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## Unemployed youth protest delay in job notifications in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Protests against the Telangana Congress government's delay in issuing job calendar and recruitment notifications continued on Saturday, with unemployed youth, along with Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) activists, calling in a rally from City Central Library in Chikkadpally to RTC X Roads. Several of the youth, who staged a protest at the library, were detained by the police. During this process, some activists' clothes were torn and a few suffered bruises. The protesters demanded the government honour its assembly election promise of filling up 2 lakh vacancies. The unemployed youth lamented that the Congress party came into government, assuring that it would be a people's government. However, the unemployed said they were locked inside the library, fearing a large-scale protest. "The Congress party came to power by making us believe that they provide people's governance. By locking us inside the library - Is this Praja Palana?"



The Congress betrayed us by promising 2 lakh jobs within one year in the government," Narender, an unemployed youth preparing for Groups' recruitment. Speaking to media persons, a woman preparing for the Group's recruitment lamented they were clueless as to when the recruitment notifications would be released. "Parents are struggling so much to provide education to us for our better future. But the government is not even bothered about our issues. Despite there being clear vacancies in various departments, the government is not notifying them. We demand the government immediately release notifications," she added.

## MANUU to hold two-day national workshop for distance education officials

Hyderabad: The Centre for Distance and Online Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, is organising a two-day national workshop-cum-orientation programme for its Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors and Learner Support Centre Coordinators on January 12 and 13. Prof Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, MANUU, will preside over the inaugural session. Hyderabad event calendar According to Prof Mohd Razaullah Khan, Director, CDOE, the programme is expected to play a significant role in capacity building, fostering institutional coordination and ensuring smoother implementation



of policy reforms in distance and online education. The workshop aims to deliberate on key issues, emerging challenges and best practices in the field of Distance and Online Education, with a special focus on the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 in the Open and Distance Learning framework.

## Irrigation department begins draw-down of Singur reservoir for repairs

Sangareddy: The irrigation officials have started emptying the Singur multipurpose project, built across river Manjeera near Singur in Pulkal mandal, on Saturday to take up repair works suggested by the National Dam Safety Review Panel (NDSRP) of the



National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA). The irrigation department has begun releasing 2,500 cusecs of water downstream by operating the hydroelectric project. The water storage will be reduced to 8 TMCft in the next 30 to 40 days, with the released water to be utilised downstream. The project now has 16 TMCft of water against its full storage capacity of 29.91 TMCft. In the wake of the NDSRP warning, which found damage to the project's earthen embankment and upstream revetment during its visit last summer, the storage was restricted to 16 TMCft this year despite abundant inflows from upstream. Meanwhile, the irrigation department has already taken up repair works on the upstream revetment with an outlay of Rs. 16 crore. While depleting the reservoir, an expert team will monitor the condition of the dam and the earthen embankment and assess the extent of damage before taking up further repairs.

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## Union Budget Session 2026 from January 28, Budget presentation likely on a Sunday

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu has approved the summoning of both Houses of Parliament for the Budget Session 2026 from January 28 on the government's recommendation, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju announced on Friday. "On the recommendation of the Govt of India, Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji has approved the summoning of both the Houses of Parliament for the Budget Session 2026. The Session will commence on 28 January 2026 and continue till 2 April 2026. The first phase concludes on 13 February 2026, with Parliament reassembling on 9 March 2026, a vital step towards meaningful debate and people-centric governance," Rijiju said in a post on X. According to reports, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is likely to table the Budget on February 1, which falls on a Sunday - a rare occurrence that would require special arrangements. The Economic Survey, providing a comprehensive review of the economy, is anticipated to be laid before Parliament on January 29 or 30. The Budget Session traditionally begins with the President's address to a joint sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, outlining the government's policy priorities and vision. This address will take place on the opening day, January 28. The announcement sets



the stage for one of the most important parliamentary events of the year, during which the Union Budget for the financial year 2026-27 is expected to be presented. Rijiju's post stressed the government's commitment to transparent and effective legislative processes. The two-phase format allows for initial discussions on the Budget and other key matters, followed by detailed scrutiny in standing committees during the recess, before final deliberations and passage of financial bills. This session comes at a crucial time as the government focuses on economic growth, fiscal consolidation, and addressing emerging challenges in sectors like infrastructure, employment, and sustainability. Parliamentarians from across parties are expected to engage in intensive debates on taxation, expenditure, and policy reforms. The formal approval by President Murmu marks the procedural start of preparations for the session, with both Houses gearing up for what promises to be a packed legislative calendar.

