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PM Modi To Visit Baramati On Nov. 3

Mumbai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Baramati in Maharashtra on November 3 to inaugurate the 'Prerna Sthal' developed on the Vidya Pratishthan campus, NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar said on Saturday. Mr Pawar said the Prime Minister's Office has informed him about the revised schedule. Mr Modi is expected to arrive at the Baramati airport at around 10 am and proceed to Vidya Pratishthan. The Prime Minister is also expected to inspect the institute's artificial intelligence centre and interact with students working on AI projects and startups.

The main function will begin at 11.45 am, with Pawar, the Chief Minister and Modi scheduled to address the gathering. Initially, the Prime Minister was expected to visit on October 24 but his visit was subsequently postponed.

According to NCP (SP) founder, the Prerna Sthal houses a four-tonne statue of Gautam Buddha. Information on the Buddha's hand gesture and its significance has also been displayed at the site. The complex features paintings of prominent personalities associated with Maharashtra, including Rajmata jijau, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Ahilyadevi Holkar, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Savitribai Phule, Sayajirao Gaekwad, Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr B.R. Ambedkar, Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil, Annabhau Sathe and Yashwantrao Chavan among others.

Mr Pawar said invitations had been extended to Governor of Maharashtra, Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Pawar, NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule and other prominent personalities. Microsoft's chief has accepted the invitation, he said. Invitations have also been extended to Serum Institute chairman Cyrus Poonawalla, Baba Kalyani, Vijay Shirke and Anil Kakodkar, among others.

During the visit, Mr Modi is also expected to inspect the artificial intelligence (AI) institute established at Vidya Pratishthan and interact with students working on AI-related projects and startups. The Prime Minister is expected to leave for his next engagement at around 12.10 pm, officials said.

Revanth Proposes Roadshows for Telangana Investor Summit

Hyderabad: The Telangana government will hold roadshows in India and abroad in October and November to attract investors to the Invest Telangana Global Summit, which is scheduled to be held at Bharat Future City in December. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday directed officials to identify key countries and major cities in the country by October 15 and prepare a comprehensive plan for the roadshows. The exercise will focus on countries with strong investment potential in sectors identified as priorities for Telangana. The roadshow proposals will be placed before the Cabinet sub-committee for consideration, following which the government will finalise the action plan and begin the outreach programme. Revanth Reddy directed officials to prepare a detailed plan covering summit arrangements, investor outreach, publicity and roadshows. He said the summit should position Telang ana as a major investment destination and con tribute to the state's long term goal of becoming a $3 trillion economy by 2047. The summit will be the second global investment summit organised by the Congress since it assumed office in December 2023.

The Chief Minister said it should go beyond being a one time event and be developed into a long-term asset for Telangana through sustained engagement with investors and tracking of investment commitments. Special committees headed by senior officials have been constituted to oversee different aspects of the summit. Executive councils have also been formed, with the ministers concerned as chairpersons and senior officials as conveners. The conveners have been directed to meet the respective ministers immediately, take charge of their responsibilities and begin preparations. The committees have been asked to prepare detailed action plans and budget estimates and obtain the required approvals at the earliest.

The Chief Minister also directed officials to undertake a comprehensive publicity campaign through print, electronic, digital and social media platforms to showcase the summit and Telangana's investment opportunities globally. The Chief Minister stressed the need to attract a large number of international media representatives to the event.

Revanth Reddy asked officials to review the MoUs signed during the previous summit in December 2025 and assess their implementation. The review should provide clarity on the status of investment commitments and help the government follow up with investors, he said.

TELANGANA SEEKS CENTRE'S NOD FOR LB NAGAR–HAYATHNAGAR CORRIDOR, RRR PROJECTS

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has urged the Centre to begin construction of the proposed 6-km LB Nagar–Hayathnagar double-decker corridor and adopt a viaduct model instead of a Reinforced Earth (RE) wall on the LB Nagar–Malkapur section of NH-65 to avoid large-scale property acquisition.

Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy made the requests to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Monday during a two-day national conclave convened by the Centre in Gujarat to review road projects and pending proposals from states. He sought sanction for the double-decker elevated corridor under the 2026-27 Annual Plan and urged the Centre to replace the proposed RE wall with a viaduct, saying this would avoid property acquisition and enable seamless integration with Phase-II of the Miyapur–LB Nagar Metro Rail expansion.

Venkat Reddy also sought final approval from the Cabinet Committee on

Economic Affairs (CCEA) for widening NH-65 to a six-lane (6+2) configuration, pointing out that traffic had crossed 1.20 lakh Passenger Car Units (PCUs) a day and the corridor had several accident-prone locations and black spots. He pressed for early financial and Cabinet clearances for the 161.5-km Northern Regional Ring Road (RRR) from Sangareddy to Choutuppal, noting that more than 90 per cent of land acquisition awards had been completed and NHAI tenders floated. He urged the Centre to take up the Southern RRR on similar terms, citing its importance for Bharat Future City and industrial clusters.

The minister requested expediting the DPR for a high-speed freight corridor linking Telangana's proposed dry port with Bandar Port in Andhra Pradesh. He also sought Rs 1,230 crore for five eco-friendly tourist and spiritual ropeways connecting Yadadri, Hanuman Hill, Nagarjuna Sagar, Ramagiri Fort and Killa Ramalayam. In addition, he asked for an elevated corridor on NH-765 through the tiger reserve on the Hyderabad–Srisailam route to protect wildlife while improving pilgrim connectivity.

Venkat Reddy further requested Rs 1,227.75 crore for 33 CRIF road projects covering 511.68 km and approval for three ROBs/RUBs at Kothagudem, Sultanabad and Nalgonda under the 2026-27 programme.

Ponguleti Asks Revenue Officials To Ensure Transparency In Services

Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Monday directed revenue officials to ensure transparency and accessibility in revenue services. On a visit to Nirmal district, he said the government is committed to making Telangana hut-free by replacing huts with Indiramma houses.

"We are taking steps to provide Indiramma houses to 73,000 poor people living in huts. Plans are also to construct two lakh Indiramma houses in the second phase, in addition to the 4.5 lakh houses sanctioned in the first phase," he said.

He and tourism minister Jupally Krishna Rao jointly laid foundation stones for development works worth `23.35 crore in Nirmal district.

The ministers reviewed the status of Indiramma house construction with housing and revenue officials from Adilabad, Nirmal, Mancherial and Komaram Bheem Asifabad districts. They discussed the reasons for delays and measures to speed up works for the pending houses in the region.

Addressing the review meeting, Srinivas Reddy said revenue officials should conduct land surveys effectively to provide a permanent solution to land disputes.

He said loans were being facilitated through self-help groups for poor beneficiaries to begin construction of Indiramma houses. He directed officials to resolve forest-related issues that were delaying construction in forest areas.

The revenue minister said a high-level meeting could be held in Hyderabad, if required, to resolve forest-related issues concerning Indiramma houses. Revenue and forest officials should jointly resolve land-related problems, he said.

Krishna Rao directed officials to ensure that welfare and development schemes reached all eligible beneficiaries and conduct gram sabhas to create awareness about land surveys and complete them on time. He called for a coordinated system at the

village level to resolve people's problems.

He said forest-related issues concerning the construction of Indiramma houses had been brought to the government's notice and directed officials concerned to take steps to resolve them.

Chief commissioner of land administration Lokesh Kumar, special secretary to revenue Rajivgandhi Hanumanthu, housing special secretary PV Goutham, collectors, people's representatives and ITDA project officer Manda Makarandu were present.

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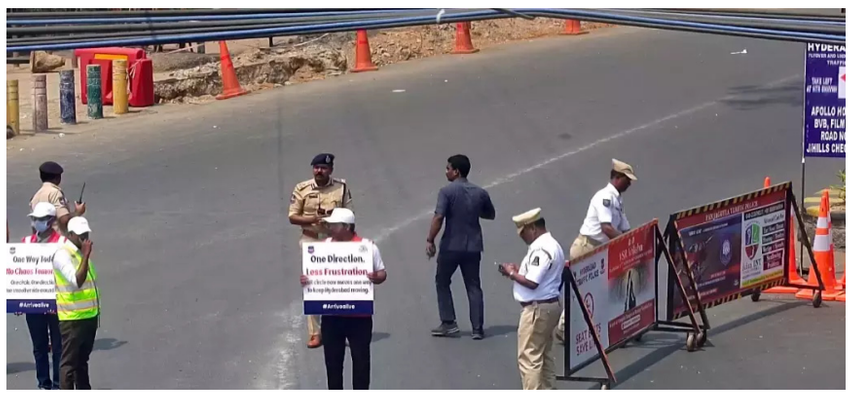
TRUMP-XI MEET: HIGH ON SPECTACLE, LOW ON SUBSTANCE

The much-hyped meeting between US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping was high on spectacle and symbolism but low on substance. Given the scale of influence the two superpowers wield in global geopolitics and the unresolved bilateral issues, one would have expected a reasonable outcome from the Washington summit. But, in the end, they have essentially agreed to keep talking. A two-month extension of the trade-war truce was the only important takeaway, even though the period fell short of expectations. Both sides issued separate accounts of the meeting, indicating that despite the Trump-Xi personal chemistry and promise of warmer ties, Washington and Beijing remain wary of each other. The post-summit statements agreed on only a handful of points, leaving many contentious issues unaddressed. The two countries agreed to hold an AI dialogue within the next two months, and establish a communication channel for AI-related incidents. Both Presidents signalled some alignment on limiting Iran's nuclear weapons capabilities, and agreed "no country or institution can be allowed to impose tolls on international waterways." Also, they formalised Board of Trade and Board of Investment plans, and agreed to reduce tariffs on $30 billion worth of goods from the other. Trump gave Xi a lavish welcome, unusually travelling to meet the "strong, vibrant and fit" Chinese leader off the plane. While Xi argued that the two countries could work together internationally, there was nothing concrete on the table.

