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Telangana to restructure school education up to Class 12

Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy stated that educational reforms are being implemented in the state with the primary objective of benefiting students. He emphasized that the goal is to prepare students to meet the demands of the modern world by providing quality education from the nursery level through to the university level. The Chief Minister held a high-level review meeting regarding the Education Department at MCRHRD. During the meeting, he directed officials to implement a new educational structure, extending up to the 12th grade, starting from the next academic year.

He instructed that the system be organized as follows: primary education from nursery to 4th grade, secondary education from 5th to 8th grade, and senior secondary education from 9th to 12th grade. He stressed that by the time students complete the 12th grade, they should have attained full proficiency in language and information skills. Furthermore, he noted that after the 12th grade, students should have the opportunity to choose subjects of their interest and develop expertise in those fields.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy instructed officials to accelerate the recruitment process for Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and other faculty positions in universities. He emphasized the strict adherence to the established recruitment regulations and directed the Chairman of the Council of Higher Education, along with the Vice-Chancellors of the universities, to pay special attention to this matter.

It was noted that a large number of students drop out of education after the 10th grade, with the majority of these being girls and children from Dalit, tribal, and minority communities. In contrast, institutions like Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas—which offer continuous education up to the 12th grade—experience significantly lower dropout rates. It was clarified that 18 states across the country have already implemented an education system that extends up to the 12th grade, and that this decision has been taken with the best interests of the students in mind.

Search Launched for Missing SPOs in Kishtwar

Security Forces Launch Massive Operation in J&K After Two Police Personnel Go Missing

Jammu, Nov 11 (Way to News) A massive search operation has been launched in a remote forest area of Kishtwar district in Jammu division after two Special Police Officers (SPOs), who were on patrol duty, reportedly went missing along with their service weapons.

The two SPOs, identified as Rashpal Kumar (40) and Bobby Chand (54), were posted in the Kiyar area of Dachhan in Kishtwar. According to reports, they were attached to the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, which is actively engaged in anti-terror operations across the Union Territory. The duo went missing while on patrol duty between Deharna and Kiyar. Although there has been no official statement regarding their disappearance, the area where they were patrolling is surrounded by dense forests and has witnessed terrorist movement in the recent past. Some Hizbul Mujahideen militants are also believed to be active in the region. Some reports suggested that the SPOs went missing after gunshots were heard in the area. However, no police official has confirmed these reports.



EC releases seat-wise data to counter vote mismatch claims

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): The Election Commission on Wednesday described as misleading a social media post that claimed inconsistencies between the votes polled and the votes counted in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and in state assembly elections held that year, and published seat-wise figures to rebut it.



The claim originated in a report by Reporters' Collective, published on November 10, which said the commission's internal records showed that votes cast did not match votes counted in 51 seats across Maharashtra, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir. In a three-part fact-check posted on X, the commission said it publishes the number of electors, votes polled through EVMs, postal ballots and total votes cast in its statistical reports and index cards, all available on its website. It questioned the reference to "internal records", noting that the post named constituencies and alleged the commission had counted zero votes in some of them without saying which records it was relying on. The commission reiterated that Form 17C is the sole statutory account of votes cast at a polling station. It is prepared by the presiding officer at the close of polling and copies of Part-I are given to the polling agents of candidates present. On counting day, counting agents match the votes polled in Part-I with the votes counted in Part-II.

Chief Electoral Officers of the two states issued seat-wise clarifications. Maharashtra's CEO said that in Beed, of 3,84,885 electors, 2,38,845 votes were polled on EVMs and 2,42,084 including postal ballots; the "1,45,256 fewer votes counted" in the report was in fact the gap between electors and votes polled. In Dahanu, 3,01,257 electors polled 2,20,919 EVM votes and 2,21,818 including postal ballots. In Mumbai North, 18,12,115 electors polled 10,33,267 EVM votes and 10,36,496 including postal ballots; the report, it said, had taken the electorate of about 18.1 lakh as the number of votes polled.

EC officials separately rejected reports of a discrepancy in Mumbai North in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, saying they confused electors with voters: 10,33,267 voters, or 60.44 per cent of the electorate, exercised their franchise.

SC: Court choice must not depend on perceived specialisation

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): The Supreme Court has transferred a commercial intellectual property suit from the Delhi High Court to the Madras High Court, observing that the choice of a forum cannot be driven by a perception that one High Court is better suited to adjudicate a particular category of disputes. A Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and R. Mahadevan allowed a transfer petition filed by Sai Maghalakshmi Traders, Sri Lakshmi Srinivasa Enterprises, and M.P.K. Traders against M/s Sri Lakshmi Srinivasa Agro Foods and SLS Agro Ventures, seeking the transfer of a commercial suit instituted by the latter before the Delhi High Court. In its order, the apex court recorded that the petitioners, who are defendants in the suit, carry on business in Chennai, while the plaintiffs have their principal place of business at Nelamangala in Karnataka's Bengaluru Rural district.



Questioning the decision to institute the proceedings before the Delhi High Court, the Justice Nagarathna-led Bench observed: "We fail to understand as to why the respondents/plaintiffs have filed the suit before the Delhi High Court when both the parties are residing in the neighbouring States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and the Madras High Court also has original jurisdiction to entertain the suit."

It observed that the issue went beyond the convenience of the litigating parties and involved the need to discourage forum shopping and perceptions of superiority among High Courts. "We wish to observe that it is not merely concerns of convenience that animate the need for transfer of proceedings in the instant case," the Supreme Court said. It further said that the perception of a particular High Court being better suited to hear a specific category of disputes was "entirely misguided and erroneous".

"The mere existence of territorial jurisdiction in various courts cannot on its own become justification for forum shopping and cannot result in the perpetuation of notions of a hierarchy among the High Courts of this country," the bench said.

Demonetisation will be BJP's 'Vote Ban': Akhilesh Yadav

Lucknow, Nov 11 (Way to News) Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav, in a scathing critique of the BJP-led dispensation, described the demonetisation (note ban) as the "most corrupt decision in the world's history" and warned that this will prove to be a "vote ban" for the ruling party in the state.

Addressing a press conference here, Akhilesh Yadav said that the country's economy suffered a death blow due to the note ban, imposed by the Narendra Modi government in 2016, and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) witnessed the worst setback. He alleged that demonetisation failed to achieve its stated objectives, hurt small businesses and MSMEs, and damaged the country's banking system. Notably, the Central government had brought demonetisation of high-value currency notes, effective from Nov 8, 2016, for reining in rampant tax evasion and curbing the influence of black money. Akhilesh Yadav claimed that the demonetisation will lead to a 'vote ban' for the BJP, asserting that the electoral battle in Uttar Pradesh would not be an '80-20 or '20-80 contest. rather, it would be '95-5 now, implying that the BJP would be completely wiped out.



He also took a 'Khazanchi' dig at the BJP, stating that the boy born during demonetisation has now turned ten years old, yet the BJP never once celebrated his birthday. "The BJP should now 'adopt' him—though not in the same way its leaders 'adopted' villages. To this day, it is the Samajwadi family that continues to look after Khazanchi and his education," he remarked.

Amul, Mother dairy hike milk rrices by up to Rs 4

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): Leading dairy brands Amul and Mother Dairy on Wednesday announced a hike in milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective November 12, citing a sharp rise in input and operational costs, including fodder, cattle feed, packaging and transportation expenses. In a statement, Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets dairy products under the Amul brand, said prices of fresh pouch milk have been increased by 4-5 per cent across major variants and packs nationwide.

The cooperative said the price of its largest-selling Amul Taaza toned milk has been raised by Rs 2 per litre, while the price of Amul Gold milk has been increased by Rs 4 per litre. This is the company's second milk price revision this year, following an increase in May. "The price of our largest-selling Amul Taaza toned milk with 3 per cent milk fat has been increased by only Rs 2 per litre (3.3 per cent increase) and Amul Gold Milk with 6 per cent milk fat by Rs 4 per litre (5.5 per cent rise)," GCMMF said.



Separately, Mother Dairy announced a similar increase of Rs 2-4 per litre across its liquid milk variants from November 12.

The company said uneven monsoon conditions in many regions have pushed green and dry fodder prices up by as much as 20 per cent, while cattle feed costs have risen around 10 per cent over the last year, increasing production costs for dairy farmers. "Mother Dairy is revising the consumer prices of its liquid milk variants in the range of Rs. 2 – 4 per litre, effective November 12, 2026," the company stated.

Delhi AQI over 300, improvement likely with stronger winds in next few days

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): Delhi's air quality remained in the 'very poor' category on Wednesday morning, with the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded at 308 at 8.40 a.m. However, a further improvement in air quality is expected over the next few days as wind speeds are likely to increase.



Of the 59 air quality monitoring stations that reported data on Wednesday, 29 recorded 'very poor' air quality, while the remaining stations fell in the 'poor' category. Notably, none of the monitoring stations reported 'severe' air quality. Among the stations recording 'very poor' AQI were Burari (319), Chhawla (398), NIH Narela (356), Talkatora Garden (333), NSUT Jaffarpur (351), Badarpur (312), Punjabi Bagh (343), Sirifort (321), Pusa (361), NSIT Dwarka (352), Chandni Chowk (383), ITO (369), Wazirpur (323) and Jahangirpuri (324).

Other locations, including Karala (220), Ghoga (263), Nangloi (274), Maidan Garhi (277), Tikri Kalan (276), Ghummanhera (279), Dwarka Sector 8 (294), Bawana (306) and Narela (267), recorded varying levels of pollution.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), an AQI between zero and 50 is classified as 'good', 51-100 as 'satisfactory', 101-200 as 'moderate', 201-300 as 'poor', 301-400 as 'very poor' and 401-500 as 'severe'.

Meanwhile, the CPCB on Tuesday clarified that variations between AQI figures displayed on private applications and its official platform stem from differences in pollutant concentration measurements and calculation methodologies, rather than any under-reporting.

In a statement posted on X, the pollution watchdog responded to media reports questioning AQI reporting during and after Diwali. The concerns included the capping of AQI readings at 500, missing data from certain monitoring stations in Delhi and discrepancies between different platforms.

Six Coaches of Kolkata–Sairang express derail in Assam; several injured

Guwahati, Nov 11 (Way to News): Several passengers were injured after at least six coaches of the Kolkata–Sairang Express derailed near Digaru railway station on the outskirts of Guwahati early Wednesday, officials said. The incident occurred at around 6.54 a.m. when the train, travelling from Sairang in Mizoram towards Kolkata, derailed along with its locomotive, railway officials said. Senior officials of the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) rushed to the spot soon after receiving information about the derailment, and rescue and restoration operations were initiated. Kapinjal Kishore Sharma, Chief Public Relations Officer of the Northeast Frontier Railway, said that there were no reports of casualties so far.

"Six coaches of the Kolkata–Sairang Express derailed at Digaru railway station at around 6.54 a.m. today. So far, no casualties have been reported. Our senior officials have rushed to the spot," Sharma told. Several passengers, however, sustained injuries in the accident. The exact number of those injured, and the severity of their condition, were yet to be officially confirmed.



Railway and local authorities were assessing the situation and making arrangements for assistance to the affected passengers, officials said. The derailment has also raised concerns over possible disruption of train movement on the route. Railway personnel were working at the site to clear the affected section and restore normal operations at the earliest. The cause of the derailment was not immediately known. Railway authorities are expected to conduct a detailed inquiry to ascertain the circumstances that led to the accident. More details are awaited as rescue teams and senior railway officials continue operations at the site. The Kolkata–Sairang Express provides an important rail link between Mizoram and eastern India, and the incident is likely to draw attention to railway safety and infrastructure in the strategically important Northeast region.

Musi riverfront work to begin soon, says Revanth Reddy





Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that work on the Musi Riverfront project will commence soon. He stated that developing a 'night economy' in the vicinity of the Musi Riverfront would create employment opportunities for local youth.

He explained that transforming the Musi into a stunning riverfront, coupled with the expansion of night-time economic activities, would contribute to the state's economic progress and, by extension, the nation's economic development. Reflecting on the glorious past of Hyderabad, the Chief Minister remarked that the initiative is not merely about the 'Old City,' but about restoring the 'Original City' to its former splendor. He emphasized that the riverfront would be developed into a prestigious landmark, designed to attract visitors from across the country and abroad.

The Chief Minister attended the National Education Day and Minority Welfare Day celebrations—organized by the State Minority Welfare Department at Banjara Bhavan in Hyderabad to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Minister of Education. He paid floral tributes to the portrait of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister recalled that following independence, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru placed the highest priority on education. He noted that it was during the tenure of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as Education Minister that the foundation was laid for the establishment of IITs across the country. It was noted that during the time of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the foundation for the nation's educational policy was laid, along with the establishment of prominent educational institutions, which significantly enhanced the country's reputation and prestige.