## Forest officer held for Rs 2.10 lakh bribe in Maharashtra

Thane: A circle forest officer has been arrested for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 2.10 lakh to allow goods trucks to pass through a forest area in Shahapur taluka of Thane district, the Anti-Corruption Bureau said on Saturday. A forest guard is being investigated to ascertain his role in the alleged bribe demand. "The complainant and his associates operate goods trucks that were required to pass through the Kashti round forest area. For allowing six such trucks to pass, circle forest officer Bhagwan Bhoir and Rathod allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 75,000 per truck, totalling Rs 4.50 lakh," according to a release issued by the ACB. The accused later agreed to accept Rs 2.10 lakh for allowing six trucks following ne-



gotiations, it stated. The ACB nabbed Bhoir on Friday while he was accepting money from the complainant on the Khardi-Wada Road. An FIR has been registered at Shahapur police station under relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

## GHMC launches special drive to remove unauthorised advertisements

Hyderabad: The GHMC has initiated a special enforcement drive to identify and remove unauthorised advertisement elements within its jurisdiction. As part of the ongoing drive, several illegal hoardings, banners and other unauthorised advertisement structures have already been dismantled. Following the delimitation and merger of several municipalities into the GHMC, a significant number of unauthorised and illegal advertisement structures have been identified at various locations across the city, GHMC Commissioner R V Karnan said on Saturday. The enforcement action would be carried out in a phased and sustained manner across all GHMC limits to en-



sure urban orderliness, road safety and strict compliance with the prescribed advertisement norms, he said. To strengthen the enforcement mechanism, the GHMC is also in the process of constituting a dedicated enforcement team exclusively to monitor, regulate and take action against unauthorised advertisements.



# Editorial

## On the ED raids in West Bengal

The Enforcement Directorate (ED)'s searches on January 8, in Kolkata, at locations linked to the Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC), are a development set to be repeated in the run-up to the West Bengal Assembly election. I-PAC is a political consultancy firm that spearheaded the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC)'s election campaign in 2021. The ED said the searches were part of an ongoing money laundering investigation, unrelated to the election, and aimed at tracing the proceeds of the crime. The TMC held protests across the State on Friday. Even as the raids were on, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee went to the I-PAC office and accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led central government of using central agencies for political vendetta. She called the raids an "attack on democracy", and accused the ED of attempting to seize the TMC's internal political strategy, data and digital material ahead of the election. The ED claims its officials were obstructed and that documents were removed from the premises, and has approached the Calcutta High Court. This is not the first time that central agencies — the ED, the Central Bureau of Investigation and the IT Department — have confronted State governments run by Opposition parties. A pattern is visible across time and space that makes Ms. Banerjee's claims notable, and the ED's assertion that its actions are unlinked to politics, feeble.

Regardless of the merits of the case, the ED's action and its timing bring into the spotlight several issues related to the fairness and integrity of the electoral process, Centre-State relations, and election funding. Incumbents at the Centre and in the States enjoy certain advantages in any election, but the vigilance and fairness of the Election Commission of India, the judiciary, the media and the IT Department could level the playing field to some extent. Partisan behaviour, institutional shortcomings and the weaponisation of state power by incumbents are factors that can render such checks and balances ineffective or impossible. ED raids that tangentially target the TMC follow a pattern of the incumbent at the Centre using state power to corner a party that runs the State government. It is worth recalling that the IT department froze all bank accounts of the principal Opposition party, the Congress, during the 2024 general election. The very fact that agencies and institutions tend to be hyperactive against Opposition governments and parties, and never against the BJP or its associates, is itself revealing. The BJP appears willing to stretch all rules of the game to win in West Bengal, but it should also consider what India might be losing in that pursuit: the confidence of the people in the integrity of state institutions.

## Hyderabad: Man found murdered at Shamshabad, police launch probe

HYDERABAD: A man was murdered by unknown persons at Shamshabad in city outskirts on Friday night. The man C Narayana Swamy, a native of Tamil Nadu, stayed at Shamshabad. On Friday late at night, Swamy was found lying dead at Madhuranagar street number 3 by some persons who informed the police. The police who checked found several injuries on the body. A case is registered.

## Telangana IAS, IPS Officers Associations condemn allegations against women IAS officers

Hyderabad: The IAS and IPS Officers Associations have strongly condemned the allegations levelled against women IAS officers in a recent broadcast aired by a vernacular news channel. Hyderabad event calendar In the broadcast, serious allegations were made against a woman IAS officer and a Minister. "The said broadcast referred to family discomfort, alleged phone calls and WhatsApp chats as purported evidence. These claims were entirely fabricated, defamatory and devoid of any factual verification," Jayesh Ranjan, Secretary of the Telangana IAS Officers Association said in a press release. The IAS Officers Association demanded an immediate and unconditional public apology, besides withdrawal of the said content from all platforms. The Association was also actively exploring all available legal remedies to ensure accountability of

individuals responsible for creation and dissemination of the derogatory content, he said. The Telangana IPS Officers' Association extended solidarity with the IAS Officers' Association and condemned what it called "irresponsible, malicious and defamatory" content aired by certain media platforms, wherein "baseless allegations and insinuations" were levelled against serving women IAS officers. "Targeting women officers through unverified claims, fabricated narratives, and selective distortion of administrative processes is not only reprehensible but also reflects a deeply regressive and misogynistic mindset," Telangana IPS Officers Association Secretary Vikram Singh Mann said in a press release. The Association demanded an immediate and unconditional public apology from the media houses concerned.

