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Bomb threat racked bust in Gujarat

Ahmedabad

The Gujarat Police's Cyber Centre of Excellence has busted an inter-State syndicate allegedly involved in sending bomb threat emails to Government offices, educational institutions and courts, and arrested two persons from Bihar and Jharkhand.

The initial investigation showed that the accused allegedly received financial support from associates in Bangladesh and cryptocurrency wallets were used for financial transactions.



According to a release issued on Monday, Roshan Kumar Bhumihar (Rai) was apprehended from Bhagalpur in Bihar for allegedly sending a bomb threat email to the Gujarat Secretariat on September 10. Another accused, Gulshan Kumar Singh, was held in Deoghar, Jharkhand. Police suspect he is the main source and allegedly provided 5,13,847 unique email IDs and passwords, which were used to send threat emails and commit other cybercrimes.

The investigation was launched after an email was received on September 10 at the email ID of the Gujarat Government's Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department, threatening to blow up the Chief Minister's office, State legislative assembly, the Prime Minister, Union Home Minister and countries supporting India during the recently concluded BRICS summit in Delhi, the press note said.

Police said technical analysis and digital evidence indicated the email was operated from Bhagalpur, leading to Rai's arrest.

During questioning, he allegedly told police that Singh had provided him the email ID, following which the latter was also arrested.

Police said Rai and Singh had a list containing 5,13,847 unique email IDs and passwords, allegedly created to send threatening emails to Government offices, schools, colleges and courts and for other cyber and illegal activities.

The investigation also showed that the accused had allegedly received financial support from associates based in Bangladesh and had shared the email ID list with them.

Karnataka faces severe drought: CM

Ramanagara

Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday flagged a severe drought and a looming shortage of drinking water and electricity in the state, saying the Government was exploring options to boost thermal generation and source additional supplies through the national grid.

Speaking to reporters in his hometown Kanakapura, Shivakumar said drought had already been declared in 100 taluks, and the process was underway to declare other areas drought-hit based on prescribed norms. "This year, the groundwater level has fallen drastically, and crops have been destroyed. In many places, crops could not even be cultivated. Going forward, the situation indicates that there could be a severe shortage of drinking water and electricity," he said.



Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar ploughs a field with a pair of bulls in Karnataka PTI

The chief minister said electricity demand had crossed 19,000 MW last week, forcing the Government to purchase power at ₹11-13 per unit during evening peak hours.

"I have asked our Energy Minister KJ George to discuss this extensively and speak to neighbouring states about what needs to be done," he said. Shivakumar said Karnataka was witnessing increased demand for water and land from investors.

He said the Government would consider increasing thermal power generation and sourcing electricity from coal-producing regions. Under the One Nation, One Grid system, electricity generated in other parts of the country could be brought to Karnataka, though transmission charges would be incurred, he said. The system integrates India's regional power grids into a single national grid operating at a uniform frequency.

On drought-related losses, Shivakumar said the Government had allocated two days during the special session of the legislature, scheduled for September 21-23, to discuss farmers' concerns arisingfrom the drought.

Two labourers die of asphyxiation inside septic tank in Bihar



Muzaffarpur

Two labourers died of asphyxiation while they were removing shuttering from a newly constructed septic tank in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district on Monday, officials said.

The incident occurred in the Sikandarpur police station area of the district.

The deceased have been identified as Sonu Kumar and Mohammad Jahangir.

"The two labourers entered the tank to remove the shuttering, but subsequently died of asphyxiation. After police reached the site, the bodies were pulled out using a rope," Muzaffarpur SDPO-1 Suresh Kumar said.

Shuttering is a temporary mold or casing used in construction to hold and shape wet concrete.Police are investigating the case from all angles to examine whether there was any breach of safety protocols, he said.

Owaisi slams Shah's UCC remark

Hyderabad

Taking strong exception to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks that BJP-led NDA Governments in 21 states would introduce the UCC before 2029, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday questioned whether the BJP's allies had an independent political voice. He said they should demonstrate that they were not merely "choti BJP".

In a post on X, Owaisi said the Law Commission appointed by the NDA Government had concluded that a UCC was neither necessary nor desirable.

Observing that the "soul" of the country was its pluralism, he claimed that a Uniform Civil Code would amount to imposing Hindu law on non-Hindus.

"It's ironic that the BJP wants a UCC while its own states pass laws like the Disturbed Areas Act, which prohibit the sale of property between Muslims and Hindus. The so-called 'love jihad' laws have been applied exclusively against Christians and Muslims. A UCC isn't about equality; it's about targeting Muslims," he said.



Love jihad is a term used by right-wing Hindu groups to allege that Muslim men deceive Hindu women into marriage as part of an attempt to convert them to Islam.

Owaisi further alleged that Shah's "misplaced arrogance" and "chronology" had led to the anti-CAA/NRC protests in 2019. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had to clarify that no NRC was going to be implemented, he said.

Karnataka drought heats up Cauvery row

Bengaluru

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara on Monday urged the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) to reconsider its directions to release water to Tamil Nadu, saying the state's reservoirs were facing low storage amid a severe drought and the Government has prioritised drinking water needs.

Parameshwara, who holds revenue portfolio, said Karnataka had never refused to release water to Tamil Nadu when there was sufficient availability, but questioned how it could release water for agriculture when its own reservoirs were depleted and farmers had been advised against raising crops.

"Today, the storage in Kabini dam is already below 50 per cent, while Harangi dam has also fallen to around half of its capacity.