Though Indo-Pacific nations will be relieved that Trump did not take Xi's bait on changing the US policy on Taiwan, many worry that treating China so well in return for so little undermines US credibility and deterrence. The Trump administration is getting increasingly frustrated over the failure to secure peace in the Middle East and in the Russia-Ukraine war. China is Iran's and Russia's biggest international supporter. China is likely to help Iran rebuild its conventional military. Despite a welcome extension of the economic ceasefire, the summit leaves unanswered the questions about the strategic goals of America's China policy today. The separate statements indicate that no substantive agreement has been reached on many of the advanced technologies that both countries are most concerned about, leaving many of the underlying issues in the relationship unresolved. A reciprocal reduction in tariffs on nonsensitive imports could have some positive impact for consumers. But the move is also likely to raise concerns among other trading partners of the US who will find their own tariff rates to be higher or comparable to those of China, a country many blame for fueling global trade imbalances through its domestic economic policy. Despite both congressional pressure and the bipartisan history of US presidents pressing Beijing on human rights and the repression of its Uyghur minority, the topic did not figure on the agenda.

Steel Flyover to Replace 14 Projects Around KBR Park



HYDERABAD: The proposed 14 projects around KBR Park — seven flyovers and seven underpasses costing ?1,090 crore and covering 2.6 km — have been scrapped. In their place, a single bidirectional steel flyover of 4.3 km length will be built at the same cost.

This flyover, from Jubilee Hills Checkpost to NFCL Junction, replaces the earlier fragmented grade separators. The one-way traffic around KBR Park will continue. The project will be executed under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode in two packages using steel-structure technology for faster completion.

Package 1 covers construction from Jubilee Hills Check Post Junction to Mugdha Junction at ?580 crore. Package 2 covers Mugdha Junction to Muffakham Jah College, with a connecting ramp to Banjara Hills Road No. 1, at ?510 crore.

Earlier, the 14 smaller projects, some as short as 200 to 300 metres, would have allowed two-way traffic around the park. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) says replacing them with a six-lane bidirectional flyover saves the exchequer ?1,200 crore.

According to GHMC, the earlier 14 projects covered only 2.6 km, while land acquisition savings were ?800 crore by reducing the need to acquire high-value private land. With the new 4.3 km design, construction cost savings are ?400 crore compared to the multi-component plan.

GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan visited the site on Monday. He said the isolated underpasses had been reassessed following the success of the one-way traffic system around KBR Park. "Pending court litigation regarding tree-felling permissions previously stalled construction progress," he said. The NFCL Junction–KBR Park stretch remains heavily congested, requiring a continuous elevated corridor.

The project promises seamless transit and uninterrupted, signal-free movement across five major junctions. The six-lane corridor is designed to handle high traffic volumes. GHMC says the flyover will have zero footprint in the eco-sensitive zone, ensuring minimal impact on green cover.

"Modular steel construction technology has been selected to minimise execution time and reduce public disruption. It will ensure substantial reduction in daily travel times, queue lengths and fuel consumption," said the commissioner.

CEO Orders Rejection Of Bulk Form-7

Form-7 applications that were found to be submitted in bulk in Goshamahal and Musheerabad Assembly constituencies will be rejected. The statement was issued by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudharshan Reddy on Monday.

In Musheerabad and Bahadurpura constituencies, 15 pre-printed Form-7 applications seeking deletion of Muslim names from voter lists surfaced in Goshamahal constituency. Following this, CEO C. Sudharshan Reddy issued orders for action against individuals submitting them.

In a letter, municipal commissioners and collectors were instructed by the CEO that instances of filing bulk applications in Form-7 had come to notice. Following this, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) were directed to take action against applicants who knowingly made false statements or declarations in writing in Form-6, 6A, 7 and 8, as per the provisions of Section 31 of the Representation of People Act, 1950.

The issue came to light after the local booth-level officer (BLO) refused to accept the forms allegedly submitted by a BJP booth-level agent (BLA). This incident was also shared by social media handles of people from other states. Congress leaders from Telangana lodged a complaint with the CEO and Hyderabad District Electoral Officer (DEO) R. V. Karnan seeking an inquiry.

CMC Gets 44 Grievances During Prajavani

Hyderabad: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner G Srijana has interacted with citizens during Monday Prajavani, listened to their grievances and reviewed the issues along with the Heads of the Departments (HODs) concerned.

The corporation received as many as 44 grievances. Of them, 31 were related to town planning, half dozen pertained to engineering wing, two to urban biodiversity and one each to estates, food safety, revenue (property tax), sanitation and urban community.

Each grievance is registered with a unique grievance ID and tracking link, enabling citizens to track the status and progress of their grievance.

The Commissioner directed the HODs concerned to examine each grievance, take necessary action within the prescribed timelines and ensure regular follow-up until resolution.

SC Disowns New Form 6, To Examine EC Decisions

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said it will examine all decisions of the Election Commission (EC) and annul those found not to be in accordance with law, as it issued notices to the Centre and the poll body following pleas alleging that the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar took several decisions on the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls without the concurrence of the two election commissioners. Hours after the apex court's observation, the poll body asserted that the Form 6 was not changed but a declaration was attached to it through its Bihar SIR order which was upheld by the top court. The Opposition latched on to the observation and attacked the CEC demanding his resignation. Hearing pleas filed by Patna resident Rakesh Ku mar Singh and advocate Shailendra Mani Tripathi, a bench led by CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana said, "Any modified Form 6 has not been approved by us. Let's be clear. When record has produced, we would like to see who has modified it," it noted.

The court said it would examine the records and could annul any decision found to have been taken contrary to law. "We will examine all the decisions. If any decision is not in accordance with the law, we will annul it. You know the power of the court," the bench said. The court also flagged that the immunity granted to the CEC is something which even judges don't have. The pleas raised questions over whether Gyanesh used powers belonging to the EC without the approval of ECs Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi. CJI Kant added that the poll panel is expected to take unanimous decisions and if there is no unanimity, it has to be by majority. The top court asked the Centre and the poll panel to place the relevant mate rial before it and will examine whether decisions challenged by the petitioners were taken in conformity with the law. The observation assumes significance as the EC had earlier suggested that the Supreme Court had upheld the modified Form 6 in its May 2026 judgment on the Bihar SIR. The EC, however, said that Form 6 itself had not been changed and that an additional declaration had been attached to it under the Bihar SIR order. The commission later issued a "fact check" describing as "misleading" a post by Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi.

Water Supply Briefly Hit In Parts Of Secretariat

Drinking water supply was briefly disrupted in a few sections of the Telangana secretariat on Monday after private contractors stopped supplying water cans over pending bills. The issue was resolved within hours after general administration department (GAD) officials intervened and assured the contractors that their dues would be cleared in a phased manner before Dasara.

The contractors supply water cans to the secretariat by 9 am every day, which are distributed to various rooms by around 10 am. On Monday, however, the cans were not delivered on time, leading to concerns over a drinking water shortage in the secretariat.

As word spread across the secretariat, GAD officials inspected the rooms on all floors to assess the situation. They found that water cans were missing only in a few rooms on the second and third floors. There was no disruption in water supply on the other floors of the G+6 secretariat building.

Following assurance by the GAD officials regarding pending bills, contractors agreed to resume supplies and water cans were restored by lunchtime.

Rs.30,156-Crore Drinking Water Programme Launched

KADAPA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday said the state government had launched a ?30,156-crore programme to provide safe drinking water through household taps across Andhra Pradesh, with a focus on long-term water security in rural areas.

Launching the Jal Jeevan Mission Amrajeevi Jaladhara programme in Proddatur in YSR Kadapa district, Naidu told a public meeting that the initiative would cover about 90 lakh households and benefit around 3.30 crore people.

The programme, he said, is aimed at providing safe and quality drinking water and ensuring long-term water availability in rural areas. He praised deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan for taking up the programme and said the government would strengthen rural infrastructure along with drinking water facilities.