Explaining that formal education alone is insufficient in today's changing landscape—where individuals with specific skills are increasingly valued globally—it was stated that the government has transformed ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) into ATCs (Advanced Training Centers) to help the youth acquire relevant skills for the modern era. Reforms have been introduced in the education sector, prioritizing structured learning from nursery to class 12, followed by a focus on skill development and, subsequently, innovation. It was highlighted that many minority youth possess various skills. It was suggested that children should be encouraged to pursue quality education; for those less inclined toward academics, the focus should shift toward skill training or encouragement in sports. Recognizing the growing importance of 'blue-collar' jobs, the Chief Minister stated that a Skills University and a 'Young India' Sports University have been established in the state.

It was emphasized that the nation can only truly progress when minority communities who make up 15 percent of the country's population also achieve advancement. To help alleviate poverty among minority groups, a 4 percent reservation has been implemented, in line with the recommendations of the Sachar Committee.

GHMC receives cleanest city award under Swachh Survekshan



Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has congratulated the officials of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on the corporation being recognized as the cleanest city in the state of Telangana under the 'Swachh Survekshan 2025-26' rankings.

Hyderabad received this national recognition through the 'Swachh Survekshan'—an initiative conducted by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as part of the 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. The GHMC was selected for this honor based on key criteria, including sanitation management, waste collection, solid waste processing, sewage management, overall cleanliness, and public participation.

The Chief Minister extended his congratulations to State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan, and HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed, who received the award from the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at a ceremony held in Delhi.

The Chief Minister stated that the state government is working with the vision of transforming Hyderabad into a 'Green City' and a 'Net-Zero City'. He remarked that this recognition, based on various parameters of the Swachh Survekshan, is a matter of pride for both the city and the state. He commended the GHMC officials, staff, and sanitation workers for their unwavering dedication and hard work in achieving this honor, describing the award as a testament to their collective effort.

Bharat Summit to Champion Democracy, Non-Violence and Non-Alignment: Dy CM Vikramarka Bhatti



Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): Non-violence, non-alignment, and a mixed economic model serve as guiding principles for the world Bharat Summit to feature international deliberations on political, social, and economic issues Over 1,000 delegates from more than 70 countries to participate Viewing the opposition as enemies runs counter to the spirit of democracy. rotecting every citizen's right to vote is a core policy of the Congress party. Safeguarding democracy, non-violence, and non-alignment are the primary agenda of the summit: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

The Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, said the day may not be far off when the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad, will grow in importance and significance and emerge as the global event where nations gather to discuss political, social, and economic development issues. The Bharat Summit, being organized in Hyderabad for the second successive year under the of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is a prestigious initiative, Vikramarka said.

This year, it will be held on November 13 and 14 at Hitex. More than 1,000 participants — including elected representatives, policymakers, and intellectuals — from more than 70 countries confirmed their participation in the event. "I am confident that the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad will become synonymous for political, social and economic equity issues for nations, just as the Davos summit has become for business and economy related issues," Bhatti Vikramarka said.

He was addressing a press conference along with IT & Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, former external affairs minister Salman Khurshid, Congress Working Committee member Gurdeep Singh Sabbal, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Lok Sabha member Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and others at Hitex, the venue for the second Bharat Summit on November 13 and 14. To a question on Non-Alignment policy, Vikramarka said this was the corner stone of the Nehruvian foreign policy, which was respected and appreciated by the whole world. The Congress party takes great pride in its pursuit of social justice, placing the country above all, and pursuing an international policy that puts India first, Vikramarka said.

KTR demands pending Rythu Bandhu dues, slams Congress and BJP over farmers' plight



Nirmal, Nov 11 (Way to News): Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K T Rama Rao (KTR), addressing the Rythu Garjana public meeting in Nirmal, launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Telangana and the BJP-led Central government for neglecting farmers and the interests of the state. KTR demanded the immediate release of all four pending instalments of Rythu Bandhu to farmers. He also demanded financial assistance of Rs 1,000 per month for 36 months, amounting to Rs 36,000, for every agricultural labourer who lost livelihood due to drought. He called for immediate rescheduling of agricultural loans and completion of the pending farm loan waiver.

KTR criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for failing to recognise the severe drought situation prevailing across Telangana. He said the Chief Minister was more concerned about political criticism than the hardships faced by farmers. While farmers were waiting for assurances on irrigation water, uninterrupted electricity and financial assistance, the Chief Minister was not responding to their concerns. Instead, Revanth Reddy appeared more worried about my beard, he remarked.

He said agricultural labourers in villages were struggling without employment and income. The government must immediately recognise their distress and extend financial assistance.

Questioning the BJP-led Central government, KTR asked why drought assessment teams were being sent to neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra while Telangana's drought situation was being ignored.

"Telangana needs votes and seats for the BJP, but does the state not deserve funds? Does Telangana have no place in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's heart?" he questioned. He challenged BJP leaders to stage a dharna outside the Prime Minister's residence demanding drought relief and adequate financial assistance for Telangana. KTR questioned what the BJP had achieved for Telangana and Nirmal district despite having elected representatives from the state. He criticised BJP leaders for remaining silent over the proposed sale of the CCI factory in Adilabad and the failure to establish a Navodaya Vidyalaya in Nirmal.

Telangana BJP chief accuses Congress of using Bharat Summit to relaunch Rahul Gandhi



Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Wednesday accused the Congress of organising the Bharat Summit, which to be held on November 13-14 in Hyderabad, with the support of what he described as anti-India forces and alleged that the event was intended to politically relaunch Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Speaking at a press conference in Hyderabad, Ramchander Rao alleged that the summit was being organised under the influence of Progressive International, which he claimed had links with individuals and organisations working against India's interests.

He alleged that Rahul Gandhi was associated with the Progressive Alliance and referred to photographs taken with its representatives at an earlier global summit. He also claimed that AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge had met a delegation of Progressive International in New Delhi and that Congress leader Sonia Gandhi had held a separate meeting with its representatives at 10 Janpath. Ramchander Rao alleged that individuals such as George Soros were behind Progressive International and accused the organisation of promoting changes of government in democratically elected countries.

He claimed that the alliance had contributed to political unrest in Spain, France, Albania, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and alleged that similar activities were being planned in India. The BJP leader alleged that the Hyderabad summit was aimed at presenting Rahul Gandhi as a potential Prime Minister before delegates from 100 countries. "The BJP had no objection to the state government organising global summits to attract investments but opposed events involving organisations that, according to him, were working against India's interests," he said.

Ramchander Rao further claimed that 42 countries associated with the alliance were Islamic countries, while the others followed Leftist ideologies.

He alleged that foreign groups were planning to use Hyderabad as a centre for activities that could disturb peace and public order in India.

125 Telangana shops face notices over habit-forming drug sales



Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) detected violations in 125 medical shops across the CURE region and other districts of Telangana during a special enforcement drive against the illegal sale and diversion of habit-forming drugs on Wednesday, November 11.

The raids were conducted by the TG SAFE Drugs Wing, along with Enforcement Wing police personnel, in vulnerable areas, particularly in Medchal and Serilingampally zones of the CURE region. Similar inspections were carried out in several other districts as part of the statewide drive.

Officials focused on the indiscriminate sale of habit-forming medicines, including Tramadol, Alprazolam, Nitrazepam, Codeine-based cough syrups, Tapentadol, Pregabalin and Zolpidem. The enforcement teams also conducted decoy operations and test purchases to identify medical shops dispensing prescription medicines in violation of drug regulations.

The inspections revealed several irregularities, including the sale of prescription medicines without valid prescriptions from registered medical practitioners, failure to maintain prescription and Schedule H1 drug registers, and dispensing medicines in the absence of registered pharmacists. Officials also found instances of medicines being sold without bills, failure to maintain or produce sales and purchase invoices, and irregularities in preserving mandatory records.

Al Kabeer must face trial in animal waste pollution case: Telangana HC



Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): The Telangana High Court has refused to quash a water pollution case against meat exporter Al Kabeer Exports Pvt Ltd, which is accused of burying animal waste in pits at its unit near Hyderabad and contaminating nearby ponds, wells and groundwater. In an order passed on October 28, Justice N Tukaramji held that the complaint by the Telangana Pollution Control Board (TGPCB) and the material backing it made out a prima facie case under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. The case must therefore go to trial, the judge said.

Whether the allegations are true can be decided only on the evidence, it said, adding that a High Court cannot hold a "mini-trial" while hearing a plea to quash criminal proceedings. Noting that the case has been pending since 2017, the judge directed the trial court to take it up on priority and avoid unnecessary adjournments.

The case relates to the company's meat processing unit at Rudraram village in erstwhile Medak district, now part of Sangareddy district. In his complaint, the board's environmental engineer alleged that the company buried dead animals and animal waste in pits instead of using prescribed disposal methods. This, he said, violated the consent order issued to the unit on September 3, 2015. Water around the unit was also allegedly contaminated with animal blood.

TGSRTC to Install CCTV Cameras at All Bus Stations

Hyderabad, Nov 11 (Way to News): The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has launched an action plan to improve passenger amenities, strengthen crowd management and provide safer and more comfortable travel at 86 major bus stations across the state, each recording a daily passenger footfall of more than 5,000. The corporation has also decided to install CCTV cameras at all bus stations across State to enhance passenger safety and improve operational monitoring.

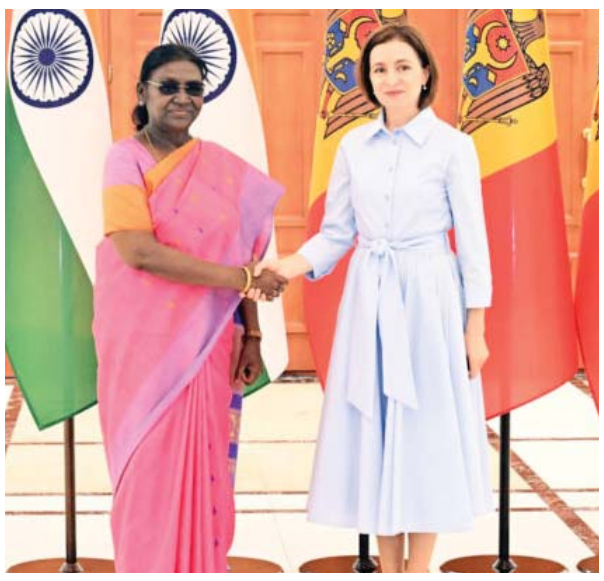
As part of the initiative, TGSRTC has already introduced improved passenger information and communication facilities at the 86 identified stations. A dedicated controller has been appointed at each station, while special enquiry facilities and contact numbers have been provided to help passengers obtain information about bus services, routes and schedules.

The corporation will soon display updated timetable boards at these stations to provide commuters with clear information about bus timings and services.

Public Address Systems (PAS) have also been installed at bus stations to regularly announce important service-related information, particularly the departure timings of the first and last buses. The facility is expected to help passengers plan their journeys better.

The proposed CCTV surveillance systems will be connected directly to the respective regional offices and TGSRTC headquarters, enabling officials to centrally monitor passenger movement, crowd levels and bus station operations.

India, Moldova work on enhancing ties in nergy, Agriculture, Connectivity and capacity building



New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): India and Moldova on Wednesday held the third Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) focusing on further enhancing cooperation in energy, agriculture, connectivity and capacity building. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the Indian delegation was led by Ambassador Sibi George, Secretary (West) and the Moldovan delegation was led by Corina Calugaru, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Moldova.

During the FOC, discussions were held on the entire gamut of bilateral relations including political, economic, education, cultural, consular and people-to-people exchanges. Both sides emphasised to further enhance cooperation in energy, agriculture, connectivity and capacity building. Views were also exchanged on regional and global issues of mutual interest including cooperation in multilateral fora.

"India and Moldova share warm and cordial bilateral ties. The historic visit of the President of India to Moldova in July 2026, as the first Presidential visit from India has provided renewed momentum to bilateral relations. The discussions held at the FOC will contribute to further strengthening of India-Moldova bilateral partnership," read a statement issued by the MEA.

It added that both sides agreed to hold the next session of FOC in Chisinau at mutually convenient dates.

During her landmark State Visit to the Eastern European country in July this year, President Droupadi Murmu had appreciated the role played by Indian community in Moldova, including students, in strengthening the bonds of friendship between the two countries.

President Murmu had also attended a banquet hosted in her honour by President Maia Sandu of Moldova in Chisinau, before leaving for North Macedonia. "Honoured to welcome President Droupadi Murmu, the first visit by an Indian Head of State to Moldova. India, the world's largest democracy, is a valued friend. We're building a partnership that delivers real results for our people," Sandu wrote on X. Highlighting the significance of India-Moldova relations amid growing global instability, Sandu said the two democracies are bound by common values of freedom and dignity, and a shared commitment to working for the benefit of their citizens.