Krishnaraja Sagar dam too has not reached the level we had expected and



G Parameshwara

is around 55 to 60 per cent," the Deputy Chief Minister told reporters.

"When the situation is like this, how can we release water? The Government has already decided that water should not be used for crops and should instead be conserved for drinking purposes," he said.

Parameshwara said repeated directions to release varying quantities of water, including 12,000 cusecs, 3,000 cusecs, 6,000 cusecs and 9,000 cusecs, had to be viewed in the context of prevailing situation in Karnataka.

"In such circumstances, if we are asked to release water to Tamil Nadu for agriculture, we have to question the fairness of such a demand. The CWMA should therefore reconsider the matter in view of the prevailing situation," he said.

According to him, the state was facing a severe drought and people were experiencing considerable hardship. The Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, would provide all possible assistance within its limits, he said, expressing hope that late rains would bring some relief.

"It may not be possible to save crops at this stage, even if it rains now, but rainfall would certainly help meet the drinking water requirements of people and provide water for livestock," Parameshwara noted.

Uniform Civil Code is unconstitutional: DMK leader hits out at Amit Shah

Chennai

Senior DMK leader TKS Elangovan on Monday hit out at Union Home Minister Amit Shah over his statements on implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), calling the move "unconstitutional".

Elangovan also demanded complete transparency from the state government over Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay's visit to London. Elangovan asserted that bringing the UCC into BJP-governed states violates the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.



TKS Elangovan

"That is against the Constitution of India. They cannot bring it because Constitution Article 25 says that any Indian has every right under fundamental rights to follow, preach, and practice any religion. What Amit Shah is talking about is against the Constitution. This is absolutely wrong," he said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on September 13 that the UCC will be implemented across all 21 states governed by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) before 2029.

The UCC seeks to establish a uniform legal framework for personal matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption for all citizens, overriding religion-specific personal laws. Elangovan also targeted the ruling dispensation over CM Vijay's trip to London, questioning the lack of an official schedule itinerary regarding potential industrial investments.

Elangovan pointed out that during DMK President M K Stalin's tenure, multiple foreign visits brought tangible industrial projects, employment, and propelled Tamil Nadu's Gross State Domestic Product to the second position in the country behind Maharashtra.

He alleged that under the current administration, several projects had shifted to Andhra Pradesh due to inadequate infrastructure. "There was no programme released by the Government on the visit. We were only informed that he would leave on September 10. Which countries is he visiting, and which companies is he going to meet, nothing has come out," Elangovan said.

India's voice heard with more confidence: Andhra CM on BRICS Summit



N Chandrababu

Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu hailed India's successful hosting of the 18th BRICS Summit , saying the country's voice was being heard with "greater confidence and respect" globally.

India hosted the BRICS Summit on September 12-13, with leaders of the 11 member countries , along with representatives of some international organisations.

"I'm delighted that India successfully hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi... Today, India's voice is being heard with greater confidence and respect across the world than ever before!" the chief minister said in a post on X. Underscoring that the summit brought together some of the world's leading economies at a time of significant global change, Naidu said India had emerged as a trusted platform where nations with diverse perspectives could come together, engage constructively and find common ground.

He said the New Delhi Declaration's focus on stronger multilateral institutions, resilient supply chains, innovation, sustainable and greater ties among emerging economies was particularly significant. These issues would shape global growth and prosperity in the decades ahead, Naidu said, adding that the ability to build consensus while advancing the interests of the developing world reflected India's "growing economic strength and stature" on the global stage.

Palghar violence: 22 accused remanded in police custody

Palghar

Twenty-two persons arrested in the Palghar hospital violence case were remanded in police custody till September 16 by a local court.

Those remanded in police custody by Magistrate Yogesh H Gajbhiye in an order issued late Sunday night include MLA Rajendra Gavit's son Rohit Gavit and former Shiv Sena district chief Kundan Sankhe. On the intervening night of September 5 and 6, Sena workers barged into Relief Hospital at Palghar where a few injured 'Govindas' who had participated in the Dahi Handi celebrations had been admitted.

Claiming that the hospital was charging exorbitant fees, they allegedly vandalised the property, threatened the doctors, assaulted staff members and forcibly took away one of the injured persons from the ICU.



A case was registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Maharashtra Medicare Service Persons and Medicare Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss to Property) Act for rioting. assault, criminal intimidation, trespass, unlawful assembly and other offences, with police identifying 22 persons through CCTV footage.

Shiv Sena Palghar city chief Rahul Gharat was held in the case on September 7, while Rohit Gavit and 12 'govindas' were held on September 11. Sankhe and the others surrendered on Sunday, as per police.

Appearing for the prosecution, Sub-Divisional Police Officer Nisha Jadhav requested five days of police custody to collect voice samples, seize mobile devices, and secure cloud-stored CCTV footage from a Bengaluru server.

However, the defence argued that the accused were merely visiting an injured friend without unlawful intent and urged the court to remand them in judicial custody. Magistrate Gajbhiye, after hearing both sides, ruled that the severe nature of the offence and clear prima facie involvement warranted police custody.

8 held for alleged rape of minor in Hyderabad

Hyderabad

As many as eight people have been arrested in connection with the alleged rape and sexual exploitation of a minor girl here, police said on Monday.

A case under the POCSO Act and relevant sections of the BNS was registered on Sunday following a complaint, they said.

The accused were known to the girl and allegedly sexually exploited her separately over a period of two-and-a-half years by offering her items such as chocolates laced with ganja, police said.



Police said three more persons were likely to be arrested soon. The girl was also allegedly sexually exploited in a hotel room.