## KTR invited to speak at Harvard India Conference in the US

Hyderabad: BRS working president and former Minister KT Rama Rao has been invited to speak at the 23rd edition of the India Conference at Harvard University, in recognition of his exemplary role in strengthening global interest in Hyderabad and Telangana. Hyderabad city guide The conference, themed 'The India We Imagine' will be held on February 14 and 15 at the Harvard University campus. It is among the largest student-led India-focused conferences in the United States and brings together students, academics, business leaders, policy makers and cultural figures from India and the South Asian diaspora. The annual conference has previously hosted prominent Indian voices including Nita Mukesh Ambani, Nitin Gadkari, Jairam Ramesh and Azim Premji. According to a press release, Rama Rao's invitation reflects recogni-



tion of his role in positioning Telangana as a technology and innovation hub. The conference will feature discussions on governance, development and public policy on Day 1 at the Harvard Kennedy School, and on business, entrepreneurship and the global economy on Day 2 at Harvard Business School, where Rama Rao will speak.

## LPG becomes huge burden for mid-day meal workers in Karimnagar

Karimnagar: Preparing meals using liquid petroleum gas (LPG) has become another burden for mid-day meal workers, who are already facing problems due to delays in the release of bills and salaries. To avoid students being exposed to health problems caused by smoke from firewood used for cooking food under the mid day meal programme, district officials decided to switch to LPG instead of firewood. For the first time, the system has been introduced in the State. Apart from issuing instructions to mid day meal agencies in this regard, strict directions were also given to suspend headmasters of schools if meals were prepared using firewood. As part of the new initiative, two LPG cylinders were supplied to each school a month ago. Workers, who had been preparing meals using firewood, were forced to shift to LPG. Although LPG cylinders were supplied, cooking stoves were not provided. As a result, agencies had to purchase stoves at their own cost. Moreover, the use of LPG has



become a major problem as the two cylinders supplied to each school are not sufficient for institutions with high student strength. An LPG cylinder gets exhausted within three to four days in schools with a strength of 200 to 250 students, forcing agencies to buy more cylinders by spending their own money. When firewood was used, agencies spent Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 9,000 every six months. Now, almost the same amount has to be spent every month to purchase LPG, agency workers said. Speaking to Telangana Today, Mid Day Meal Workers' Association district president Burra Manjula said that cooking meals

## TGDCA issues stop-use notice for Almont-Kid syrup over ethylene glycol contamination

Hyderabad: The Telangana Drugs Control Administration (TGDCa) on Saturday has issued a 'Stop Use Notice' regarding Almont-Kid Syrup, adulterated with Ethylene Glycol, which is the close relative of deadly industrial chemical Diethylene Glycol (DEG), linked to the tragic deaths of at least 24 children in Madhya Pradesh. Hyderabad event calendar The stop use notice by TGDCa has come following an alert by Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), East Zone, Kolkata, regarding a laboratory report that has declared the syrup as adulterated with Ethylene Glycol (EG), which is a highly toxic substance. In the notice, the TGDCa has provided the details of the specific batch of the syrup that could be tainted by the toxic industrial waste. Almont-Kid Syrup (Levocetirizine Dihydrochloride and Montelukast Sodium Syrup) with batch number AL-24002, manufactured date Jan, 2025 and expiry date Dec, 2026, manufactured by one Tridus Remedies, Plot No. D-42, D-43, Phase-II, Industrial Area, Hajipur, Vaishali-844102, Bihar. "In light of the above, the public is hereby strongly advised to immediately stop the use of the above syrup, if in possession, and report the same to the nearest Drugs Control Authority without delay. The public may also report possession of the said product directly to the TGDCa, through the Toll-Free Number: 1800-599-6969, which is operational from 10.30 am to pm on all working days, DG, TGDCa, Shahanawaz Qasim in the notice said. All Drugs Inspectors and Assistant Directors across the State have been directed to immediately alert all retailers, wholesalers, distributors, and hospitals to freeze any available stocks of the said product batch and ensure that the same are not dispensed or sold under any circumstances, TGDCa said. The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, has initiated necessary enforcement measures and is actively monitoring the situation to prevent further risk to public health. The public is urged to exercise utmost caution and refrain from using the aforementioned product to avert any potential health hazards associated with Ethylene Glycol toxicity.

