಗೊಳ್ಳಲಿದೆ. ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಚಿತ್ರಕಲೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ನಡೆಯಲಿವೆ. **ಅ.16ರಂದು** ಮುದ್ದು ಕಾರದ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಅ.18ರಂದು ದಸರಾ ಮ್ಯಾರಥಾನ್ ಎಡಿಷನ್-4, ಕಿಸ್ಕಿಲಿ ಸೀಸನ್-2, **19ರಂದು** ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಗಾಗಿಯೇ ಮಹಿಳಾ ದಸರಾ ನಡೆಯಲಿತ್ತು, ಭರತನಾಟ್ಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ, ಬೆಂಕಿ ರಹಿತ ಅದ್ದುಗೆ, ರಂಗೋಲೆ, ಮೆಕಂಡಿ, ಸಮಾಹ ಗಾಯನ, ಹೂ ಕಟ್ಟುವ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ನಡೆಯಲಿವೆ. ರಾತ್ರಿ 8 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮಹಿಳೆಯರಿಂದ ಸಮಾಹ ಗರ್ಭಾ ದಾಂಡಿಯಾ ನೃತ್ಯ ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ. **20ರಂದು** ದಸರಾ ರಂಗಾಂತರಂಗ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ಜರುಗಲಿವೆ.