Action would be initiated against the concerned hotel staff for allegedly violating the law by allowing the minor and the accused to enter the premises, police said.

Faith and fervour: Mumbai decks up in devotion as Ganesh festival begins

Mumbai

Chants of *Ganpati Bappa Morya* echoed through the streets of Mumbai on Monday as Ganesha idols of all sizes made their way to homes and neighbourhood pandals across the metropolis, setting the stage for a grand 11-day festival.

From the bustling, narrow alleys of Lalbaug to elaborate neighbourhood pandals adorned with breathtaking artwork, the annual homecoming of the beloved deity transforms the city, binding it together in faith and celebration.

The festivities will culminate on Anant Chaturdashi (September 25), when the cherished idols are carried in grand processions to the city's beaches for their final ritual immersions. While major mandals had already brought in their large idols over the past few weeks, smaller groups and households spent Sunday night escorting theirs home with devotional chants, street music, and 'gulal'.

The official celebrations began with 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremonies, as families and neighbourhood groups performed elaborate pujas, aartis, and the rhythmic chanting of mantras.

In key hubs of Lalbaug, Parel, Girgaon, Andheri, Chembur, and Fort, entire neighbourhoods have been bathed in colourful light displays. Bustling markets of Dadar, Crawford Market, and Lohar Chawl saw an outpouring of eager shoppers gathering last-minute festival essentials - from traditional 'makhar' decorations and fresh garlands to festive sweets and ceremonial items.



People offer prayers at Lalbaugcha Raja during Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Mumbai PTI

Lalbaug remains the heart of the festival, drawing huge crowds to iconic pandals like Lalbaugcha Raja, Chinchpokli, Ganesh Gully, and Tejukaya. In Matunga, the GSB Seva Mandal has once again adorned its idol with exquisite gold ornaments - securing a multi-crore insurance policy to safeguard its lavish offerings - while drawing long queues for its meticulous daily rituals.

Other favourites include the Tilak Nagar-based Sahyadri Mandal, Fort Vibhag Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav Mandal in south Mumbai, Andheri-based Azad Nagar Sarvajanik Utsav Samitee, and the Khetwadi Ganpati mandals in Girgaon. The city has already witnessed three idol collapse incidents in Bhuleshwar, Kurla, and Malad over the last few days. While no injuries were reported in the mishaps in Kurla or Malad, where a 17-foot idol toppled on Kachpada Road on Sunday when a crane lost its balance, the Bhuleshwar incident tragically claimed two lives.

Meanwhile, more than 16,800 police personnel, including senior officers and quick response units, have been deployed across the city to ensure safe and peaceful celebrations.

Special arrangements have also been planned for idol immersion days, with additional security personnel being assigned to manage crowds and traffic.

The police have urged citizens to exercise restraint at crowded places and cooperate with security personnel on duty.

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EDITORIAL

All eyes on RBI: Will it cut rates to prop up growth?

The Union Budget 2025-26 has finally met the long-awaited demand of the middle class, pinned down as it is by a persistent inflation, particularly of food items, and stagnancy in wages despite a record surge in the after-tax profits of corporates. FM Nirmala Sitharaman did not waver at the outgo of Rs 1 lakh crore due to tax exemption for up to Rs 12 lakh, saying the tax base itself is small and reposes trust in the middle class loosening their purse strings to boost private consumption – a critical factor amid RBI lowering GDP forecast to 6.6% from 7.2%, and govt lowering it to 6.4%. Also Read - Centre mulls new IT Act for tech-driven taxpayers Even as the dust has settled and analysts are poring over allocations for critical sectors, the euphoria among the middle class is spilling over and all eyes are now on the Reserve Bank of India if it will also cheer them by easing interest rates. The next RBI Monetary Policy Committee meeting is scheduled from February 5 to 7. There are keen expectations from the common man and the industry alike for lower rates. Following a budget booster to private consumption, in view of slackness in investments by industry and businesses, people feel enthused about the new RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra recognising the need to support growth rather than status quo for fear of stoking inflation further. They feel the onus is on the RBI to further stimulate the demand generation. Also Read- Govt creating new Income Tax Act for techdriven taxpayers, scrapping convoluted older law In recent weeks, the RBI undertook certain measures to infuse liquidity in the system, despite the inflation ruling above its target (4% with +/2%). For more than four years, it has shunned easing the repo rate from 6.5%. The repo is the rate that the RBI lends to commercial banks. RBI also uses cash reserve ratio or CRR, the percentage of a bank's deposits that it must keep in reserves with the RBI. By raising or lowering the CRR, the central bank affects liquidity in the economy. In December 2024, the RBI slashed the CRR by 50 basis points to 4% to influse ?1.16 lakh crore into the banking system. Also Read Budget caters to every section of society:CM It is true that interest rate cuts won't increase disposable incomes of consumers, unlike fewer taxes or more direct benefit transfers; but, they will lead to more investments and less unemployment. A cut in repo rate will lead to lower loan interest rates, paving way for more borrowing and spending in the economy. But there are as many sceptics as hopefuls. They point out that with the inflation not showing any signs of abatement, the central bank may not be willing to risk making borrowing any less expensive for banks. If done, it will increase money supply in the system, making it difficult to cool down inflation. They are pouring water on high expectations of interest rate cuts in wake of record depreciation in the rupee value, by as much as 3%, due to external pressures and a slowing economy. Even then, there is still room for moderate rate cuts, contend the hopefuls.