using LPG had become a big problem for them. They were asked to procure cylinders from Indane LPG agencies in their respective areas. However, LPG agency authorities were not supplying more than two cylinders a month, she said. Meanwhile, fearing suspension, school headmasters were not allowing the use of firewood even if LPG cylinders got exhausted in the middle of cooking. Earlier, workers used to procure firewood from nearby forest areas by engaging labourers at lower cost, but now the process has become more expensive, she added. The government has instructed them to prepare meals using LPG but has not allocated any funds for the purpose. While stating that they were ready to cook food with LPG, she urged the government to supply more cylinders at subsidised rates.

## GHMC to launch special e-waste collection drive in Greater Hyderabad on Jan 12, 13

Hyderabad: The GHMC is launching a special drive on 'E-waste' on January 12 and 13 across all 300 wards, aiming to remove accumulated E-waste from houses, offices and public areas to maintain cleanliness standards in the city. GHMC Commissioner R V Karnan released an awareness handout regarding the list of E-waste materials to be collected. The items include large appli-

ances such as fridges, washing machines and air conditioning sets; small appliances such as mixers, iron boxes, and hair dryers; IT and telecom equipment such as computers, mobiles, and chargers; consumer electronics such as TVs, music systems and cameras; batteries; and other electrical items including UPS, inverters, and batteries. The GHMC deployed dedicated collection vehicles in every circle, cover-

ing a total of 30 GHMC circles, to collect E-waste material. All collected E-waste material will be processed at authorised processing centres through a scientific process. On Saturday, GHMC authorities campaigned about the E-waste drive in colonies through public announcement systems to create an awareness among citizens of Greater Hyderabad.



## Student festivals will reshape nations' technological future: Sridhar Babu

Sangareddy: ELAN & nVision 2026, the 17th edition of IIT Hyderabad's technological festival and South India's largest student-run fest, was inaugurated on Friday at the institute's campus at Kandi by IT Minister D Sridhar Babu. The three-day festival, being held from January 9 to 11, would bring together over 30,000 students, innovators, artists and young entrepreneurs from across the country, featuring high-impact technology competitions, innovation showcases, cultural performances and thought-provoking dialogues that reflect IIT Hyderabad's vibrant student ecosystem. Addressing the gathering Sridhar Babu said ELAN & nVision is the best platform for young minds to share knowledge and engage with emerging technologies at a time when innovation is reshaping every aspect of human life. As students stand at the crucial intersection of academics and invention, the IT Minister wished that the ELAN & nVision would bring together youth, academia, and industry to shape the nation's technological future. He hailed



IITH's cutting-edge innovations, including the autonomous navigation vehicle, and urged students to go beyond being job seekers to become incubators of ideas and pioneers of tomorrow's technology. A Celebration of Technology, Culture and Youthful Innovation, Guided by this year's powerful theme, "The Last Ronin," ELAN & nVision 2026 symbolises resilience, independence and the relentless pursuit of excellence—values that resonate deeply with India's next generation of innovators and leaders. The theme reflects the spirit of standing strong, forging new paths, and blending creativity with purpose. Speaking on the occasion, Director of IITH Prof BS Murty said ELAN & nVision embodies the spirit of IITH's—where technology, creativity and culture come together to shape responsible innovators.

## Pistols, grenade recovered after suspected drone drop in Jammu

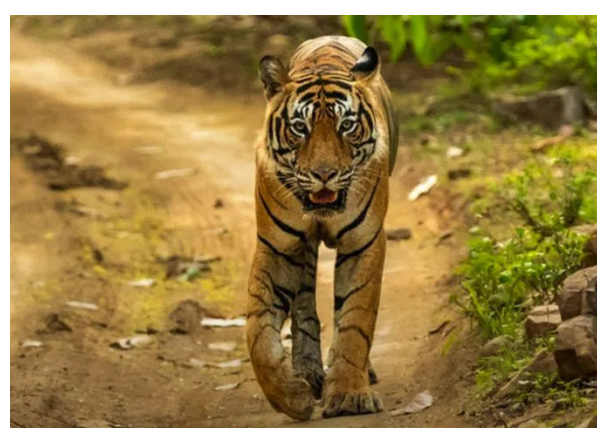
Jammu: An arms consignment, apparently dropped by a drone from Pakistan, was recovered from a forward area near the International Border in the Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday. The recovery of the consignment, including two pistols, three magazines, 16 rounds and a grenade, was made amid heightened security to thwart any attempt by terrorists to disrupt the upcoming Republic Day celebrations, the officials said. They said a joint team of the Border Security Force (BSF) and Special Operations Group (SOG) of J&K Police launched a search operation in the Paloor village of Ghagwal late Friday night following information about sus-



pected movement of a drone from across the border. The search parties found a packet, wrapped in yellow tape, from the banks of a stream and opened it with the help of a bomb disposal squad, leading to the recovery of the weapons, the officials said, adding the operation was still continuing when the last reports were received.