BIMSTEC Initiative Will Promote Traditional Medicine

Strengthen preventive healthcare across region: India



New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): India on Wednesday congratulated Sri Lanka for successfully hosting the inaugural BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo, stressing that the meeting marks an "important milestone" in strengthening regional cooperation in the health sector. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that the approval of the Revised Plan of Action (2026-2030) further reinforces collective commitment to regional health cooperation.

"Congratulations to Sri Lanka for successfully hosting the First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo on 11 November 2026. The meeting marks an important milestone in strengthening regional cooperation in the health sector. India is pleased that all Member States have agreed to establish the BIMSTEC Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar, India," the MEA stated on X.

"This initiative will promote traditional medicine and strengthen preventive healthcare across the region. The approval of the Revised Plan of Action (2026–2030) further reinforces our collective commitment to regional health cooperation," the statement added.

Earlier in the day, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda addressed the inaugural BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting and reaffirmed India's readiness to share its expertise and best practices in healthcare with BIMSTEC member nations.

Nadda highlighted India's progress towards Universal Health Coverage through Ayushman Bharat, strengthened public health infrastructure, and digital healthcare initiatives.

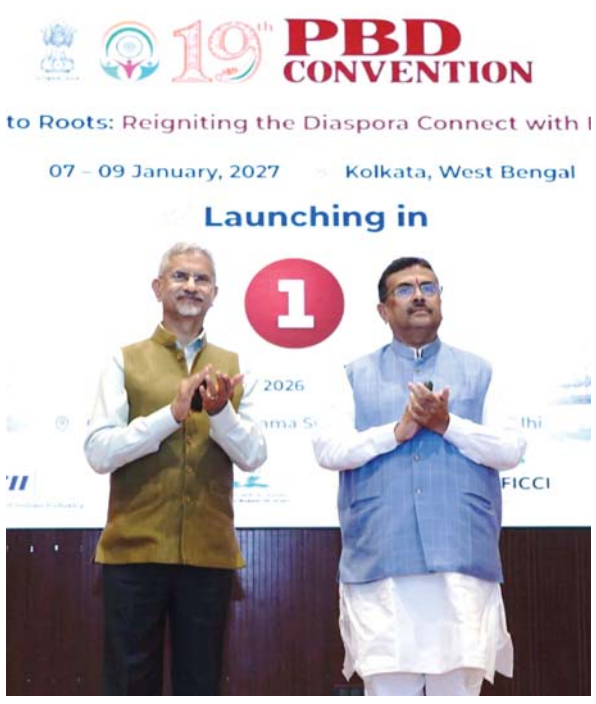
"Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadda addressed the inaugural BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, highlighting India's progress towards Universal Health Coverage through Ayushman Bharat, strengthened public health infrastructure and digital healthcare initiatives," the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said in a post on X. "Emphasising regional solidarity, the Minister called for enhanced cooperation in health security, pandemic preparedness, One Health and traditional medicine, while reaffirming India's readiness to share its expertise and best practices with BIMSTEC member nations," it added.

During the meeting, Nadda highlighted India's commitment to hosting the BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine in Gujarat's Jamnagar to promote joint research, capacity building and knowledge exchange.

"Guided by PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji's vision of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', India remains committed to building a healthier, more inclusive and resilient BIMSTEC region," he said, as per the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Nadda arrived in Colombo on Tuesday to participate in the first BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting and was received by Indian High Commissioner Santosh Jha.

Diaspora serves as living bridge between india and World: Jaishankar



New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Wednesday hailed Indian diaspora for its contribution to global exchange of ideas, knowledge, innovation, culture and enterprise, describing it as a "living bridge" between India and the world.

Speaking at the launch of the website for 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) 2027 Convention at New Delhi's Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, EAM Jaishankar said that Indian diaspora is an integral part of India's present and an important stakeholder of country's future.

The website was jointly launched by the External Affairs Minister and the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Suvendu Adhikari. The 19th PBD Convention will be held in Kolkata, West Bengal, from January 7–9, next year in partnership with the Government of West Bengal. "The Indian diaspora thereby serves as a living bridge between India and the world. It contributes to the global exchange of ideas, knowledge, innovation, culture, and enterprise. Now, the diaspora is not merely connected to India through its past; it is also an integral part of India's present and an important stakeholder of India's future," said EAM Jaishankar at the event which was also attended by West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari.

"It is with this spirit that we have chosen the theme, 'From Roots to Return: Reigniting Diaspora Connect with Bharat', for the 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. This theme reflects our endeavour to deepen the connection of overseas Indians with their civilisational, cultural, and ancestral roots. It seeks to create meaningful opportunities for the younger generation of the diaspora to rediscover their heritage, understand contemporary India, and build a stronger and more enduring connection with the land of their ancestors," he added.

EAM Jaishankar said that the role of Indian diaspora will contribute to India's growth and development.

"As India moves forward towards the vision which Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid out of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the role of our diaspora will be increasingly important. The knowledge, expertise, entrepreneurial spirit and technology capabilities and also the global networks, they will all contribute to India's growth and to India's development. Equally, our progress at home, the expanding opportunities and the new avenues that they offer to the diaspora, we are confident we'll help them to collaborate, to reconnect and to contribute more."

Jagan Reddy slams CM Naidu for privatisation of medical colleges



Amaravati, Nov 11 (Way to News): YSR Congress Party President and former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has slammed Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for what he called privatisation of government medical colleges and warned that when their government returns to power, it will take legal action against anyone involved.

In a social media post on Wednesday, Jagan Mohan Reddy alleged that government medical colleges, which provide free treatment to the poor, are being handed over to private players in the name of the PPP model. He recalled that one crore people signed a petition organised by YSRCP to oppose privatisation.

"Yet you are pressing ahead. This is unjust. We completely oppose the privatisation of government medical colleges. When our government returns to power, we will take legal action against everyone involved in this matter and will not hesitate to make arrests. If you try to loot public assets through scams, people will not remain silent. They will teach you a fitting lesson," Jagan said in a post on 'X'.

"Our government established 17 new medical colleges. We opened five and prepared another three to begin classes. The remaining nine could also be completed by investing Rs. 1,000 crore a year. Why are you not doing that?" asked the YSRCP chief. "Doesn't your PPP plan make it clear that this is a well-planned scam? You are selling off colleges that are already complete and those at various stages of construction. Land worth hundreds of crores is being leased for just Rs. 100 an acre. More than half of the medical seats could be sold at private rates. Rs. 1,630 crore in public money is being given to these colleges in the name of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). The government will also pay the salaries of doctors, professors and staff for two years. What is this, if not exploitation? The cost would be Rs. 5 crore a month, or Rs. 120 crore over two years for each college," Jagan said.

"The land belongs to the government. The buildings are being constructed with government funds. The VGF will also come from public money. The government will even pay the staff salaries. If this is not a scam carried out in the name of private institutions, then what is it?," the former CM asked. Stating that all the colleges which the YSRCP government established are teaching hospitals, he said they would provide quality, free multi-specialty treatment to the poor. Half the seats would be filled through the convener quota. The remaining seats would also be available at fees far lower than those charged by private colleges.

Kerala HC presses for speedy sanction in Sabarimala gold theft case



New Delhi, Nov 10 (Way to News): There are judges whose names remain confined to law reports. Then there are those whose lives become intertwined with the nation's history. Former Chief Justice of the Madras and Andhra Pradesh High Courts, and a former judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Manmohan Singh Liberhan belonged to the latter category. Best known for heading the Liberhan Commission that inquired into the demolition of the Babri Masjid, he came to occupy a unique place in India's judicial and constitutional history.

Justice Liberhan passed away on Sunday, bringing to a close a distinguished legal career spanning more than four decades and leaving an enduring imprint on the country's legal and public life. His cremation will take place on Monday, August 3, at 11 am at the Sector 25 Cremation Ground in Chandigarh.

When the Babri Masjid was demolished on December 6, 1992, the country was searching for answers. Barely a week later, the Union Government entrusted Justice Liberhan with heading the Commission of Inquiry into one of independent India's most defining and divisive events. What was expected to be a relatively brief exercise stretched over nearly 17 years, making the Liberhan Commission perhaps the longest-running commission of inquiry in the country's history. By the time its report was submitted in 2009, the Commission had become inseparable from the man who led it.

Om Birla, Leaders Across Parties, Pay Tribute To Maulana Abul Kalam Azad On Birth Anniversary



New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, Congress MP Imran Pratapgarhi and several other prominent leaders on Wednesday paid floral tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on his birth anniversary at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan.

Remembering the freedom fighter and India's first Education Minister, Birla described Azad as a distinguished educationist, scholar and a key figure in the country's freedom movement.

In a post on social media, the Lok Sabha Speaker said, "Heartfelt tributes on the birth anniversary of 'Bharat Ratna' Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a valiant warrior of the freedom struggle, a great educationist and independent India's first Education Minister."

"Today, floral tributes were offered in the Central Hall of the Constitution House to commemorate his unparalleled contribution to nation-building, education and social harmony. His ideas and ideals will forever continue to light the nation's path," Birla added.

Born on November 11, 1888, in Mecca, Azad came from a family of distinguished Islamic scholars. His father, Maulana Khairuddin, was a Bengali Muslim of Afghan origin, while his mother was Arab. His forefathers had migrated from Herat in present-day Afghanistan during the Mughal period.

A prominent leader of India's freedom struggle, Azad was also a renowned scholar, poet and journalist. He was proficient in several languages, including Arabic, English, Urdu, Hindi, Persian and Bengali.

Karnataka Govt moves SC against High Court verdict quashing SC/ST reservation hike



Bengaluru, Nov 10 (Way to News): The Karnataka government has filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court challenging the High Court verdict that quashed the increase in reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) from 15 per cent to 17 per cent and Scheduled Tribes (STs) from 3 per cent to 7 per cent. According to a government statement released by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) on Wednesday, approval to file an appeal before the Supreme Court was granted through a government order dated October 27, 2026, and the SLP was filed on October 28.

The Congress government said it had taken several measures to protect reservation rights and ensure that the benefits of the increased quota were not lost. It pointed out that a resolution seeking protection for the enhanced reservation under the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution was moved and passed in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on December 18, 2025. In February 2026, the government also approved recruitment to 56,432 posts. An additional six per cent of posts meant for SC and ST candidates have been kept under a backlog arrangement until the court delivers its final verdict, ensuring that the candidates do not lose their share, the statement said.

The government also implemented internal reservation within the Scheduled Castes to ensure that the benefits of reservation reach the most backward communities among them.

The Cabinet decided to file an appeal on October 15, 2026, and the petition was submitted within 16 days of the High Court verdict, the government said.

It added that efforts to persuade the Union government to include the enhanced reservation in the Ninth Schedule would continue, describing it as the only permanent legal protection against future challenges. The government said it would pursue both the legal battle in the Supreme Court and efforts to secure a constitutional amendment in coordination with the Centre to protect the rights of SCs, STs and other backward communities in Karnataka.

The state government also criticised the previous BJP government, alleging that it had failed to secure constitutional protection for the reservation hike.

It said the Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission had recommended an increase in reservation in July 2020 and suggested that the enhanced quota be included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution to protect it from legal challenges.

Indian envoy presents credentials to Solomon Islands Governor General

Honiara, Nov 10 (Way to News): India's High Commissioner to Solomon Islands Rajeev Kumar on Wednesday presented his Letter of Credence to Solomon Islands Governor General Sir David Tiva Kapu. The Indian High Commission in Papua New Guinea termed it a "step forward" in further deepening ties between India and the Solomon Islands.

"On 11 November, High Commissioner Rajeev Kumar presented his Letter of Credence to the Governor General of Solomon Islands, Sir David Tiva Kapu at the Government House, Solomon Islands. A step forward in further deepening India–Solomon Islands ties," it posted on X.

On November 9, the High Commissioner-designate met Solomon Islands Prime Minister Matthew Cooper Wale, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation across various sectors, the High Commission said.

In September, India and the Pacific Islands nations discussed further cooperation in renewable energy, climate action, disaster resilience, education, healthcare and capacity building sectors during a meeting of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Foreign Ministers, chaired by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, as per the Ministry of External Affairs.

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Police Preparedness Crucial to Prevent Escalation

I watched some of the proceedings at Jantar Mantar on July 20. The crowd of protesters was humongous and, by comparison, the law-and-order forces appeared to be inadequate. Large, unruly crowds and inadequate police personnel are the essential ingredients that create a very volatile situation. As I think it over, it's obvious that the response to the Sansad Chalo call given by the Cockroach Janta Party was grossly underestimated. As a result, the response of the forces was insufficient. Looking back at the events, it was a fast-developing situation once the word "cockroach" had entered the discourse. The man from Boston tried to create his own version of the "Tea Party" in New Delhi by giving a call for a march on Parliament. The decision to allow or disallow a gathering or protest is not the sole purview of the police but of the civil administration.