Naidu criticised the previous government over the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission and alleged that Andhra Pradesh had failed to utilise funds available under the Central scheme. Uttar Pradesh, he noted, had received around ?1 lakh crore, Madhya Pradesh ?83,000 crore and Kerala ?85,000 crore under the mission, while Andhra Pradesh had received only about ?2,600 crore during the previous administration.

He alleged that villages had suffered due to neglect of basic infrastructure, including roads, drinking water and street lighting.

"Look at the difference between then and now by assessing the condition of roads," Naidu said, referring to the infrastructure situation in rural areas. He alleged that people had suffered because of poor roads during the previous administration and said the present government was focusing on improving connectivity to villages.

Naidu also praised Pawan Kalyan for his role in taking up rural road works and said development activities had gained momentum after his government assumed office. Gram sabhas were conducted simultaneously in 13,326 villages. More than `4,136 crore had been received under the 15th Finance Commission grants, which, he said, would support rural development activities such as digging of farm ponds and laying of roads.

The government proposed to spend ?1.30 lakh crore over the next five years on rural development, he said. "We have also prepared plans to face natural calamities such as El Nino and minimise their impact on agriculture and rural communities."

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan said there was no place for politics in providing drinking water and that the government would not discriminate between people on the basis of their region or political affiliation while implementing development programmes.

Pawan Kalyan said the Amrajeevi Jaladhara programme was intended to provide safe drinking water to every household and ensure water security in every village.

According to him, 50,315 works were being taken up at an estimated cost of `30,156 crore to provide a permanent solution to drinking water problems in the state. The existing 61.60 lakh tap connections in 24,601 habitations would be strengthened and stabilised, while another 27.36 lakh new connections would be provided.

He said the overall programme was expected to provide safe drinking water to around 3.27 crore people.

Pawan Kalyan said the Jal Jeevan Mission, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the Har Ghar Jal initiative, had not received adequate priority during the previous government. He said that although the Centre had provided nearly ` 26,000 crore to Andhra Pradesh between 2019 and 2024, only around ` 2,700 crore had been spent during the five-year period.

He said the new programme would expand the drinking water infrastructure created in the state over the past seven decades.

Since the formation of the Andhra province in 1953, the state had developed water treatment plants with a combined capacity of 816 million litres per day, 1,072 overhead balancing reservoirs, 28,086 overhead storage reservoirs and around 1.18 lakh km of pipelines.

Under Amrajeevi Jaladhara, another 1,426 million litres per day of water treatment capacity, 494 overhead balancing reservoirs, 13,075 overhead storage reservoirs and 77,000 km of pipelines were being created in five years.

Pawan Kalyan said the government was taking up 50,283 single-village schemes and retrofitting works at a cost of ?9,000 crore and 32 multi-village schemes at ?19,500 crore. Another ?1,624 crore had been earmarked for monitoring water quality.

Drinking water schemes were being developed based on reservoirs and water sources from Uddanam to Dhone and Kurnool to Kuppam, besides areas dependent on Gandikota, PABR, Yeleru, Tandava, Hiramandalam and Dowleswaram reservoirs.

Special attention was being given to drought-prone Rayalaseema areas and regions affected by water quality problems, including Pulivendula, Punganur, Palamaner and Markapuram.

The Deputy CM announced infrastructure works worth ?3.5 crore for Tallamapuram panchayat in the Proddatur constituency and neighbouring Sagili Goddupalli and Mulavaripalli villages. The works include 2km of CC roads and magic drains at ?1.5 crore and a 90-kilolitre overhead reservoir, 4km of pipelines and a borewell at ?2 crore.

He said ?280 crore had been allocated for the incomplete drinking water scheme in Pulivendula to address the water requirements of 299 villages in seven mandals.

The government was also ensuring timely payment of bills to small and medium contractors who had executed works under schemes such as the employment guarantee programme and Jal Jeevan Mission.

Pawan Kalyan said ?4,200 crore had so far been released to panchayats under the 15th Finance Commission grants and added that adequate funds would be made available to sustain rural development works.

State BJP president P.V.N. Madhav, MLAs, MLCs, collector Cherukuri Sridhar and other officials and leaders participated in the programme.

Lokesh Congratulates Jyothi Surekha on Asian Games Gold

Vijayawada:Education, IT and electronics minister N. Lokesh congratulated archer Vennam Jyothi Surekha on winning the gold medal in the women's compound team event at the Asian Games held in Japan recently.

Jyothi Surekha, accompanied by her father Surendra Kumar, met Lokesh at his Undavalli residence on Monday. He congratulated her on securing the gold medal and praised her for representing India on the international stage and bringing recognition to the country and the state.

In a post on his X handle, Lokesh said, "I assured her of my full support as she moves forward with the goal of winning a medal at the 2028 Olympics."

Tirumala Navaratri Brahmotsavams to begin on October 12

Tirumala will observe several important religious events in October, including the Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams, Brahmotsava Garuda Seva, Chakra Snanam, Sri Vedanta Desika Satthumora and Pournami Garuda Seva, according to the schedule for the month

Tirumala: Tirumala will witness a series of important religious events and festivals in October, including the annual Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams and Garuda Seva.

According to the schedule released for the month, the religious observances will begin with Ankurarpanam for the Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams on October 11. The Navaratri Brahmotsavams will formally commence on October 12.

The Brahmotsava Garuda Seva, one of the major events of the festivities, will be held on October 16.

The Chakra Snanam marking the conclusion of the Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams will be performed on October 20. The day will also feature Sri Vedanta Desika Satthumora.

The religious calendar will continue with Boodattalwar Varsha Thiru Nakshatram on October 21.

The month's important events will conclude with Pournami Garuda Seva on October 26.

The events are expected to draw a large number of devotees to Tirumala, with the Navaratri Brahmotsavams being the major religious highlight of the month.

Rajnath Singh Arrives In Vizag To Launch First Fleet Support Ship

VISAKHAPATNAM: Defence minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Visakhapatnam on Monday evening ahead of the launch of the first Fleet Support Ship (FSS) for the Indian Navy at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) on Tuesday.

During his visit, Singh will inaugurate the upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath crane, launch the first FSS and preside over the keel-laying of another Fleet Support Ship.

He was received by district collector M. Abhishik Kishore and commissioner of police Dr Sankhabrata Bagchi.

HSL is executing the Indian Navy's contract for five indigenous FSS vessels. The first FSS was keel-laid at HSL in November 2024, while steel cutting for the fifth and final ship was completed in May 2026.

The vessels, weighing more than 40,000 tonnes, are designed to replenish naval ships deployed at sea with fuel, water, ammunition and other stores, enabling them to remain at sea for longer periods without returning to harbour. They will also have secondary roles in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and non-combatant evacuation operations.

The FSS programme is aimed at strengthening the Navy's blue-water operational capabilities and indigenous shipbuilding. The vessels feature indigenous design and majority indigenous equipment sourcing, in line with the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

Singh's visit comes less than three months after he commissioned the indigenous stealth frigate INS Mahendragiri into the Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam in July.

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan will accompany the Defence Minister. Singh will later fly to Koraput in Odisha to attend other programmes.

Polavaram to Be Completed Before Godavari Pushkarams: Naidu

Kadapa:Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday said the Polavaram irrigation project would be completed before the Godavari Pushkarams and dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a public meeting in Proddatur, Naidu said interlinking the Godavari and Cauvery rivers would help address drought problems in the southern states. Despite the prevailing drought-like conditions, nearly 2,000 tmc ft of water had flown into the sea, he said.

"If at least 200tmc of Godavari floodwater is effectively utilised, Rayalaseema can be transformed into a green and prosperous region. The Godavari and Krishna rivers had already been linked, enabling the government to provide water to drought-prone regions," he said.

Naidu said 36 irrigation projects would be taken up in the next three years at a cost of Rs 35,000 crore. A calendar with dates for launching the projects had also been released.

The government, he said, would spend Rs 24,000 crore on irrigation projects over the next two years, while the previous government had spent only around Rs 2,000 crore during its five-year tenure.

Rahul Gandhi Alleges Delhi Police 'Silencing' Women Who Ask Questions

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday alleged that women who raised questions were being silenced in Delhi and demanded justice for those who had allegedly faced violence and mistreatment by Delhi Police. The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha made the remarks in a post on X accompanying a video of his recent interaction with journalists Shaheen Khan and Nafisa Khan. The journalists have alleged that they were assaulted and mistreated inside Saket police station. They had gone to cover the inauguration of a new wing at Max Hospital in Saket by Union home minister Amit Shah and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.

"What's happening in Delhi right now follows a single pattern: silence any woman who dares to ask questions," Gandhi said in his Hindi post. He also referred to the detention of hundreds of people during a recent protest at Jantar Mantar, alleging that women protesters had complained of misbehaviour by male police personnel. "Cameras were snatched from female journalists, and they were dragged around. Not even an FIR was filed on a journalist's complaint," Gandhi alleged.

