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Revanth Seeks Students' Feedback on School Uniforms

Officials directed to gather student opinions on uniform design and quality



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Way to News): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to collect feedback from students on the school uniforms distributed to them, emphasising that their opinions should be considered while selecting colours and designs for future uniforms.

The Chief Minister reviewed the distribution of uniforms and educational kits to students of government hostels, residential schools and government schools under various departments at the MCR HRD Bodhi Pavilion. He said that compared to previous years, students had been provided with better-quality uniforms featuring attractive colours and designs.

Officials informed the meeting that the distribution of uniforms, ties, belts, identity cards, shoes, socks, plates, glasses, bowls, carpets and school bags had been almost completed. While distribution of certain items in one or two institutions had reached 95 per cent, the Chief Minister directed officials to complete the remaining work at the earliest.

He instructed officials to prepare standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the next academic year well in advance. He stressed that every stage, from finalising the list of items and inviting tenders to procurement, supply and distribution, must be completed within the stipulated timeframe.

The Chief Minister directed officials to prepare an action plan to ensure that students receive all uniforms and educational materials on the very first day of the next academic year. MP Vem Narender Reddy, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary N. Sridhar, Welfare Department Special Chief Secretary Sabyasachi Ghosh, Tribal and Backward Classes Department Principal Secretary Rahul Bojja and other officials attended the review meeting. Clarify the 95 per cent distribution figureShorten the article for quick publication

Agniveer tenure unchanged, opportunity for longer service: CDS



New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): The four-year service tenure for 'Agniveers' remains unchanged, and those who don't get selected as "regular soldiers" in the first phase, after completing their four-year term, will have an opportunity to serve for an additional two years, clarified the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General NS Raja Subramani, on Wednesday. The move to give an additional opportunity to 'Agniveers' was taken during a Union Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. This comes months ahead of the first batch of about 18,000 Agniveers retiring from the armed forces in December 2026.

The Agnipath scheme, launched in 2022, introduced a new scheme of short-term induction of personnel into the armed forces, with an aim to bring down the age profile of the three services. Those recruited under the scheme are called Agniveers.

The CDS, speaking to the press, stated that under the existing system, up to 25 per cent of Agniveers completing four years of service are to be inducted as regular soldiers. The remaining 75 per cent will now have the option of a second two-year service term, enabling them to continue serving for an additional period. After completing the second service term, their performance will be reviewed. Their efficiency, achievements during service, and organisational requirements will be assessed. Agniveers who demonstrate positive performance and meet the prescribed standards may be considered for regular service in the future.

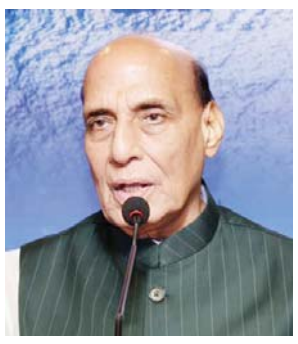
The CDS clarified that, along with the willingness of the Agniveers, the Armed Forces' operational and organisational requirements would also be taken into account. Objective criteria will be followed for selection. Agniveers' performance is evaluated periodically during their service, he added. This evaluation includes factors such as physical fitness, motivation, morale, discipline, and technical proficiency. The purpose of the second service term is to provide Agniveers with more opportunities to enhance their skills and experience.

It will also help the armed forces retain trained and experienced manpower. During the second service period, Agniveers will receive higher pay and an increased service fund benefit, giving them better financial returns for the additional two years of service. The CDs explained that for those Agniveers who get inducted as regular soldiers after completing the second term, their seniority will be ranked after the 25 per cent of Agniveers selected in the initial phase.

"Those selected as regular soldiers in the first phase will hold higher seniority, while those selected later will be placed immediately after them," he added.

Indo-Pacific future depends on wise use of technology and mutual trust: Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday asserted that the future of the Indo-Pacific region will not be determined solely by technology, but by how "wisely" nations use it and the level of "trust" they build in each other.



Addressing a special session of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD)-2026, Rajnath Singh noted that oceans have never been distant or unfamiliar to India. "For centuries, Indian sailors have traversed these maritime routes, carrying not only goods but also knowledge, culture, and human connections. This is one of the key reasons why India has consistently contributed responsibly to a free, open, and rules-based international order," he said while adding that India's maritime responsibilities extend beyond its national coastline, and the country remains committed to supporting an open, inclusive, and rules-based maritime system. According to the Defence Minister, the global maritime security environment is currently under strain due to "deliberate disruptions" to trade.

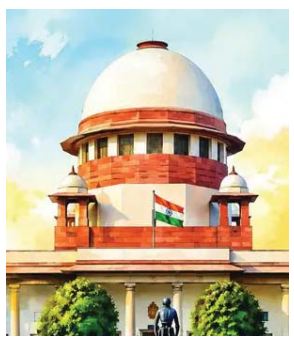
"Freedom of navigation along sea routes is being openly challenged, and narrow maritime passages are increasingly being used as strategic tools. This growing instability at sea poses a serious challenge to the broader international order," he said. Moreover, he stressed that the answer to every disruption cannot be a retreat from globalisation, nor should there be attempts to close maritime spaces that have played a crucial role in advancing human progress.

"Instead, the goal should be to make interdependence more secure through diversified supply chains."

Rajnath Singh further said that as India advances toward becoming a developed nation by 2047, the maritime sector will play a key role in national transformation. "India's ambitions go beyond expanding trade or strengthening naval capabilities; the country seeks to develop a comprehensive maritime ecosystem," he added. Noting that human capabilities are undergoing remarkable change, he highlighted that Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way data is analysed.

SC reconsiders two-child norm for contesting local body elections, refers issue to larger bench

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): The Supreme Court on Wednesday observed that India's demographic landscape has undergone a significant transformation over the past two decades, and hence laws disqualifying individuals with more than two children from contesting elections may no longer be relevant in the present context.



A Bench of the apex court noted that the country's fertility rate has witnessed a steady decline and has now fallen below the replacement level of 2.1. It raises concerns about an ageing population in the coming decades. In view of this changing demographic reality, the court questioned the continued justification for statutory provisions that bar persons with more than two children from contesting local body elections. The observations came while the court set aside the disqualification of Mangala Bhimrao, a former Sarpanch of Maharashtra's Kakoda Gram Panchayat, who had been barred from contesting elections following the birth of her third child.

While allowing her appeal, the Supreme Court decided to revisit its earlier position on the issue and referred the landmark Javed vs State of Haryana (2003) judgment to a larger Bench for reconsideration.

In the 2003 ruling, a three-judge Bench upheld the constitutional validity of provisions under the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, which disqualified persons having more than two living children from contesting panchayat polls. The court pointed out that when the Javed judgment was delivered, India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) stood at around three children per woman, making population control a significant policy concern. However, demographic indicators have now changed substantially since then, with the TFR steadily declining across the country.

Noting these developments, the apex court said that a larger Bench will now determine whether such electoral disqualification provisions remain constitutionally valid and relevant in a country where population growth has slowed significantly, and concerns about demographic ageing are increasingly emerging.

Cabinet Approves Expansion of Fast Track Courts to 850

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): In a bid to reduce the pendency of rape and child sexual offence cases, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs), including exclusive POCSO courts, for another five years till March 31, 2031, with a total financial outlay of Rs 3,788.04 crore.



The scheme aims to ensure speedy trials of pending cases relating to rape and offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, while reducing the pendency of such cases across the country. The total financial outlay of Rs 3,788.04 crore includes a central share of Rs 2,353.15 crore and a State/Union Territory share of Rs 1,434.89 crore. The central share will be funded from the Nirbhaya Fund.

Under the extended scheme, the government plans to increase the number of functional FTSCs from the existing 779 to 850 across participating States and Union Territories, with additional districts to be identified on the basis of the pendency of rape and POCSO cases. Each court will have a dedicated judicial officer, a Special Public Prosecutor and six support staff to facilitate the expeditious disposal of pending cases.

'RSS people are good, provided information': Priyank Kharge

Bengaluru, Nov 4 (Way to News): Minister for Home, IT and BT Priyank Kharge on Wednesday said that Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) people are "good" while asserting that the organisation has now submitted details and sought permission for its marches across Karnataka. Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, Kharge said the government had earlier been unaware of who was organising the marches, but the RSS had now provided the required information, including the names of those involved in its shakhas.



"You (the media) had scared us by saying that they would not seek permission or provide details. The RSS people are so good. Wherever they have conducted marches, they have provided information and sought permission. At some places, permission was not granted, but they cooperated," he said. Taking a swipe at the media, Kharge alleged that it had been indulging in propaganda against the RSS, despite the organisation complying with the requirements.

He said the details furnished by the RSS had now helped the government know who was associated with each of its shakhas.

"Tomorrow, they may also register themselves and disclose details of their funds, including whether the money comes from within the country or abroad. Everything will become transparent," he remarked.

EAM Jaishankar Highlights Value Of Digital Public Infrastructure For Good Governance At CHOGM

St John's (Antigua and Barbuda), Nov 4 (Way to News): External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Wednesday highlighted the value of digital public infrastructure for good governance and financial responsibility.



EAM Jaishankar made the remarks as he represented India at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Executive Session (CHOGM) on Wednesday. In his address, EAM Jaishankar spoke about India's recent Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and other negotiations in that regard. In a post on X, EAM Jaishankar stated, "Honoured to represent India at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Executive Session. Highlighted the value of digital public infrastructure for good governance and financial responsibility. Has helped democratise our economies by expanding opportunities. The Indian example is instructive."

"Also spoke about India's recent FTAs and other negotiations underway in that regard. Such understandings will contribute to predictable trade and resilient supply chains," he added.

EAM Jaishankar is currently on an official visit to Antigua and Barbuda for CHOGM. Upon arrival, Antigua and Barbuda's Foreign Minister Everly Chet Greene and Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Charles Fernandes welcomed him at the airport.

"Delighted to arrive in Antigua and Barbuda for CHOGM2026. Touched by the gesture of FM Everly Chet Greene and Tourism & Civil Aviation Minister Charles Fernandes, receiving me at the airport. Look forward to engagements here," EAM Jaishankar posted on X. The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) is being held in Antigua and Barbuda from November 1-4. Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said the theme of the CHOGM reflects the country's enduring belief in unity, progress, and equality among nations.

"The theme speaks to a truth we live by in Antigua and Barbuda: when each of us plays our part – in our homes, our communities, and our nations – we all move forward. It echoes our national motto, 'Each Endeavouring,

Piyush Goyal calls for faster approvals, easier funding to

New Delhi, Nov 3 (Way to News): Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has called for faster regulatory approvals, improved access to finance and stronger industry-academia collaboration to accelerate the growth of India's bioeconomy, an official statement said on Tuesday. Chairing a high-level roundtable on 'India's Bioeconomy Opportunity: Role of Startups in Driving Innovation and Growth' here, Goyal stressed the need to leverage the country's scientific capabilities and entrepreneurial talent to position India as a global leader in the sector, according to the Commerce Ministry.

The minister also called for time-bound action on recommendations emerging from the discussions, which focused on strengthening the biopharma startup ecosystem through streamlined regulations, faster approvals, improved access to finance and shared infrastructure. Participants in the roundtable – that was organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in collaboration with NITI Aayog and NITI Frontier Tech Hub — discussed a proposed regulatory sandbox, single-window clearance, global regulatory alignment and simplified patent application processes to facilitate innovation and enable startups to scale up.

They also discussed Biopharma SHAKTI — announced in the Union Budget 2026-27 — and the need to develop shared laboratories, testing facilities and clinical trial infrastructure to reduce costs for startups. Meanwhile, Distinguished Fellow at NITI Aayog Debjani Ghosh highlighted the importance of collabora-

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Ponguleti directs statewide land re-survey, assures dispute-free titles for farmers



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Way to News): Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, has directed officials to conduct a re-survey of lands across the state—primarily for the benefit of farmers—ensuring that the process takes place in their presence to facilitate the resolution of any land-related issues they may face. He mandated that Tahsildars must visit the villages where the re-survey is underway on a daily basis. Furthermore, RDOs, Additional Collectors, and District Collectors are required to provide continuous supervision and visit these villages at least once a week.

The Minister stated that the government's objective is to conduct a comprehensive survey of every inch of land across the state within the coming year, with the goal of providing landowners with secure, dispute-free land titles. The Minister stated that it is the government's resolve to provide every landowner with comprehensive and secure land records—akin to an 'Aadhaar card' for their land—along with official passbooks.

On Wednesday, a detailed review meeting was held at the Medchal-Malkajgiri Collectorate, focusing on land surveys, revenue matters, stamps and registration, and housing for the undivided Ranga Reddy district. The meeting was led by D. Sridhar Babu, the Minister in-charge of Ranga Reddy district. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that the government's ambitious comprehensive land survey project would be launched in a phased manner. In the first phase, the survey will be expedited in selected revenue villages across every district in the state, in strict accordance with the law. He noted that while previous reviews were conducted in Hyderabad with state-level officials, this time, the review is being held directly in the districts, involving local public representatives, senior state-level officials, and field-level revenue staff to address specific issues.

He further explained that officials from the mandal level are being selected at random to discuss various aspects of the survey—including pending applications, objections raised by the public, and practical challenges encountered on the ground. He urged the officials to provide a transparent and accurate account of the public's requests, the difficulties they themselves are facing, and the specific government-level permissions or guidelines required to resolve these matters. He assured that if problems are clearly communicated—rather than being concealed—instructions will be issued to the relevant officials on the spot to take corrective action.