The police force is an instrument of the State and its professional conduct can be the difference between a situation escalating or diffusing. The window of preparation and planning was missed by the authorities as they didn't assess the scale of the march adequately and the situation snowballed into an unequal confrontation. Usually, whenever such a march is announced, the administration at the ground level goes into overdrive. The district magistrate and the Superintendent of Police meet, along with officers of the intelligence agencies, and assess the threat level and draw contingency plans to meet it. Force levels are assessed and the availability of lathi squads, tear gas, armed components, etc. is estimated. If more manpower and material are required, necessary requisitions are made.

The officers assigned to supervise the arrangements are listed out and only those with proven experience in handling such situations are picked. Alongside, executive magistrates are nominated and paired with police officers. The area is divided into sectors, and these officers are given specific areas of operation. Overall, a very senior officer is deputed to oversee all the arrangements and ensure that all the above factors have been taken care of. He briefs the officers of all departments and they, in turn, brief officers and men in their areas of responsibility.

Briefing is of the utmost importance so that they understand to the last man the threat and their response. The use of force is based on the principle of minimum use to obtain the desired result. Officers and personnel must remember that these are our own brethren, and we are not to treat them as enemies. Minimum force must be used to obtain maximum results. The whole operation must be closely supervised. The tear gas squad must be kept separately at a strategic point under the supervision of a Gazetted Officer (GO), and it should function only on his orders. Similarly, any armed squad must be available at a safe place under a GO and act only on his orders. Tear gas weapons and other arms should not be given to the general force, which should be equipped with regulation lathis only.

Another very essential component of the arrangements is the control room, which should be set up near the area of operations and manned round the clock by senior officers. The latest communication equipment should be available at the control room, as also by the officers in charge of sectors, and an effective channel of communication should be established. Senior officers should be in this control room — both police and executive officers should not remain confined to their offices. Once the arrangements have been made, officers and men briefed and rehearsals conducted, the senior officers should liaise with intelligence agencies for latest updates regarding crowd strength and intentions. If possible, senior civil and police officers should meet the organisers and impress upon them the importance of an orderly and peaceful protest. This attempt should be made at various levels, and it usually produces good results.

Crisis Communication Cannot Wait

Anand Kumar



Recent weeks have witnessed renewed calls for India and Pakistan to reopen dialogue. Significantly, these appeals have come not only from traditional advocates of engagement but also from unexpected quarters. Senior Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leaders, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and more than a hundred eminent citizens from both countries have argued that communication should not be abandoned altogether. At the same time, Indian and Pakistani strategic experts and former officials met in Colombo for another round of Track 2 discussions. These developments raise an important question: should India resume formal engagement with Pakistan? The answer lies in distinguishing between political dialogue and strategic communication. Under the current security environment, there is little justification for resuming comprehensive bilateral talks. However, preserving channels of communication remains essential for managing crises between two nuclear-armed neighbours.

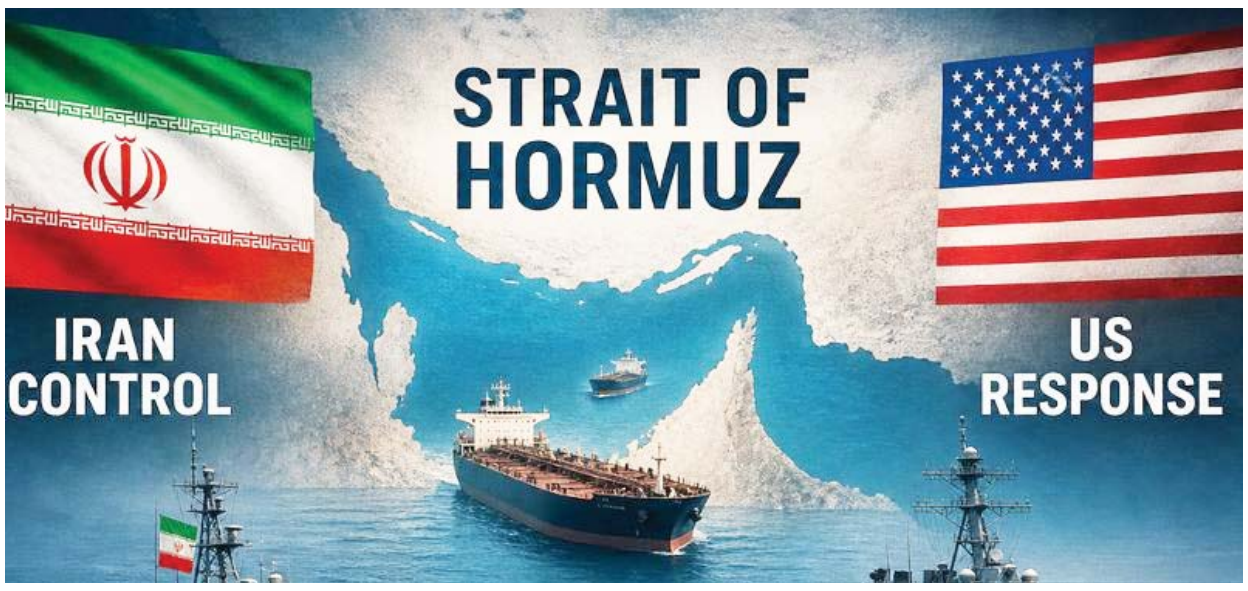
India's Pakistan policy underwent a decisive shift after the April 2025 Pahalgam terrorist attack, in which 26 civilians were killed. New Delhi responded with Operation Sindoor against terrorist infrastructure and placed the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance. This marked a significant departure from the past. For more than six decades, the treaty had survived wars and prolonged diplomatic hostility. By suspending its implementation, India signalled that bilateral cooperation can no longer remain insulated from Pakistan's continued use of cross-border terrorism. The message was clear: terrorism and normal engagement cannot coexist. Pakistan's response has further complicated the situation. Rather than treating the suspension of the treaty as a diplomatic issue, Islamabad has increasingly framed it as a national security challenge. Army Chief General Asim Munir has vowed to take "all necessary measures" to secure Pakistan's water rights, while Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has warned that interference with Pakistan's share of water could trigger conflict. Such rhetoric transforms a technical water-sharing arrangement into another arena of strategic confrontation. At the same time, Pakistan is facing mounting internal security challenges. Balochistan has witnessed a sharp rise in attacks by separatist groups, including the Baloch Liberation Army, while the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan continues to target security forces. The recent killing of nine policemen in Ziarat district reflects the deteriorating security environment. Pakistan has again blamed India for these developments without presenting credible evidence. Meanwhile, prolonged protests in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir over governance failures, inflation and political discrimination point to growing domestic instability. These internal challenges leave little room for meaningful political engagement with India.

India, meanwhile, has expanded pressure through diplomatic and legal means. The National Investigation Agency has filed charges against Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed in connection with the Pahalgam attack. Reports also indicate that New Delhi plans to seek Pakistan's return to the Financial Action Task Force grey list by presenting fresh evidence relating to terrorist financing. These measures demonstrate that India is pursuing a broader strategy that combines military deterrence with diplomatic and legal pressure. Supporters of renewed dialogue rightly point out that geography cannot be changed. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's observation that neighbours cannot be changed remains relevant. Yet geography alone cannot create the conditions for successful negotiations. Dialogue requires a minimum level of trust, and trust cannot coexist with persistent cross-border terrorism.

This is why it is important to distinguish between formal negotiations and strategic communication. Political dialogue seeks to resolve disputes and normalise relations. Communication serves a different purpose: preventing crises from escalating into conflict. Military hotlines, limited diplomatic contacts and carefully structured Track 2 interactions help reduce misunderstandings without altering India's position on terrorism. The recent Track 2 discussions in Colombo illustrate this distinction. Although they produced no breakthrough, participants discussed terrorism, water-sharing, crisis communication and escalation management. Such engagements neither amount to official negotiations nor imply a return to normal bilateral relations. Instead, they preserve channels that may prove invaluable during periods of heightened tension.

The recent remarks by senior RSS leaders and former Army Chief General M.M. Naravane should be viewed in the same light. They do not advocate unconditional dialogue but recognise that prolonged absence of communication between two nuclear powers increases uncertainty and the risk of miscalculation. Effective communication strengthens deterrence by allowing both sides to signal intentions clearly during crises. India should therefore continue with a calibrated policy. Comprehensive political dialogue should remain contingent on credible and irreversible action by Pakistan against cross-border terrorism. At the same time, it would be strategically unwise to close every avenue of communication. Military hotlines, humanitarian contacts where necessary and informal Track 2 engagement can contribute to crisis management without compromising India's principled position.

Gaming Ban May Fuel Offshore Betting



Brig Advitya Madan

Barely a month after the United States and Iran agreed to halt hostilities, the Strait of Hormuz has once again become the focal point of strategic competition in West Asia. When the ceasefire understanding was announced on June 17, President Donald Trump declared that Washington had achieved its military objectives and that the Strait would remain open for international commerce. Those expectations proved short-lived. Instead of restoring stability, the ceasefire has been followed by renewed maritime tensions in the Gulf and a parallel escalation in the Red Sea through Iran's support for the Houthis. The result has been fresh uncertainty over one of the world's most critical energy corridors.

Recent American strikes in southern Iran and Iranian missile attacks targeting military facilities in Bahrain and Kuwait suggest that both sides continue testing each other's resolve while carefully avoiding a return to full-scale war. At the same time, Iran has encouraged the Houthis to intensify pressure on Saudi-linked shipping in the Red Sea, effectively opening a second maritime front around the Bab el Mandeb Strait. The confrontation has thus evolved from conventional military exchanges into a broader contest over the sea lanes that sustain global energy flows.

At the centre of the dispute lies differing interpretations of a provision in the June ceasefire. One clause required Iran to ensure the safe passage of commercial shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Washington interpreted this as an obligation to remove naval mines, refrain from interfering with international navigation and permit unhindered commercial transit. Tehran, however, argues that ensuring safe passage also implies recognition of its authority to regulate navigation in waters adjacent to its coastline. This divergence has transformed what appeared to be a technical clause into the principal source of renewed friction.

Operational realities have further complicated the situation. Commercial vessels seeking to avoid Iranian naval mines have increasingly relied on the southern navigation channel along Oman's coast under the protection of the U.S. Navy. Tehran views these escorts not merely as defensive measures but as an attempt to diminish its influence over one of the world's most sensitive maritime chokepoints. Although Washington maintains that the Strait remains open, commercial behaviour tells a different story. Shipowners remain reluctant to expose vessels and crews to escalating risks, insurance premiums have risen sharply, and tanker traffic reportedly declined in early July as shipping companies adopted a more cautious approach.

These developments underline a larger strategic reality. The contest is no longer simply about freedom of navigation; it is about influence over the world's most important maritime energy corridor. For Iran, Hormuz is far more than an economic asset. It strengthens deterrence, enhances bargaining power and provides leverage during future regional crises. For the United States, preserving unrestricted navigation is equally central to maintaining credibility with Gulf partners and ensuring stability in international energy markets. Despite weeks of American air strikes, Iran's strategic posture appears fundamentally unchanged. Washington targeted facilities in southern Iran, but Tehran retains the ability to threaten maritime traffic without relying solely on coastal missile batteries. Much of Iran's missile arsenal has a range exceeding 1,000 kilometres, enabling launches from deep inland. Even if coastal launch sites were degraded, Iran would still possess the capability to threaten shipping and military installations across the Gulf.

Equally significant is the role of the Houthis. Their ability to disrupt commercial traffic in the Red Sea demonstrates that Iran's maritime leverage now extends beyond Hormuz. By creating simultaneous pressure points in the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el Mandeb, Tehran has complicated the strategic calculations of the United States and its partners. Rather than attempting to close either waterway completely, Iran and the Houthis appear intent on sustaining uncertainty. Even limited attacks on commercial shipping are sufficient to raise insurance premiums, divert shipping routes and increase global energy prices.

Ethanol 20 Offers Energy Gains

Sushma Ramachandran



THE controversy over blending of ethanol with petrol has been snowballing as consumers are concerned over its impact on their vehicles. The arguments swirling around using petrol with a 20% ethanol blend — E20 — include reduced fuel efficiency and potential for long-term damage to the car. Worries are mounting despite assurances given by automobile companies that the use of E20 will only cause minimal, if any, damage to passenger cars. An IIT-Kanpur study has found no significant drop in fuel efficiency and no evidence that the fuel damages engines in either new or old vehicles. The government has conceded there could be a marginal impact on some parts of older cars in the long run but stressed that fuel efficiency would decline only marginally. Despite these assurances, consumers have been vocal in their opposition to the move, which follows the introduction of ethanol as a 20% blend in petrol in December last year. The E20 blend was launched earlier than planned but was not done in a hurry. It took 11 years to rise from a 1.5% blend to 20%.