Gandhi said Shaheen and Nafisa had recounted their experiences of alleged violence and mistreatment inside Saket police station a few weeks earlier. "Think about it — inside the station, the very place where women go to file complaints," he said. Gandhi alleged that those responsible for protecting women were instead posing a threat to them. He also said that "everyone in this country knows who the Delhi Police answers to".

He demanded that the entire CCTV footage from Saket police station be made public and sought immediate action against the police personnel allegedly involved. "Shaheen, Nafisa, and all those who have faced violence and misbehaviour from the Delhi Police must get justice," he said. Gandhi also questioned Shah over the alleged incidents, asking why he and Delhi Police were "so afraid of women".

Rajnath Singh Bats for Vedic Maths, Says Students Need Shlokas and Code

Ayodhya: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said Sanskrit and Vedic mathematics were relevant in modern education, asserting that students should be equipped to understand both ancient Sanskrit shlokas and modern computer code. Addressing a Sant Sammelan organised on the occasion of the Shri Guru Parv Mahamahotsav here, Singh said Sanskrit was not merely a language but a "repository of India's knowledge tradition", encompassing subjects ranging from the Vedas and Upanishads to mathematics, medicine, philosophy and literature.

"We need students who understand Sanskrit shlokas as well as computer code," Singh said, adding that traditional knowledge should be connected with contemporary requirements rather than being confined to the past. Singh also highlighted the importance of Vedic mathematics, recalling that he had introduced it when he was the Uttar Pradesh education minister in 1991. Describing it as a language of India's intellectual heritage, he said he would urge Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to ensure that Vedic mathematics was taught to students in the state if he returns to power.

"I was a student of physics, mathematics and chemistry, and I can say that Vedic mathematics is still unparalleled. Even very difficult mathematical problems can be solved through Vedic methods," he said, further claiming that it was also taught at the London School of Economics. The defence minister was speaking at the newly constructed building of Shri Narayan Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya at the Shri Udasin Sangat Rishi Ashram in Ayodhya.

Chief Minister Adityanath was scheduled to attend the programme but could not reach the venue due to other engagements, Singh said. The minister also clarified that he did not formally inaugurate the newly constructed building as the Model Code of Conduct (MLA polls) was in force. "But I did inspect the building," he said. Describing the new structure as more than just a building, Singh said it could emerge as a major centre for Sanskrit education and become a place where future generations were prepared by combining traditional learning with modern education.

"The best way to preserve a tradition is to connect it with the needs of the present," he said. "We need students who understand Sanskrit shlokas and computer code, who study Nyaya and Mimamsa and also have the ability to understand the problems of modern society." He also stressed that modernity should not be equated merely with the use of new technology or speaking English. "(Being modern) means having the ability to find solutions to the problems of one's time," Singh said. Referring to the role of saints and gurus, he said technology could make the world's knowledge available within seconds, but the more important question was whether people possessed the wisdom to use that knowledge correctly. "Saints give us vision. They do not necessarily give answers to all our questions; sometimes they give us questions that begin our journey towards finding the right answers in life," he said. He also recalled the contribution of saints to the Ram Janmabhoomi movement and said their sacrifices and suffering should be remembered now that Lord Ram had been installed in his grand temple.

SIR Necessary, Illegally Registered Ineligible Names Must be Removed: Adityanath

Lucknow: Amid protests against SIR, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said identifying ineligible names illegally included in the voter list and removing them is essential for India's security and unity. While noting that India has been a guardian of democratic values for centuries, Adityanath asserted that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise was an important effort to further strengthen the country's democratic heritage.

"Identifying ineligible names illegally included in the voter list and removing them as per rules is essential for India's security, unity and integrity," he said in a post on X. The chief minister said verification of entries relating to deceased persons, those who had permanently shifted and duplicate entries was necessary. He also appealed to all those who have attained the age of 18 to get their name included in the voter list.

"Let us participate in building a clean, strong and transparent voter list," Adityanath said. His remarks come amid demands by Opposition parties, student organisations and civil society groups for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation over the SIR exercise, alleging that it has resulted in large-scale deletion of eligible voters. The Election Commission has rejected the allegations of wrongdoing and maintained that the electoral-roll revision is being carried out according to established procedures.

India, Switzerland Sign Five Pacts To Deepen Ties

New Delhi: India and Switzerland signed five pacts on Monday, including agreements on migration and young professional exchanges, following "wide-ranging and substantive" talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Swiss President Guy Parmelin at Hyderabad House in the capital.

The two countries also agreed to improve market access for Indian exports in Switzerland and facilitate investment. They identified new opportunities for military exchanges and defence production and agreed to deepen cooperation in nuclear energy.

Mr Modi said the mobility pacts "signed today will open up many new opportunities in Switzerland for Indian students, researchers, professionals, and young people".

Describing people-to-people ties as "the greatest strength of our partnership", he thanked Mr Parmelin for his support for India-Switzerland relations.

The MoU on Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) "aims to develop migration and mobility cooperation under equal treatment principles, and to prevent and combat irregular migration/human exploitation/trafficking in accordance with national laws".

It also "provides for multiple-entry visas for upto five years, including stays of upto six months on each visit, and renewable one-year student permits".

The Agreement on the Exchange of Young Professionals (YPS) "aims to govern the exchange of young professionals taking up temporary employment in the other country to enhance their professional and language skills within their field".

It "incorporates exchange of 300 persons annually per country, which may increase to 500, and a timeline of 30/90 days for verification of nationality/residency status, among other provisions".

The other pacts covered transport, mobility and infrastructure; scientific research; and innovation, technology transfer and entrepreneurship.

"Today, innovation, infrastructure, and advanced technology are strong pillars of our partnership. And through today's summit, we are going to give our partnership a new momentum and take it to new heights," Mr Modi said.

The transport pact covers cooperation in areas such as electric vehicles, ropeways, the circular economy, tunnels and other transport sectors.

"The Varanasi ropeway, Jewar Airport in Noida, and railway and tunnelling projects in mountainous areas are shining examples of our infrastructure cooperation. To further strengthen this cooperation, today we signed an agreement on transport, mobility, and infrastructure," the Prime Minister said.

"We invite Swiss infrastructure companies to invest in India at a large scale and participate in capacity building, design, and manufacturing," he added.

MEA secretary (West) Sibi George told reporters at a special briefing that the Swiss President would visit Noida International Airport at Jewar on Tuesday.

On trade and investment, Mr Modi said: "We have taken several important decisions to increase market access for Indian exports in Switzerland and further facilitate investment between the two countries. This will help increase exports of Indian agricultural products, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and engineering goods to Switzerland. At the same time, we will attract new Swiss investments into key sectors in India, such as biotechnology, life sciences, banking, insurance, food processing, and sustainability. Through these initiatives, we will work together to develop trusted supply chains and reliable solutions for the world."

Senior MEA officials said the two countries would constitute a special group to address concerns relating to trade and investment.

Mr Modi recalled that the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the four European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries — Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway — came into force in October last year.

He described it as "an ambitious blueprint for investment, innovation, jobs, and shared prosperity ... to achieve the targets of $100 billion in investment in India and one million direct jobs over the next 15 years".

The agreement, signed about two-and-a-half years ago, was India's first free trade agreement with an economic bloc in Europe.

"I am grateful to the President of Switzerland for visiting India with a large business delegation. On October 7, in his presence, we will host the 'Prosperity Summit' with India-EFTA business leaders. This summit will serve as an important platform to turn the promise of our trade and investment partnership into concrete outcomes," Mr Modi said.

Highlighting science and technology cooperation, he said: "I am very pleased that we will soon launch new joint research projects in priority areas such as health, clean energy, and space. We also welcome the agreement with the University of Zurich to build the capacity of India's science start-ups."

The leaders also discussed the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia.

"Both India and Switzerland believe in democratic values, the rule of law, dialogue, and diplomacy. We will continue to work together for global peace and stability. Whether it is Ukraine or West Asia, India has consistently supported every meaningful effort towards peace. We also agree that reforms in global institutions are essential to address the growing global challenges," Mr Modi said.

Recalling historical ties, he said: "The friendship between India and Switzerland goes back centuries. In the 19th century, Swami Vivekananda saw a glimpse of the Himalayas in the Swiss Alps. Mahatma Gandhi also spent time in Switzerland and interacted with its people. The memories of these historic visits continue to resonate in our friendship even today."

"Given the growing popularity of Yoga and Ayurveda in Switzerland, we also had a meaningful discussion today on deepening cooperation in these areas," he added.

On artificial intelligence, Mr Modi said: "In February this year, India hosted the world's largest AI Summit. Next year, Switzerland will take this journey forward through the 'Geneva AI Summit.' I extend my best wishes to Switzerland for the success of the Geneva AI Summit. I am confident that together, we will continue to work towards making AI responsible, inclusive, and human-centric."