The Minister stated that the government will commend officials who work responsibly and address public grievances with integrity. He warned that, conversely, strict and immediate action will be taken against any officials who deliberately misrepresent issues or cause hardship to the public. He noted that the state is undertaking a comprehensive land survey on a massive scale—the first such exercise in approximately 125 years. He explained that this survey will go beyond mere land measurement; it will provide a permanent solution to discrepancies, such as cases where official survey records do not align with the actual physical possession of the land.

He added that the comprehensive survey will also help identify and resolve issues such as boundary disputes between the Revenue and Forest departments, problems concerning *patta* (titled) lands, and conflicts regarding land boundaries. He urged officials to work together diligently to ensure the success of this prestigious, state-wide initiative.

Furthermore, Minister Ponguleti directed officials to examine any issues related to 'Section 22A' (prohibited land transactions) that have not been covered by existing Government Orders (GOs) or memos, and to take necessary steps to resolve them. MP Eatala Rajender, MLAs Kale Yadaiah, Manohar Reddy, Arikepudi Gandhi, Bandaru Lakshma Reddy, Eerlapalli Shankar, and Marri Rajashekar Reddy, along with other public representatives, participated in this meeting.

Telangana to build 1,920 Indiramma Houses, allottees selected through e-lottery



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Way to News): Beneficiaries for the 1,920 houses to be constructed across these constituencies were selected through an e-lottery system, utilizing advanced technology. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Reddy stated that the *bhumi puja* (groundbreaking ceremony) for the construction of these houses would be held soon. He noted that the government has utilized lands belonging to the RTC and the Police Department for this prestigious initiative, which aims to fulfill the dream of homeownership for the poor. He emphasized that the government is actively acquiring suitable land for the construction of a total of one lakh (100,000) houses—a testament to the government's sincere commitment. He added that steps are being taken to ensure that the beneficiaries can move into their new homes by the time of the upcoming Bonalu festival.

Goshamahal MLA Raja Singh, speaking at the event, praised the government's resolve to provide housing for the poor within the very constituencies where they currently reside. He requested that additional suitable land, which has been identified in various parts of the constituency, also be utilized for the construction of 'Indiramma' houses.

Housing Board Vice-Chairman V.P. Gautham stated that the construction of 'Indiramma' housing towers will continue until every eligible individual is provided with a home of their own. He further announced that notifications for similar housing projects in four other assembly constituencies located within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) will be issued shortly. A nominal price of six lakh rupees has been set for these housing units with the intention of involving the beneficiaries in the construction process, ensuring that the work is completed under their own supervision. Beyond providing a home—which would be valued at 40–50 lakh rupees in the open market—at such a nominal cost, it has also been decided to waive registration fees. To ensure complete transparency and eliminate any room for doubt, the housing allotment process is being conducted via an e-lottery. Arrangements have been made to notify those selected through this lottery immediately via SMS.

Literacy is the Foundation of Women's Economic Independence: Jupally

Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Way to News): Nov 04, Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has said that literacy is the foundation of women's empowerment and economic independence. He emphasised that every individual should be able to read and write, describing it as his long-cherished aspiration.



On Wednesday, the minister distributed slates and writing materials to illiterate women in Tellarallapalli village of Panagal mandal in Kollapur constituency to encourage them to learn reading and writing. He had earlier provided financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 for purchasing the materials.

The minister stressed that the initiative should continue as an ongoing programme rather than remain a one-time activity. He directed village sarpanch Jambalayya to arrange special classes for women every day, with one hour of teaching in the morning and another hour in the evening. He also announced financial assistance of Rs. 20,000 towards conducting the classes.

Stating that there is no age limit for education, Jupally announced a cash reward of Rs. 5,000 for the woman who first learns to read and write. He said literacy would boost women's confidence, create greater opportunities for economic independence and contribute to the development of families and society.

Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Scores 100 Pc Strike Rate In Andhra Municipal Polls

Amaravati: The Jana Sena Party led by Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Pawan Kalyan, has again scored a 100 per cent strike rate, winning all the seats it contested in the elections to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). In a repeat of its performance in the 2024 general elections, the Jana Sena won all the seats allotted to it under the seat sharing agreement among NDA partners. The Jana Sena won all the mayoral and municipal chairperson posts it contested to set a new record in municipal polls. Pawan Kalyan's party, the second key party in the TDP-led coalition, bagged the posts of mayors of both Vijayawada and Eluru corporations.



The Jana Sena also won the posts of chairpersons of all 14 municipalities and three nagar panchayats it contested. The party not only registered victories in its Assembly constituencies but also expanded itself to other towns.

It succeeded in building the leadership by fielding those who came into the party fold from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Former MLA Vangaveeti Radhakrishna, who joined Jana Sena only a few days before elections, has been elected as mayor of Vijayawada. Radhakrishna defeated YSRCP candidate Rayana Bhagyalakshmi by 1,30,872 votes. Radhakrishna secured 2,65,888 votes, while Bhagyalakshmi polled 1,35,016 votes.

Radhakrishna is son of Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga, a prominent leader who was killed by a rival faction in 1988 while he was sitting on a hunger strike in Vijayawada. Radhakrishna was elected to the Assembly in 2004 from Vijayawada East constituency on a Congress ticket. He unsuccessfully contested the 2009 Assembly elections as the candidate of Praja Rajyam Party, which was floated by Pawan Kalyan's elder brother and popular actor Chiranjeevi.

Banks asked to restructure crop loans of farmers in drought-hit mandals

Sangareddy, Nov 4 (Way to News): Collectorate Administrative Officer Vijayalakshmi and Lead District Manager T. Sudheer Kumar instructed bank officials to take necessary steps to restructure crop loans of eligible farmers affected by drought, with the aim of reviving agriculture and allied sectors and providing financial support to farmers.



A special District Consultative Committee (DCC)/ District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting was held at the District Collectorate conference hall on Wednesday as part of the Kharif–2026 drought relief measures. The meeting reviewed the steps to be taken for restructuring agricultural crop loans of eligible farmers in drought-affected mandals. The meeting was attended by Collectorate AO Vijayalakshmi, Lead District Manager T. Sudheer Kumar, RBI Lead District Officer V. Pradeep Chandra, NABARD AGM Krishna Teja, Agriculture Department Additional DA B. Sridevi and officials from various banks.

The meeting discussed restructuring crop loans of eligible farmers in drought-affected mandals as per prescribed guidelines, extending loan repayment periods and providing temporary deferment of loan repayments.

Speaking on the occasion, AO Vijayalakshmi instructed bank officials to ensure that relief measures reach eligible farmers in a timely manner in accordance with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines and policies approved by the respective banks' boards. She stressed the need to properly collect, maintain and record farmers' details required for loan restructuring and conduct the documentation process efficiently. She also called for creating awareness among farmers about the available credit facilities.

Lead District Manager T. Sudheer Kumar stated that during the first two quarters of the current financial year, from April to September 2026, banks in the district had disbursed crop loans worth 2,520.18 crore through 1,20,065 accounts.

Collector Reviews Housing Allotment in Mategaon

Bhainsa, Nov 4 (Way to News): District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed the officials to identify the eligible beneficiaries in Mategaon and take necessary steps to allot double bedroom houses. On Wednesday, the Collector visited Mategaon of Bhainsa mandal and reviewed the allotment of double bedroom houses along with the concerned officials.

He suggested that the records related to the houses and the details of the beneficiaries be checked and the eligible persons be identified as per the government rules. He clarified to the officials that the process of allotment of houses should be done in a transparent manner so that all the eligible persons get justice. Later, the Collector inspected the land proposed for construction of government offices in the premises of MPDO office in Bhainsa town. He inquired from the officials about the area of the site and other details. The records related to the site were checked and further action was taken.

Several suggestions were given to the officials for the visit. The visit was attended by Sub-Collector Ajmera Sankit Kumar, Housing PD Srinivas, Tehsildar Shashi Bhushan, MPDO Neeraj and other officials and staff.

The Collector emphasized that the housing allotment process must strictly follow government guidelines and that no eligible family should be left out. He instructed the officials to complete the verification of records promptly and ensure that the beneficiaries receive houses without any irregularities or unnecessary delays.

Unity Among Urdu Journalists Is the Need of the Hour: Mirza Fathullah Baig Riaz

Warangal, Nov 4 (Way to News): Mirza Fathullah Baig Riaz, Convenor of the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union (TUWJU) for Warangal, Hanamkonda, Mulugu, Mahabubabad and Jayashankar Bhupalpally districts, has stressed that unity and solidarity among Urdu journalists are the need of the hour.



He said that the union's 10th Annual General Body Meeting and Best Journalist Awards Ceremony would provide an excellent opportunity to bring Urdu journalists together on a common platform and strengthen unity and mutual cooperation within the fraternity.

In a press statement, Riaz Baig said that the event would be organised by the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union, the only registered trade union representing Urdu journalists in Telangana, on November 11, 2026, at Vits Garden, Shanti Nagar, Hyderabad.

He said senior and distinguished Urdu journalists who had rendered outstanding services to the promotion, preservation and development of Urdu journalism would be honoured with Best Journalist Awards in recognition of their valuable contributions. He further stated that the programme would not be limited to the presentation of awards, but would also serve as an important platform for strengthening professional relationships, discussing issues faced by journalists and promoting unity and solidarity within the journalistic community.

He emphasised that journalists must work collectively to protect their rights, address professional challenges and promote the growth and development of Urdu journalism.

Riaz Baig appealed to Urdu journalists from all districts and mandals of Telangana, particularly reporters working with Urdu newspapers, television channels and news portal.

Narakasura Vadha Celebrations at Ursu Gutta on November 6

Warangal, Nov 4 (Way to News): Narakasura Vadha celebrations will be held at the Ursu Gutta grounds on November 6. Narakasura Vadha Utsav Committee president Marupalla Ravi has appealed to people to participate in large numbers and make the event a success. Addressing a meeting held at Sri Beeranna Swamy Temple on Wednesday, Ravi said the celebrations were being organised after considerable effort to familiarise the present generation with historical events and traditions.

He said Vedic scholars had emphasised that performing religious vows, rituals and prayers after the Narakasura Vadha ceremony would be considered auspicious.

A 58-foot effigy of the demon Narakasura will be set ablaze with a spectacular display of fireworks. Cultural programmes will begin at 6 pm, he said.

Several public representatives and officials are expected to attend the celebrations as chief guests and invitees. They include Warangal East MLA Konda Surekha, Legislative Council Vice-Chairman Banda Prakash, Rajya Sabha member Vaddiraju Ravichandra, Warangal MP Kadiyam Kavya, MLC Basavaraju Saraiah, GWMC Mayor Gundu Sudharani, former MLC Konda Muralidhar Rao, District Library Corporation chairman Meesala Prakash, Congress leader Gopala Naveen Raj and Commissioner of Police Sweta Reddy.

KTR Congratulates Adilabad BRS Leaders and Cadres on Successful Rythu Garjana

Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Way to News): BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) congratulated party leaders and workers from Adilabad district for the successful organisation of the Rythu Garjana programme at the district headquarters. He urged party cadres to draw inspiration from the event and work with renewed enthusiasm among the people while continuing their fight for farmers' issues.



Former Minister and senior BRS leader Jogu Ramanna, Bhargav Deshpande, young leader Jogu Mahender and several other district leaders and workers met KTR at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad. KTR appreciated their efforts in making the programme successful, expressing satisfaction over the large turnout of farmers and people from different parts of the district. During the meeting, district leaders briefed KTR on the programme and said the BRS campaign for resolving farmers' problems had received a positive response. They stated that the success of Rythu Garjana had infused fresh enthusiasm among party workers.

The leaders recalled that during the previous ten-year BRS government under K. Chandrashekar Rao, schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, 24-hour free electricity and irrigation facilities provided support to farmers. They alleged that delays in implementing Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima and the failure to fulfil promises by the present Congress government had caused difficulties for farmers.

KTR urged party leaders and workers not to limit their efforts to the success of Rythu Garjana but to remain actively engaged with people at the grassroots level. He called upon them to continuously raise farmers' concerns and highlight what the party describes as the failures of the state government. Meanwhile, several leaders belonging to different political parties joined the BRS in the presence of KTR.

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ABVP Victory A Decisive Blow To 'Divisive', 'Anarchist' Forces: HM Amit Shah

Leh, Nov 4 (Way to News): Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday that the decisive victory of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in the Ladakh university students' union election is a decisive blow to "divisive" and "anarchist" forces in the country. Amit Shah said on X, "Congratulations to the karyakartas of ABVP on their stellar victory in the University of Ladakh Students' Union election. This resounding triumph deals a decisive blow to the divisive and anarchic forces and reaffirms that nationalism remains the first choice of our younger generation.



"My gratitude to our patriotic young Indians for their unwavering support for nationalism," he said. In the election results declared on Tuesday, ABVP secured a significant victory in the Ladakh University Students' Union elections, winning five of the eight positions contested.

The elected candidates include Dawa Namgyal as president, Tsering Yangdol as vice president, Stanzin Rigdol as general secretary, Rabskit Dolma as joint secretary and Tenzin Tsewang as sports secretary.

Commenting on the outcome, Sannak Shrivats, State secretary, ABVP Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh, said the victory reflected students' confidence in ABVP's commitment to student welfare, academic development and constructive leadership. "This mandate sends a clear message that Gen Z is with the ABVP and believes in its vision of responsible student leadership", Sannak Shrivats said.