The time span was much longer in Brazil, however, which has been a pioneer in the use of ethanol and flex-fuel. It took nearly three decades to gradually implement the ethanol policy and launch flex-fuel vehicles. At the time, it was a move towards reducing oil costs as well as utilising the surplus from the country's huge sugar production capacity. India, on the other hand, had to compress the time span for launching ethanol-blended fuels. But it was not a sudden policy decision. The process of producing ethanol from sugarcane had begun in 2001, though maize entered the scene in 2018. Scientific studies and testing are also reported to have been carried out by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) and the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) subsequently. The advantages of bringing ethanol into the energy mix have been recognised for quite a while. Apart from the environmental advantage — it reduces carbon emissions — adding ethanol to conventional fossil fuels enables a cut in the quantum of crude oil imports. Now, however, the need to move faster towards the use of ethanol blends has assumed urgency in the backdrop of geopolitical tensions and the resulting impact on oil markets. Till last year, global prices of crude oil had remained within a manageable level of $70 to 80 per barrel. The scenario has altered dramatically in the wake of the US-Iran war, with prices having shot up to peaks of over $100 per barrel.

Lately, the prices of the benchmark Brent crude have been hovering from $80 to $90, with volatility continuing as contradictory reports emerge about the prospects of an end to the conflict. Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz has complicated the outlook for oil availability. It has effectively stalled the movement of oil cargoes through what has been described as the most sensitive petroleum chokepoint in the world. So, not only are prices going up, but the progress of oil deliveries from West Asia has also slowed down. Yet another dimension was added recently, with the Houthis of Yemen launching attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil shipments moving through the southern inlet to the Red Sea, the Bab el- Mandab.

Fortunately, oil supplies to India are not likely to be disrupted by these blockades. The reasons are due to policies initiated over the past few years to diversify sources of supply. Thus Russia has again become the biggest supplier of crude oil. Its cargoes also move through the Bab el-Mandab, but the vessels are not being targeted by the Houthis, who are aligned to Iran. On the other hand, Saudi Arabia continues to be a major oil supplier. Any curtailment of shipments from there will have to be compensated by supplies from other sources, which could include the US, Venezuela and Angola.

It is in this uncertain backdrop that India has to craft its energy policies. A major development in this regard is the decision to invest Rs 84,000 crore in the high-risk area of deep sea oil and gas exploration. The Samudra Manthan scheme's aim is to lure global oil majors with the incentive of government funding to support their investments. The timing is significant, coming as it does in the midst of the West Asian conflict. It is a gamble in the long run. It could well be a game-changer for a country that has long been seen as geologically attractive in terms of oil reserves, but has been unable to lure private investors. In other words, the country's future energy security has to be secured in multiple ways. The ethanol programme is one such pathway. Subsidy and support can continue for the auto industry to move towards electric vehicles (EVs) or hybrids, but the conventional internal combustion engine will continue to have a pride of place in passenger cars for quite a while. Consequently, even a 20% ethanol blend will help trim the increasingly expensive crude import bill. This was $135 billion in 2025-26. If oil prices continue to rule at nearly $100 per barrel for the rest of the current fiscal (2026-27), it could even touch $200 billion. As the US-Iran war drags on, the Finance Ministry's concerns will grow over the burden on the exchequer in the current fiscal. Rising oil imports are bound to widen the current account deficit which was contained at around 0.6% in 2025-26.

'Polluters Must Pay': UN Chief Demands Climate Justice At Antalya Summit



United Nations, Nov 11 (Way to News): United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday demanded "climate justice" for developing nations, calling for international framework arrangements to ensure industrialised countries bear proportional responsibility for escalating global warming. "Polluters must pay," Guterres declared, addressing the summit during the UN Climate Change Conference in Antalya, Turkey. "We need a new Climate Justice Compact, based on shared responsibility, shared security and shared benefits," Guterres said. "The principle of common but differentiated responsibilities must apply, and all countries must do their part."

He emphasised that the level of responsibility must correspond to historical greenhouse gas emissions, noting that those who derived the greatest economic profits from fossil fuels must help bear the financial burden of climate damage.

Criticising the fossil fuel industry directly, the UN Chief highlighted that the nine largest oil companies generated $95 billion in profits during the last quarter alone. Guterres' statements reinforced the call made by India on Tuesday for heightened international accountability to mitigate climate impacts. Speaking at the summit, Narendra Bhooshan, Secretary of India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, urged a fair, equitable, and ambitious outcome at the conference, formally known as COP. Bhooshan stressed that public financing from developed nations remains vital to enable climate adaptation and address vulnerabilities across developing countries.

Elaborating on the responsibilities of developed nations, Guterres stated that industrialised countries must ensure developing nations receive massive financial support to adapt to climate challenges. "Developed countries must lead in delivering at least $300 billion a year by 2035, and set out concrete plans with clear milestones to at least triple adaptation finance by then," he said. "The $1.3 trillion goal must become real finance flowing to developing countries, and this demands that every source of finance pull its weight." Guterres stressed that private investments must complement government funding and multilateral development institutions to support the green transition in developing economies. He further called for enhanced South-South cooperation to broaden access to technology and capital. Warning against global division, Guterres cautioned that trade barriers, technology monopolies, and geopolitical rivalries continue to hinder effective global climate action.

While 197 countries are represented at the Antalya conference, the United States, historically the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, is boycotting the event following decisions by President Donald Trump, who has dismissed climate change initiatives.

Iran's Army says 'Violating' oiler caught fire east of Hormuz Strait after hitting mines

Tehran, Nov 11 (Way to News): The navy of Iran's Army said Wednesday a "violating" oil tanker caught fire earlier in the day after hitting naval mines east of the Strait of Hormuz.



The incident occurred in the early hours of Wednesday as the oil tanker was transiting the "unsafe and forbidden" region east of the waterway, the navy announced in a statement, Xinhua news agency reported. It said that its naval forces are monitoring the strait's eastern waters, stressing that safe passage through the waterway requires coordination with the Iranian armed forces and compliance with maritime regulations.

Separately, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Ali Abdollahi on Wednesday warned the United States and Israel against making any new miscalculation, saying that "any point that serves as a focal point for threats against the existence of the sacred establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran will become a direct target of asymmetric operations." He said in a message carried by Iranian media that the armed forces would carry out orders issued by the country's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei without hesitation. On Tuesday, the navy of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) said that two "violating" oil tankers suffered massive explosions on the "unauthorized" route in the Strait of Hormuz.

Both tankers had turned off all their navigation and identification systems, caught fire, and were stopped, the navy said in a statement on the IRGC's official news outlet Sepah News. It added that one of the vessels exploded after hitting naval mines, while the other, supported by the "aggressive" US fighter aircraft and seeking to "surreptitiously cross the illegal route", was set on fire following an incident.

The IRGC's navy reiterated the warning that the "unauthorised" route in the strait is "unsafe," and that all those seeking to transit it in cooperation with the "terrorist" US Army would suffer the same fate.

Iran tightened its grip on the strait on February 28, barring safe passage of vessels belonging to or affiliated with Israel and the United States following their joint strikes on Iranian territory.

Grace Meng Hails Historic Wins Of Two Indian-Americans In US Congress

Washington, Nov 11 (Way to News): Two newly elected Indian-American lawmakers have secured hard-fought victories in US Congressional races and are preparing to enter the House of Representatives, a development Congresswoman Grace Meng says reflects the community's growing place in American political life. In an exclusive interview wit, the New York Democrat welcomed the election of Pia Dandiya and Dr Amish Shah, saying their victories came after difficult contests in which Republicans had invested heavily.



Meng said she had been in contact with both candidates throughout their campaigns and had met them in Washington as they attended orientation for incoming members of Congress. "There was a lot of money put against them," she said, referring to Republican campaign efforts.

"Not only did they win historic races," she said, adding that "they flipped seats from the Republican Party to the Democrats."

Her comments underlined the significance she attached to the candidates' success beyond their individual victories. Both will arrive on Capitol Hill as members of a new Congress in which Democrats expect to hold the majority.

Meng said the candidates had faced difficult races, rather than straightforward contests, and highlighted both their personal accomplishments and the challenges of securing a place in Congress.

Describing their credentials, she said "they are accomplished people in their own right" and noted that they were now entering Congress. The Congresswoman said she had followed their campaigns closely and remained in contact with them as they moved towards taking office. "I saw them again this morning," she said, recalling her meeting with the incoming lawmakers in Washington. She compared the orientation process to the start of a new school, as newly elected representatives learn their way around Congress and prepare for the responsibilities ahead.

Meng said the newcomers were settling in well.

The victories, she suggested, were part of a broader change in the visibility and participation of Indian Americans in the United States. "But it just shows that the Indian American community is becoming more and more a part of the fabric of our American society," she said. Meng said elected representatives from the community would work on a broad range of national issues, rather than issues affecting Indian Americans alone.

Hamas alone responsible for suffering of Gaza people: Israel

Jerusalem, Nov 11 (Way to News): Israel has blamed Hamas for the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza and said reconstruction could not begin until the group disarmed, a day after US President Donald Trump's Board of Peace criticised Israel for delays in allowing humanitarian supplies into the war-devastated enclave. In a statement posted on 'X' on Tuesday (local time), Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said Israel had facilitated the entry of more than 91,000 tents and over 8,200 trucks carrying winter supplies, including blankets, clothing and tarpaulins.

"Hamas alone is responsible for the suffering of the people of Gaza," the statement said, adding that the group's refusal to disarm remained the main obstacle to reconstruction. As of November 8, humanitarian partners had received appeals for aid from more than 26,000 households whose shelters or belongings were damaged. More than 6,000 family shelters were reportedly destroyed and 17,400 damaged, and more than 3,900 households currently have no shelter at all, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

The Board of Peace said Monday that Israel's response to the winter emergency remained "insufficient" and called for the immediate entry of essential shelter, sanitation and drainage equipment.

It said Israeli delays had aggravated a foreseeable humanitarian crisis, while also urging Hamas to disarm and relinquish power, according to Xinhua news agency.

US extends 178 China tariff exclusions to January 9

Washington, Nov 11 (Way to News): The United States has extended exemptions from additional tariffs on 178 categories of Chinese goods until January 9, 2027, as Washington and Beijing continue negotiations over trade commitments.



The Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) on Tuesday (local time) announced the two-month extension in a Federal Register notice published Tuesday, preventing the exclusions from expiring after November 9. The decision allows American importers to continue bringing in specified Chinese products without paying the additional duties imposed under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. The extension covers goods entering the United States from November 10, 2026, until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on January 9, 2027. "In light of ongoing discussions with China, the Trade Representative has determined that it is appropriate to further extend all 178 current exclusions until January 10, 2027," the notice said.

The exclusions cover 164 product categories carried forward from earlier tariff relief measures and 14 categories involving equipment used in solar manufacturing. They apply only to products meeting specific customs classifications and descriptions. Other Chinese imports remain subject to applicable tariffs. USTR said it considered public comments received during previous reviews, recommendations from advisory committees and advice from the interagency Section 301 Committee before granting the extension.

The agency also left open the possibility of further changes. "The Trade Representative may continue to consider further extensions or additional modifications as appropriate," the notice said. The announcement comes four days after US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent held a videoconference with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng on November 6.

During the discussion, Greer pressed Beijing to fulfil commitments made under earlier trade agreements, particularly those involving American agricultural exports, rare earth elements and other critical minerals.

Greer emphasised the importance of China taking concrete steps to implement those commitments.

The administration said it would continue monitoring compliance while pursuing a more balanced trading relationship that benefits American farmers, manufacturers and workers. The extension, among other things, builds on a trade understanding reached between President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in November 2025. Under that arrangement, Washington agreed to maintain exclusions from certain additional tariffs, while Beijing committed to extending its own exclusions on American goods through December 31, 2026.

The agreement addressed Chinese purchases of US agricultural products, restrictions on rare earth exports and trade measures affecting American semiconductor companies.

USTR subsequently extended the 178 exclusions through November 9, 2026. Tuesday's decision provides another two months for businesses relying on the exemptions.

Netanyahu Calls For National Unity; Gadi Eisenkot Hits Back At 'Delusional' Outgoing PM

Jerusalem, Nov 11 (Way to News): Israel's caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called for the formation of a national unity government, asserting that the country must remain united in the face of what he described as a growing threat from Iran.



Speaking after the first session of Israel's newly elected parliament, Netanyahu warned that the country could soon come under intense international pressure to accept a nuclear-armed Iran and the continuation of its current regime, which he accused of posing an existential threat to Israel. "In the very near future, we're going to be confronted by international pressure to accept a nuclear-armed Iran and the preservation of this terror regime that seeks to annihilate us," Netanyahu said.

However, his remarks drew an immediate and strong reaction from former Israel Defence Forces (IDF) Chief Gadi Eisenkot, who accused the caretaker Prime Minister of using an important state occasion to further his political interests. Describing Netanyahu's speech as "shameful", Eisenkot questioned his suitability to continue holding office. "I sat and listened to the outgoing prime minister's delusional, divisive, hate-filled and shameful speech, exploiting a state occasion," Eisenkot said, launching a scathing attack on Netanyahu.