Earlier, Mr Parmelin reportedly said the relationship was "built on shared democratic values, as well as on trust and mutual respect". He described his visit as a "stepping stone towards further growth, deepening and strengthening of our close, broad and long-standing partnership".

KTR demands withdrawal of coal mine proposal near Ramappa temple

BRS working president KT Rama Rao opposed the proposed open-cast coal mine near Ramappa temple in Mulugu, warning that mining and blasting could threaten the UNESCO World Heritage Site and adjoining lake. He demanded withdrawal of the proposal and warned of agitation

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao has opposed the proposal to establish an open-cast coal mine near the historic Ramappa temple in Mulugu district, cautioning that mining and blasting could pose a serious threat to the UNESCO World Heritage Site and the adjoining Ramappa lake.

Reacting to media reports, Rama Rao said the Congress government was willing to put heritage structures at risk in the process of extracting mineral wealth. He said excavation and blasting at considerable depths near the temple could endanger the Ramappa temple, regarded as an icon of Telangana's architectural heritage, as well as the Ramappa lake.

The BRS working president said the party would oppose any move that could damage the heritage site and demanded that the proposed open-cast coal mine be withdrawn immediately. He warned that the party would launch a large-scale agitation if the proposal was not withdrawn.

Harish Rao demands immediate steps to curb soaring rice prices

BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao has demanded immediate measures to control rising rice and essential commodity prices in Telangana. He alleged a 25 per cent increase in fine rice prices and sought action against hoarding and black marketing

Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Monday demanded immediate steps to check the rise in prices of rice and other essential commodities in Telangana. He also urged the State government to crack down on black marketing, hoarding and excessive profit margins, and take action against those responsible.

In a statement, Harish Rao alleged that prices of fine rice had increased by 25 per cent in four months, placing an additional burden on households. He questioned the rise in prices despite the government's claims of record crop production.

He also questioned the effectiveness of the State's fine rice scheme, saying the continued increase in market prices indicated that consumers were not opting for the rice supplied under the scheme.

Harish Rao further alleged that farmers were receiving only nominal prices under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system, while middlemen were making more than Rs 8,000 a quintal.

"The farmer is not getting a remunerative price and the consumer an affordable price, while middlemen are profiting," he said.

He pointed to the prices of other essential commodities, saying onions were being sold at Rs 70 a kg, garlic at Rs 240, groundnut oil at Rs 210, green gram at Rs 125 and red gram at Rs 165.

Harish Rao urged the Centre and the State government to take immediate steps to bring down the prices of essential commodities.

I.N.D.I.A. Bloc Holds Protest in Hanamkonda, Seeks CEC's Resignation

Hanamkonda:The I.N.D.I.A. bloc organised a protest in Hanamkonda on Monday, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Following the AICC's call, the Hanamkonda district Congress committee conducted a 'Save Democracy Padayatra' from Ambedkar Centre. A protest was held in front of the collectorate, where participants raised slogans against the Centre and the Election Commission. They carried placards seeking protection of democracy and constitutional rights. They also burnt an effigy of Gyanesh Kumar.

Speaking at the protest, Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy alleged that the ruling party at the Centre was misusing the autonomous Election Commission for political gains. He said protecting the constitutional right to vote was the responsibility of everyone and demanded that the Election Commission function independently to ensure free and transparent elections.

MLAs Revoori Prakash Reddy and K.R. Nagaraju demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the allegations and objections raised against the electoral system and said the facts should be placed before the people.

They called for a transparent system to address voters' concerns over changes in electoral rolls, deletion of votes and issues related to voting rights.

The MLAs alleged that the BJP government at the Centre was misusing democratic institutions to retain power. They said the Congress and I.N.D.I.A. bloc would not remain silent if people's right to vote was undermined.

Huzurabad constituency in-charge Vodithela Pranav, leaders of I.N.D.I.A. bloc parties, representatives of various Congress wings and party workers participated.

Sanjay Jaju Reviews Progress of Young India Integrated Schools

The meeting mainly focused on making Telangana a global education hub and providing students with world-class education, research and skill-development opportunities, Sanjay Jaju said

Sanjay Jaju Reviews Progress of Young India Integrated Schools

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju reviewing the progress of Young India Integrated Schools and plans to establish international universities in Future City at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat here on Monday. (Photo: X)

Hyderabad: Following directions of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju reviewed the progress of Young India Integrated Schools and plans to establish international universities in Future City at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat here on Monday.

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Uttam Directs Officials to Streamline Gouravelli Project

Hyderabad:Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday directed officials that all outstanding issues related to the Gouravelli irrigation project should be solved so that the project can be completed. The project, initiated during the Congress government in undivided Andhra Pradesh, still has some outstanding approvals, land acquisition and rehabilitation issues, and these must be attended to in a time-bound manner, the minister said.

Chairing a review at the Secretariat on the project, which was also attended by transport minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Uttam Kumar Reddy stressed the need to translate the substantial investment already made in the project into irrigation benefits for farmers across its intended ayacut of 1.06 lakh acres.

The Gouravelli project, in Akkannapet mandal of Siddipet district, forms part of the Indiramma Flood Flow Canal project from the Sriram Sagar Project. Its original construction agreement dates to May 2008, during Congress rule in undivided Andhra Pradesh. The reservoir's capacity was subsequently enhanced from 1.410 TMC to 8.230 TMC, with a supplementary agreement for the expanded works signed in December 2017. But it did not materialize in the absence of the much needed approvals and clearances, he said.

While the Gouravelli reservoir works are nearly 98 per cent complete, the irrigation minister said the completion of the balance work should be accompanied by a functioning canal and distributary network capable of carrying water to agricultural fields.

AI Misuse Poses New Threat to Children, Says SC Judge

Hyderabad:Supreme Court judge Justice Vikram Nath on Saturday warned that children's growing dependence on digital technology, without adequate safeguards, could expose them to online sexual exploitation, grooming, cyberbullying, blackmail and other serious risks.

Delivering the keynote address at the South Zone Regional Conference on "Enhancing Access to Justice for Children in Cyberspace: Preventing Online Sexual Exploitation and Strengthening Child-Friendly Justice and Protection" in Hyderabad, Justice Nath said the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and other technologies had created new challenges for child protection.

He said the misuse of AI to generate sexually explicit or abusive material involving children posed difficult questions for law enforcement agencies, investigators, technology companies and the justice system. Even where such images were artificially generated, he said, the harm to a child's dignity, privacy and reputation could be severe.

Justice Nath, who is also executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), said institutions and society must anticipate emerging threats instead of waiting for children to become victims.

The conference brought together four Supreme Court judges, Chief Justices of southern High Courts, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, and judges of the Telangana and Andhra Pradesh High Courts.

Meghwal said child welfare should not be seen merely as a welfare issue but as an investment in nation-building. He stressed the need for greater digital literacy among children, parents and teachers so that online risks could be identified and addressed early.

He also called for legal processes to be made more accessible and child-friendly, emphasising both ease of access to justice and ease of understanding.

Meghwal highlighted the need for trained legal-aid lawyers and trauma-informed, gender-responsive assistance under NALSA's child-friendly legal services framework. He also called for better coordination with initiatives such as Nyaya Bandhu, Tele-Law and One Stop Centres.

The conference framework stressed that prevention, protection, investigation, legal aid and rehabilitation should be treated as an interconnected continuum rather than as isolated responses.

India's Data Centre Expansion Can Coexist with Residential Communities Through Evidence-Based Standards, Finds Policy Consensus Centre

- **Public clearance filings reviewed by PCC show how large data centres are being designed to coexist with residential neighbourhoods**
- **India's data centre capacity has more than quadrupled since 2020; international experience points to measurable standards rather than blanket restrictions.**

Hyderabad, 5th October 2026: India's data centre industry is entering a period of rapid expansion, driven by cloud adoption, 5G, data localisation and the accelerating demand for artificial intelligence. Operational capacity has increased from approximately 375 MW in 2020 to more than 1,575 MW in 2025, with estimates suggesting that capacity could reach 4.5–9 GW by 2030. The sector has attracted an estimated US$95 billion in cumulative investment commitments between 2019 and 2025.

A new discussion paper by the Policy Consensus Centre (PCC), titled Living Next to the Cloud: An Evidence-Based Approach to Data Centres in Residential India, examines how this expansion can be managed alongside communities located near data centre facilities. The paper argues that the question is increasingly one of how data centres and residential communities can coexist, rather than whether digital infrastructure can simply be excluded from urban areas.

Following the paper, PCC has also reviewed environmental clearance filings for data centre projects in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, publicly available on the government's PARIVESH portal. The filings show how operators are designing facilities to coexist with their neighbours. The Environmental Impact Assessment by Amazon Web Services (AWS) for its Thane campus specifies air-cooled chillers and acoustic enclosures for backup generators. Airtel's Nxtra makes similar commitments in its clearance for a facility at Siruseri in Chennai, noting that its cooling system therefore needs no water. Clearances for AWS in Thane, Gramercy Techpark in Airoli and Amanthin Info Parks in Turbhe provide for dedicated substations connected directly to the high-voltage transmission grid.