Gautam Adani Visits Tarapur Maharashtra Site, Briefed On Nuclear Energy Sector



Palghar: Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani and senior officials visited the Tarapur Maharashtra Site (TMS) to gain insights into nuclear power technology and its operational aspects, as per a Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) release. The TMS consists of two atomic power stations. The delegation also included senior officials from Adani Energy, Adani Green, and the energy strategy division of the conglomerate.According to an official communication from the Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS), the visiting officials were briefed about India's nuclear power programme on Sunday. The session covered the current status of the country's nuclear energy sector, its strategic importance, and future vision.Senior officials from the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) headquarters, along with the site management, led the presentations.Adani Group officials were taken on a field tour of the TAPS 3&4 plant areas, where they were given a detailed overview of plant operations. Experts explained the key technological aspects, safety measures, and the role of nuclear energy in India's energy transition, the release stated.Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed to open up the nuclear power sector for private players in Budget 2025-26 and announced a Rs 20,000 crore Nuclear Energy Mission for research in the field, to set up five small and modular reactors by 2033.Stock markets are expected to be driven by global trends and FPI trading activity this week after the conclusion of the earnings season, analysts said.Unabated foreign fund outflows, lower-than-expected quarterly earnings and global trade war fears hit market sentiments last week, where the benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty extended their downward trend to the eighth day in a row on Friday."With the conclusion of the Q3 earnings season, now focus will be on global developments amid a turbulent market environment on account of Donald Trump's trade policies," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.Moreover, the rupee-dollar trend and movement of Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, will also be tracked by investors.On the closing day of the third edition of India Energy Week 2025, petroleum and natural gas Hardeep Puri spoke about the success of the showpiece energy event highlighting its unprecedented participant and exhibitor numbers and technical paper submissions.“The world's second-largest energy event concluded successfully, hosting over 70,000 visitors, over 600 exhibitors, and ten international pavilions over four days. With nine dedicated themes, it showcased key innovations, strategic collaborations, and policy insights shaping the global energy landscape.“The Union minister noted that the event had exceeded expectations by encompassing a comprehensive range of sectors including petroleum, natural gas, green energy, biofuel, and compressed biogas, showcasing remarkably innovative developments.“Puri emphasized that within the short span of three years, India Energy Week has established itself as the world's second-largest energy platform, with its fourth edition scheduled to take place in Goa in 2026.“The Minister emphasized that IEW 2025 distinguished itself from other global energy forums by facilitating actual business transactions rather than merely serving as a networking platform.“Hardeep Puri specifically highlighted practical innovations such as the cost-effective conversion kit demonstrated at the HPCL stall, designed for enabling biofuel usage in two and three-wheelers. Additionally, the Minister also expressed satisfaction at the convergence of investors, manufacturers, and consumers, particularly evident in the display of flex fuel vehicles.“Speaking on India-US energy cooperation, the Minister noted the substantial progress in bilateral relations, particularly in the natural gas sector. The Minister highlighted India's stated goal of increasing natural gas consumption to 15 per cent in its energy mix from about 6 per cent currently, emphasizing the strategic importance of the relationship with the United States for Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) supplies.“Addressing reforms in the Exploration and Production sector, Puri detailed the scale of Open Acreage Licensing Program (OALP) Round X covering about 200,000 square kilometers. The Minister explained that enhanced interest in this round has been driven by systematic reforms in the regulatory regime, transitioning from production to revenue-sharing mechanisms, along with the proposed amendments to Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act 1948.“Additionally, Puri announced that the new legislative framework, developed through extensive consultations, is set to be presented in the Lok Sabha. He particularly noted the collaboration of ONGC with BP, and Reliance in bidding for blocks in earlier rounds as a strong message of industry partnership.“Outlining the Ministry's priorities, the Minister emphasized focus on exploration and production, stressing the importance of expert collaboration and the proposed changes to regulatory framework that allows appropriate compensation for resource discovery to the stakeholders in the sector.“The Minister highlighted the significance of the amendments, passed by the Rajya Sabha, in ensuring policy predictability, particularly regarding windfall tax implementation. He emphasized the removal of discretionary elements in policy implementation as a move toward more transparent governance in the energy sector.“Discussing the global energy scenario, the Minister observed that the new US administration's push for increased oil supply has created favorable conditions in global markets. He noted the emergence of new oil sources from the Western Hemisphere, including Brazil, Argentina, Suriname, Canada, US, and Guyana, as beneficial for major consuming nations like India. Puri expressed complete confidence in India's international investments in the Oil and Gas assets across Brazil, Venezuela, Russia, and Mozambique.“Hardeep Singh Puri described the biofuel program as a remarkable story, citing current capacity of 1,700 crore liters for ethanol blending, while discussing potential beyond the 20 per cent blending target. Moreover, Puri expressed particular excitement about green hydrogen, confirming confident progression toward the 5 MMT annual production target for 2030,