He described the outcome as a proud moment for the organisation and expressed confidence that the newly elected representatives would work dedicatedly to address students' concerns and strengthen the academic environment at Ladakh University. Dorjay Namgyal, National Executive Council (NEC) Member, ABVP, said the mandate reflected students' trust in the organization's student-centric activities.

Foreign secretary Misri holds talks with Nepali leaders, reviews bilateral ties

Kathmandu, Nov 4 (Way to News): Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Wednesday held a series of meetings with Nepali cabinet ministers and senior government officials, discussing ways to deepen bilateral relations and expand cooperation in several areas during his visit to the Himalayan nation.



Misri, who arrived in Kathmandu on Wednesday morning for a two-day official visit, began his high-level engagements by meeting Foreign Minister Shishir Khanal, Finance Minister Swarnim Wagle and Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation Biraj Bhakta Shrestha. He also held delegation-level talks with a Nepali team led by his counterpart, Foreign Secretary Amrit Bahadur Rai.

During the meeting between the two Foreign Secretaries, the sides discussed a range of issues of mutual interest in preparation for the forthcoming visit of the Nepali Prime Minister, Balendra Shah, to India, the Indian Embassy in Nepal said in a social media post. Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the talks covered the entire gamut of Nepal-India relations, including high-level exchanges, connectivity, trade, development cooperation, energy and people-to-people relations.

Nepali officials said the two sides also discussed several initiatives they want to advance during the Prime Minister's upcoming visit. Misri's visit is expected to lay the groundwork for Prime Minister Shah's proposed visit to India later this month. Nepali officials said the visit would help prepare the agenda for Shah's proposed trip to New Delhi. Kathmandu wants to advance discussions on several outstanding issues, including the border dispute, revision of the trade treaty and additional air-entry points for international flights through India.

ED raids 10 locations in liquor money laundering case

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has conducted search and seizure operations at 10 locations across Delhi-NCR, Haryana, and Punjab in connection with a money laundering investigation linked to the alleged illegal procurement and sale of imported foreign liquor through Gurugram-based liquor vend chain 'The Theka'. The searches, carried out by the ED's Gurugram Zonal Office on Tuesday and Wednesday under the PMLA, covered offices and residences of individuals associated with 'The Theka', foreign liquor suppliers, transporters, and others allegedly involved in the liquor syndicate.

According to the ED, the investigation stems from FIRs and charge sheets filed by Haryana Police over allegations of illegal sale of imported foreign liquor and misuse of the bond-to-bond transfer mechanism to evade customs duties and state excise taxes.

The case originated from a complaint by Excise Department officials, who seized 3,921 cases and 176 loose bottles of imported foreign liquor allegedly lacking mandatory holograms and Track & Trace strips from 'The Theka' on December 9, 2025. Another FIR was also registered against members of the syndicate for alleged involvement in the sale of spurious liquor.

The ED said its probe revealed that the syndicate exploited the bond-to-bond transfer system, which permits movement of imported liquor between states without immediate payment of customs and excise duties.

INDIA Bloc spreading anarchy by not trusting constitutional institutions: Arjun Ram Meghwal

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal on Wednesday accused the INDIA bloc of "spreading anarchy" by not trusting the Constitutional institutions, while referring to the Opposition alliance's protests in Delhi last month against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over alleged electoral irregularities.

Addressing the 'Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy' rally in Delhi, Meghwal said: "I will mention three or four incidents that took place in Delhi on October 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13."

He recalled that Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, along with other INDIA bloc leaders, wanted to meet the Chief Election Commissioner.



"The Chief Election Commissioner asked them to provide the names of the members of their delegation, saying that he would meet them. However, they did not submit the names of the delegation and instead gathered at Akashvani Bhawan. This was the first instance of spreading anarchy," he remarked.

Questioning the Congress, the Law Minister asked: "During your regime, did 300 MPs or ex-MPs ever meet the CEC together? This means they were willing to spread anarchy." Adding to the criticism, Meghwal said that the INDIA bloc leaders marching to the Rashtrapati Bhawan in October to meet President Droupadi Murmu were "peak anarchy". "President Murmu also asked them to submit proof (of electoral irregularities), but they have not done so so far," he said.

The Law Minister also cited Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant's refusal to meet the INDIA bloc leaders, a day before the Opposition alliance's scheduled march to the Supreme Court. The CJI was learnt to have said that the court has no authority to meet a delegation of any political party at the administrative level in this way, and its power is, in fact, to hear the petition and give a verdict. He had reportedly added that the issues they plan to raise are already sub judice, being heard in the Supreme Court.

K'taka HC Quashes Defamation Case Against CM, Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Nov 4 (Way to News): The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday quashed a private defamation complaint filed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over the Congress' '40 per cent commission rate card' advertisements published ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, providing relief to Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order on the petition challenging the complaint. The development comes after the High Court, on July 4, had stayed the proceedings in the criminal defamation case against Shivakumar, who was the Deputy Chief Minister at the time. The court had also granted similar relief to the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC).

In January this year, the High Court had stayed the proceedings against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, in connection with the same case.

The complaint was filed by the BJP's Karnataka unit ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, alleging that the KPCC had published advertisements in local newspapers carrying a 'corruption rate card' and had conducted a false campaign against the party. The trial court had taken cognisance of the complaint in 2023. The advertisements had alleged that the BJP government was collecting specific amounts as commissions for appointments and transfers in various government departments. They accused the then ruling BJP of fixing rates for different govt-related activities.

Can't Heal Wounds Of 1984, Drug Addiction Agony In Punjab Without Justice, Says Ravi Shankar Prasad

Chandigarh, Nov 4 (Way to News): In a deeply emotional and sombre atmosphere marked by the presence of survivors and the families of 1984 massacre victims, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) commenced its day-long conclave, 'Zakhm 84 De', here on Wednesday.

The morning began on a reverent note with a solemn 'ardas' offered for the eternal peace of those who died and for the ongoing pursuit of justice. Ahead of the deliberations, a special archival photographic exhibition documenting the harrowing scenes of November 1984, burning dwellings in Delhi's Trilokpur, gutted establishments across Connaught Place, displaced families clutching remnants of their belongings, and Sikhs being pulled out



of buses, was opened by former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, amid the presence of state BJP chief Kewal Singh Dhillon and state in-charge Satish Poonia. The powerful black-and-white displays brought back painful memories and set a reflective, solemn tone across the gathering.

Delivering the keynote address during the opening session, senior advocate Ravi Shankar Prasad, who is the MP from Patna Sahib, Bihar, expressed deep anguish while sharing the stage with victim families. "Two deep blots stain Punjab's soul today: '84 ke zakhm' (the wounds of 1984) and 'chitte di peeda' (the agony of drug addiction). These wounds cannot heal without uncompromised justice," Prasad said.

Launching a sharp attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Prasad questioned the timing and intent of his political events in Punjab.

"On November 1, the Congress staged a rally in Delhi, and today they hold a political event here. Why rub salt into these raw wounds? Rajiv Gandhi's infamous statement on November 19, 1984, 'When a big tree falls, the earth shakes', sought to rationalise the butcher of thousands of innocent Sikhs." He said, "As the Information and Broadcasting Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, I ensured that the video evidence of that horrific statement, which had vanished from public archives, was restored to the public domain."

People Of UP Will Teach Lesson To 'Dimagi Naxals' Again In 2027, Says Nitin Nabin

Gorakhpur, Nov 4 (Way to News): Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President Nitin Nabin on Wednesday asserted that the people of Uttar Pradesh had already rejected parties and leaders with what he described as "Dimagi Naxal" mindsets, and asserted that the electorate would deliver another setback to the Opposition in the 2027 Assembly elections.



Addressing a massive gathering during the BJP's 'Loktantra Bachao, Arajakta Hatao' march in Gorakhpur, Nabin said, "The people have already taught a lesson to those with anarchic mindsets, these 'Dimagi Naxals', and they will teach them another lesson in 2027 and again in 2029. There is absolutely no confusion among the public. Two things are certain the BJP-NDA's guaranteed victory in 2027 and the complete wipeout of the Samajwadi Party in the 2027 elections."

Referring to Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, the BJP president described them as two 'yuvrajs' (princes) and said their past actions continued to remain fresh in the memories of people across Uttar Pradesh and the country.

"The Chief Minister was speaking about the actions and exploits of these two 'yuvrajs'. Their deeds are still firmly etched in the memories of the people of Uttar Pradesh as well as the entire nation," Nabin said.

He also claimed that the Opposition was increasingly nervous after witnessing the BJP's 'padyatra' and the overwhelming public participation in the march. According to him, the response to the BJP's programme reflected the confidence people continued to place in the ruling party and its NDA allies.

"Seeing the BJP's padyatra and the tremendous support it is receiving from the people, the Opposition is clearly panicking. They put all their efforts into organising the rally at Ramlila Maidan, but could not even manage 10 per cent of the turnout they had claimed… This demonstrates the strength of the NDA and the trust and confidence that people have placed in us," he said.

Ashok Gehlot Calls India a 'Ruling Opposition' Under BJP Regime

Jaipuri, Nov 4 (Way to News): Former Rajasthan Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot, has accused the BJP of attempting to divert public attention from allegations of vote theft and alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, by organising marches and demonstrations across the country, alleging that the ruling party has deployed its Union Ministers, Chief Ministers and state ministers for the exercise. In a statement, Gehlot said the entire country was astonished by the BJP's actions, questioning whether the Union and state governments had any other work left to do.

"For the first time in India's 80-year democratic history, the country is witnessing a 'ruling Opposition', a party that is itself in



power staging sit-ins, demonstrations and marches against the Opposition," he said, describing the BJP's marches as pointless.

"The entire country is astonished. Whether it is the BJP's Union government or its state governments, do they have no work left to do? All the Union Ministers, Chief Ministers and state ministers have been pressed into taking out pointless marches," he said. Gehlot said protests were taking place across the country on several issues as people, frustrated by the NDA government's failure to address their concerns, were raising their voices.

He claimed that the public was facing severe hardships due to inflation, unemployment and corruption. The Congress leader alleged that the BJP had panicked after allegations of vote theft and the Election Commission's alleged collusion came to light. He claimed that the ruling party was resorting to such political exercises to divert attention from these allegations. Referring to the INDIA Bloc's march and its mega rally, Gehlot said the Opposition's campaign was being conducted in a disciplined and peaceful manner in designated places of protest.

Akhilesh Yadav's Decision Not To Contest UP Polls Draws Criticism From BJP; Congress Backs SP Chief

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): The BJP on Wednesday criticised Samajwadi Party (SP) President, Akhilesh Yadav's indication that he would not contest the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, saying he had made the right decision as he would otherwise face the fate of several INDIA Bloc leaders who lost recent electoral contests.

The BJP said Yadav was aware of the political situation and the possibility of facing defeat if he entered the electoral fray.

The controversy follows Yadav's remarks during his visit to Varanasi on Tuesday. When asked by reporters whether he would contest the next year's Assembly elections, possibly from a constituency in the city, the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister responded in his



characteristic witty style.

"We become chief minister when we do not contest elections. So, we will do what is auspicious for us," he said. Reacting to his remarks, Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Minister Anil Rajbhar said Yadav lacked the courage to face the public and was making excuses through political statements. "They do not have the courage to face the public. They know this very well and are simply making excuses and engaging in political theatrics. The Samajwadi Party and its leaders are anti-development, anti-farmer, anti-youth, anti-student and anti-women. They lack the courage to face the people because they know that if they go among the public, voters will reject them decisively," he told. Uttar Pradesh Minister Om Prakash Rajbhar also criticised the SP chief, saying he was unwilling to contest elections or face the public. "He will neither contest the elections nor go to the people. He is neither willing to enter the electoral fray nor face the public. The people have already rejected Akhilesh Yadav," he said.

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Prakash Pal said Yadav had taken the right decision by staying away from the electoral contest. "He has made a very right decision; otherwise, his fate would have been like Kejriwal losing the Assembly election in Delhi, Mamata Banerjee losing in Bengal, and the INDIA Bloc's chief ministerial face Gaurav Gogoi losing in Assam. He knows that the public is not just defeating the INDIA Bloc but soundly routing them, and even their incumbent Chief Ministers are losing," Pal said.

However, Uttar Pradesh Minister Nitin Agrawal said contesting elections was an individual's personal decision and Yadav was entitled to make his choice.

"Who will contest elections and who will not, is an individual's personal decision. He has decided that he will not contest; that is his personal decision. In a democracy, one should win elections and come to the House. I believe that those who contest elections and win have greater credibility in a democracy. The rest is everyone's personal choice," he said.

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Women's Employment Paradox

India's female workforce has nearly doubled, from 104 million in 2017-18 to 201 million in 2025. The female worker population ratio has risen from 22 per cent to 38 per cent, a leap that few economies manage in under a decade. But the surge has been driven overwhelmingly by agriculture, self-employment and unpaid family labour, not by secure, salaried jobs. In rural India, the number of women working as own-account workers has jumped from 13.9 million to 56 million, while unpaid family workers now number 49.3 million. The share of rural women in regular salaried employment has actually slipped, from 10.5 per cent to 9.3 per cent. Nearly three-quarters of rural women work in agriculture, and that share is rising even as rural men move towards manufacturing and services.