The sharp exchange has further intensified the political confrontation between the two leaders, both of whom are seeking to secure the numbers required to form Israel's next government. Neither Netanyahu nor Eisenkot currently has the support of the 61 lawmakers needed to command a majority in the 120-member Knesset.

While uncertainty continues over who will eventually succeed in forming the next government, Eisenkot's political bloc has already begun pushing for changes within parliament, signalling an early challenge to Netanyahu's political position.

His Yashar party has put forward several proposals, including a demand for the establishment of an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the security and intelligence failures that preceded the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel. Netanyahu has refused to back the formation of an independent inquiry, denying allegations of wrongdoing. He has advocated for a commission whose members would be selected through political channels. Despite the initial political moves in parliament and calls for a national unity arrangement.

Zelensky Says Meeting With US, Russia 'Constructive, Quite Substantive'

Kyiv, Nov 11 (Way to News): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that the first day of the two-day trilateral talks between Ukraine, the United States, and Russia in Abu Dhabi had been "constructive and quite substantive."



In a statement posted on 'X' after speaking with Ukraine's negotiating team on Tuesday (local time), Zelensky said the discussions focused on humanitarian issues, including the release of prisoners, as well as security guarantees for Ukraine. The need for de-escalation measures was also discussed, he added.

Zelensky said he had given Ukraine's negotiating team clear instructions for further discussions on Wednesday, as well as for broader meetings in the coming days with US presidential envoys and European representatives, reports Xinhua news agency.

Earlier on Tuesday, delegations from Russia, the United States and Ukraine met in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, for their first trilateral talks since February.

Ahead of the trilateral talks, the Ukrainian team met with representatives of Britain, France, Germany and Italy, as well as officials from NATO and the European Commission. The meeting was also attended by US special envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner.

Meanwhile, attacks continue across Russia and Ukraine. Five civilians, including a passenger on a bus, were killed in Ukrainian strikes in the Lugansk region over the past 24 hours, local leader Leonid Pasechnik said on Tuesday.

"It's been a difficult day for our republic: five people were killed, and four more were injured," Pasechnik said on social media platform Telegram. Separately, three employees of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant have been killed in Ukrainian attacks over the past two weeks, Russian Foreign Ministry's Ambassador-at-Large Rodion Miroshnik told reporters the same day.

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"Agriculture and Energy Ministries will work hand in hand: New employment opportunities for rural youth in their own villages": Shivraj Singh

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Indian farmers are set to become not merely 'annadatas' (food providers), but, by adopting solar energy, will truly emerge as both 'annadatas and urjadatas' (food and energy providers). Addressing the inaugural session of the three-day 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference as the keynote speaker at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Wednesday, Shri Chouhan said that integrating agriculture with solar energy was opening up a new pathway towards global welfare and greater economic prosperity for farmers. He stressed that the AgriVoltaics policy must be designed to work effectively on the fields of the country's 85 per cent small and marginal farmers, ensuring that the benefits of this technology reached those who needed them most.

Welcoming delegates from India and abroad, along with the large number of farmers who had gathered at the venue, Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan explained that AgriVoltaics technology would enable solar panels to generate electricity above the ground while crops continued to flourish beneath them. Explaining the concept in simple, familiar terms, he described it as a model that delivers the best of both worlds, invoking the Hindi expressions 'aam ke aam aur guthliyon ke daam' and 'hing lage na fitkari, rang bhi chokha' to illustrate the multiple benefits of using the same land for agriculture and energy generation. He observed that while the traditional saying was 'Rahiman paani raakhiye' (preserve water), the needs of the modern age called for 'Rahiman bijli raakhiye' (preserve electricity), because modern life and agriculture would come to a standstill without power. Integrating energy production with farming, he said, was therefore one of the most important steps that could be taken in the interests of farmers.



Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Chouhan proudly highlighted India's transformation from a country dependent on foodgrain imports to meet its food security requirements to one whose granaries were now overflowing with wheat and rice, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its farmers. Indian agriculture continues to maintain a robust growth rate of 4.5 per cent, which is a significant achievement in itself. Exports of agricultural products have reached a new record of US$52.55 billion, while sowing for the 2026–27 rabi season has recently commenced, with particular emphasis on pulses and oilseeds. He noted that these achievements reflected the progress made by Indian agriculture and underscored the importance of developing new approaches to sustain farmers' prosperity while meeting the country's evolving needs.

Presenting the realities on the ground before scientists and policymakers, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan pointed out that India's average landholding was just 0.96 hectares and that more than 85 per cent of farmers were small and marginal farmers. Such farmers did not have enough land to abandon cultivation and install solar power plants exclusively on their holdings. He emphasised that while laboratories and government institutions could receive funding for experiments, farmers had to invest their hard-earned money. Therefore, the model must be practically viable on small farmers' fields, and agricultural production must not be disrupted under any circumstances. He said the objective could not be achieved merely by planting a few crops beneath solar panels. Instead, the height of the panels, the distance between supporting structures and the arrangements for ploughing must be carefully designed to allow farmers to cultivate their land efficiently. The system should also enable them to choose different crops and change their crop cycles according to their preferences every year, without compromising agricultural productivity.

Emphasising the need to address practical challenges before projects were implemented, Shri Chouhan said that robust arrangements must be made for the safe drainage and collection of rainwater falling from solar panels. This would prevent soil erosion in agricultural fields and ensure that every drop of water was put to productive use. He also called for reliable arrangements for purchasing the electricity generated, connecting projects to the power grid and ensuring transparent and timely payments to farmers. He suggested that Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) should be actively involved in the initiative and that local rural youth and women should receive training in operating, repairing and maintaining the equipment. This would create substantial employment opportunities within villages themselves. He further made it clear that appropriate safeguards and responsibilities must be established from the outset to ensure that farmers did not bear any financial or physical burden if a company abandoned a project midway or if solar panels had to be removed upon the expiry of a contract. The interests of farmers, he stressed, must remain protected throughout the project's lifecycle.

Chouhan expressed his appreciation for the leadership of Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Shri Pralhad Joshi and assured him that the Ministry of Agriculture would work hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to ensure the success of this initiative. He emphasised that close coordination between the two ministries would be essential to develop a model that simultaneously supports agricultural production, promotes renewable energy and improves farmers' economic well-being. On the occasion, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi, said that the seventh edition of the conference was the largest and most historic of the international conferences held so far. Record participation had necessitated arrangements for additional halls to accommodate the attendees.

India to Explore Industrial and Tech Collaboration with Germany, Netherlands

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal will undertake an official visit to Germany (22–24 October 2026) and the Netherlands (24–27 October 2026) to deepen strategic economic partnerships, expand bilateral trade and advance industrial and technological collaboration.

During the Berlin leg of the visit, Shri Piyush Goyal will participate in the Berlin Global Dialogue, engaging with international policymakers and global business leaders to highlight India's macroeconomic stability, manufacturing capabilities and pivotal role in building resilient global supply chains. On the sidelines of the summit, the Minister will hold high-level bilateral meetings with the German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) and the Economic and Financial Policy Advisor and G7/G20 Sherpa at the Federal Chancellery of Germany. The meetings will focus on strengthening bilateral trade and investment corridors, accelerating technological and industrial cooperation in advanced engineering, green mobility and clean technology, and exploring market access and investment avenues arising from the ongoing India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations.



Proceeding to the Netherlands, Shri Piyush Goyal will lead comprehensive government-to-government (G2G) engagements in The Hague, holding bilateral ministerial meetings with the Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate and the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation to explore expanded trade channels and green transition initiatives. The visit will also encompass key discussions with the King's Commissioner of North Holland and members of the Dutch Parliament's committees on foreign trade and European affairs.

Shri Piyush Goyal will be accompanied by around 100 businesses and startups in Germany and the Netherlands. The Indian business delegation accompanying the Minister will have a parallel programme in Berlin, which includes sectoral roundtables with German CEOs and Indian business delegates. The roundtables will cover automotive, advanced manufacturing, infrastructure and energy; information technology, artificial intelligence and services; agri-food, consumer goods and textiles; and healthcare, pharmaceuticals and wellness. The delegation will also participate in an India–Germany Investment Roundtable with Germany Trade & Invest (GTAI) on investing and establishing operations in Germany. It will also interact with German innovation and research institutions and think tanks on industrial transformation, deeptech, microelectronics, skills development, and India–Germany trade, investment and resilient supply chains.

The Indian business delegation will also visit the Port of Rotterdam on 25 October 2026 to see the port's logistics and supply chain infrastructure. On 26 October 2026, Shri Piyush Goyal will address businesses from both countries, along with the Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, at the India–Netherlands Business Forum in The Hague. The Business Forum will be followed by six parallel sectoral roundtables and B2B networking.

Law Commission to Hold National Conference on Cooperative Federalism and Legal Reforms

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): The 23rd Law Commission of India is hosting a National Conference on "Co-operative Federalism and Law Reforms: National and State Perspectives" on 22 October 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, bringing together representatives of State Law Commissions and other equivalent bodies, eminent jurists, former judges, legal scholars, policymakers and members of the Bar and academia from across the country.



The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, will inaugurate the Conference, in the presence of Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law & Justice. The senior leadership of the 23rd Law Commission of India—Chairperson, Justice (Retd.) Dinesh Maheshwari; Member, Prof. D.P. Verma; and Member Secretary, Dr. Anju Rathi Rana—will also be present.

The Conference will deliberate on contemporary issues relating to law reforms, co-operative federalism, constitutional governance and institutional frameworks for the effective administration of justice. It seeks to strengthen coordination among States and institutions engaged in law reform, while respecting State autonomy and ensuring that reforms remain responsive to both national and regional requirements. The theme draws from India's constitutional distribution of lawmaking powers across the Union, State and Concurrent Lists in the Seventh Schedule. The Conference will consider how the Union and the States can work together on legal reform within this constitutional framework, and how coordination between the Law Commission of India, State Law Commissions and equivalent bodies can be strengthened.

The first technical session, "Reforms in Law: Needs and Methods", will examine the need for continuous review and reform of laws in response to social, economic and technological change, as well as the methods and institutional processes through which such reform may be undertaken. The session will also consider justice-oriented and accessible legal reform; adaptive legislation and periodic statutory review; the role of India's traditions of Nyaya, Kartavya and Lok Kalyan to develop context-sensitive reform; research-led law reform; and the relationship between law reform, social harmony and Viksit Bharat.

Special Campaign 6.0 is a dedicated one-month exercise to reinforce cleanliness practices and unlock the value of scrap: Dr. Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, today highlighted the importance of systematic disposal of electronic scrap and the need to recognise the residual value of obsolete office equipment, while participating in an e-waste disposal activity at the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) under Special Swachhata Campaign 6.0. Describing the campaign as a dedicated one-month exercise, Dr. Jitendra Singh said its purpose is to reinforce cleanliness practices and renew commitment to the cause. He explained that the campaign, conducted from Gandhi Jayanti to Patel Jayanti, is not a substitute for cleanliness throughout the year, but an opportunity to reorient and strengthen these practices through focused action.



The Minister said that each successive campaign seeks to incorporate new elements based on the experience of previous editions. One important learning has been the value of scrap generated through the disposal of obsolete electronic equipment and other unused items, which can yield substantial revenue when handled systematically.

Referring to the experience of the current campaign, Dr. Jitendra Singh noted that approximately 490 crore had been generated through the disposal of scrap within the first 15–17 days. He expressed confidence that the figure would more than double by October 31.

Highlighting the change in the approach to disposal, the Minister said that scrap was earlier sent to the market without a uniformised process, whereas the present campaign has adopted the GeM Portal for the disposal exercise. This approach reflects the growing recognition that obsolete equipment should not simply be treated as waste, but that its residual value can also be realised.

Dr. Jitendra Singh drew attention to the common practice in offices of discarding an entire computer set when an individual component, such as a mouse or screen, becomes unusable, even when the remaining equipment is intact. He cited the example of 152 desktops and 52 air conditioners in the items identified for disposal, underlining the need to account for the value of equipment that has become obsolete or unused.

As part of the DoPT disposal exercise, three auction notices were floated on the GeM Portal on September 30, 2026, covering obsolete and unused IT items, electrical and electronic items, and furniture. The notices carry separate recommended reserve prices for the three categories.

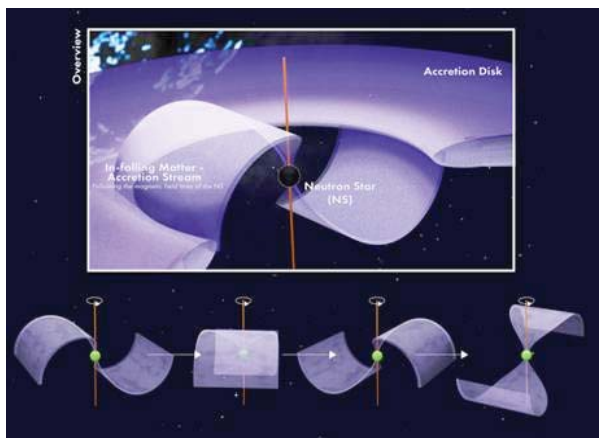
The IT category comprises 152 desktops, 35 printers, eight scanners, three photocopier machines, 59 UPS units and 217 miscellaneous items, including keyboards and mice.