HFCL aims growth from overseas sales, sets Rs 10,000-cr revenue target



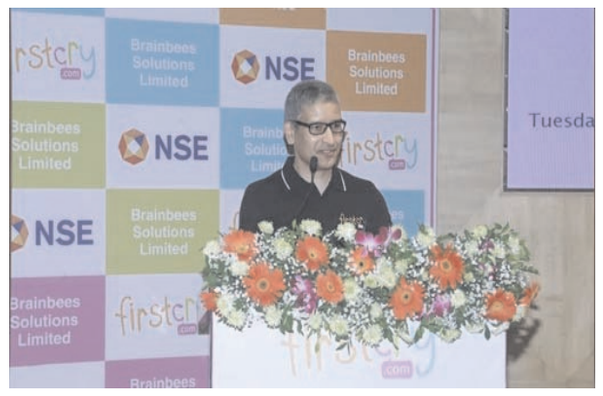
Varun Kesavan Managing editor E Mail I'd – varunkesavanpressmedia@gmail.com“ Domestic telecom gear maker HFCL is betting big on growth from overseas sales and uptake of defence supplies as the company looks to become a Rs 10,000-crore revenue enterprise, a top company official said.“Mahendra Nahata Managing Director HFCL during the company's recent investor call said the firm had an order book of Rs 10,000 crore as on December 31, 2024.““We are increasing our presence by appointing our own employees, distributors, and dealers in key global markets. Our goal is to achieve a substantial rise in export revenue from our optic fibre segment, with a significant portion of revenue coming from international markets in the coming years. Additionally, we aim for a considerable share of our telecom segment revenue to be export-driven," Nahata said.“He said the company's board has granted approval for a strategic expansion into Europe by way of setting up an optical fibre cable manufacturing facility in Poland.““The European Commission on December 16, 2024 announced the imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty on all other Indian OFC manufacturers, reaffirming HFCL's exemption," he said.“The company has posted revenue of around Rs 1,012 crore in the December 2024 quarter.“Nahata said HFCL is likely to add a revenue of Rs 350-400 crore in the current quarter but may not achieve the target of Rs 2,000 crore set for the fiscal year due to shortfall in supply of some equipment on account of delay in customer readiness, trials, etc.“In the December quarter, the company bagged an advance work order worth about Rs 2,501.30 crore for the design, supply, construction, installation, upgrade, operation, and maintenance of the middle-mile network of BharatNet Phase III in the Punjab Telecom Circle.“In addition, the company has also secured advance purchase orders worth Rs 2,167.65 crore from Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd for the supply and maintenance of optical fibre cables, telecom gears for BharatNet Phase III in Uttar Pradesh (East) Telecom Circle, and Uttar Pradesh (West) Telecom Circle.“The company during the quarter inaugurated a defence manufacturing unit in Hosur.“Nahata said the company expects to receive a “reasonable size of orders” for defence gears and revenue should also start flowing in from the next financial year but also mentioned that approval for defence orders takes a lot of time.“He added that the company has received a letter of intent for defence orders worth Rs 800 crore that has been delayed due to the approval process and is making efforts to complete it by April or May this year.

India Sends First Trial Shipments Of Pomegranate To Australia Via Sea Route



New Delhi: India has sent its first-ever commercial trial shipments of pomegranates to Australia through sea route, an official statement said on Monday. At present, the exports are mainly done by air route because of lower volumes and different ripening periods.The commerce ministry said that after getting market access for the export of Indian pomegranates to Australia, a work plan and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the export were signed in February 2024.The first air shipment took place in July 2024. The air shipment helped assess market demand, which led to follow-up sea shipments to optimize cost efficiency."The first-ever sea-freight shipment departed from India on December 6, 2024, and arrived in Sydney on January 13 with 5.7 tonne of pomegranates sourced from the Solapur region of Maharashtra," it said adding another commercial sea shipment of 6.56 tonne of Bhagwa variety arrived in Brisbane, Australia, on January 6.SAIL is bullish on the demand for rails in the country and has decided to set up a new rail mill at an investment of USD 800 million, the company's Chairman Amarendu Prakash said on Saturday.The company has decided to go ahead with the investment plan despite not having any order indication from its largest buyer Indian Railways, Prakash said at a panel discussion at the Global Business Summit (GBS) in the national capital. The chairman said such kind of confidence is a result of the growth-oriented policies of the government."Last week, we decided to put up an 800 million USD investment into a mill, because I am confident that railways will go nowhere and they will have to buy from me if I put up a mill. So, I have taken a decision like that. So, that is the kind of confidence that comes when the policies we know are growth-oriented, and they are bound to continue," he said.Social media major Meta on Saturday tagged India as one of its largest markets to be connected with the company's world's longest undersea cable "Project Waterworth" which is expected to be operational by the end of this decade.Meta has announced "Project Waterworth" which will reach five major continents and span over 50,000 kilometres -- longer than the earth's circumference. The project was part of the US-India Joint Leaders' Statement that was released on February 13 following the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US."Meta is investing in India -- one of its largest markets -- bringing the world's longest, highest capacity and most technologically advanced subsea cable project to connect India, the US, and other locations," Meta spokesperson said on Saturday.The undersea cables are crucial for internet operations. These cables connect countries. Local telecom operators connect with undersea cables to provide internet access to their customers.The investment assumes significance as telecom operators have been demanding big techs including Meta to contribute towards building network infrastructure to decongest the data traffic load and improve cstomer experience."Driven by India's growing demand for digital services, this investment reaffirms Meta's commitment to economic growth, resilient infrastructure, and digital inclusion,