The consequence is visible in pay. Rural men's wages have risen by around 65 per cent since 2017-18, against 41 per cent for rural women. Rural women now earn roughly 45 per cent of what their male counterparts do, down from 53 per cent. A decade of rapid national growth has widened, not narrowed, the gap. It is not difficult to see why rural women drift into such work. Agricultural and allied activity demands no formal skills and fits around household duties. The persistence of joint family structures in the countryside helps, allowing women to take up farm work. But this is an arrangement of convenience, not opportunity. It absorbs women's labour without substantially rewarding it.

In urban India, the female worker ratio has risen only modestly, to 25.9 per cent, and the share of women in regular salaried work has edged down from 52.2 per cent to 50.9 per cent. Nuclear families, rising living costs and the near-total assumption that household and caring duties belong to women alone push many out of the workforce just as their careers should be advancing. The report notes that 60 per cent of women outside the labour force cite childcare and domestic commitments as their primary reason, compared with one per cent of men. That figure has barely moved since 2021-22. Women do three-and-a-half to four hours more unpaid work each day than men. Among married people, 87.6 per cent of men are in the workforce, against 37.3 per cent of women. These numbers describe a structural barrier, not a personal choice.

Every survey points the same way: women have a long road to travel before reaching regular, secure employment and pay equality. The Government must therefore review its policy architecture rather than celebrate headline participation figures. The first priority is skills. Conventional training schemes in stitching, tailoring and pickle-making have their place, but they largely produce micro-enterprises that need capital, market access and entrepreneurial risk-taking, which many women lack. They do not lead to regulated, salaried jobs. India must instead invest in girls' education linked to industry-specific skills, in areas such as electronics assembly, textiles and garment manufacturing, logistics, healthcare technology and modern services. The report's call for measurable targets on women's hiring, skilling and leadership in industrial corridors, textile parks and electronics clusters deserves swift adoption. Training should be tied to placement so that a skilled woman has an employer waiting for her.

Affordable, reliable crèche facilities could prove a game changer. Retaining women through the childbearing years protects their career progression, their earnings and their household's income. Paid paternity leave and shared parental leave would complement this by signalling that care is a joint responsibility. India needs a coherent national strategy, translated into state-level action plans with clear targets, funding and accountability.

Deviation of Foreign Funds a threat to India's Security

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Deviation and misuse of Foreign funds in India pose a direct challenge to the nations Sovereignty, Integrity, and internal Security. Wherein unregulated or covertly diverted foreign money can be funneled into political mobilization, and influence domestic elections by diverting foreign money to campaigns and also influence policy making . Investigations by Indian agencies have highlighted foreign-sourced funds being utilized to orchestrate localized protests , legal roadblocks, and sustained opposition against critical industrial, mining, and energy projects and creating disruption of public and economic infrastructure. Foreign funds have historically have been tracked toward large scale religious conversion drives or inducement based outreach in sensitive and vulnerable tribal or border regions and also divides the country , shifting the demographic and social balance without democratic consent , which creates a threat to national integrity and also create cultural alteration and in a country like India which is a culturally rich and culturally diverse country , deviation and misuse of Foreign funds is threatening the diversity and the social practices and sense of unity amongst the citizens of india , which prevails from the time immemorial. Foreign funding also promotes Love Jihad , which is a new threat to civilized society in modern times. Foreign funded organisations are sometimes weaponized to deepen religious , regional or caste based polarization , threatening communal harmony and public order. Unaccounted foreign contributions can build parallel financial structures and ecosystems that nurture radicalization. Law enforcement operations (such as raid on cross border or foreign missionary/charity networks tied to illicit cash or foreign debit card channels) have exposed instances where external money directly or indirectly supported ultra left extremist or militant groups. External funds are occasionally channeled to provide heavy legal or logistical defense networks for individuals facing serious charges related to terrorism or anti state activities. To counter these risks, India enforces strict transparency rules, mandated bank tracking, utilization audits, and registration cancellations via Ministry of Home Affairs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010, which is in the process of amendment under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill , 2026 to curb the deviation of foreign funds within India in modern times which has threatened the sovereignty, integrity and national security of India.

To address the above stated risks the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 was enacted to create a modern regulatory framework that addresses evolving cross border financial flows, loopholes in existing law and stringently protects India's Sovereignty, Integrity and National Security. Original 1976 Act, was enacted during the emergency and it could not keep pace with the modern time requirements, as international engagement expanded and cross border financial transactions grew increasingly complex. Under the old 1976 Act , NGO registrations had perpetual validity, whereas Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 introduced a five-year validity period for registration certificates and mandated a structured renewal process to ensure continuous monitoring.

The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA) regulates the acceptance and utilisation of foreign contribution (i.e. grants or donations) by individuals, associations or companies. It also aims to prevent any diversion of such contribution towards activities detrimental to national interest. All entities must obtain an FCRA certificate to receive foreign contribution for their activities. The 2010 Act introduced a five-year renewable registration certificate and a prior permission route for one-time recipients.

Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 aimed to curb the diversion of foreign contributions toward unauthorized or illegal purposes that deviated from the declared objectives of recipient organisations. This law introduced stringent provisions to stop foreign funds from being used in activities detrimental to the national interest, public order, or internal security. It introduced stricter provisions on how much foreign contribution could be spent on administrative overhead which was fixed to be 50% to ensure maximum funds are not deviated from the declared objective and go toward actual grassroots and charitable programs. This legislation enacted reporting mechanisms, audits and compliance obligations for associations , educational institutions , religious groups and NGOs receiving foreign money.

Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill , 2026 was introduced in Lok Sabha on March 25,2026 to significantly tighten the regulatory framework governing how non-governmental organizations and individual receive and utilize foreign funding. It introduced a framework for supervision, management and disposal of foreign contribution and assets of an organization that ceases to have an FCRA certificate. An Organisation may cease to have an FCRA certificate if the holder of the certificate has made an incorrect or false statement , any terms and conditions of the certificate or the Act are violated , the government feels that the cancellation would be in public interest, or the holder of the certificate has not engaged in any reasonable activity for the benefit of society in its chosen field for two consecutive years, or has become defunct.

Home Across the Border: The Eight-Decade Exile of Poonchi Refugees

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"If you ask an elderly resident in one of Jammu's refugee colonies, whether in Bhour camp, Gol Gujral camp, Simbal camp or Chatha, where his home is, he won't say Jammu. Instead, he will name an ancestral village absent from today's Indian map, tucked somewhere near Rawalakot, Sudhanauti, Bagh, or Pallandri. With vivid memories, as though he walked out the door only yesterday, he will recall the family courtyard, the village well, a shading walnut and apricot tree, and the local temple or gurdwara. Yet that home now sits across the Line of Control in POJK, unseen for nearly eight decades and almost certainly lost to him forever. This is the enduring, largely forgotten grief of the Poonchi Sikhs and Hindus, an ethnic community that thrived for generations along the Pir Panjal, only to see their entire world vanish in the autumn of 1947."



The writer K.D. Maini, who spent much of his life documenting the history of his native Poonch, called Poonch as "the battlefield of Kashmir" in the title of the book and justified it. Because long before 1947 and long after it, Poonch has sat at the edge of everything: the edge of the Kashmir Valley, the edge of Punjab, the edge of empires and armies. It is a beautiful area, all pine forests and mountain streams, but its people have paid a heavy price for living on a border that keeps on moving and lies at the crossroads of history. Before Partition, Poonch was not a place divided by religion in the way we imagine it today. Sikh and Hindu families were living together and working as traders, farmers, and landowners, living alongside their Muslim neighbours in villages that had shared wells, shared fields, and shared festivals for generations. They were a small minority, perhaps one in twenty, but they were not outsiders. They belonged there as much as anyone.

Nobody in Poonch was prepared for what followed independence. A local uprising against the Maharaja's rule turned, within weeks, into something far larger and far darker, as armed raiders crossed in from the northwest. Villages that had stood for generations were burnt in a single night. Families who had lived peacefully beside their neighbours suddenly found themselves fleeing for their lives. Men were killed defending their homes. Women were taken. Children were carried on the backs of parents who did not know if they would live to see the next village, let alone the next town.

There was no train to board and no clean border to cross, as there was in Punjab. The story of the Poonchi refugees is entirely different; due to the mountainous track, they have crossed the path on foot, sometimes for days, with whatever could be carried in a single bundle, and people left everything there at Ghare, i.e., the original home at POJK. Some were lucky enough to be flown out from a makeshift airstrip near Poonch town. Most of them simply walked and kept walking until they reached Jammu, and they became strangers in their own country, with nothing left of the life they had built except memory. Mirpur, a little further west, saw perhaps the worst of it. What happened there in November 1947 is still spoken of by survivors' families as a day the community lost more than it could ever count not just lives, but a way of life that had existed for centuries. That day is remembered every year, quietly, as Mirpur Day.

What makes this story different from the other familiar partition tales of Punjab is that those families who came from POJK did not cross into a foreign country. They came to Jammu, which was and remained part of J&K, with some culture and languages. And yet, for decades, they were treated as, and felt like, people without a place. Initially they had no land to till, no papers proving what they had once owned, and they became landless and stateless in their own homeland. No fixed address beyond a refugee camp that, for many, quietly became permanent. Still, the refugee population retained their refugee camp identities, and those camps became their original homes, like the Simbal refugee camp and Bhour refugee camp in Jammu. In these camps still, people are living in a congested area and contesting for their refugee identity.

It took the Indian government almost seventy years to offer even a token financial compensation for the properties left behind, and even that scheme has had to be extended more than once because thousands of eligible families still have not been reached. Seventy years is not just a bureaucratic delay. It is a whole lifetime. Most of the people who lost their homes, which they called 'Ghare', meaning the original home, still remembered the beautiful memories of their 'Ghare' and their never-ending love for their ancestral place. Yes, of course, Poonch sits so close to the Line of Control; the pain did not end

Are we witnessing the end of right-wing political dominance?

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Elections are more than exercises in choosing governments. At critical moments, they signal that societies have run out of patience. They expose the widening gap between those who wield power and those expected to live with its consequences. The political landscape is shifting. Hungary voted out Viktor Orbán after 16 years, dealing a setback to the nationalist model Donald Trump admires. Brazil's return to Lula da Silva denied the Bolsonaro camp a comeback. In Serbia, a student-backed movement has challenged the ruling establishment. Meanwhile, Israel's exceptionally high turnout has sharpened the contest over Benjamin Netanyahu's leadership, though turnout alone does not determine the outcome.

These developments are not identical, nor do they necessarily indicate a uniform ideological shift. Yet taken together, they raise an important question: are voters beginning to revolt against the arrogance of prolonged political dominance?

Netanyahu presents a revealing paradox. Israel's longest-serving leader, with 19 years in office across multiple periods, is an unmatched political survivor. His right-wing coalition has divided Israeli society and deepened the country's international isolation. Yet his resilience cannot be explained by popularity alone. Israel's fragmented electoral system makes it difficult for a divided opposition to form a stable majority capable of dislodging his coalition. Political survival does not automatically signify public consensus; nor does an opposition's failure to unite necessarily endorse the government.

Across South Asia, similar currents have taken different forms. Sri Lanka's Aragalaya uprising challenged a powerful dynasty amid an economic collapse. Bangladesh witnessed a mass uprising against an increasingly authoritarian establishment, while Nepal's Gen Z mobilisation reflected impatience with corruption, privilege and a system perceived as serving its own beneficiaries. Their causes and consequences differ, but the common thread is clear: younger citizens increasingly reject the idea that political elites have an unquestionable right to govern indefinitely.

The message extends beyond the developing world. Europe's younger generations have increasingly confronted their governments over economic insecurity, the cost of living, housing, employment and prospects for a dignified future. Their anger is not necessarily left-wing in ideological terms. It often reflects a rejection of institutions and leaders who appear unable or unwilling to address everyday concerns.

The defining conflict may not be between the Right and the Left, but between entrenched power and an electorate demanding accountability. India, too, faces these countercurrents. The ruling establishment retains substantial organisational strength and electoral influence, but dominance is not an unlimited mandate. Allegations of large-scale electoral manipulation demand transparent investigation and credible answers; without evidence, they cannot be treated as established fact. Electoral integrity is too fundamental to democracy to be reduced to partisan accusation and counter-accusation. Unemployment, rising education costs, household economic stress and uncertainty about future opportunities weigh heavily on ordinary families. For young Indians, national resurgence means little if secure employment remains elusive, education becomes unaffordable, and advancement appears to depend on privilege rather than merit.

National pride can inspire a population, but it cannot indefinitely substitute for economic opportunity. Nor can appeals to religious identity, nationalism or a leader's strength permanently insulate a government from questions about jobs, prices, public services and institutional accountability.

Trump faces the same challenge in the United States. The November mid-term elections will test his administration's standing, though their outcome should not be taken for granted. Even formidable political movements are vulnerable when voters question whether promises align with lived experience.

Right-wing movements have prospered by addressing anxieties about national identity, immigration, security, cultural change and economic dislocation. Many of these concerns are genuine; we cannot dismiss their appeal as ignorance or prejudice.

Progressive Democrat Abdul El-Sayed wins Michigan Senate race, will become first Muslim senator

WASHINGTON, Nov 4 (Way to News): Progressive favorite Abdul El-Sayed has defeated Republican Mike Rogers in a bitter campaign for Michigan's open Senate seat, giving the Democratic Party's left wing a breakthrough victory in one of the nation's most important swing states.