The electrical and electronic category includes 52 air conditioners, four televisions, five refrigerators and 17 water dispensers. The furniture category includes chairs, tables, almirahs, sofas, drawers and workstations, among other items. The three categories of obsolete items put together carry a combined recommended reserve price of about 9 lakh.

Pulsing signals reveal hidden structure around a famous neutron star

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): Scientists have discovered that one of the brightest X-ray pulsars, Centaurus X-3 is gobbling up material through an accretion disk, which is rare for pulsars of its kind.

The study will not only have implications in developing better-informed models of the system, which is one of the most widely studied binary pulsars that has drawn the attention of scientists because of its intense brightness, but also lead to enhanced understanding of binary pulsars in general. An X-ray binary pulsar consists of a pulsar— a highly magnetised neutron star, and a Sun-like star bound in a gravitational dance. A neutron star is a celestial body with the mass of our sun crunched into a ball the size of Bangalore. In an X-ray binary, the pulsar's extreme gravity pulls in material ejected by its companion star, and the pulsar starts accreting material from it, shooting out X-rays in the process.



Centaurus X-3, a high-mass X-ray binary (HMXB) where the companion is more than 10 times the Sun's mass, was one of the first X-ray pulsars to be discovered, and the third X-ray source to be discovered in the constellation Centaurus, 24000 light years away.

Pulsars emit radiation from their magnetic poles, known as the primary emission. As the pulsar spins, this radiation sweeps past any satellite waiting to detect it. This radiation also falls around the neutron star. Structures in its wider environment (such as the pulsar's surface, the surface of its companion star, stellar wind blown out from the companion star), absorb and re-emit this radiation, which scientists call the secondary radiation. Studying these structures is important to understand the system's physical parameters, such as its orientation and magnetic field strength, leading to enhanced understanding of binary pulsars.

The problem in studying these intricate structures is that X-ray binaries are so distant that they appear as point sources. The secondary radiation is a promising tool to study these structures.

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ICC board and committee meeting begins in Bali with focus on WTC Cycles, major men's events for 2028-35

Bali, Nov 11 (Way to News): The International Cricket Council (ICC) begins its Board meetings here, running from November 11 to 15. Eight ICC Committees will meet across the four-day programme, with the ICC and IBC Board meetings concluding proceedings. ICC World Test Championship matchups will be proposed for the 2027-29 and 2029-31 cycles, while windows for all established ICC major men's events for 2028-35 will be submitted for approval, the ICC said in a release.

It added that, with several qualifying events under consideration, the ICC Development Committee has played a key role in designing ICC event qualification frameworks that will provide greater context and competitiveness at every stage of the qualification journey, particularly for emerging nations.

Discussions will include the initial feedback from the Franchise League Review Group and the Governance Review Committee, both established at the ICC Annual Co ference in July 2026. The Franchise League Review Group has set out to consider ways to enhance the current ICC sanctioning framework of regulations, further protecting and strengthening the ecosystem to address new challenges arising from the increasing number of franchise leagues.

Meanwhile, the Governance Review Committee will report its initial recommendations after completing a thorough review of the ICC's governance.



Elsewhere, the Task Force for Afghan refugee women cricketers will present proposed next steps for the Development Pathway Programme to the ICC Board. The ICC's DRS Accreditation Programme will also be considered by the CEC and ICC Board.

"The ICC Board and Committee meetings demonstrate the strength of the ICC as the sport's global governing body. Bringing together a diverse group of Directors and chief executives representing members from across the world provides an important opportunity to exchange perspectives, strengthen collaboration and shape the future of our sport. Through our shared vision and collaborative efforts, we remain committed to building a stronger, more inclusive and sustainable future for cricket worldwide," said ICC chair Jay Shah. Indonesia hosts the meetings at a time of significant growth for cricket in the country, with Persatuan Cricket Indonesia making considerable strides in participation, international competition, and infrastructure development.

Indonesia's men's team played more T20Is than any other country in 2025, while their senior women's team made its Women's Asia Cup debut in 2026 and its Under-19 women's team qualified for the Under-19 Asia Cup for the first time.

SAFF Championship: Suhail Bhat Penalty Takes India Into Semis As Group Toppers

Dhaka, Nov 11 (Way to News): Suhail Ahmad Bhat's 38th-minute penalty and Priyansh Dubey's late saves took India into the SAFF Championship semifinals with a 1-0 win over Maldives in their final Group B match at the National Stadium in Dhaka on Wednesday. The defending champions finished the group stage with six points, ahead of Pakistan on three, while Maldives bowed out without a point.



India will face either Bangladesh, Bhutan or Sri Lanka in the semifinal on November 14. The opponents will be confirmed after the last Group A match between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka takes place later on Wednesday.

Head coach Naushad Moosa made seven changes to the side that defeated Pakistan 3-2, with Abhishek Suryavanshi, Muhammed Uvais, Suhail Ahmad Bhat and Ricky Shabong retaining their places. Priyansh Dubey replaced Arsh Anwer Shaikh in goal, while Chinglensana Singh Konsham took over the captaincy after Bijoy Varghese departed for New Zealand.

Bhat tested Hussain Shareef early with a near-post effort, but India had to wait for a penalty to take the lead. Abdul Rabeeh dispossessed Hussain Sifaau Yoosuf and was brought down by the defender inside the box. Bhat sent Shareef the wrong way, placing his kick into the bottom-left corner. The goal took Bhat's tournament tally to three following his first-half brace in India's win over Pakistan. Manglenthang Kipgen had scored India's other goal in that match. Irfan Yadwad and Kipgen replaced Rabeeh and Nickson at half-time. Vishnu PV came on for Bhat in the 65th minute.

Dubey saved Ali Hamdhaan's free-kick in the 79th minute and Muzdhaan Hassan's shot five minutes later. His most important intervention came in stoppage time, when he rushed out and blocked Ethan Ibrahim Zaki's close-range attempt with his face.

Moosa had called for better concentration and game management after India conceded twice in added time against Pakistan. That match had ended nervously despite India establishing a three-goal lead before the interval.

Youth Olympics: India's Lairenlakpam Ambekar Meetei Storms Into Final Of Men's 50kg Boxing

Dakar (Senegal), Nov 11 (Way to News): Indian boxer Lairenlakpam Ambekar Meetei stormed into the final of the Men's 50kg boxing competition at the 2026 Summer Youth Olympics in Dakar, defeating Colombia's Izzon Jeffrey Galea Arevalo 5-0 on points in the semifinal bout on Wednesday. Playing from the red corner, Meetei dominated the bout and won it on the cards scored by all five judges. The bout was scored 28-27, 28-27, 28-27, 29-26 and 28-27 by the five judges. In the final, Meetei will meet Kristian Jubani of Ireland, who blanked Alan Jesus Ocampo Cano of Mexico 5-0 in the other semifinal.



Meetei had defeated Namibia's Abraham Kalenga via Referee Stops Contest (RSC) in Round 1 at 1:57 to advance to the semifinals and assure India of a medal. In the quarterfinals, he handed Faye Cheikh Ibrahima Fall of Senegal 5-0 on points. This is the second medal India has secured in boxing competitions at the Youth Olympics.

Earlier, Gunjan defeated Mexico's Atena Sofia Juarez Calero 5-0 in the Women's 48 kg category to advance to the semifinals and assured India of a medal. Gunjan received a bye in the first round and got directly into the quarterfinals. Gunjan will be taking on Lilly Bassett of Great Britain in the semifinals of the Women's 48 kg. If she fails to progress any further, she will return with a bronze medal. India have so far won medals in wrestling and swimming at the 2026 Summer Youth Olympics for a tally of nine medals — three silver and five bronze medals till the morning session on Wednesday (Nov 11).

Meetei's entry into the final has further strengthened India's boxing campaign at the Youth Olympics. Having secured a medal by reaching the semifinals, the young boxer will now aim to finish his impressive run with a gold medal when he faces Ireland's Jubani in the title clash.

India's performance in the boxing events has also received a boost with Gunjan reaching the women's 48kg semifinals. With both boxers assured of medals, the Indian contingent will look to add to its tally as the competition progresses.

Odisha Para-Athlete Payal Nag Gets Rs 10L For Asian Para Games Silver

Bhubaneswar, Nov 11 (Way to News): Odisha para-athlete Payal Nag has been awarded a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh by the state government for winning a silver medal in the Women's Para Compound Doubles category at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026.



The Sports and Youth Services Department felicitated Payal and presented her with the cash award at Kalinga Stadium on Wednesday.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary of the Sports and Youth Services Department, Bhupendra Singh Poonia, and Director Dr Yeddula Vijay felicitated the para-athlete in recognition of her achievement.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhupendra Singh Poonia said that Payal Nag had brought pride and glory to Odisha by winning the silver medal at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026. He added that her achievement would inspire sportspersons across the state. Wishing Payal success in her future endeavours, Poonia said that the Sports and Youth Services Department was continuously working towards the overall development of sports and sportspersons in Odisha.

Cricketer Arshdeep Singh to marry Girlfriend Samreen, couple gets engaged

Mumbai, Nov 11 (Way to News): Indian cricketer Arshdeep Singh is officially off the market! The left-arm pacer, who has been making headlines for his romantic pictures with girlfriend Samreen Kaur ever since making their relationship Instagram official, has now taken the next big step in their relationship.

Arshdeep Singh and actor-model Samreen Kaur are engaged. The couple announced the happy news on Wednesday, November 11, through a joint Instagram post, sending fans and well-wishers into celebration.

Sharing a series of pictures from their special moment, the couple penned a heartfelt caption that read, "And of all the things life could have given us, I'm the happiest it gave us each other. To a lifetime together. 11.11.2026 (hi fiance)." The post quickly



caught the attention of fans, with congratulatory messages and good wishes pouring in for the newly engaged couple. Check out the post:

The engagement comes months after Arshdeep made his relationship with Samreen Instagram official in July 2026. The cricketer had shared pictures with the actor-model, introducing her to his followers with a simple yet adorable caption, "My Person". However, their relationship had already become a talking point on social media much before the official announcement.

It all started when Arshdeep shared a Snapchat picture in which he was seen holding hands with a girl without revealing her identity. Internet users were quick to connect the dots and identify the mystery girl as Samreen Kaur. Soon after, videos of the two walking hand in hand on the streets of Dharamshala also surfaced online. In one of the videos, Arshdeep was even seen trying to stop someone from filming them, further fuelling curiosity about their relationship. Samreen Kaur is an actor and model who has been part of the entertainment industry. She has appeared in films such as 83 and Sardaar Ji 2 and has also featured in several music videos. While Arshdeep continues to make a mark on the cricket field, Samreen has been building her presence in the entertainment industry. With their engagement announcement, the couple has now made their relationship official in the sweetest way possible. Fans are eagerly waiting for more glimpses from their new journey together.

IFL: Nagaland United Make Dream Start As Newcomers Samaleswari, Bengaluru United Learn Lessons The Hard Way

New Delhi, Nov 11 (Way to News): The opening week of the 2026-27 Indian Football League (IFL) has offered three debutants sharply contrasting introductions to the demands of the national competition, with Nagaland United celebrating a winning start, FC Bengaluru United bouncing back from a heartbreaking defeat and Samaleswari SC discovering how costly missed opportunities can be. With promotion to the Indian Super League at stake over the course of the season, the early results have already given the newcomers plenty to reflect on.

For Nagaland United, the league debut was a moment years in the making. Founded in Chümoukedima in 2024, the club became the first from Nagaland to compete in the national league, ending a 78-year wait for the state since Talimeren Ao captained India at the 1948 London Olympics. The club secured its place through a goodwill agreement with Aizawl FC, approved by the All India Football Federation on September 9. While the arrangement brought national-league experience into the squad, the club's stated priority remained providing opportunities to Naga players.

That ambition got off to an ideal start in Srinagar on October 30. Nagaland struck inside three minutes against Real Kashmir when JH Remlala capitalised on a long throw-in, before Vanlalhriatzuala extended the advantage. Despite an own goal by captain Rohmingthanga shortly before the hour mark, the debutants regained control, and Vanlalhriatzuala completed a 3-1 victory with his second goal. Head coach Kaizad Ambapardiwalla credited the team's preparation for helping the players settle



quickly despite the limited time available. "With limited time, it was important to get the players on the same page, understand our style of play and build confidence within the group," he said. The response to the own goal was particularly encouraging for the coach. "I told them to stay calm and keep believing in themselves," he said. "These moments are part of football, and what matters is how you respond."