## Tiger movement triggers panic among villagers in Mancherial

Mancherial: Movement of a tiger triggered panic among villagers in Peddampet village in Hajipur mandal on Saturday. Locals said they spotted pugmarks of a tiger near a canal of an irrigation project on the outskirts of the village and requested officials to take steps to track its movement to avoid human casualties. They said they were frightened to enter their farms and take up agricultural activities following the presence of the animal. Forest officials who inspected the spot said a female tiger was wandering in the forests and urged residents of Gollapalli, Buddipalli, Peddampet and surrounding villages to remain cautious. They advised farmers



and toddy tappers to move in groups and visit their farms only when necessary. They said the tiger had migrated from Maharashtra in search of territory in 2025 and has been staying in the district since then.

## Three from inter-district gang held for job fraud in Adilabad

Adilabad: Three members of an interdistrict gang allegedly involved in a job fraud racket were nabbed here on Saturday. Three mobile phones and fake appointment orders were seized from the three. Two more accused persons were absconding. Briefing details of the arrests to the media, SP Akhil Mahajan said that Jattaboyina Madhukiran, kingpin of the gang and CEO of Anantha e-Solutions and Vidhyadhan NGO from Warangal, Madasi Sudhakar of Hyderabad, Nammam Sathish belonging to Godavarikhani were apprehended for duping jobseekers in the district and several parts of Telangana. Sujatha Thakur and Lavanya, both from Hyderabad were still at large. Mahajan stated that Madhukiran lured around 240 gullible jobseekers

across the State by promising placements with Anantha e-Solutions and the NGO. Madhukiran confessed to extracting between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 2.25 lakh from an applicant by assuring them jobs in government schools and colleges in Adilabad, Nirmal, Asifabad, Mancherial, Khammam and Warangal. His victims approached the police when they did not receive salaries.

The SP noted that agents who supported the gang were already booked and arrested. The accused agents were Rahul, Kova Vittal, principal of Boath government junior college and Varalakshmi. He urged the public to be cautious of fraudsters and not to fall prey to gangs duping the people under the guise of providing jobs.

## Trump signals possible action on Greenland over strategic concerns

Washington: US President Donald Trump said the United States would move to secure Greenland if necessary, warning that failure to act would allow China or Russia to establish a strategic foothold near American territory. Speaking to reporters, Trump said Greenland's location made it critical to US national security and dismissed suggestions that existing military arrangements were sufficient. "We're going to do something on Greenland," Trump said. "Whether they like it or not." The president said the United States preferred a negotiated solution but made clear that alternatives remained on the table. "I would like to make a deal, you know, the easy way," Trump said. "But if we don't do it the easy way, we're going to do it the hard way." Trump argued that ownership, not leases or temporary arrangements, was necessary to ensure long-term security.

"Because when we own it, we defend it," he said. "You don't defend leases the same way. You have to own it." He said failure to act would invite US rivals into the region. "If we don't do it, Russia or China will take over Greenland," Trump said. "That's not going to happen." Trump said Russian and Chinese military activity near Greenland was already visible. "If you take a look outside of Greenland right now, there are Russian destroyers, there are Chinese destroyers," he said. "There are Russian submarines all over the place." He said allowing either country to gain control would pose an unacceptable risk. "We're not going to have Russia or China as a neighbor," Trump said. The president said Denmark's historical claims did not outweigh current security realities. "The fact that they had a



boat land there 500 years ago doesn't mean that they own the land," he said. Trump said he respected Denmark and described the country as an ally, but stressed that US interests would prevail.

"I'm a fan of Denmark," Trump said. "They've been very nice to me." He also linked the Greenland issue to NATO, saying the alliance depended heavily on US leadership. "I saved NATO," Trump said. "If it weren't for me, you wouldn't have NATO right now." Trump said China and Russia would be blocked from establishing any presence in Greenland, regardless of the method used. "We're not going to allow Russia or China to occupy Greenland," he said. "That's what's going to happen if we don't." He added that the United States remained open to cooperation but not at the expense of security. "I like China, I like Russia," Trump said. "But I don't want them as a neighbor in Greenland." Greenland, an autonomous territory of Denmark, has grown in strategic importance as Arctic shipping routes and military access have expanded due to climate change and geopolitical competition.