El-Sayed, the son of Egyptian immigrants, will become the nation's first Muslim senator. A former public health official who has never held elected office, he rose from a double-digit defeat in Michigan's Democratic gubernatorial primary eight years ago to win a seat in the US Senate.

El-Sayed overcame massive outside spending in both the Democratic primary and general election with a grassroots campaign built around universal health care, removing outside money from elections and sharp criticism of Israel. Backed by progressive leaders including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, his victory will bolster the movement ahead of the 2028 presidential election, offering evidence that candidates embracing its agenda can win in critical battleground states.

Republicans had cleared the field for Rogers, a former congressman who narrowly lost a Senate race to then-Rep. Elissa Slotkin two years ago. But Rogers struggled to balance his loyalty to President Donald Trump with concerns over rising prices tied to the war in Iran and economic turmoil from the president's tariffs.



The campaign also featured bitter attacks over El-Sayed's criticism of Israel. Trump and other Republicans repeatedly sought to link him to terrorist organizations, despite no evidence of such ties, and questioned his loyalty to the United States.

El-Sayed faced questions about whether he could unite Democrats after a contentious primary, particularly among Black voters in Detroit and Jewish voters in its suburbs. El-Sayed's primary opponent, Rep. Haley Stevens, shocked Democrats by endorsing Rogers on Nov. 1, saying the Democratic candidate hadn't done enough to address her and the Jewish community's concerns.

The race became a focal point in the national battle for Senate control after two-term Democratic Sen. Gary Peters decided not to seek reelection.

El-Sayed emerged from a bruising August primary against the establishment-backed Stevens that drew nearly $60 million in outside spending. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC, spent nearly $30 million opposing El-Sayed, its largest investment in a single race. El-Sayed has been a staunch critic of Israel.

The contentious primary exposed divisions within the Democratic coalition. El-Sayed faced criticism from some in Michigan's Jewish community over his rhetoric, including his statement that "hurt people hurt people" following an attack on a Michigan synagogue earlier this year. He later apologized, saying he was "sorry" to "anyone who feels like my comments might have been hurtful."

His campaign appearances with Hasan Piker, a popular political streamer who has made inflammatory comments about Israel, Jews and the Sept. 11 attacks, also became a target of criticism. Some Democrats worried about Black voter turnout in Detroit after Stevens carried Wayne County in the primary. Former President Barack Obama and former Vice President Kamala Harris were among the high-profile Democrats who campaigned with El-Sayed in the city to help mobilize voters. Progressive agenda breaks through in Michigan

Israeli president accepts certified election results in blow to Netanyahu's claim of vote



JERUSALEM, Nov 4 (Way to News): Israeli President Isaac Herzog on Wednesday accepted as legally binding the certified results from last week's parliamentary elections and said he would begin consultations with party representatives on the formation of a new government. Herzog's acceptance of the results as valid dealt a blow to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's effort to discredit the vote in which his religious-nationalist bloc lost its majority in the Israeli parliament, or Knesset, while Arab-led parties made historic gains.

Netanyahu and his supporters have repeatedly made unsubstantiated claims that the Arab-led parties had "stolen" the election, possibly with foreign assistance. The Israeli president is required now to sit down with various party leaders to determine who to name as prime minister-designate — a process that could potentially bring Netanyahu's opponents to power. No fraud in Israel's election, commission says Israel's election commission said earlier on Wednesday that after a thorough investigation of all parties' claims of fraud it had found "no evidence of irregularities that compromised the integrity of the election or affected its results."

Netanyahu's Likud party did not respond to a request for comment. A separate investigation by the Shin Bet intelligence service, which is headed by David Zini, a Netanyahu appointee and loyalist, into allegations of foreign interference in the election is still ongoing.

In a private meeting Wednesday of the election committee's members, its head, Supreme Court Justice Noam Sohlberg, read out an intelligence assessment from the Shin Bet saying the agency believed there had been a "widespread phenomenon involving the influx of substantial funds into Israel from foreign states," including from countries hostile toward Israel.

The Shin Bet provided no evidence to explain its assertion. The Associated Press obtained a transcript of the assessment from a person who attended the meeting. The person requested anonymity to discuss a closed-door meeting.

The committee has previously said that while claims about foreign actors seeking to influence the election are serious and under investigation, it does not believe that any such interference affected the results — even if it had happened. Sohlberg reiterated that stance on Wednesday. "At this stage, these are merely suspicions, and even if they are substantiated, the scope of their potential impact is limited," he said during a ceremony to present the certified election results to Herzog. He added that it was dangerous to cast doubt on the results and said they are legally binding.

Public trust in the electoral process is "easy to destroy, yet very difficult to repair," he warned. What comes next for HerzogIn the Oct. 27 vote, neither Netanyahu's bloc nor the bloc of allies of his chief rival, opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot, secured a parliamentary majority needed to form a new government, raising the possibility of an alliance between the two rivals or an alliance between Eisenkot and some of the Arab-led parties.

Israel's president is now expected to begin a series of sit-downs with political parties. The meetings are expected to unfold over the next several days.

El-Sisi rejects threats to Saudi Arabia, Gulf states

CAIRO, Nov 4 (Way to News): Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on Tuesday reaffirmed Cairo's rejection of any threat to the security and stability of Saudi Arabia or other Gulf states, saying Arab national security was indivisible. El-Sisi made the remarks at a joint press conference in Cairo with Slovenian President Natasa Pirc Musar, where he also called for de-escalation in the crisis between Iran and the US.

"I further emphasize Egypt's full support for and solidarity with the Arab countries, stemming from Egypt's firmly established position that Arab national security is indivisible and constitutes an integral whole," he said.

El-Sisi urged all sides to create space for dialogue and reach a political consensus that addressed their main demands and concerns. He said Egypt would continue working with regional and international partners to prevent renewed military action and its humanitarian and economic consequences.



Expressing confidence in US President Donald Trump, El-Sisi said: "I am certain that he will spare no effort and will provide all possible support and assistance to mediators to reach the best available settlement, thereby sparing the region further suffering and offering its peoples the hope for a better life."

Egypt has stepped up diplomatic contacts this week in support of regional de-escalation. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Ambassador Nader Zaki told Arab News that Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty had held intensive talks with the parties to the crisis and warned that continued US-Iran tensions would harm the region.

Former foreign minister Mohamed El-Orabi told Arab News that Egypt had made clear its solidarity with Saudi Arabia and its rejection of any attacks against the Kingdom. He said Abdelatty had contacted all sides in recent days, urged de-escalation and emphasized the need for a political solution.

El-Sisi also received a telephone call from Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa on Tuesday. The two leaders discussed regional developments and called for reduced tensions, a peaceful resolution to the Iranian crisis and steps to avoid further escalation, according to an official statement. They agreed to intensify political consultations and coordination between Egypt and Bahrain in support of regional peace and stability.

Danish students join European protests against education cuts

COPENHAGEN, Nov 4 (Way to News): Thousands of young Danes took to the streets on Wednesday to protest over a government plan to cut student allowances, adding to a wave of European youth anger. Under the banner "Enough is Enough," 11 high school and university student associations marched from Copenhagen's City Hall Square to parliament over the proposed cuts to free up funds for defense spending.

Student protests that started in France have spread in recent weeks to other European countries. Some 40,000 students were on strike at 57 schools across Denmark, including 12,00-13,000 at the protest in Copenhagen, according to organizers.

Copenhagen police were out in force during the demonstration which unfolded in a peaceful atmosphere under sunny autumn skies.



Thousands of young people chanted "Broken Promises" and carried signs reading "Save SU," the Danish acronym for the student allowance, "Less Support, Less Educated" and "Don't Cheat the Young."

"In Denmark, we get funding and economic support for getting an education, and we're very proud of this," said one protest organizer, Danish High School Students' Association president Oscar Tonsberg Hoffmann. He told that it would be wrong to dismantle "one of the world's strongest educational systems."

In a draft budget bill, Denmark's center-left government plans to abolish the SU allowance for students who live with their parents and whose parents' total annual income exceeds 700,000 Danish kroner ($104,440). The amount students receive would be progressive for all students whose parents earn between 419,589 kroner and 700,000 kroner a year.

The SU has until now been given to all students over the age of 18, which means high school and university students receive it.

Kieran Hindshaw, a 23-year-old agronomy student, said he felt betrayed by the government.

"I'm infuriated that we finally get a supposedly 'red' government in Denmark that includes the left parties, and anyway we get cuts to our welfare and to the economies of young people whilst they're funding corporate tax reductions and warfare," he told AFP."I hope they will look at this demonstration and change their mind." According to the Higher Education Ministry, around 14,000 students are expected to lose their grant, and some 8,000 would see it reduced.

In force since 1970, SU is one of the cornerstones of Denmark's egalitarian university system, enabling all young people to get an education regardless of their parents' income.

The amount students currently receive is 1,154 kroner ($173) a month for those who live with their parents, and 7,426 kroner ($1,111) for those who live on their own. - 'A helping hand' - The government has also proposed that unemployment benefits for recent university graduates be paid only to those who have worked during 18 of the last 24 months of their studies. Dagmar Demuth, a high school student attending the protest, said the SU made it easier for students to make ends meet.

Hakeem Jeffries poised to become speaker of US House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, Nov 4 (Way to News):The Democrats' midterm election win puts Hakeem Jeffries in line to become the first Black speaker of the US House of Representatives, with the dual challenge of opposing President Donald Trump while bridging the gap between his party's moderates and its more vocal progressives. As speaker, Jeffries, representing a New York City congressional district, would preside over a majority that will be sworn in the first week of January, taking the reins from Republicans who controlled the House for the past four years.

"Today begins the great American comeback," Jeffries proclaimed in a victory speech late on Tuesday after media outlets projected the likelihood of Democratic majorities in the House and



Senate. He attacked the Trump-led Republican agenda in Congress over the past two years, pledging to pass legislation reversing steep spending cuts — enacted into law on July 4, 2025 — to the Medicaid healthcare program for the poor and people with disabilities.

"The American people have spoken and made clear that they've had enough of the extremism, enough of the corruption. They want a Congress that's going to deliver for the American people," Jeffries said.

Jeffries has long said that, while his caucus would focus on helping the poor and middle class cope with the high cost of living, Democrats would also investigate the Trump administration's dealings with corporate executives, including those who have donated heavily to his various campaigns and projects. He has stopped short of saying the House, under his leadership, would attempt to impeach Trump for a third time.

Democratic Representative Robert Garcia of California, who is expected to become chair of the House Committee on Oversight, had two words of advice. "Lawyer up," he said in an election night statement.

With votes still being counted across much of the country after Tuesday's elections, the size of the Democratic majority in the House for the next two years was unclear.

Khamenei's 'unity of fronts' remarks revive Lebanese fears of new war

BEIRUT, Nov 4 (Way to News): Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam warned on Wednesday against dragging the country into another "reckless adventure" in the service of foreign interests, as remarks by Iran's supreme leader renewed fears that Hezbollah could involve Lebanon in a fresh regional conflict. Speaking after meeting President Joseph Aoun, Salam said: "With the risk of renewed war in the region, I again warn against dragging Lebanon into any new reckless adventure in the service of foreign interests, or thrusting it into confrontations whose consequences it cannot afford." He added: "The Lebanese, especially our people in the south, have paid a heavy price with



their lives, livelihoods and homes. They have the right to live in safety and build their future away from the cycle of war, displacement and destruction."

Salam's comments came amid growing concern in Lebanon that Hezbollah could enter another war in support of Iran if the country was subjected to fresh attacks. "Protecting Lebanon is a national responsibility that requires placing its supreme interests above all other considerations and ensuring that decisions on war and peace remain exclusively in the hands of the state and its constitutional institutions," he said. "We will not accept the Lebanese people having a fate imposed on them that they did not choose, or their country once again being turned into an arena for the conflicts of others.

"Our duty is to preserve Lebanon's sovereignty, protect its people and make every effort to spare it another war." Salam also strongly condemned any Lebanese individuals or groups interfering in the internal affairs of Arab countries, particularly through military activities that threaten their security.

He referred to "the latest announcement by the government of brotherly Yemen," without providing further details.

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"Foodgrain production has increased by 49 per cent in 10 years; India has become the world's largest rice producer": Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan addressed the 10th National Convention of Agrivision at Pusa, Delhi, today. He said that, while further improving farmers' livelihoods, India would no longer remain limited to meeting its own food requirements but would emerge as the 'food basket' of the entire world in the coming years. He made it clear that strict measures would be taken to curb the proliferation of private agricultural colleges operating without proper standards and issuing fake degrees. An Agriculture Council would soon be established to regulate these institutions and bring greater accountability to agricultural education. The government's focus would be on ensuring quality in agricultural education, safeguarding students' futures and strengthening the contribution of agriculture to the country's development.

In his address, Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan highlighted the journey of Indian agriculture, recalling a time when the country had to depend on imported foodgrains under the PL-480 programme. Today, however, through the hard work of Indian farmers and the adoption of modern policies, the country has achieved complete self-reliance in foodgrain production. Between 2014 and 2024, India's total agricultural production increased by 49 per cent. The country now ranks first in the world in rice production and exports, while it ranks second in wheat production. He emphasised that the challenge before India was no longer simply to increase production. Instead, the focus must shift towards scientific storage, efficient management and expanding exports to global markets. Strengthening these areas would help ensure that the country makes the best possible use of its agricultural output while creating further opportunities for farmers.