Bajaj Consumer takes over Hyderabad-based Vishal Personal Care for Rs 120 crore



Varun Kesavan Managing editor E Mail I'd – varunkesavanpressmedia@gmail.com Bajaj Consumer Care, the Kushagra Bajaj-promoted company will acquire a 100% stake in Vishal Personal Care, the Hyderabad-based FMCG company, for Rs 120 crore.“The acquisition will take place in two phases, starting with an initial 49% stake, followed by the remaining 51% in the second tranche, Bajaj Consumer care, said in a statement.“The company said that with the acquisition of Vishal Personal Care, Bajaj Consumer Care will be leveraging Vishal's extensive distribution network to deepen their penetration in South India. It will also introduce brand Banjara's products in its stronghold Hindi-speaking markets (HSM), effectively doubling its reach in both the regions.“Banjara's was founded in 1991 under Vishal Personal Care Pvt. Ltd. In Hyderabad. It has built a strong reputation for its high-quality, natural, and effective hair and skin care solutions. Bajaj Consumer Care said that Vishal Personal Care and Bajaj share a strong heritage rooted in Indian tradition, reinforcing consumer trust and credibility.“The Mumbai-based company said that with a well-diversified product portfolio including facial kits, herbal powders, aloe vera gels, shampoos, and hair care powders, the brand caters to a growing segment of consumers seeking safe and natural beauty solutions which largely aligns with the values of Bajaj Consumer Care.“Vishal Personal Care products has an extensive retail presence, reaching over 70,000 outlets across the five South Indian markets through cosmetics stores, supermarkets, pharmacies, and grocery chains.“Vishal Personal Care has annual revenue of Rs 50 crore, growing at a CAGR of 14% over the past four years. The company maintains high single-digit EBITDA margins and operates debt-free with positive cash flow.“Speaking on the acquisition, Jaideep Nandi, MD, Bajaj Consumer Care, said, “Acquisition of Vishal Personal Care is a strategic step in strengthening Bajaj Consumer Care's footprint in the five southern markets.“The addition of Banjara's to our portfolio enhances our ability to serve evolving consumers across India, while complementing our product range for further expansion.”

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'The Paradise' to release on September 24, fight masters speak out

I HYDERABAD

The upcoming pan-India period movie 'The Paradise', which is slated for release on September 24 has generated significant buzz with its songs, glimpses and teaser. The film has Nani in the lead role, is directed by Srikanth Odela and produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under SLV Cinemas .Fight masters Ram and Lakshman revealed several highlights of the film's action sequences. Along with [illegible] and Real Satish, the duo composed two major action blocks, which reportedly took around ten days to complete.

According to the fight masters, Nani's distinctive appearance, including two braids, presented new challenges while performing action sequences. Nani reportedly underwent rigorous preparation for bare-body scenes and gave his complete commitment to the director's vision.

The action also involves risky sequences, with one crew member reportedly sustaining injuries during filming. Mohan Babu is said to have a fresh look and action moments as well.

The technical team, including cinematographer Sai and music director Anirudh, has contributed to the film's grand scale. The makers are confident The Paradise will deliver a memorable cinematic experience.

Telangana RERA Chairman appreciates Lepakshi paintings

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The intricate sculptures and ceiling paintings at the historic Sri Durga Papanaseshwara Veerabhadra Swamy Temple in Lepakshi are extraordinary, remarked K.S. Srinivasa Raju, Chairman of the Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority)TS RERA/. During his visit to attend an event on Sunday at the Kodigenahalli Gurukula School, K.S. Srinivasa Raju visited the temple to offer special prayers to deities Sri Durga Mata, Sri Papanaseshwara Swamy, and Sri Veerabhadra Swamy.



RERA Chairman Srinivasa Raju at Lepakshi Temple of Sri Satya Sai district

Highlighting the temple's artistic heritage, he stated that the colossal fresco of Lord Veerabhadra in his fierce form, painted on the ceiling of the Maha Mandapam in front of the sanctum sanctorum, stands as a testament to the unmatched artistic mastery of the Vijayanagara Empire. He also praised the vibrant fresco of baby Krishna depicted as Vatapatrashayi)resting on a banyan leaf/, noting that it adds immense aesthetic splendor to the Natya Mandapam)dance hall/. The RERA Chairman commended the ancient artisans for creating architectural marvels like the hanging pillar that does not touch the ground, the monolithic Nagalinga, and the world-renowned Lepakshi Nandi)Basavanna/.During the visit, historian and author MyNaa Swamy briefed the delegation on the history, architectural significance, and lore of the temple. He also presented copies of his book on Lepakshi to Srinivasa Raju and his accompanying delegation.

Among those who visited the temple were National Highways Advisor K. Nayeemullah, Sudhakar Reddy)Roads & Buildings Department/, Vijaya Naidu)Amara Raja/, Dr. Raghurami Reddy, and Dr. S. Rammohan. The temple priest, Lakshmi Narasimha Sharma, performed the rituals, offered teertha prasadams, and blessed the dignitaries.



HyBiz TV unveils 'Coffee Table Book' featuring 60 eminent personalities

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HyBiz TV unveiled its 'Coffee Table Book' on Sunday featuring the journeys, achievements and contributions of 60 eminent personalities from diverse fields. The book was launched at Pradhan Convention Centre, Nanakramguda. T.G. Bharath, Minister for Industries and Commerce, Government of Andhra Pradesh, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and formally unveiled the Coffee Table Book. He appreciated the initiative of bringing together the journeys of accomplished personalities from different sectors in a single publication.

G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of Coal and Mines, Government of India, addressed the gathering virtually through a video call. He congratulated HyBiz TV on the initiative and conveyed his best wishes to the organizers and the personalities featured in the publication. The Coffee Table Book brings together the personal and professional journeys of 60 prominent personalities representing diverse sectors, including business, healthcare, education, media, infrastructure, industry, entertainment and hospitality.

The event also featured the felicitation of several distinguished achievers for their contributions in their respective fields. HyBiz TV Founder Raj Gopal and Managing Director Sandhya Rani Janapati said they were pleased to bring together the journeys of 60 eminent personalities in one publication. They expressed their gratitude to Chief Guest T.G. Bharath, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy for his virtual participation, the distinguished personalities, media representatives and guests for their support.