Rohmingthanga, who previously played for Aizawl, acknowledged the challenge of recovering from the setback. "Of course, it was a difficult moment, but we knew we couldn't afford to lose our focus," he said.

For the captain, leading the new club to victory carried special significance. "To now lead Nagaland United SC and help the club begin its journey with a win means a lot," he said. While Nagaland celebrated, Samaleswari SC have had to come to terms with two narrow defeats despite showing they can compete against more established opponents. The Odisha club's rise has been remarkable. Founded in 2006 in Pitapali, near the Hirakud Reservoir and about 15 km from Sambalpur, Samaleswari laid its foundation through its academy. Having competed in the fourth tier last season, the club earned a place in the IFL after a breakthrough campaign that included its first Durand Cup appearance and a memorable 3-2 victory over Mohammedan SC in Kolkata. Ten members of coach Abdul Azim Siddique's squad hail from Odisha.

Their first league outing against two-time national champions Gokulam Kerala in Kozhikode on October 31 showcased their resilience. Trailing 0-2 at half-time, Samaleswari fought back through an own goal and a 90th-minute penalty converted by Jorge Pereyra Diaz. However, Crislan's late header denied them a share of the points. "Football can be cruel sometimes, but we must learn from these moments," Siddique said after the defeat. He added: "One result will not define our season. Our response to this defeat will define our character."

Samaleswari produced another spirited display in their next outing, against Dempo in Rourkela on November 5. Playing in front of their home crowd as the city hosted its first IFL match, they fell two goals behind before mounting a late challenge. Young defender Kartik Choudhary gave them hope in the 82nd minute with a spectacular lob from 35 yards, but a missed opportunity deep into stoppage time left them with a 1-2 defeat. Two matches have yielded no points, but Samaleswari have repeatedly pushed experienced sides until the closing stages, an encouraging sign for a club making its first appearance at this level. FC Bengaluru United, meanwhile, have experienced both the heartbreak and the exhilaration of late goals in the space of five days. The Karnataka side's promotion was the culmination of a seven-year effort to move beyond the third tier. They finished runners-up in I-League 2 last season, securing promotion ahead of United SC on goal difference. Former India international Nallappan Mohanraj, who coaches the team, retained much of that squad for their first IFL campaign.

Their debut against five-time champions Dempo at Fatorda on November 1 appeared headed for a draw until Uzziel Budu scored from a corner in the eighth minute of stoppage time.

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Music Director Anirudh Ravichander Marries Kavya Maran in Greece





Sharing pictures from his wedding with Kavya Maran, the daughter of Sun Group Chairman Kalanidhi Maran and the owner of the IPL franchise SunRisers Hyderabad, one of India's top music directors Anirudh Ravichander on Wednesday said, "My once in a lifetime, for a lifetime 11.11.' The wedding, which took place in Greece over a two-day period, has been the cynosure of all eyes as distinguished guests for the wedding were flown to the venue. Among those present at the wedding were Tamil film Superstar Rajinikanth and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin. Sun Pictures, the production house of Kalanidhi Maran, took to its timeline to share moments captured during the star-studded wedding. The production house wished the couple saying, "Heartiest congratulations to Kaviya and Anirudh on their wedding! #KAVIYAandANIRUDH."

The news of the music director's wedding was first officially confirmed by the Telangana Chief Minister's office which put out a post on its X timeline saying that Sun Group Chairman Kalanidhi Maran and his wife Kavery Maran had called on the Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee hills to invite him to the wedding reception of his daughter Kavya Maran, which was to be held in Chennai on November 21. The post put out by the Telangana CM's office read, "Sun Group Chairman Shri Kalanithi Maran and his wife, Smt. Kavery Maran, met Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills and invited him to the wedding reception of their daughter, Kavya Maran."

It further said, "The wedding reception of Kavya Maran and Anirudh Ravichander is scheduled to be held in Chennai on November 21. #KalanithiMaran #KavyaMaran." The celebrity couple's wedding comes at a time when director Nelson Dilipkumar's 'Jailer 2', featuring Superstar Rajinikanth in the lead and having music by Anirudh Ravichander, has gone on to emerge a superhit worldwide.

It may be recalled that Jailer, which was produced by Kalanidhi Maran's Sun Pictures, had raked in a whopping 650 crores worldwide. In fact, the film was such a phenomenal success that the producers of the film, Sun Pictures, overjoyed with the collections, not only gifted Superstar Rajinikanth a BMW X7 car, they also gifted director Nelson Dilipkumar and Anirudh Ravichander brand new Porsche cars and cheques for undisclosed amounts. The success of Jailer also strengthened the professional association between Anirudh Ravichander, director Nelson Dilipkumar and Sun Pictures. The film, starring Rajinikanth, became one of the biggest commercial hits in Tamil cinema, earning an estimated Rs. 650 crore worldwide. Following the film's phenomenal success, Sun Pictures Chairman Kalanidhi Maran personally congratulated the team by presenting luxury cars to the key members. Rajinikanth received a BMW X7, while Nelson Dilipkumar and Anirudh Ravichander were gifted Porsche cars along with cheques for undisclosed amounts. The grand wedding in Greece has once again brought together leading personalities from the Tamil film industry, politics and business circles. The presence of Rajinikanth and M. K. Stalin added further prominence to the celebrations, making the occasion one of the most talked-about celebrity weddings. Meanwhile, expectations are high for Jailer 2, which reunites Rajinikanth, Nelson Dilipkumar and Anirudh Ravichander. The sequel is being produced by Sun Pictures and is among the most anticipated Tamil film projects, with fans eagerly awaiting another blockbuster collaboration.

Kajal, Tamannaah and Keerthy Face Career Challenges as Nayanthara Stays in Demand



It is an undeniable truth that the career span of heroines is short. Heroines are not in as much demand as heroes. Makers do not give seniors the priority they give to new actresses. What if no matter how many top heroines fail to achieve consecutive successes? It will be difficult to maintain a foothold in the industry. Currently, the careers of some senior star heroines who have ruled the box office from Tollywood to Kollywood are facing setbacks. There is a lot of talk that the careers of actresses like Kajal Aggarwal, Tamannaah and Keerthy Suresh have entered the danger zone as they have not been able to get the expected hits recently. At one stage, Chandamama Kajal Aggarwal, who remained at the number one position for more than a decade, has made a re-entry after her maternity break? The expected success has not come. As Kajal's films in the lead role have flopped at the box office, makers are hesitant to approach her for lead roles. Similarly, Milky Beauty Tamannaah's career is also at a crucial juncture. Are you busy with special songs and digital projects? It has been a long time since she had a proper hit as a solo heroine with strong roles. The situation of Keerthy Suresh, who received the National Award for Best Actress, is no different. After `Mahanati`, who gave her that level of recognition? She did not get another strong success. Did she do experimental roles, lady-oriented films as well as commercial films? They did not give the expected results at the box office. Due to this, the actress's career has been in turmoil. In the backdrop of the increasing influx of new generation actresses, opportunities for senior actresses from makers are decreasing.

No matter how much glamour and talent there is in the industry? Even those who have become queens if they do not have a success rate at the box office? This is being proven once again that they will have to be sidelined. With the rise of young generation heroines and the makers also leaning towards new faces, the demand for senior heroines is gradually decreasing. Especially, the fact that they are getting lead roles in commercial mass films is becoming a big minus for their careers. And to get out of this situation, there is a great need for the Mudugummalu to change their ways. Not limited to routine commercial roles, but diverse roles that have the potential for acting.. Only if they choose content-oriented projects in OTT, there is a chance of coming back into the race. However, the journey of Lady Superstar Nayanthara is different from all of them. Even if they face some setbacks? Amma's stardom is not going anywhere. It is an undeniable truth that opportunities are in the queue for Amma.

Balakrishna Turns Singer Again for Thaman's Special Song



After the generation of legendary actors like NTR, ANR, and Krishna in the Telugu film industry, Balakrishna has also made a name for himself as one of the four giants of the industry. Even at the age of 66, he continues to amaze everyone with his unique action performance without using any dupe. It is known that Balayya, on the one hand, continues to be a hero and on the other hand, a politician, and also acts as a host for talk shows and impresses everyone with his unique talent.

It was revealed in the past that Balayya is also a singer. But now Balakrishna will once again give another surprise to the fans in the theaters by singing a song. Coming to the real story, Balakrishna is currently acting in the film Dada directed by Gopichand Malineni. Balakrishna has sung a special song in this film, which is composed by Thaman. Balayya himself has sung some lines in this special mass song, which is being shaped under the music direction of Thaman. This song is going to be released on November 13, 2026. However, the audience is commenting that Thaman's music and Balayya's voice are going to create another miracle on the silver screen. Meanwhile, Balakrishna sang the song "Mama Ek Peg La" for the first time in full in the 2017 film Paisa Vasool directed by Puri Jagannadh. This song, composed by Anoop Rubens, became a huge success as a party song. Overall, comments are being expressed that Balayya is providing genuine entertainment to the audience with his voice now and then.

It is known that Balakrishna enthusiastically sings not only film songs, but also old classic songs and poems sung by his father NTR on the Unstoppable show, which he hosts, as well as at other film festivals.

As for Balakrishna's films, after the blockbuster success of Veera Simha Reddy, Balayya has once again given Gopichand Malineni a chance. This high-voltage action drama set in the backdrop of retro Mumbai is going to hit the screens on December 24 this year.

Priya Bhavani Shankar Marries Long-Time Boyfriend Rajvel Raj



Actress Priya Bhavani Shankar on Wednesday wed her long-time boyfriend Rajvel Raj at a beautiful but closed wedding ceremony that was attended only by close friends and family members. The actress shared the happy news by sharing pictures of her wedding on social media. She wrote, "Well, this happened! (heart symbol) 11.11.2026." The actress wore a lovely red saree for her wedding, while the bridegroom was seen sporting a white Kurta with a light floral design embedded on it.

The wedding was a classy and elegant affair, which was filled with joy and laughter. Priya Bhavani Shankar, who has delivered several hits in both Tamil and Telugu cinema, has been dating Rajvel for a long time. In January this year, the actress had penned an adorable birthday wish to her boyfriend in which she had gone on to explain what she loved the most about him.

Taking to her Instagram page to pen the birthday wish, Priya Bhavani Shankar had said, "You wake up at impossible hours in Australia, hope fully on, watch Man U matches, ride the emotions, and somehow end up disappointed more often than not… but never surprised. That's what I love most — the loyalty and commitment through highs, lows, and the very questionable seasons."

The actress had gone on to say, "Your long-standing prayer is still CR7 lifting the World Cup in 2026, so on your birthday I've added mine to yours. The universe has been informed. Happy Birthday to my favourite person to laugh with, argue with, and stay in love with without trying. You are my home @rajvel.rs." On the work front, Priya Bhavani Shankar's recently released Telugu film, 'Irumudi', featuring Ravi Teja in the lead, has gone on to emerge a blockbuster. In Tamil, her upcoming film, director Ajay Gnanamuthu's eagerly awaited horror thriller 'Demonte Colony 3', is slated to hit screens for Pongal next year. The film, which features actor Arulnithi in the lead along with her, is among the most eagerly awaited as the second instalment of the franchise 'Demonte Colony 2' had gone on to emerge a huge blockbuster.

Puri Jagannadh Believes in Talent, Not Family Influence in Tollywood



Puri Jagannath is a brand in Tollywood. A carefree address for mass films. He is a creative director who has given life to many artists and technicians. But with all this recognition in the industry.. image? There has been a recent discussion in Film Nagar circles that Puri's own family members are not able to fully utilize that craze. Is he in the shadow of a star director? The young generation of his family is still waiting for a proper break. Puri Jagannath has two brothers. Umashankar is the elder brother. He is in politics. Another brother is Sairamshankar. He has done a few films as a hero. However, there are actors and talented boys in their families who are useful to the industry. Puri Jagannath's own son Akash Puri has also impressed with his acting in films like `Mehbooba` and `Romantic`. But he is still working hard for solid mass success. Do Umashankar's sons also have the qualifications to suit the industry with good looks and personality? They have not yet made a professional entry on the silver screen. A dynamic director like Puri is in the house. Who would say no if he says a single word? People outside think that life will be set. But Puri Jagannath has a strong theory behind not giving a lift to family members. Puri Jagannath, who came into the industry without any background and rose to become a star director, strongly believes in one thing. In the industry, anyone should stand alone with their own fashion, hard work, and talent.. Is it with resumes? With inheritance? Puri's theory is that the successes that come do not last long. That is why he gave his son.. family members a chance? He thinks that they should stand on their own and does not want to be led by the back of the line every moment. This is the reason why young actors from Puri's family are not in the industry. What if they enter the film industry? Puri tells us all the conditions in the industry in advance. Only if you have the courage to stand up and fight against them, do you enter the film industry? Otherwise, they say bluntly, don't come. Puri has said this without even mentioning it in many interviews.

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