Shivraj Chouhan described the expertise of students and farmers' organisations as particularly important in the policymaking process. Calling upon the experts and students attending the convention to contribute their ideas and insights, the Union Minister said, "Deliberate in depth at this national convention and bring forth the nectar in the form of your conclusions. The government will take responsibility for sharing these ideas in the national interest and implementing them." He emphasised that the discussions should lead to practical recommendations capable of contributing to agricultural development and addressing the challenges faced by farmers and students. Announcing a follow-up meeting, he said he would meet the representatives again within the next 15 days to one month to develop a detailed action plan based on the convention's conclusions. The follow-up discussions would focus directly on developing and implementing both short-term and long-term plans, ensuring that the recommendations emerging from the convention translated into concrete action.

Emphasising the need to raise the standard of agricultural education, Union Minister Shri Shivraj Chouhan said that no institution would be permitted to operate merely as a business that collected fees and distributed degrees without maintaining appropriate standards. The government would ensure that technical qualifications pursued by young people, including Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSc Agriculture) and Master of Science in Agriculture (MSc Agriculture), retained their value and were not rendered useless. He stressed the importance of protecting students' investments of time, effort and money in their education by ensuring that agricultural institutions provided meaningful and credible qualifications. The proposed regulatory measures would seek to prevent the proliferation of substandard colleges and fake degrees while helping maintain the quality and credibility of agricultural education. The objective is to ensure that students receive an education that supports their future prospects and enables them to contribute effectively to the agricultural sector.

Referring to India's average landholding size of just 0.96 hectares, Shri Chouhan said that diversification was essential to increase the incomes of small and marginal farmers. Their livelihoods could be made more secure and prosperous by integrating multiple agricultural activities rather than depending solely on grain cultivation. Alongside foodgrain production, farmers should be encouraged to take up fruit and vegetable cultivation, medicinal plant farming, animal husbandry, fisheries, beekeeping and natural farming.

SEBI Cancels Karvy, 7 Others' Registrations Over Fee Default

Mumbai, Nov 4 (Way to News): The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has cancelled the registrations of eight investment advisers, including Karvy Investment Advisory Services Ltd and IDFC Alternatives Ltd, after they failed to pay mandatory renewal fees required to maintain their licences.

The market regulator said the affected entities did not comply with the renewal fee requirements prescribed under the SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013, resulting in their registrations ceasing to remain in force. Apart from Karvy Investment Advisory Services and IDFC Alternatives, the action also covers Sagacis Investment Advisor, Tathastu Investment Adviser, Quant Capital, Arkanis Capital, IRA Wealth Advisor and Indianivesh Investment Managers.

In its order, SEBI said registered investment advisers are required to pay renewal fees every five years to keep their registrations valid. Since the eight entities failed to make the necessary payments, their certificates of registration have been cancelled with immediate effect. The regulator said the move was aimed at preventing possible misuse of expired registration certificates and protecting investors from being misled into believing that the entities continued to hold valid SEBI authorisation.

According to SEBI, cancelling the registrations would help ensure that investors are not exposed to entities that may continue to present themselves as registered.

India's Manufacturing Sector Clocks Robust Growth

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): India's registered manufacturing sector has recorded a robust 7.25 per cent growth in the gross value of plant and machinery in the year 2024-25 over the previous year, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Wednesday.



During FY2024-25, the registered manufacturing industry experienced notable expansion, driven by upward trends across key economic metrics, including capital investment, production output, Gross Value Added (GVA), workforce numbers, and compensation in comparison to the prior year, an official statement said.

The manufacturing corporate sector, having a share of more than 89 per cent in total gross value added (GVA), has reported growth in the number of factories in operation and total persons engaged by 3.45 per cent and 7.57 per cent, respectively and GVA growth of 9.28 per cent over the previous year.

The top five industries — food products, textiles, basic metals, motor vehicles, and wearing apparel taken together, have contributed more than 41 per cent of the total manufacturing employment of the country during 2024-25.

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh have emerged as the top 5 states in respect of GVA, having a share of more than 54 per cent of the total manufacturing GVA of the country in 2024-25.

The ministry has released the results of the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for the financial year 2024-25. Detailed publications of ASI 2024-25 comprising Volume I and Summary Results of Factory Sector along with unit-level data have now been disseminated by MOSPI. The figures show that the factories with an investment in plant and machinery up to Rs 5 crore account for 78.69 per cent of the total factories that operated during 2024-25. While these factories share 10.55 per cent of total fixed capital, their share in total persons engaged is 34.32 per cent. Their contribution to the total output and net value added is 19.24 per cent and 17.61 per cent, respectively.

FICCI Seeks LTCG Tax Exemption On Equities In Budget Wish List

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has urged the Finance Ministry to exempt long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax on listed equities in the Budget for 2027-28, while also calling for a stable 10-year capital gains tax regime, changes to tax rules for foreign investors, and the removal of certain tax deduction at source (TDS) requirements.

The apex business chamber has contended that the reintroduction of the LTCG tax in 2018, without withdrawing the securities transaction tax (STT) on listed shares, has resulted in a dual levy on equities. It has also flagged the increase in short-term capital gains (STCG) tax to 20 per cent and LTCG tax to 12.5 per cent from July 23, 2024, with an exemption threshold of Rs 1.25 lakh.

The industry body further cited foreign portfolio investor withdrawals of around Rs 3.08 lakh crore during the year and said higher capital gains tax and the absence of forex adjustment have eroded returns on equity.

FICCI has proposed restoring the LTCG exemption on listed securities. If required to protect revenue, the government could appropriately increase STT on delivery-based transactions, it added. It has also sought a commitment to maintain the capital gains tax framework for around 10 years.

Government Approves Strategic Restructuring of IDBI Bank Ltd

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): IDBI Bank Ltd. is a scheduled commercial bank regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Due to its poor financial health, the Bank required repeated infusion of capital, initially provided by the Government of India and later by the LIC. On 5th May, 2017, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) put the IDBI Bank under the Prompt Corrective Action Framework and imposed several restrictions in view of its non-performing assets and losses incurred by the Bank. After considering the improvement in the Bank's financial health, the RBI later, vide its letter dated 10th March, 2021, lifted the restrictions imposed on the IDBI Bank subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring.



It was against this backdrop that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved strategic restructuring of the IDBI Bank Ltd., and in compliance thereof, it was decided that an aggregate 60.72% of the equity stake in the IDBI Bank Ltd be sold to a Strategic Buyer, of which, the GoI share would be 30.48% and the LIC share would be 30.24%, leaving a residual shareholding of 15% with the GoI and 19% with the LIC.

The decision of the CCEA was implemented through a two-stage, competitive bidding process supported by a multi-layered, collective decision-making mechanism consisting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD) and the Alternative Mechanism (AM) consisting of an empowered Group of Cabinet Ministers.

The Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) from all interested parties was issued on 07.10.2022. Only the parties found 'Fit and Proper' by the RBI and granted security clearance by the MHA could participate.

Phased implementation mandated to provide Multi-State Cooperative Societies adequate time to strengthen their systems and processes

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): Guided by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahkar se Samriddhi' and under the leadership of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation continue to promote a transparent, accountable, financially sound and professionally governed cooperative sector. In furtherance of the same, Ministry of Cooperation has mandated the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2026 (MSCARO, 2026), aimed at strengthening transparency, accountability, financial discipline and good governance in Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS). The mandated framework marks another significant step towards building a more transparent, professionally managed and accountable cooperative ecosystem while safeguarding the interests of cooperative members.



The Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023 empowered the Central Government, under Section 73(6), to prescribe auditing and accounting standards for Multi-State Cooperative Societies. In pursuance of this provision, the Ministry of Cooperation has formulated MSCARO, 2026, based on inputs received from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) and Multi-State Cooperative Societies. Modelled on the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order (CARO) applicable to the corporate sector, MSCARO seeks to establish a uniform, structured and risk-based framework for statutory audit reporting in Multi-State Cooperative Societies. Under the mandated framework, auditors will be required to report on important financial, administrative, governance and statutory compliance parameters through a standardized format providing for clear Yes/No responses along with relevant remarks. This will enhance consistency in audit reporting, facilitate identification of irregularities and strengthen regulatory oversight.

A major feature of the mandated framework is the introduction of risk-based regulatory supervision, enabling the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) to identify societies exhibiting higher financial or governance risks based on audit observations. This will facilitate more focused inspections, inquiries and regulatory interventions, thereby improve the effectiveness of supervision and ensure timely corrective measures.

The mandated framework will also facilitate early identification of financial stress through systematic reporting of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), overdue loans, liquidity positions, deposits, advances, repayment defaults and borrowings. Such disclosures will help identify emerging financial vulnerabilities and enable timely remedial action before they develop into more serious financial or operational concerns.

Another important objective of MSCARO, 2026 is to strengthen the protection of members' funds and financial interests. The mandated audit requirements will enable independent verification of investments, utilization of funds, share capital, membership records and relevant statutory approvals.

India and Brunei Darussalam Review Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation at Third Joint Trade Committee Meeting

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): The third meeting of the India–Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee (JTC) was convened to review bilateral trade and economic cooperation and identify avenues for strengthening commercial ties between the two countries. The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India, Shri Amit Verma, and Permanent Secretary (Economy & Trade), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Brunei Darussalam, Dr. May Fa'ezah Ahmad Ariffin. Representatives from relevant Ministries, Departments and organisations of both countries participated in the deliberations.



The discussions focused on expanding bilateral trade, addressing market access priorities and identifying institutional mechanisms to facilitate business-to-business exchanges. Both sides also deliberated on facilitating exports of agricultural and animal products from India to Brunei Darussalam, with a view to supporting food security and diversifying trade. Pharmaceuticals, healthcare and energy were identified as key areas for further cooperation. Both sides explored opportunities for regulatory collaboration, procurement and healthcare services, recognising the potential for greater engagement in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. Discussions on energy covered traditional and emerging energy partnerships to support sustained industrial growth.

The two sides also emphasised the importance of strengthening people-to-people ties and commercial outreach through cooperation in tourism and participation in trade fairs and exhibitions. They noted that targeted trade promotion events and reciprocal business delegations could help identify investment opportunities in manufacturing, infrastructure and services.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining regular communication between relevant nodal agencies and working groups to monitor follow-up actions and advance the trade and investment objectives discussed during the meeting. The next meeting of the India–Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee will be held in Brunei Darussalam.

Govt Forms Committee on Sugarcane Farmers and Sugar Sector

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): The Government of India has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Ramesh Chand, former Member of NITI Aayog, to examine issues raised by sugarcane farmers and recommend appropriate measures for addressing their concerns.



The constitution of the Committee follows the decisions taken during a meeting of representatives of sugarcane farmers from Karnataka and Maharashtra with the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

The Committee will examine the demand for an increase in remunerative returns to sugarcane farmers, taking into account cultivation costs and other relevant factors. It will also examine the demand for revision of the ex-mill Minimum Selling Price (MSP) of sugar in the context of sugar production costs, market realisations, and the financial viability of sugar mills. Other key areas of examination will include existing mechanisms for testing and reporting sugar recovery, measures to ensure transparent verification of recovery, and prevailing sugarcane weighment practices at sugar mills, including the adequacy of calibration, inspection and verification mechanisms. The Committee will also examine prevailing practices, relating to deductions from the weight of mechanically harvested sugarcane and assess.

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Kohli's 74 Powers India To 5-Wicket Win Over NZ

Auckland, Nov 4 (Way to News): Veteran batter Virat Kohli struck a commanding 74 off 51 balls after Arshdeep Singh, Gurnoor Brar and Anshul Kamboj's scintillating bowling show as India beat New Zealand by five wickets in a rain-affected first ODI here at Eden Park on Wednesday. India's 'inexperienced' pace attack produced an impressive collective performance to bowl New Zealand out for 185 in 40.2 overs. In response, the visitors chased down a revised target of 143 in 22.4 overs to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.



India's chase suffered an early setback when Rohit Sharma was dismissed for a six-ball duck by Kyle Jamieson in the opening over. However, Kohli joined skipper Shubman Gill to take control of the innings, with the pair building a match-defining partnership.

The chase was interrupted twice by rain, with the contest eventually reduced to 32 overs and India's target revised to 143 under the DLS method. Kohli brought up his half-century after the second resumption, reaching the milestone off 35 deliveries with a powerful pull through mid-wicket in the 16th over. The experienced batter continued to dominate New Zealand's short-ball approach, striking 13 fours and a six. His innings also saw him move past Sachin Tendulkar to become the highest run-scorer in ODI run chases, taking his tally to 8,741 runs, compared to Tendulkar's 8,720.

Gill provided steady support with 37 off 56 balls as the duo added a century partnership, their sixth 100-plus stand in 27 ODI innings together. New Zealand finally broke through when Nathan Smith had Gill caught behind for 37 in the 19th over. Kohli, however, continued to keep India comfortably ahead of the required rate before Jacob Duffy dismissed him for 74, caught by Tim Seifert at deep backward square leg. Duffy struck again in the same over, removing Axar Patel for a duck, while Shreyas Iyer fell for 15 to give the hosts a late glimmer of hope. But the result was never seriously in doubt. KL Rahul and Naman Dhir ensured there were no further complications, with the latter pulling Nathan Smith through mid-wicket for four to seal the win.