## Pakistan, US start anti-terrorism exercise to boost security cooperation

Karachi: Pakistan and the US have started joint anti-terrorism military exercises at the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) in Pabbi town of Punjab's Kharian district, the military's media wing said on Saturday. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) in a statement said that the 13th Pakistan-United States bilateral joint exercise, 'Inspired Gambit-2026', commenced on Friday. The NCTC serves as a key facility for joint anti-terrorism exercises by Pakistan with international partners like China and the US. The two-week-long exercise is being conducted in the Counter Terrorism (CT) domain, involving contingents from the armies of Pakistan and the United States, the ISPR said. According to the ISPR, the exercise is aimed at enhancing mutual understanding and interoperability through

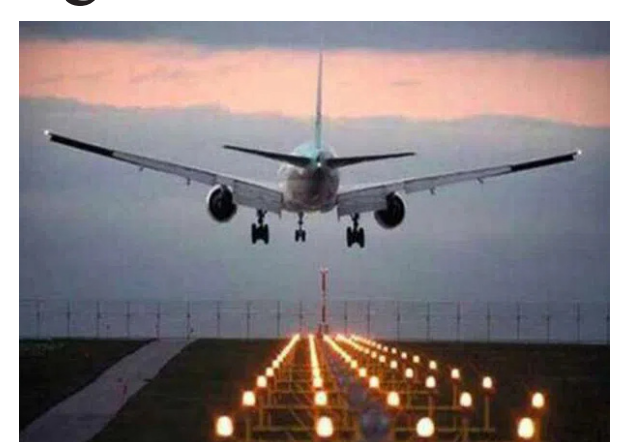


the sharing of counter-terrorism experiences, while further refining tactics, techniques and procedures essential for effective CT operations. The ISPR said such joint training exercises are of vital importance in addressing evolving security challenges, improving professional military standards and strengthening the capacity of both forces to operate in complex counter-terrorism environments.

## Six injured as private aircraft makes crash landing near Rourkela

Bhubaneswar: At least six people suffered minor injuries when a small aircraft of a private airline, in which they were flying, made a crash landing near Rourkela on Saturday, Odisha's Commerce and Transport minister B B Jena said.

"One A-1 nine-seater private flight carrying six passengers from Rourkela to Bhubaneswar met with an accident. The passengers sustained minor injuries and are stable. It took place at Jalda, 10 kilometres from Rourkela. By the grace of God, this is not a major accident," Jena told reporters. Director of Biju Patnaik International Airport Prasanna Pradhan said, "The flight was on its way from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela. It made a crash landing 10 km before Rourkela. There were four passengers and two crew members. All are safe. The flight is of India One Airlines. The number of the flight is



C-208." The minister said the state government has apprised the Director General of Civil Aviation of the situation. "Our director will also soon visit the accident site," he said. Rescue teams rushed to the spot, and the injured were immediately shifted to hospital for treatment. Airport sources said it was a regular flight between Rourkela and Bhubaneswar run by a private operator.



## Soorma Hockey Club beat Hyderabad Toofans in shootout at HIL 2025-26

Chennai: Soorma Hockey Club registered a thrilling 3-1 shootout victory against Hyderabad Toofans after a 1-1 draw in regulation time in the Men's Hockey India League (HIL) 2025-26 at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai on Friday. Captain Harmanpreet Singh (20') scored for Soorma Hockey Club, while Amandeep Lakra (46') netted the equaliser for Hyderabad Toofans. The first quarter saw several circle entries and chances, but defenders on both sides held firm. Soorma started strong and won the first penalty corner in the third minute, but Harmanpreet Singh's attempt was blocked. Moments later, Soorma made two good attempts on goal, but Hyderabad goalkeeper Bikramjit Singh produced back-to-back saves. In the eighth minute, Hyderabad earned three penalty corners in a row, but Soorma's defence stood tall. In the second quarter, Harmanpreet Singh converted a penalty corner with a low dragflick in the 20th minute to give Soorma the lead. Hyderabad came close in the 34th minute when Lakra's flick went wide. Four minutes later, Jeremy Hayward's penalty corner attempt for



Soorma was again denied by Bikramjit Singh. Hyderabad equalised in the final quarter as Lakra scored with a powerful dragflick in the 46th minute. In the 54th minute, Devindar Walmiki's incisive pass found Tim Brand, whose deflection missed narrowly. Hyderabad event calendar Hyderabad pressed late, but Soorma goalkeeper Vincent Vanasch made a crucial save to keep the scores level. In the shootout, Soorma won 3-1 with Harmanpreet Singh and Nicolas Keenan scoring. Toofans' goalkeeper Bikramjit Singh conceded a penalty stroke during Nicolas della Torre's attempt, which Harmanpreet converted to seal the win and bonus point for Soorma.