Globally, data centres have tended to cluster around cities because of access to fibre networks, electricity infrastructure, skilled workers and, importantly, end users requiring low-latency services. India exhibits a similar pattern, with Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Delhi NCR accounting for the overwhelming majority of reported operational capacity.

India and international approaches

The regulatory approaches adopted internationally generally focus on measurable impacts rather than an outright prohibition on data centres near residential areas. The paper finds that several international jurisdictions use minimum setback requirements, facility-specific noise limits, electricity and water disclosure requirements, renewable-energy obligations and efficiency standards. For example, Germany requires data centres to progressively increase renewable electricity sourcing, while Ireland has introduced requirements around renewable generation and dispatchable capacity for new data centre connections. The European Union has also moved towards sustainability reporting for larger data centres.

India currently regulates the same issues through a combination of central laws, state-level zoning policies and general environmental and building regulations. Residential areas are subject to ambient noise limits of 55 dB(A) during the day and 45 dB(A) at night. Electricity consumption is managed through sanctioned-load approvals rather than an absolute consumption cap, while water use is governed principally through wastewater-reuse requirements and groundwater extraction rules. One significant difference is location policy. The paper's review of 16 state policies found that Maharashtra explicitly permits data centres in residential zones, while Karnataka and Tamil Nadu restrict data centres to commercial, industrial and institutional zones.

Three concerns: what does the evidence show?

1. Noise: Data centre cooling systems, transformers and ventilation typically generate 45–65 dB at the property boundary, while India's residential limits are 55 dB during the day and 45 dB at night. The paper highlights the need for consistent monitoring and enforcement, noting that a study across 70 monitoring stations in seven major cities found applicable noise standards were exceeded at monitored residential, commercial and silence-zone locations. Backup diesel generators remain an additional source of noise and are subject to acoustic enclosure and noise-control requirements. AWS's Thane filing commits to housing its backup generators in acoustic enclosures that meet CPCB standards, with acoustic barriers around generator areas and a no-horn policy across the campus. Nxtra's clearance for its Siruseri facility goes further, requiring acoustic enclosures on all noise-generating equipment rather than on generators alone. Raiden Infotech reports commissioning quarterly third-party noise monitoring at its Turbhe site in Navi Mumbai.

2. Electricity: India's data centre electricity demand could rise from approximately 1.4 GW in 2024 to 9 GW by 2030, making grid planning, transmission capacity, renewable-energy additions and local infrastructure increasingly important. Globally, large operators are contracting clean energy at the scale their growth demands. Google's 2026 Environmental Report records agreements for more than 12 GW of net-new clean energy in 2025. In India, clearance filings show operators designing facilities to use less energy and to draw it more responsibly. AWS's Environmental Impact Assessment for its Thane campus specifies hot-aisle containment, free air cooling and air-cooled chillers that exceed international efficiency benchmarks. Together, these reduce the first building's estimated cooling energy by 29 per cent against the Energy Conservation Building Code baseline. Datascape Realty's clearance for its Thane facility projects overall energy savings of 21 per cent, with solar power meeting about 5 per cent of non-IT demand. Tamil Nadu's clearance for Nxtra's Siruseri facility goes further, requiring solar energy to be increased to at least 10 per cent of total energy use. AWS's filings for Thane and Powai also commit to meeting 5 and 10 per cent of each facility's demand, respectively, through renewable energy certificates.

3. Water: Water impacts are highly location-specific. A typical 100 MW hyperscale facility using water-based cooling can consume 800,000–2 million litres per day, while India's data centres are estimated to have consumed around 150 billion litres in 2024–25, potentially rising to 358 billion litres by 2030. The paper emphasises that local water availability, competing demand and cooling technology determine actual impact. Dry and hybrid cooling can reduce water use, although dry cooling may increase electricity demand. Clearance filings show the industry moving away from water-intensive cooling. AWS's Environmental Impact Assessment for its Thane campus specifies air-cooled chillers and lists no water demand for cooling. The campus's operational demand of 125 kilolitres a day across both phases is for domestic use and landscaping only, and treated wastewater meets part of it. The campus will also store rainwater in underground tanks with a combined capacity of 1,300 kilolitres. Filings by other operators, including Datascape Realty in Thane, Gramercy Techpark in Airoli, Gargantuan Industrial Space Solutions in Rabale and Nxtra in Chennai, record total water demand of 7 to 26 kilolitres a day for facilities drawing 50 to 120 MVA. Few operators publish facility-level water data.

Recommendations

The filings reviewed by PCC underline the need for these measures. Clearance conditions for data centres follow a general building template, with no provisions on generator running hours, energy efficiency or cooling water. Six of the seven clearances reviewed fall in a category that requires neither a full environmental impact assessment nor a public hearing. Compliance reporting is largely self-declared, and only six of 23 compliance reports record a site inspection. The seven projects with equipment details together provide for more than 600 large diesel generator sets, with backup capacity exceeding their combined grid demand.

The Policy Consensus Centre recommends a framework focused on measurable impacts and greater transparency, including district-level mapping of land, power, water and infrastructure capacity; standardised reporting of facility-level electricity, water and noise; differentiated location norms for hyperscale and latency-sensitive facilities; minimum setbacks and clear norms for facilities near homes; a dedicated data centre chapter in the National Building Code; cleaner backup power and greater use of renewable energy; prioritising treated, non-potable water for cooling; mandatory BIS efficiency metrics with facility-specific targets; greater research into low-water cooling technologies suited to India's climate; and national model guidelines for states covering reporting, planning, power infrastructure and research while retaining state and municipal authority over approvals.

The paper's central finding is that India's data centre expansion does not have to be framed as a binary choice between digital infrastructure and residential communities. The more practical policy question is whether location, technology, resource availability and operational performance can be measured upfront and regulated transparently.

Arrest of the absconding accused in the case of Culpable Homicide Not Amounting to Murder in the custody of Mumbai police.

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BUREAU CHIEF

Case Registration Details: Crime Number: 345/2026, Section 105 r/w 3(5) BNS, Musheerabad Police Station.

Subject details:

Case precedents/incident details:

In the complaint given by the complainant to the police on 05.09.2026 at around 23:00 hrs, he said that his 19 year old son S. Badrinath had gone to the Ganesh ???? (???????/???? ????????) program held in ?????? along with his friend. When I called Badrinath at around 21:00 in the night, he did not respond. Thereafter the complainant received information that his son was admitted to Gandhi Hospital. The doctor on duty there examined him and confirmed him to be already dead. Suspecting that his son had died due to the circumstances surrounding the Ganesh Aagaman program, the complainant requested to take legal action against the victim.

Things revealed in the research:

Accused Siddique, the organizer of the event, arranged for huge platforms, trusses, heavy lighting, various bands, DJ/sound systems and mics. The investigation revealed that the accused did not obtain proper permissions from the concerned authorities for setting up these trusses, using a huge DJ sound system and firing fireworks. Despite repeated warnings from the police personnel, the organizers continued to operate the sound systems at volumes exceeding the permissible limits. As part of this program, cannons were fired in areas where there was a lot of public support, which created panic, panic and confusion among the people. In this confusion, Badrinath fell unconscious near Soumya Hospital, he was taken to Gandhi Hospital, but the doctors confirmed that he was already dead.

Siddiq, along with his followers, acted with gross negligence even after knowing that there was danger to life of the public, which was found to be a punishable offense under section 105 r/w 3(5) of BNS.

Arrest details:

The absconding accused Siddique was arrested by Shri G. Ranveer Reddy, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Chikkadpalli Division, Secunderabad Zone on 04.10.2026 at 23:30 hrs and produced before the Hon'ble XVII ACJM Court at Nampalli, Hyderabad.

Hyderabad City, Secunderabad Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Smt. Rakshitha Krishnamurthi, I.P.S. Garu and Secunderabad Zone Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Addl. DCP) Shri J. ??????? ???? ??????????... The main accused in this case was arrested through the continuous efforts of Task Force, Secunderabad Zone Team and Musheerabad Police.

Issued by - Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Secunderabad Zone, Hyderabad City.

Former Vice Chairman of the Pharmacy Council congratulates the State Drugs Control Director

Request for strict implementation of Pharmacy Act 1948 - Section 42
Prompt action for the implementation of drug control laws
Director G. Ramdhan

Hanumakonda ; Former Vice Chairman of the State Pharmacy Council Uppu Bhaskara Rao politely met G. Ramdhan, who has taken over as the new State Director of the Telangana TG Safe Drugs Control Department, and presented him with a bouquet and felicitated him with a shawl and extended his heartfelt greetings.