MLRITM achieves 100% NBA accreditation for M.Tech programs

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Marri Laxman Reddy Institute of Technology and Management)MLRITM/, Dundigal, has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing 100. NBA Accreditation for its M.Tech programs, marking a proud moment in the institution's journey towards academic excellence and quality technical education. The accreditation covers four M.Tech programs-Computer Science & Engineering, CAD-CAM, Embedded Systems and Structural Engineering



Marri Rajashekhar Reddy; MLA, Malkajgiri and Founder Secretary of MLRITM

Marri Rajashekhar Reddy, MLA, Malkajgiri and Founder Secretary of MLRITM, expressed immense pride and happiness over the institution's achievement of 100. NBA Accreditation for its M.Tech programs. He congratulated the Director Dr. P. Sridhar, Principal Dr. R. Murali Prasad, all faculty members, staff and students for their dedication, teamwork and commitment to excellence. He mentioned that efforts will continue towards strengthening MLRITM as a center of excellence in technical education and empowering our students to become skilled, innovative, and responsible professionals. Chairman Marri Laxman Reddy and the Board of Directors also extended their heartfelt congratulations to the Director, Principal Dr. R. Murali Prasad, faculty members, staff, and students of MLRITM on this remarkable a[illegible]



Legal Era India Conclave brings together legal and corporate leaders

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The 15th Annual Legal Era India Conclave 2026 brought together leading members of the legal, judicial, corporate and technology communities at Novotel, providing a platform for discussions on the evolving role of law in business, technology, innovation and governance. The conclave was graced by Justice Surepalli Nanda, Judge, High Court for the State of Telangana, as the Chief Guest. The conclave was organized under the leadership of the Legal Era team led by its Founder& Managing Director Aakriti Rai-

Among the prominent personalities at the event was Senior Advocate Krishna Grandhi, who also delivered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the program. Isha Sinha, Chief Legal Officer, Medicover Hospitals was among the key participants at the conclave. The technology sector was represented by Nitin Sharma of Qualcomm, who brought an industry perspective about technology, intellectual property and emerging regulatory challenges.

A key highlight was the presentation of awards recognizing leading in-house counsels and corporate legal professionals for their contribution to the legal profession. The gathering included senior advocates, corporate legal heads, and prominent law firms like Trilegal, Khaitan& Co., Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas along with technology and intellectual-property experts.



'Happy Journey' trailer launched

I HYDERABAD

The theatrical trailer of the upcoming film 'Happy Journey' was launched on Sunday. The film's story revolves around the lives of seven women- Annapurnamma, Aamani, Anchor Jhansi, Payal Radhakrishna, Jinisha Alisetty, Rupa Sriniva, and Sunaina who are playing the lead roles. Prithvi Dandamudi, Vamsi, and Ravi Shiva Teja play key supporting roles. Abhiram Naidu is making his directorial debut with the film which is being produced by Balaji Gutta and Kaushik Reddy under the banners of Gutta Productions and Kamalakar Film Corporation. The trailer begins with seven women embarking on a trip to Europe with the help of a tourist guide. Each has their own story, problems, personality and outlook on life. As the journey continues, they begin to understand each other and eventually form a strong and beautiful bond. Set against the backdrop of beautiful European locations, the film explores relationships, emotions, personal experiences, and the unexpected bonds that form when completely different people share the same journey.

GEN Z BEYOND THE REELS

Graduate unemployment had hovered near 29 per cent in some assessments, a painful paradox in a country where families invest heavily in educa[illegible]ng people aged 15-29 still fell into the NEET category)not in employment, education or training/, with the figure far higher for young women.

Her father, a mid-level bank clerk, still asked weekly whether she had "settled" into a proper government or PSU job. Her mother worried about marriage timelines. Ananya wanted neither pure rebellion nor pure compliance. Deloitte's surveys of Indian Gen Z repeatedly showed the same priorities: work-life balance over pure ladder-climbing, on-the-job learning)cited by 94 per cent as most helpful for growth/, and a strong sense of purpose. Ninety-nine per cent said purpose mattered for job satisfaction. Many were already using generative AI daily—85 to 93 per cent in recent India-specific findings—for content creation, design, and data analysis, with high confidence in applying it .Ananya opened her laptop and fed a messy dataset into an AI tool she had taught herself through free online modules. She was building a small app that matched rural artisans with urban buyers, something she had started after seeing how many small-town creators)83 per cent of Gen Z in one YouTube India report considered themselves creators/ were monetising skills. Content creation had become both outlet and experiment. More than half of young creators reported that digital platforms helped them gain financial independence. For Ananya it was still modest—sponsored Reels about budgeting on a starting salary—but it paid for her share of the household d[illegible] quieted some of the financial stress that led 54 percent of Gen Z to delay major life decisions.

By noon she joined a virtual interview for a mid-sized tech firm that had recently set up a global capability centre. The interviewer asked about her AI projects. She spoke carefully about using tools responsibly, about wanting work that left room for her mental health, and about the climate stories that ranked high among Gen Z concerns after jobs. She did not pretend the path was easy. Housing affordability and living expenses weighed on many of her peers; some lived paycheck to paycheck. She mentioned the unpaid domestic load that still fell disproportionately on young women even as they pursued degrees.The call ended without a firm offer.