Earlier, Arshdeep Singh claimed four wickets, while Gurnoor Brar took three and Anshul Kamboj picked up two as India restricted New Zealand to 185. The hosts had no answers to the riddles and questions that India's pace attack threw at them, as they were held to a paltry total to make things a tad bit easier for the visitors.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 185/10 in 40.2 overs (Tim Seifert 38, Blair Tickner 34; Arshdeep Singh 4-70, Gurnoor Brar 3-44, Anshul Kamboj 2-22) lose to India 143/5 in 22.4 overs, via DLS method (Virat Kohli 74, Shubman Gill 37; Jacob Duffy 3-49, Nathan Smith 1-21) by five wickets.

Infantino Praises India's Performance at Inaugural U-15 WC

FIFA President hails India's showing at the youth football tournament and festival



New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): FIFA president Gianni Infantino has praised India's performance at the inaugural FIFA U-15 World Cup and Festival in Azerbaijan, describing the young side as a "very, very strong team" and highlighting their campaign as one of the tournament's major highlights.

In a video interaction with a young Indian footballer, shared on his Instagram account, Infantino acknowledged India's performances during the competition and said the tournament was about more than just winning matches, particularly for players at the Under-15 level.

'India won quite a few games. You have actually been a very, very strong team in this very first FIFA World Cup and Festival here in Azerbaijan. It has been one of the highlights," Infantino said.

"Many teams have performed well, many players have done fantastically, and it's important in football, in any case, especially at the under-15 level, of course, to come, to enjoy the experience, to learn and to go back home with something that you can cherish and take with you for your whole life," he added.

Coached by Bibiano Fernandes, India finished 87th among 189 participating nations after playing 10 matches in the inaugural tournament in Baku.

The Blue Colts registered five victories, defeating Laos (4-2), Cameroon (2-1), Bahrain, Trinidad and Tobago and Cuba (6-4). They suffered four defeats against Senegal, Honduras, Afghanistan and Kazakhstan, while their only draw came against Grenada (3-3), despite taking a three-goal lead in the match. India signed off their campaign on a winning note, beating Cuba 6-4 in the 87th-place play-off at the Hovsan Competition Complex on October 30. R Lalremruatfela emerged as India's leading goalscorer with nine goals, while Lalawmpuia finished with eight. Nibas contributed four goals, with Macdonnish Ngairangbam and Ronandev Aheibam scoring three each. C Lalhmingropuia and Soumojit Sarkar also found the net during the campaign.

PV Sindhu aualifies for BWF World Tour Finals



New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): India ace shuttler P.V. Sindhu has qualified for the BWF World Tour Finals, the Badminton World Federation confirmed on Wednesday. The World Tour Finals will take place in Hangzhou, China, from December 9-13. Her familiar foes, An Se Young, Akane Yamaguchi, Wang Zhi Yi and Chen Yu Fei, are others to qualify for the year-ender tournament.

Held during non-Thomas Cup years, the tournament invited the top eight players/pairs on the year-end world rankings. With five women's singles players confirmed – Japan's Tomoka Miyazaki, Nozomi Okhuhara, Ratchanok Intanon and Putri Kusuma Wardani (Indonesia), Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong and Denmark's Line Christophersen – are the other shutters in the race for the three remaining spots.

This will be Sindhu's sixth career appearance in the World Tour Finals and her first since 2021. She had qualified for 2022 but withdrew due to an injury. She is the only Indian to win a BWF World Tour Finals women's singles title when she defeated Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in 2018. The 2019 world champion's recent Hylo Open title win proved significant in Sindhu qualifying for the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals. The Super 500 title added 9,200 points to her tally, which took her two spots up to sixth in the latest update of the BWF World Rankings.

Hylo Open crown was Sindhu's second title on tour this year after the Japan Open Super 750 in July, which was her first individual crown since December 2024. Overall, she now has seven BWF World Tour titles to her name. She had also played the final at the French Open before the Hylo Open but lost to world No. 1 and reigning Olympic and World champion An Se-young of Korea. This is the first season since 2022 in which Sindhu has won multiple BWF World Tour titles. Days after her Hylo Open title run, Sindhu decided to skip the Korea Open and Japan Masters to relax and get fit for the BWF World Tour Final.

Sindhu's qualification marks a significant boost to Indian badminton ahead of the prestigious season-ending event. Her return to the World Tour Finals after a four-year gap reflects her impressive comeback this season, with consistent performances and two major titles strengthening her position among the world's leading women's singles players.

Athlete education, doping prevention is our priority: Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday launched the Extramural Research Grant Policy of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) at the 10th World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists (WAADS) Quality Assurance Managers' Meeting 2026 here. The two-day meeting that began on November 2 was organised by NDTL and brought together international stakeholders from the sports and scientific communities.



Mandaviya, as the chief guest, also oversaw the launch of the NDTL Newsletter at the meet. "Friends, India has zero tolerance for doping. Our responsibility is to ensure that every victory is earned through talent, discipline, and hard work," Mandaviya said. "Over the last two years, under the leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, sports has been recognised as an important pillar of nation-building. India's sporting journey has entered a new phase," he said.

Highlighting India's commitment towards further anti-doping research and education, Mandaviya said, "Today we launched the important Extramural Research Grant Policy, which aims at promoting research and development in areas of advanced detection and prevention. This initiative will strengthen the scientific foundation of our anti-doping efforts." With India set to host Commonwealth Games 2030 and harbouring ambitions of hosting the 2036 Olympics, education and awareness about doping play a vital role in India's fight towards preventing it. The Minister stated that India has already taken major steps towards becoming a sporting nation, and the recent performances of its athletes at the 2026 Asian Games prove that.

Over the two days, the meeting was also attended by Secretary (Sports) Hari Ranjan Rao, along with international delegates, Dr Osquel Barroso, Senior Associate Director (Laboratory Science and Medicine), WADA, Dr Dorota Kwiatkowska, President, WAADS, Prof (Dr) PL Sahu, Director, NDTL, and other eminent Scientists.

Eala advances, Samsonova upset at Hong Kong open

Hong Kong, Nov 4 (Way to News): Second seed Alexandra Eala defeated British lucky loser Emerson Jones in straight sets to enter the second round of the Prudential Hong Kong Open WTA tournament on Tuesday, while top seed Sorana Cirstea and fifth seed Talia Gibson also progressed. However, seventh seed Liudmila Samsonova suffered a first-round upset. Eala made a flying start, racing to a 4-0 lead in the opening set. Jones, who entered the main draw following the withdrawal of American Alycia Parks, fought back to narrow the gap to 4-3. However, the Filipino held her nerve to take the set 6-4.

Ranked a career-high 17th in the WTA rankings this week, Eala continued her strong performance in the second set, establishing a 5-1 lead. Jones managed to recover one break, but Eala maintained her advantage to seal a 6-4, 6-3 victory in one hour and 23 minutes.

Eala will next face Czech teenager Tereza Valentova, who defeated qualifier Himeno Sakatsume 6-3, 7-5 in another first-round encounter on Tuesday. Earlier, top seed Cirstea recovered from an early break down in the deciding set to overcome Maria Timofeeva 7-6, 1-6, 7-5 and advance to the second round. Cirstea will next take on American Mary Stoiana, who defeated seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams in straight sets on Monday. Fifth seed Gibson, who achieved a career-high ranking of 36th this week, fought back from a 5-3 deficit in the opening set to beat Oleksandra Oliynykova 7-6, 6-1.

Defending Champions India To Face Malaysia In Women's Asian Champions Trophy Openera

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Way to News): Defending Champions India will kickstart their Women's Asian Champions Trophy campaign against Malaysia when the six-nation tournament kicks off on November 19 in Bhopal as the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) announced the schedule for the tournament. Six teams – India, Japan, China, Malaysia, Thailand and South Korea – will compete for the continental title in what promises to be an exciting showcase of women's hockey. The continental tournament will take place at Bhopal's new hockey stadium at the International Sports Complex in Nathu Barkheda.



The hosts India enter the competition as defending champions and three-time winners, having lifted the title in 2016, 2023 and 2024. India will be aiming to secure a third consecutive title and extend their success in the competition.

The tournament will hold special significance for the Indian women as it marks their first international assignment following their historic gold medal triumph at the Asian Games in Japan last month. The tournament will follow a round-robin format, with each team facing the other five teams once. The top four teams at the end of the league stage will advance to the semi-finals. The opening day on November 19 will feature Asia's top-ranked team, China, taking on Thailand in the tournament opener. India will begin their campaign against Malaysia in a match preceded by the opening ceremony on the same day. The hosts will subsequently face South Korea on November 21, Thailand on November 22, China on November 24 and Japan on November 25. November 20, 23 and 26 have been designated as rest days. The classification match for fifth and sixth place, followed by the two semi-finals, will take place on November 27. The tournament will conclude on November 28 with the bronze-medal match and the final, where the three medal-winning teams will be decided.

Oman Qualifies For 2027 Men's ODI WC Qualifier On Net Run Rate Despite Defeat To UAE

Dubai, Nov 4 (Way to News): Oman sealed a place in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2027, despite losing to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 42 runs in the final match of the World Cup League 2 at the ICC Academy Ground on Wednesday. The defeat was Oman's seventh loss in a row, and it left them level with Namibia on 33 points. But their superior net run rate of -0.224 was enough for them to clinch the fourth and final direct qualifying spot from the league.



Sent in to bat first, the UAE posted 226/8 in their 50 overs. Captain Rahul Chopra and Adeeb Usmani made 47 each, while Basil Hameed chipped in with 43. Left-arm spinner Shakeel Ahmed was the pick of the Oman bowlers with figures of 3-42.Oman's chase stumbled early when Muhammad Rohid struck twice to leave them at 28/3. Mujibur Ali fought back with 65, but Oman finished well short on 184/9 in their allotted 50 overs. Despite that setback, Oman joined League 2 champions the USA, Scotland and the Netherlands in the 10-team global qualifying tournament.

Namibia, Canada, Nepal and the UAE, the other four League 2 sides, now face the Qualifier Playoff for another shot. They will be joined there by Jersey and Kuwait from Challenge League A, and by Italy and Uganda from Challenge League B. Four spots in the global qualifier are on offer from the eight-team playoff.

The global qualifier will decide who will grab the last four places at the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup.

Sachin Tendulkar invests in Hitwicket, targets 100 million downloads

Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Way to News): Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has acquired a significant minority stake in Hyderabad-based gaming startup Metasports Interactive, the developer of popular mobile cricket strategy game Hitwicket. Besides investing in the company, Tendulkar will actively contribute to the game's development by sharing insights from his illustrious cricketing career to make the gaming experience more realistic and engaging.



The association, which began with discussions about a possible collaboration around six months ago, eventually led Tendulkar to become an investor in the startup. The financial details of his investment and the company's valuation have not been disclosed.

Metasports Interactive co-founder and CEO Kashyap Reddy said Tendulkar's involvement would go beyond being a brand ambassador or a playable character in the game. His understanding of cricketing strategies, field placements and match situations is expected to help developers incorporate finer aspects of the sport into the gaming experience. Reddy said the company wanted to capture the thinking process of an accomplished cricketer and translate it into gameplay. This includes understanding technical details such as how grass growing in a particular direction on the field could influence the friction and movement of the ball.

Tendulkar said he was impressed by the way Hitwicket incorporates the strategic dimensions of cricket rather than concentrating solely on reflexes and batting skills.

According to the former India captain, cricket involves constantly reading the bowler, assessing field placements and deciding the appropriate approach for every delivery. He believes the game successfully recreates this decision-making process, allowing players to experience how a cricketer thinks while batting in the middle. Tendulkar will also feature as a playable character in Hitwicket and appear in various in-game experiences, special events, content initiatives and brand activations. The company is exploring ways to make his involvement more meaningful than simply introducing his digital likeness into the game. One possibility being considered is featuring Tendulkar as a team mentor or strategist, alongside his role as a playable character. Developers are also exploring different stages of his 24-year international career to reflect his evolution as a cricketer within the game, from an aggressive young batsman to a more experienced player who adapted his approach with time. Metasports is drawing inspiration from Japanese role-playing games to develop different character experiences and keep gameplay engaging.

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Vivek Oberoi, Nithya Menen's 'Mr and Mrs Grey' to release on Dec 11



The makers of 'Mr and Mrs Grey', starring Vivek Oberoi and Nithya Menen, have unveiled the film's first-look poster and announced that it will hit theatres on December 11.

Directed by Ankur Pajni and Vishal Ranjan Mishra, the film also features Shreya Sharma and Ashish Vidyarthi in important roles. The poster offers a glimpse of Oberoi and Menen's characters, with the tagline, "Every marriage has two sides. This one has shades you never saw coming."

The promotional material also hints at a suspense-filled storyline through the Hindi taglines, "(What if the person you would give your life for becomes the one you fear?) and " (Love has a shade of grey too). The film appears to revolve around a murder mystery. Produced by A Jhunjhunwala and Shikha Karan Ahluwalia under the Waveband Production banner, the film reportedly has Scotland among its shooting locations.

'Mr and Mrs Grey' marks the first on-screen collaboration between Oberoi and Menen. The project has reportedly been in the making for three years and marks Menen's return to Hindi cinema after her appearances in 'Mission Mangal', the television show 'Chhoti Maa...Ek Anokha Bandhan' and the web series 'Breathe: Into the Shadows'. Menen was last seen in Dhanush-starrer 'Idli Kadai'. Her upcoming projects include a fantasy dark comedy directed by DK, which she is also producing under her newly launched banner Keyuri Productions in association with Leo Vision. Oberoi, meanwhile, was last seen in 'Mastiii 4'. His upcoming projects include 'Ramayana', co-starring Ranbir Kapoor, and 'Spirit', featuring Prabhas.