On this occasion, Uppu Bhaskara Rao requested the Director to implement Section (42) of the Pharmacy Act 1948 more strictly at the field level, to ensure that medicines are distributed only by qualified pharmacists in community pharmacies, and to strive to provide better legal services to the consumers.

Speaking on the occasion,

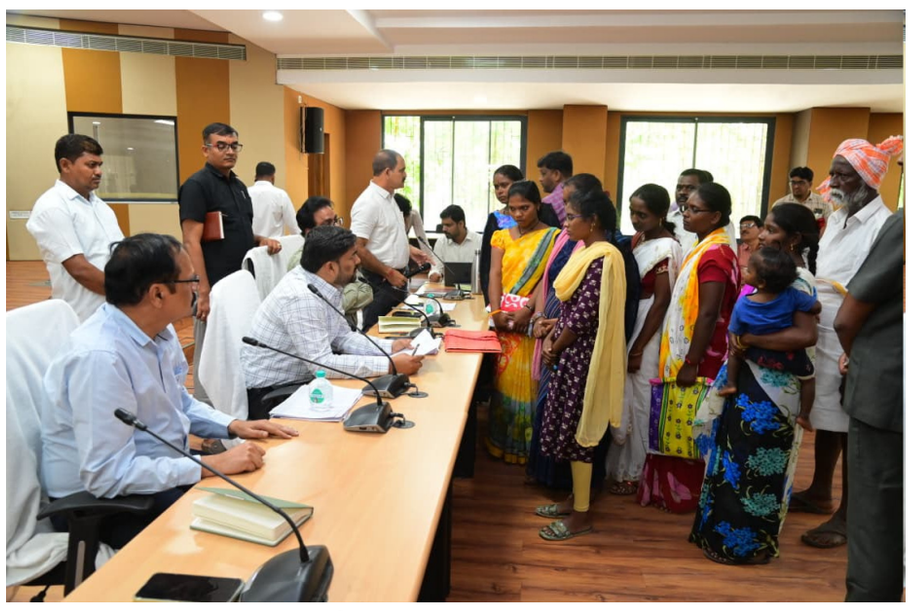
Director Ramdhan said that efforts will be made to strictly implement the Drugs and Cosmetics Act with the aim of protecting the interests of drug users. He praised the services of pharmacists in the society as very crucial. He called on all pharmacists to perform their professional duties with dedication and sincerity.

He said that in the coming days, a special activity is being prepared under the supervision of the TG Safe Commissioner to strictly implement the laws related to the Drugs Control Department. He clarified that the Drugs Control Department will continuously work to provide better and legal services to the people under the guidance of effective leadership led by TG Safe Commissioner Anjan Kumar.

MLC Complains to DGP Over BRS Social Media Posts

HYDERABAD: Congress MLC and Government Whip Balmuri Venkat on Monday lodged a complaint with DGP C.V. Anand over the social media activity of the BRS. Venkat met the DGP on Monday evening and alleged that the BRS was spreading false information against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy through social media platforms. He urged the police to take steps to curb what he described as a misinformation campaign against the Chief Minister.

54 Petitions Received at Prajavani



Nagarkurnool: District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials to take immediate steps to resolve grievances and petitions received from the public through the Prajavani programme.

As part of the district-level Prajavani programme held at the Integrated District Offices Complex on Monday, Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil, along with Additional Collectors B. Chennayya and Deva Sahayam, received 54 petitions from the public.

The Collector instructed officials to examine the grievances promptly and resolve them at the earliest. After resolving a complaint, the concerned petitioner should be informed and the details should also be updated online, he said.

If a grievance does not fall under the jurisdiction of a particular department, officials should forward it to the concerned department through a letter. Matters that cannot be resolved should be brought to the notice of higher authorities, or the petitioner should be clearly informed of the relevant rules preventing its resolution.

Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials not to keep applications pending under any circumstances. He also instructed departments to give special attention to pending petitions and expedite their disposal, including pending applications received through the Chief Minister and Prajavani programmes.

DRO Pandu, Collectorate AO Chandrasekhar, superintendents of various sections and district-level officials attended the programme.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Presents Prizes to Winners of State-Level Kabaddi Competitions

Vemulawada, October 05: The state-level boys and girls kabaddi competitions held at the Government Junior College Ground in Vemulawada town concluded thrillingly.

In the final matches held on Monday night, Kothagudem in the girls category and Nalgonda in the boys category emerged as winners.

In the girls final, Khamman scored 24 and Kothagudem scored 48, with Kothagudem winning the championship and Khammam securing second place. In a neck-to-neck fight in the boys category between Wanaparthy and Nalgonda, Wanaparthy scored 30 and Nalgonda scored 46 to emerge victorious, while Wanaparthy stood second.State BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Government Whip, Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas presented trophies and prizes to the winners.Speaking on the occasion, the Minister appreciated that 33 districts participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship in the state-level kabaddi competitions held under the leadership of MLA Adi Srinivas. He said the Telangana people's government is giving highest priority to sports with an aim to bring out hidden sports talent in rural areas.Library Chairman Nagula Satyanarayana Goud, Municipal Chairman Pulka Raju, Vice Chairman Narala Shekar, Vemulawada DSP Srinivasulu, CI Veeraprasad, councillors, Congress leaders, Kabaddi Association President Malla Reddy, Secretary Singarapu Tirupati and others participated.

Elaborate arrangements should be made for Godavari Pushkara

State Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar

Jagtial, October 05 : held a review meeting on Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 at the conference hall of Jagtial District Collectorate along with State Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, Jagtial MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar and District Collector B. Satya Prasad. Speaking on the occasion, State Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar said that officials of all departments should work in coordination and make elaborate arrangements for the successful organization of Godavari Pushkaralu-2027. He suggested that all the necessary infrastructure for the devotees should be completed in advance at Dharmapuri, Kotilingala and other Pushkara ghats. The minister said that since there is a possibility of a large influx of devotees during the Godavari Pushkara festival in Jagtial district, special attention should be paid to roads, ghats, drinking water, sanitation, electricity, medical services, parking, security and other issues. He instructed the officials to complete the development work of the Pushkara ghats with quality standards and within the stipulated time. He said that the government has sanctioned funds to various departments for various development works to be undertaken in the Dharmapuri Pushkara area, and a total of Rs. 226.41 crore has been allocated for the works of various departments. The concerned officials explained the details of the works related to the departments of endowments, irrigation, PRD, public health, water supply and sanitation, tourism, R&B and electricity. Jagityala MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar said that the necessary facilities, Pushkaghats, roads and electricity works should be expedited for the people and devotees who come to take bath in Godavari Pushkara in Bornapelli, Kammunur, Chitraveni Gudem and the Godavari catchment area in Jagityala constituency. District Collector B. Satya Prasad said that keeping in mind Godavari Pushkara-2027, arrangements are being made for Pushkara ghats, roads, parking areas, drinking water, sanitation, electricity, medical, police etc. in the district. He instructed the officials to work in coordination with all departments with advance planning keeping in mind the rush of devotees during Pushkaras. The Collector explained that the existing infrastructure related to Pushkara ghats in Dharmapuri, Velatur, Mallapur, Ibrahimpatnam, Birpur and Raikal mandals of the district is being improved and new ghats are being constructed and repaired where necessary. He said that the Irrigation Department is taking up work for the development of ghats in Dharmapuri and Kotilingala areas, and the work related to 470 meters of new ghats at Dharmapuri and 210 meters of new ghats at Kotilingala has been sanctioned. The Endowments Department has sanctioned funds of Rs. 10 crore each for the development and renovation works of Dharmapuri Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple and Kotilingala temples and the work has started. For the convenience of devotees, work worth Rs. 15 crore is being taken up for the construction of internal CC roads in Dharmapuri Municipality, and special funds have been allocated for water supply and sanitation facilities, the Collector said. He said that budget proposals have also been submitted to the government for the police force, medical camps and other issues required for the security of devotees who flock in large numbers during Pushkaras. District Collector B. Satya Prasad ordered the officials to continuously monitor every work undertaken as part of the Pushkara preparations and take steps to complete it within the stipulated time. He advised that all departments should work in coordination with the main goal of providing a safe and comfortable Pushkara experience to the devotees. District Additional Collector B. Raja Goud, Metpelli RDO Narasimha Rao, Dharmapuri Municipal Chairman Nagalakshmi, Panchayat Raj, Road Buildings Department officials, Tehsildars, MPDOs, concerned officials and others participated in this review.

Ensuring passenger safety in Warangal

Warangal CP launches Abhaya-My Taxi Safe app
Following the rules is everyone's responsibility

Hanumakonda ; Warangal Police Commissioner N Shwetha IPS has made it clear that the safety of passengers is the first duty of the police. He said that following the rules is also everyone's responsibility. Warangal CP launched the state-of-the-art Abhaya - My Taxi Safe app for the safety of passengers. In this context,

The police department has taken a key step for the safety of passengers traveling in autos and taxis within the limits of Warangal Police Commissionerate. After formally launching the CP Abhaya - My Taxi Safe app at a program held under the Warangal Police Commissionerate on Monday, CP N Shwetha IPS said... Passenger safety is the first duty of the police. He said that this app will help women and students travel safely in autos and taxis in the city.