She closed the laptop, walked to the balcony, and watched the afternoon traffic of scooters and school buses. Her younger brother was still in Class 12, already calculating JEE ranks and private coaching fees. Ananya thought of the trust deficit many felt toward entrance exams after repeated controversies. She also thought of the quieter data: young men were increasingly in education or work, while large numbers of young women remained outside both. Progress was uneven. Evening brought the family's shared dinner—dal, roti, a vegetable her mother had grown in pots. Conversation drifted between her father's office politics and her brother's cricket scores. Ananya spoke about a local NGO workshop on financial literacy she planned to attend. She did not mention the therapy app she had been using, or the fact that 24 percent of Gen Z in one survey still reported stress despite overall good self-reported mental health.

Talking about these things at home still felt delicate, even as awareness grew. Later, under the dim light of her study lamp, she posted a short Reel. Not polished, not viral-chasing. Just a quiet reflection on balancing the almirah of family expectations with the algorithm of opportunity. She tagged it with a simple caption about learning, purpose, and the long game.

Oil palm cultivation gains momentum...

Strong incentives for oil palm cultivation

The Telangana government has been offering subsidised seedlings and drip irrigation equipment have helped significantly expand the area under the crop. According to officials, oil palm cultivation has expanded by a record 2.91 lakh acres in Telangana since the formation of the state. The government provides a subsidy of Rs 46,250 per acre for oil palm cultivation. Financial assistance is also extended for drip irrigation and intercropping.

Bhadradri Kothagudem leads the state

Bhadradri Kothagudem district tops Telangana in terms of oil palm cultivation, with farmers cultivating the crop across 92,525 acres. Khammam ranks second with 49,993 acres, followed by Nalgonda with 16,336 acres and Siddipet with 16,316 acres. Across the 31 districts, farmers have established oil palm plantations over a total of 3,17,747 acres. The availability of a support price of more than Rs 25,000 per tonne is another factor encouraging farmers to take up oil palm cultivation.

Protection from monkeys and wild boars

Monkey attacks have become a major problem for farmers cultivating several traditional crops across the state, often resulting in significant losses. Oil palm plantations offer relief from this problem. Another advantage is that oil palm plantations require comparatively less day-to-day management and face fewer labour-related challenges. With continued government [illegible] the establishment of oil palm crushing mills, Agriculture Department officials are confident that Telangana could emerge as a major "palm oil hub" in the coming years.

Kodad mela to offer 27,000 jobs

Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, and district in-charge Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar have been invited to present the offer letters.

Kodad MLA N. Padmavathi Reddy will head the organising committee alongside dedicated teams managing recruitment coordination, food, parking, media, and logistics. District Collectors, the Industries and Labour Departments, and regional establishments—including Singareni Collieries Company Limited—are coordinating the event.

Urging families and local leaders to spread the word, Padmavathi Reddy emphasized that the event brings major employers directly to the youth, saving them from traveling long distances for interviews. She called on community representatives to ensure no eligible youngster misses out due to a lack of awareness.

Telangana's share of Krishna use declines

Telangana needs to remain vigilant

Future discussions on water distribution could take into account several factors, including the requirements of irrigation projects, cultivated area, drinking water needs, the river basin and historical utilisation patterns.

Telangana therefore faces a two-pronged challenge. On one hand, it needs to strongly argue for its rightful share of Krishna waters. On the other, it needs to strengthen the capacity of its irrigation infrastructure to ensure that the water available to the state is utilised fully and on time.

Failure to utilise available water could have implications for agriculture, drinking water supplies and industrial requirements in the future. The issue is particularly important for the southern districts of Telangana that depend heavily on the Krishna basin. The 2025 figures serve as an important warning for Telangana. Given the state's future irrigation requirements, project objectives and claims over Krishna waters, the trend requires strategic attention.

For Telangana, the challenge is now twofold: protecting its rights over Krishna waters while ensuring that every available TMC is effectively utilised. Balancing these two priorities will be crucial for strengthening the state's water position in the years ahead.

Year	Andhra Pradesh Utilisation (TMC)	AP Share	Telangana Utilisation (TMC)	TG Share	Total Utilisation (TMC)
2014	529.330	69.91%	227.743	30.09%	757.073
2015	124.960	64.20%	69.688	35.80%	194.648
2016	182.512	54.50%	152.386	45.50%	334.898
2017	359.857	66.25%	183.298	33.75%	543.155
2018	504.476	70.87%	207.298	29.13%	711.774
2019	653.064	70.12%	278.234	29.88%	931.298
2020	618.935	70.96%	253.234	29.04%	872.169
2021	621.841	70.11%	265.051	29.89%	886.892
2022	637.996	70.00%	273.300	30.00%	911.296
2023	210.000	63.63%	120.000	36.37%	330.000
2024	718.000	71.51%	286.000	28.49%	1,004.000
2025	771.250	74.27%	267.730	25.77%	1,038.980

JPNCE Chairman receives "Certificate of Individual Excellence"

MAHABUBNAGAR

K.S. Ravi Kumar, Chairman of Jayaprakash Narayan College of Engineering)JPNCE/, an autonomous institution in Mahabubnagar, was honored with the prestigious "Certificate of Individual Excellence" at the IBM Expert Labs National Hackathon 2026. The certificate was presented in recognition of his significant contribution to the successful implementation of the IBM Emerging Technologies Skilling Program and the effective conduct of various training programs. The award was presented to at an event held in Coimbatore on Sunday. This recognition has brought further honor and distinction to JPNCE. The award stands as a testament to the institution's continued commitment to excellence in education, technological innovation and strengthening partnerships with the industry. On this occasion, the members of the JPNCE family extended their heartfelt congratulations to Chairman K.S. Ravi Kumar and wished him many more successes in the future.

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