## Brilliant Trophy Chess Tournament begins January 10 in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Brilliant Chess Academy will organise the 236th Brilliant Trophy Chess Tournament on January 10 and 11 at Brilliant Grammar High School, Dilsukhnagar, with a total prize money of Rs 10,000. Players must register their names before 1.00 pm on January 10 at the venue. For details, contact J Subrahmanyam at 9247399717.



## Nithin Nayak century powers Mahabubnagar to big win in Telangana Gold Cup

Hyderabad: A century by Nithin Nayak (107) helped Mahabubnagar defeat Gadwal by 52 runs in the Telangana Gold Cup cricket tournament organised by Telangana Cricket Association at different grounds in Ranga Reddy on Friday. Hyderabad city guide

### The scores:

At Ranga Reddy: Cyberabad 175 in 19.1 overs (Lokanath Naik 92, J Saibabu 3/24) lost to Sangareddy 177/9 in 18.1 overs (J Saibabu 41, RS Chindaliya 33, Zakeer Hussain 3/30). Player of the match: Jadhav Sai Babu. Vikarabad 70 in 16.5 overs (Pavan 29, Santosh Reddy 4/17) lost to Medchal Urban 81/2 in 5.1 overs (Praneeth Reddy 69, Md Sohail 2/29). Player of the match: Praneeth Reddy. Mahabubnagar 152/7 in 20 overs (Anantha Yashwanth 38, N Vamshi 35, Aravind Mudiraj 3/31) bt Gadwal 58 in 16.3 overs (Imran 2/3). Player of the match: Anantha Yashwanth.

Mahabubnagar Rural 187/3 in 20 overs (Nithin Nayak 107, Umesh Sabavat 46) bt Gadwal 135 in 19.4 overs (M Naresh 50, B Nandha Kishor 3/23). Player of the



match: Nithin Nayak. Nagarkurnool 114/9 in 20 overs (Rajesh 40, K Sudhakar 2/12) lost to Mahabubnagar Rural 115/5 in 17.4 overs (Amar Nayak 41, Umesh Sabavat 27). Player of the match: Umesh Sabavat.

Mahabubnagar Urban 101 in 19 overs (N Vamshi 18, Ram Charan 3/9) bt Nagarkurnool 93/9 in 20 overs (Ram Charan 24, Anantha Yashwanth 3/12). Player of the match: Anantha Yashwanth.

Result: TCA Mahabubnagar Urban won by 8 runs.

## SBI Hyderabad Circle secures third place in inter-circle football championship

Hyderabad: State Bank of India (Hyderabad Circle) finished third in the All India SBI Inter-circle football championship at Bhubaneswar on Friday. Hyderabad Circle defeated Gandhinagar Circle (Ahmedabad) 5-4 via penalty shootout after the teams were locked goalless at the end of full-time. In the penalty shootout, Hyderabad Circle emerged victorious due to an excellent save by goalkeeper M Gopiah, who stopped the fourth penalty from Hemanth Meena, proving



decisive in the outcome of the match. For Hyderabad, Mohd Qizar, R Anand Kumar, P Prakash Rao, Zaki Raza and Mohd Fareed scored, while for Gandhinagar, R Pankaj, Vijayan, Umag Kunwar and Narendra Chandra were successful in the penalty shootout.

## Priyanka Chopra Jonas has a fangirl moment over "snack" Nick Jonas

Mumbai: Global head turner Priyanka Chopra Jonas had a fangirl moment looking at "snack" Nick Jonas while he took a dip in the swimming pool. Priyanka took to Instagram to share a video of her husband taking a refreshing dip in the swimming pool. While Nick enjoyed the water, the actor was seen relaxing on a reclining chair by the poolside, watching him with admiration. "When he's just out there.. looking like a snack," she wrote as the caption. Nick and Priyanka met for the first time at the Vanity Fair Oscars afterparty, where he expressed his feelings for the Indian actress. At the Met Gala, the two made their primary public

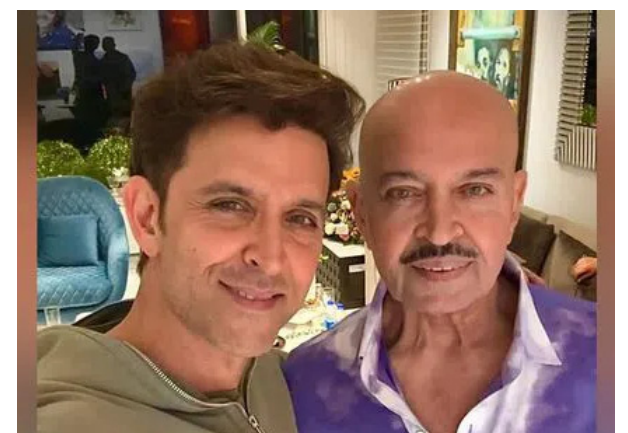


appearance as a couple, and in 2018, reports of Priyanka and Nick being romantically involved started surfacing over the internet. Nick finally proposed to Priyanka for marriage on her birthday in July 2018, in London, and the actress immediately said yes.