The makers are expected to release more promotional material in the coming weeks, offering audiences further glimpses into the film's plot and characters. With its intriguing title, mysterious first look and fresh pairing of Vivek Oberoi and Nithya Menen, the film is expected to generate curiosity among moviegoers ahead of its December release.

Rashmika Mandanna unveils fierce Tandav Avatar in 'O Mysaa Re' song





Actress Rashmika Mandanna is set to explore a new dimension of her acting career with the upcoming action thriller Mysaa. Following the encouraging response to the film's teaser, the makers have released its first full-length song, 'O Mysaa Re', offering a glimpse of the actress's intense transformation.

The song features Rashmika performing a high-energy tandav-style dance, showcasing fierce expressions, powerful movements and an intense screen presence. Set against a tribal backdrop, the visuals complement the film's raw and earthy atmosphere. Composed by Jakes Bejoy, 'O Mysaa Re' blends powerful beats with tribal rhythms, adding to the film's action-packed mood.

Mysaa is being developed as a female-led pan-India action thriller. Along with high-octane action sequences, the film explores an emotional father-daughter relationship set against the backdrop of tribal lands. The film's first look, released in June 2026, featured Rashmika with a blood-streaked face, untamed hair and a sword in her hand, presenting her in a strikingly different avatar.

Sharing her excitement about the character, the actress had said that the role was unlike anything she had played before and introduced her to a completely new world. She described the character as fierce, intense and raw. Produced by Unformula Films and directed by Rawindra Pulle, Mysaa promises a combination of action, striking visuals and an emotional storyline. The film is scheduled to hit theatres on November 27, 2026.

Rajpal Yadav reveals getting beaten up in films is his 'Lucky Charm' for hits

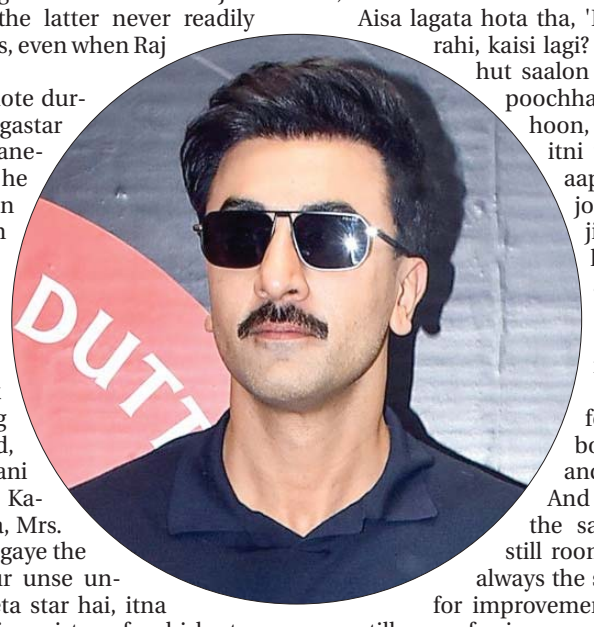


Actor Rajpal Yadav has revealed his unusual lucky charm for delivering hit films, saying that movies in which his characters get beaten up often turn out to be successful. During his appearance on 'Family Full House with Rohit Sharma', the actor shared a lighthearted moment with the host, who pointed out that Rajpal getting thrashed by his co-stars was a recurring feature in several popular films. Rohit cited films such as 'Bhaagam Bhaag', 'Khatta Meetha' and 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' before jokingly asking whether getting beaten up had become Rajpal's lucky charm.

Agreeing with the observation, Rajpal replied with his trademark humour, "Yes, jis mein hum peete the, woh film hit hoti hai" (Yes, the films in which I get beaten up become hits). His response drew laughter and applause from the audience. Over the years, Rajpal has entertained audiences through comic roles involving slapstick humour and chaotic situations. His performance as Gullu in 'Bhaagam Bhaag' (2006) and Chhote Pandit in 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' (2007) remain among his memorable roles.

He also featured in 'Khatta Meetha' (2010), alongside Akshay Kumar, and several other comedy entertainers, including 'Hungama', 'Waqt: The Race Against Time', 'Chup Chup Ke', 'Dhol', 'Partner', 'De Dana Dan' and 'Phir Hera Pheri'.

Kapoor family fathers never appreciated their children says Ranbir Kapoor



Bollywood superstar Ranbir Kapoor has opened up about what he believes is a generational tradition in the Kapoor family, where fathers have refrained from openly appreciating their sons' work, choosing instead to push them towards greater dedication and excellence.

Recalling an interesting anecdote involving his grandfather Raj Kapoor and great-grandfather Prithviraj Kapoor, Ranbir revealed how the latter never readily praised his son's achievements, even when Raj had become a celebrated star.

The actor shared the anecdote during a conversation with megastar Amitabh Bachchan on Kaun Banega Crorepati. He revealed that he had read about the incident in a book on Raj Kapoor written by his aunt, Ritu Nanda. According to the story, Raj once approached his father and questioned why he never appreciated his achievements or patted him on the back despite his success. Recalling the conversation, Ranbir said, "But I think maine ek kahani suni thi mere dadaji Shri Raj Kapoor ki kitab mein jo Ritu bua, Mrs. Ritu Nanda ne likhi thi, ke wo gaye the Prithviraj Kapoor ke paas aur unse unhone poocha ki aaj aapka beta star hai, itna kuch kar raha hai, aap kabhi meri tareef nahi karte, mere peeth pe thapthapate nahi. Toh unhone ek kahani sunai thi Shri Raj Kapoor ko ki ek chhota balak tha raste par ek balancing act karta tha ek rope par aur roz bahut saari janata aati thi, taaliyan maarti thi, paise dete the, bahut wah-wah hoti thi." (I think I once heard a story in a book about my grandfather, Shri Raj Kapoor, written by my aunt, Ritu bua, Mrs. Ritu Nanda. He had gone to Prithviraj Kapoor and asked him, 'Your son is a star today and is achieving so much, but you never praise me or pat me on the back.' Prithviraj Kapoor then narrated a story to Shri Raj Kapoor about a little boy who performed a balancing act on a rope by the roadside. Every day, large crowds would gather, applaud him, give him money and shower him with praise)

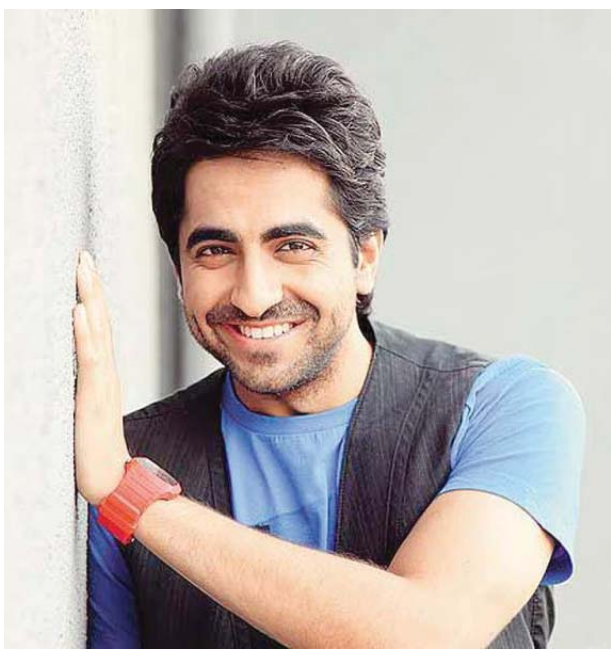
Elaborating on the story, Ranbir recalled how the young boy would approach his father after every performance, hoping to hear words of appreciation, but would receive the same response every single time. The father would tell him that there was still room for improvement, despite the applause and admiration the boy received from the audience.

He added, "Aur jab act khatam hota tha toh balak apne pita ke paas jaata tha aur poochhta tha ki babuji kaisi rahi, aur wo hamesha ek hi baat kehte the, 'Kasar rahi'. Aisa lagata hota tha, 'Kasar rahi, kaisi hui? Kasar rahi, kaisi lagi? Kasar rahi.' Toh ek din bahut saalon baad jab unhone pitaji se poochha ki main itna achha karta hoon, log itni tareef karte hain, itni wah-wah karte hain meri, aap kyun kehte ho? Toh I think jo unhone kaha tha ki beta jiss din main aapki tareef karna shuru karunga, jo aapka ek lakshya hai, aapka joh dhyan hai woh yahan se hat jayega aur aap tareef mein kho jaoge.."

(And whenever the performance ended, the little boy would go to his father and ask, 'Father, how was it?' And his father would always give the same response: 'There was still room for improvement.' It was always the same: 'There was still room for improvement. How was it? There was still room for improvement. How did you like it?' Many years later, the boy finally asked his father, 'I perform so well, people appreciate me so much and shower me with praise. Why do you always say this?' I think his father replied, 'Son, the day I start praising you, your goal and your focus will shift away from what you are trying to achieve, and you will get lost in the praise.')

The Kapoor family is touted as one of the most influential film dynasties in Indian cinema. Generations of the family went on to become Bollywood stalwarts. The legacy began with Prithviraj Kapoor, who laid the foundation for the family's contribution to Indian theatre and cinema. His sons, Raj Kapoor, Shammi Kapoor and Shashi Kapoor, carried the legacy forward, carving their own identities as celebrated actors, filmmakers and entertainers. Raj Kapoor further strengthened the family's standing, with his sons Randhir Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor and Rajiv Kapoor also making their mark in the film industry.

Ayushmann Khurrana gets extortion threat from man posing as Bishnoi gang member



Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana received a threatening audio message from a man claiming links to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, with the sender demanding crores of rupees, Mumbai Police sources told media. Police are trying to verify the sender's identity, the sources said. Investigators are matching the voice in the audio clip against a sample from the suspected sender, whose name is already in police records, according to the report.

No formal complaint or FIR has been confirmed on record by Mumbai Police as of this report. The Pioneer could not independently verify the audio clip or the sender's claimed gang link.

The development comes a day after actor Tusshar Kapoor received a Rs 5 crore extortion threat from a man claiming links to the same gang, a case The Pioneer reported on Tuesday. Bollywood figures including Salman Khan have previously received threats linked to the Bishnoi network, which has claimed responsibility for extortion calls to several public figures over the past few years.

Kanika Kapoor announces separation from husband Gautam Hathiramani after 4 years of marriage



Singer Kanika Kapoor, known for popular songs such as 'Baby Doll' and 'Chittiyaan Kalaiyaan', has announced her separation from husband Gautam Hathiramani after four years of marriage. The singer shared the news through an emotional note on her Instagram Story on Tuesday night, November 3, requesting privacy as they move forward separately.In her statement, Kanika said the decision was taken after considerable thought and consideration. She expressed gratitude for the time they spent together and wished Gautam well for the future.

"Dear friends and family, after much thought and consideration, my husband and I are going our separate ways. I am grateful for the time we shared and wish him well for the future. I sincerely ask for kindness and respect for our privacy as we move forward," she wrote.

The singer has not disclosed the reason behind their separation. It is also unclear whether the couple has initiated divorce proceedings. Kanika married businessman Gautam Hathiramani in London in May 2022. Their wedding photographs and videos had attracted considerable attention on social media.

This was Kanika's second marriage. She was earlier married to Raj Chandok in 1999. The couple separated in 2012 and have three children together.

Kanika rose to nationwide fame with the hit song 'Baby Doll' from the 2014 film 'Ragini MMS 2', featuring Sunny Leone. She has also lent her voice to several popular Bollywood tracks, including 'Chittiyaan Kalaiyaan' from 'Roy', 'Lovely' from 'Happy New Year', 'Desi Look' from 'Ek Paheli Leela', 'Tukur Tukur' from 'Dilwale' and 'Da Da Dasse' from 'Udta Punjab'.

Tabu Vishwaroopam in Nagarjuna's movie.. A surprise surprise on her birthday



Interest is growing in the film 'King 100' starring Akkineni Nagarjuna as the hero. Recently, the film team released her first look poster introducing Tabu's character in the film. Wishing Tabu on her birthday, she was introduced as 'Mahanthi Jhansi Rani'. Glimpses suggest that this character is going to have a royal, political background, and a serious personality.

The glimpses of Tabu's character in this film are interesting. Her character believes that there are two types of people in the world. One believes in hardship. The other believes in luck. However, this video shows that Mahanthi Jhansi Rani does not like people who believe in luck. She will be seen as a member of the royal family and a leader who plays a key role in politics. The film team announced the title of 'King 100' in August this year on the occasion of Nagarjuna's birthday. The release date of the film was also revealed then. It will be released worldwide on December 24. In the first glimpse released on the occasion, Nagarjuna was seen in a stylish and elegant look.

Nagarjuna's dialogue through his character, where he said that there are only two types of people in the world, those with money and those without money, was impressive. His words that he was seen as a loser when he had no money, and when he got money, he was recognized as a king, revealed the nature of the character. However, the dialogue that says that his identity is more powerful than money and that he has to run constantly to maintain it, has raised expectations on the film. Directed by R.A. Karthik, this film is being produced by Annapurna Studios. Devi Sri Prasad is composing the music. Raja Mahadevan is handling the cinematography and Naveen Nooli is handling the editing. We'll have to wait until December 24th to see how Nagarjuna and Tabu's characters will perform on the silver screen.

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