On this occasion, the CP explained the features of the app. In particular,

If the QR code is scanned after boarding an auto or taxi, the driver's full details and vehicle number will go to the police control room.

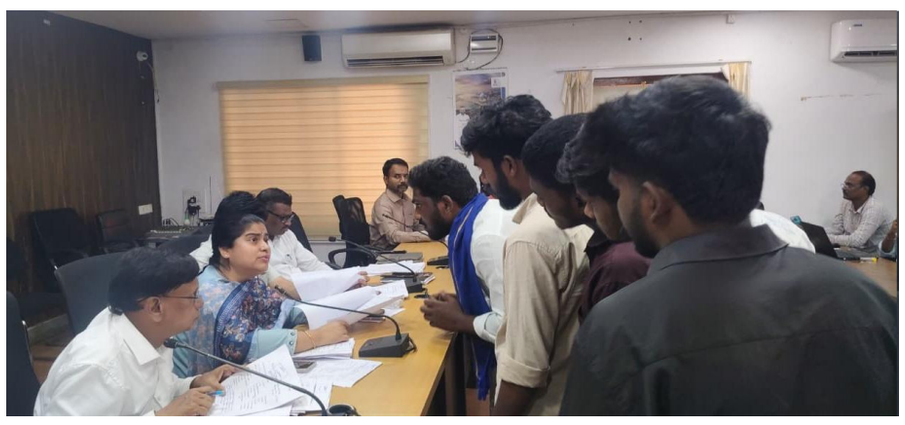
If any trouble arises during the journey, the police will be informed immediately by pressing the SOS button.

In addition, passengers can share their live location with their family members. In particular, as part of road safety, it is everyone's responsibility to follow traffic rules, and the CP warned that auto drivers must register on this app, otherwise strict action will be taken. He made it clear that parking autos on the highway, overloading, and driving under the influence of alcohol will not be tolerated.

Central Zone DCP Dhara Kavitha, Additional DCP (Administration) Rayala Prabhakar Rao, Traffic ACP T. Satyanarayana, Traffic Inspectors Sujatha, Venkanna, traffic staff, taxi, auto drivers, and others participated in the program.

CKM College Lecturer Satish should be removed from duty

Swero Students Union Hanumakonda District President



Warangal, Bureau; : CKM College Zoology Lecturer NCC Captain Satish Kumar should be completely removed from duty,

Swero Students Union Hanumakonda District President Elthuri Saikumar submitted a petition to Warangal District Collector Satya Sharada Devi on Monday in Prajavani. Speaking on the occasion, Elthuri Saikumar said that while an inquiry is underway against NCC Captain Satish Kumar, a zoology lecturer at the college who is sexually harassing some female students of CKM College as well as NCC students, he is also intimidating female students while performing duties in colleges and in the ongoing inquiry against me, I have to say that I am a positive and gentle person no matter who asks me, whether it is the authorities or anyone else. The Swero Students Union demands that the lecturer be immediately removed from duty and justice be done to the affected female students. Swero Students Union Hanumakonda District Vice President Chettu Palli Sivakumar, KDC College President Secretaries Raj Kumar and Vamsi and others participated in the program.

Kayadu Lohar Stuns in Chic Gingham Skirt and White Top

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Born on April 11, 2000, Kayadu made her acting debut in the Kannada film Mugilpete (2021). She entered Malayalam cinema with Pathonpatham Noottandu (2022), Telugu with Alluri (2022), and Marathi with I Prem U (2023).

Her breakthrough came with the Tamil hit Dragon (2025) opposite Pradeep Ranganathan, which became one of the year's biggest successes. In 2026 she has a packed slate including Funky (with Vishwak Sen), Pallichattambi (with Tovino Thomas), Idhayam Murali, I'm Game (with Dulquer Salmaan), The Paradise (with Nani), and more.

Bhagyashri Borse Looks Gorgeous in Sky-Blue and Gold

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Bhagyashri Borse looks radiant in this graceful outdoor portrait. Smiling brightly with the wind gently tossing her hair, she wears a soft sky-blue saree with delicate gold embroidery and a cream blouse. Traditional gold jewellery—a choker necklace, earrings, and bracelet—completes the elegant look against a natural rocky backdrop.

Born on 6 May 1999 in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, Bhagyashri began her career as a model before entering films. She made her acting debut with a cameo in the Hindi film Yaariyan 2 (2023), followed by another appearance in Chandu Champion (2024).

Her lead debut came in Telugu cinema with Mr. Bachchan (2024) opposite Ravi Teja, earning her the SIIMA Award for Best Female Debut – Telugu. She gained further recognition in 2025 with roles in Kingdom alongside Vijay Deverakonda, her Tamil debut Kaantha opposite Dulquer Salmaan (praised as a strong performance), and Andhra King Taluka with Ram Pothineni.

In 2026 she starred in Lenin opposite Akhil Akkineni and is set to appear in the Tamil film Seyon. She will make her Malayalam debut in 2027 with Operation Ganga alongside Mohanlal. From modelling to multi-language cinema, Bhagyashri continues to rise as a promising new face in South Indian films.

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Thrinadha Rao Didn't Give Me The Chance: Shiva Nirvana

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VV Vinayak expressed strong confidence in Vikram's future while appreciating Lagadapati Sridhar's passion for cinema. "Lagadapati Sridhar has a greater passion for cinema than all of us. Vikram will become a big hero and fulfil Sridhar's dream. Tarak Ponnappa is frightening everyone with his performance."

Shiva Nirvana brought a personal perspective to the event, recalling his student days in the town. "I have a

strong emotional connection with Anakapalli. I studied for my degree there. I too wanted to write a story based on the emotion of Anakapalli, but Thrinadha Rao did not give me that chance. With Anakapalli, he has attempted something different. I hope he will also become busy as an actor from now on. I also wish Vikram will become a big hero."

Thrinadha Rao Nakkina spoke about the actors performances. "There is a similar competition between every character in Anakapalli. Each actor competed with the others and delivered their best. You will watch Anakapalli without getting distracted even for a second."

Lagadapati Sridhar teased the film's central emotional conflict. "We have already watched Anakapalli. It is going to be something fresh. What happens when the lover becomes even more violent? The film presents those consequences beautifully. It also shows what a lover should be like in a compelling manner."

Anakapalli is gearing up for its theatrical release on October 2.

MrBeast Joins 'Ramayana' Promotions

In a major global push for Ramayana: Part 1, MrBeast made a surprise appearance at a promotional event in Mumbai on September 26.

The creator, real name Jimmy Donaldson, shared the stage with lead stars Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi and Ravi Dubey, along with director Nitesh Tiwari and producer Namit.

In a viral moment from the evening, prompted by Ranbir Kapoor, MrBeast led the massive crowd in chanting "Jai Shree Ram," sending fans into a frenzy. The move signals an aggressive strategy to globalise Indian cinema. With over 518 million subscribers and 140 billion views, MrBeast is the world's most-subscribed individual YouTuber, giving Ramayana direct access to international Gen-Z and millennial audiences who don't typically watch Bollywood or Hindi films.

Rather than relying solely on traditional trailers and press junkets, producers including Namit Malhotra are betting on digital-first creators to build worldwide hype for the epic.

Golden Bhagyam Title Glimpse: Satya and Yogi Babu Promise Non-Stop Fun

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Telugu cinema is coming up with another interesting comedy entertainer. This time, popular comedians Satya and Yogi Babu are joining hands for a film titled Golden Bhagyam. The combination of these two talented comedians has already created curiosity among movie lovers.

The film is directed by Pawan Basamsetti, who earlier impressed the audience with the successful movie Rangabali. He is now trying a different comedy setup with Golden Bhagyam. Pawan Basamsetti and Dr. Nagarjuna Reddy Paluvai are producing the movie.

The makers introduced the film with a funny title glimpse. The video uses a humorous style inspired by the way some big star movies are announced. It also plays around with the popularity of Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan in a light-hearted manner. The unusual announcement immediately grabbed attention on social media.

One of the biggest attractions of Golden Bhagyam is the combination of Telugu and Tamil comedy. Satya is known for his unique comic expressions and timing, while Yogi Babu has a strong following among Tamil audiences. Bringing both actors together gives the film an interesting comic flavour.

The movie reportedly uses the language difference between

Telugu and Tamil as an important part of the comedy. The makers are trying to create situations where the language barrier itself becomes a source of humour. The story also includes action and romantic elements, making it more than a regular comedy film.

The combination of Satya and Yogi Babu is expected to provide several entertaining moments. Their different styles of comedy could make their scenes one of the major highlights of the movie.

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