## Rakesh Roshan pens heartfelt birthday note for Hrithik Roshan as he turns 52

Mumbai: Veteran filmmaker Rakesh Roshan has shared a heartwarming birthday note for his superstar son Hrithik Roshan, fondly known as the Greek God of Bollywood, as he turned 52 on Saturday. Rakesh took to social media to wish his son, fondly nicknamed as 'Duggu,' a very happy birthday. He also shared an art creative featuring Hrithik from his younger days and now. For the caption, Rakesh wrote: "Duggu love you more every year. Happy birthday! Creative by @art\_ofroshans. Thank you". Rakesh is married to Pinkie Roshan. They have two children, Sunaina Roshan and Hrithik Roshan. Referred as the millennial superstar, Hrithik is one of the highest-paid actors in India. Starting from 2012, he has appeared in Forbes India's Celebrity 100 several times based on his income and popularity. He made brief appearances as a child actor in several films in the 1980s and later worked as an assistant director on four of his father's films. His first leading role was in the box-office success Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai.

Performances in the 2000 terrorism drama Fiza and the 2001 ensemble family drama Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham helped him gain major stardom. The 2003 science fiction film Koi... Mil Gaya, was a turning point in his film career; he later starred as the titular superhero in the Krrish franchise. In Lakshya, he played an army officer and earned critical acclaim. Hrithik was then seen in films such as Dhoom 2, Jodhaa Akbar, Guzaarish, Zindagi Na



Milegi Dobara, Agneepath, Super 30, Bang Bang!, War, and Fighter. Looking forward, Hrithik is now making his debut on the OTT space as a producer with "Storm". Hrithik is joining hands with Prime Video for the thriller, which is set in Mumbai. Production is scheduled to begin imminently, reports variety.com. "Storm" has been created and directed by Ajitpal Singh, the acclaimed filmmaker, who helmed the series "Tabbar" and the Sundance selection "Fire in the Mountains," reports variety.com. In April 2025, it was announced that Hrithik is all set to make his directorial debut with 'Krrish 4' as he passed the baton of a franchise that he shaped and nurtured in the past 22 years. The film is being produced by Yash Raj Films in association with Rakesh Roshan. The Indian superstar Hrithik Roshan will be swinging between the two departments of direction and acting for the film as he essays the titular superhero in the franchise. The shooting for the film is set to begin early next year.

## Allu Arjun calls father Allu Aravind 'closest thing to God' on his birthday

Hyderabad: On his father Allu Aravind's 77th birthday, superstar Allu Arjun penned an affectionate note, calling the renowned producer "the closest thing to God" in his life. Hyderabad event calendar Arjun took to Instagram, where he shared a picture posing with his father in front of his newly launched Allu Cinemas. Sharing a heartfelt note, Arjun wrote, "Happy Birthday, Dad. The closest thing to God in my life. May you always live joyfully." He accompanied the message with a black heart emoji.

Aravind, who is the founder of Geetha Arts, is regarded as one of the most successful producers in South Indian cinema. Aravind's notable works as a producer include Bantrotthu Bharya, Subhalekha, Pasivadi Pranam, Attaku Yamudu Ammayiki Mogudu, Mappillai, Master, Ninaithen Vandhai, Mangalyam Tantunanena, Annayya, Jalsa, Ghajini, Magadheera, Sarraiodu and Ala Vaikuntapuramulo. Talking about Arjun, he was last seen in the action drama Pushpa 2: The Rule, directed by Sukumar. A sequel to Pushpa: The Rise, it is the second instalment in the Pushpa film series. The film also stars Rashmika Mandanna,



Fahadh Faasil, Jagapathi Babu, Sunil and Rao Ramesh. It follows Pushpa Raj, a labourer-turned-red sandalwood smuggler, as he faces growing threats from his enemies, including SP Bhanwar Singh Shekhawat. It is among the most expensive Indian films ever produced and also one of the longest Indian films. Arjun is all set to reunite with Trivikram for a grand mythological epic, marking their fourth collaboration together. The film is reportedly scheduled to go on floors in February 2027. He will also be seen in the third instalment of the blockbuster franchise Pushpa, which is being directed by ace director Sukumar. Apart from this, Allu Arjun is also working on his film with director Atlee, tentatively referred to as AA22 X A6. The film will also star Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone.