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**Record 321 nominations filed for Jubilee Hills by-election**

Hyderabad: The Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency witnessed an unprecedented rush of candidates on the final day of nominations for the upcoming by-election scheduled for November 11. A total of 211 candidates filed 321 nominations, reflecting one of the highest numbers in recent electoral history. On the last day alone, 117 candidates submitted 194 nomination papers, while between October 13 and 18, 94 candidates filed 127 papers. Officials said the nomination process continued until the early hours of Wednesday.

**Major Fire in Garment factory at Bhiwandi**

Mumbai: A major fire broke out at a garment factory located in the Kamatghar area of Bhiwandi, Maharashtra's Thane district, with firefighting efforts currently underway, an official said today. The fire tenders were immediately rushed to the scene, and firefighting operations have been ongoing well into the early hours to bring the blaze under control. Fortunately, no workers were present inside the factory when the fire started, and no injuries or casualties have been reported so far.

**Mounting debts : Businessman kills wife, two daughters, ends life near Chennai**

Chennai: In a shocking incident, mounting debts drove a businessman to murder his wife and two daughters and later committed suicide at the Chennai suburb of Injambakkam, today. Police said, Schiranjeevi (56), who runs an electronic shop, suffered losses in his business leading to mounting debts. Unable to overcome from the financial burden, he killed his wife and two daughters and later committed suicide at his residence last night. The incident came to light today and the police have recovered a suicide note from the spot.

**Karnataka: Cattle smuggler shot in leg by police**

Mangaluru: Police shot a man in the leg after he attempted to flee with 10 illegally transported cattle at Puttur rural limits in Dakshina Kannada. The injured suspect has been identified as Abdulla, 40, from Kasaragod in Kerala. He was accompanied by another suspect who managed to escape. When signalled to stop, Abdulla sped away, triggering a chase of nearly 10 km. During the pursuit, he allegedly rammed his vehicle into a police jeep. In response, the PSI fired two rounds: one hit the vehicle, the second struck Abdulla's leg. He was immediately admitted to Wenlock Hospital in Mangaluru.

**"For development, staying in power is essential...": Ratnakar Gutte**

Parbhani (Maharashtra): National Samaj Party MLA Ratnakar Gutte today said his party chief Mahadev Jankar should remain with the Mahayuti alliance, warning that he would otherwise part ways with Jankar but continue to support the ruling coalition. "My focus is on serving the people who elected me. To ensure continuous development, staying in power is essential, and that is why I cannot move away from the Mahayuti," Gutte told reporters. Reaffirming his political allegiance, Gutte added, "Though I was born to my parents, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is my father in politics, and I cannot abandon him."

**IIT Madras Executive MBA application deadline extended till Oct 26**

Chennai: The IIT Madras' Department of Management Studies (DoMS) has extended the deadline to apply for its Executive MBA Program from October 19 to October 26. This program is aimed at training mid-career working professionals to lead a modern business organization. This two-year in-person degree program is aimed at providing mid-career working professionals with functional and integrative perspective to imbibe contemporary management knowledge to lead a modern business organization.

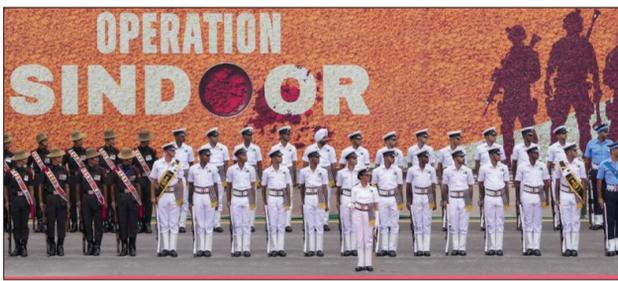
**Govt issues gazette notification on Op Sindoor, mentions heroic tales of warriors**

New Delhi (UNI)

The Central Government has issued a gazette notification providing details of the valiant tales of Defence personnel who were honoured with gallantry award citations for displaying extraordinary courage and bravery in defending the country during various operations, including Operation Sindoor.

In the weekly notification, from October 4 to 10, the bravery of the warriors who forced Pakistan to surrender during Operation Sindoor has been highlighted. The gallantry award citations included in the gazette are mainly of Indian Air Force and Indian Army personnel.

The notification provides detailed information about the citations of the bravehearts who were awarded Vir Chakra for their role in Operation Sindoor.



It describes how the valiant soldiers of the Army and the Air Force achieved the objectives of the operation by targeting designated enemy positions under adverse conditions. While the Indian Air Force destroyed terrorist hideouts in Pakistan through

precise air strikes, the Army demolished terrorist bases in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir near the Line of Control through intense shelling and drone attacks. The details of the citations reveal that the Air Force's aerial operations and the Army's ground operations

were extremely swift and precise, owing to their solid strategic planning.

The citation of Colonel Koshank Lamba, who was awarded Vir Chakra, states that without wasting any time, he swiftly activated a specialised equipment battery system which ensured timely inter-command induction for the 'Operation' with complete secrecy.

The citation of Lieutenant Colonel Sushil Bisht, who was also awarded Vir Chakra, states that, as the Commanding Officer, he led his unit to remarkable success by executing operations aimed at the complete destruction of terrorist camps.

During Operation Sindoor, Group Captain Animesh Patni was stationed at a forward airbase, commanding a strategic Surface to Air Missile (SAM) squadron.

**Yogi wishes union Home Minister Amit Shah on his birthday**

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has congratulated Home Minister Amit Shah on his birthday. The CM expressed his gratitude to Lord Ram for his excellent health, long life and continued success.

Sharing a post on his social media account, he wrote, "Heartiest birthday wishes to the union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah, a popular public leader and architect of the country's internal security, master of discipline, diligence and organisational skills." He prayed to Lord Ram for his excellent health, long life, and continued success. He wished that his path of national service and cooperation would become even more beneficial to the people.

Born in 1964, Amit Shah has been a pivotal strategist behind the BJP meteoric rise and remains one of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's closest confidants.

**Cong rules out alliance with Uddhav, Raj Thackeray for Mumbai polls**

Mumbai (UNI)

The Congress party will contest the forthcoming Mumbai Municipal Corporation elections alone, ruling out an alliance with either the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena or the Raj Thackeray-led Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS).

Bhai Jagtap, former president of the Mumbai Congress, stated this today as the Election Commission (EC) prepares to conduct local civic body polls across Maharashtra.

"Let alone Raj Thackeray, in the Mumbai Municipal Corporation elections, we will not fight even with Uddhav Thackeray," Jagtap said on the sidelines of a Congress meeting.

He emphasised that local body elections are for party workers, who have carried the party flag for years and want to contest on their own strength. "Therefore, let the Congress



workers fight these elections... We are local Congress workers in Mumbai. Therefore, we will fight on our own in Mumbai," he asserted.

The Congress leader clarified that the party has never agreed to include Raj Thackeray's Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) in an alliance. "Local Congress workers do not want to contest the elections together with the Thackeray cousins," he added.

Congress media cell chief Sachin Sawant confirmed a meeting with se-

nior leader and Maharashtra state unit chief Harshwardhan Sapkal on October 7, who had expressed reservations about including the MNS in the Congress-led opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance.

However, Shiv Sena (Thackeray faction) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut had previously told media persons that his party was still in talks with top Congress leaders, exploring the possibility of including Raj Thackeray and his MNS in the MVA to fight the polls.

This position follows the previous statement by Congress Maharashtra state unit chief Harshwardhan Sapkal on October 7, who had expressed reservations about including the MNS in the Congress-led opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance.

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**Assam to bring law to stop love jihad: CM**



Guwahati (UNI)

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today said that the government is planning to move a bill against love jihad in the forthcoming session of the Assam Legislative assembly. He said this while talking to newsmen in Nagaon and added that the government is planning to introduce bills against love jihad, polygamy and for protectin of lands belongy to Satras.

The CM said that the government is also planning to bring some acts on giving land rights to the tea garden workers etc. He said that the government will inform about this to the people as and when decisions are taken

in the cabinets.

Terming these proposed bills as historic, Sarma said that these are part of the government's initiative to ensure the social and cultural fabric of the state at the same time ensuring empowering the communities. The Chief Minister was in Nagaon to inaugurate a Olympics standard swimming pool in the town which will help promote sports and engagement among the youth. Asked about the government's campaign in Zubeen Garg, the Chief Minister said that a section of people are trying to use the tragedy of Zubeen Garg's death as a political tool.

"Some people who had not even listened to a single song of Zubeen Garg their entire life have turned fans of the iconic singer overnight. This is the most unfortunate that some people are trying to create disturbance in the state ahead of the elections and we are not letting this happen," he said adding that the government has launched this campaign "Moju Zubeen, Amiu Zubeen" from Nalbari on Wednesday to organize the genuine Zubeen fans to stop the conspiracy to destabilize Assam.

**"Land of fertile soil, rich culture": PM Modi's Gujarati New Year 2025 greetings**

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today extended warm greetings to the people of Gujarat on the occasion of Gujarati New Year 2025, marking the beginning of Vikram Samvat 2082.

In a heartfelt message shared on X, the Prime Minister expressed, "May this new year bring happiness, peace, prosperity, and joy to every home. My sincere wishes to the hardworking people of Gujarat—a land blessed with fertile soil and rich cultural heritage. May your spirit and vibrancy continue to shine brighter."

Falling a day after Diwali, Bestu Varas is celebrated across Gujarat as a vibrant symbol of new beginnings, renewal, and hope. This culturally significant festival marks the start of a new year, Vikram Samvat 2082, ushering in a season of promise, reflection, and celebration.

**Cyclone threat recedes; red alert, heavy rain forecast stay**

Chennai (UNI)

The immediate cyclone threat over Tamil Nadu has receded after the Low-Pressure Area (LPA) in the Bay of Bengal weakened and moved northwest towards Andhra Pradesh. However, the state's relief is tempered as the Red Alert and forecast for heavy rainfall remain for several districts.

The Meteorological (MET) office confirmed that the severe cyclonic storm threat has been withdrawn. The Red Alert remains in effect for Tiruvallur (adjoining Chennai) and Ranipet districts, with heavy rain forecast for nine districts, including Chennai, Kanchipuram, and Chengalpattu. Yellow Alerts have also been issued for 13 other districts and the union Territory of Puducherry. Schools were declared a holiday in 14 districts, including Chennai, earlier in the day.

The recent heavy downpour has



already left a trail of destruction, primarily impacting agriculture. In the Cauvery Delta districts alone, paddy crop ready for harvest in over two lakh acres has been damaged due to waterlogging in the farmlands. Huge amounts of harvested paddy at Direct Procurement Centres (DPCs) have also been drenched.

Chief Minister MK Stalin has urged the union Government to enhance the moisture level of paddy for procurement by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) following the damage.

**Ruling BJP ally wing calls 24-hour Tripura bandh tomorrow**

Agartala (UNI)

Tripura government has asked its employees to remain on duty and keep all services functional in response to a 24-hour bandh call tomorrow by Tripura Civil Society (TCS) to press for its demands for action against illegal migration and infiltration, implementation of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) in scheduled areas and execution of the Tiprasa Accord.

However, TCS announced that it will organize picketing across 25 locations across the state. The picketing will take place across all districts, with three major areas in Agartala — near Circuit House, in front of the Tripura Assembly, and North Gate, said TCS leader and BJP ally TIPRA Motha MLA Ranjit Debbarma.

"So far, we have planned picketing across 25 areas, but the number may increase as we are receiving numerous calls from people eager to participate and support the bandh," Debbarma

said, adding that TIPRA Motha founder Pradyot Kishore Debbarma has held multiple discussions with both the Tripura and Central governments on the community's long-pending demands, but there was no tangible outcome yet. The Central government signed the Tiprasa accord but is yet to implement it, Debbarma said, adding the outfit was forced to approach the Supreme Court to conduct village committee elections.

"Around 38 bills passed by the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (ADC) were sent to the state government, but none has been cleared in the last 18 months since the agreement. The government's silence has forced us to call this bandh," Debbarma said. Raising the issue of illegal infiltration, he alleged that the state continues to witness frequent cases of illegal migration from Bangladesh. "Recently, 24 Bangladeshi nationals were detained.

**Kerala BJP President writes to Amit Shah, seeks probe**

**Sabarimala Gold theft**

Thiruvananthapuram (UNI)

Kerala BJP President Rajeev Chandrasekhar today demanded immediate central intervention into the alleged gold theft and wide-spread corruption in Kerala's temples, including the famed Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa Temple.

In a strongly worded letter to union Home Minister Amit Shah, Rajeev Chandrasekhar urged a comprehensive probe by a central agency into the serious irregularities that have come to light.

Recent revelations about the missing gold from Sabarimala Temple have shocked devotees and raised deep concerns over the functioning of the Travancore



Devaswom Board (TDB), which manages the shrine.

Following these disclosures, similar cases of misappropriation and land irregularities have reportedly surfaced in other temples under various Devaswom Boards

across Kerala.

Chandrasekhar pointed out that the Kerala High Court, while taking suo motu cognizance of the issue on September 9, 2025, had already directed the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to look into the unauthorised removal and reinstallation of gold-plated ornaments and other irregularities related to temple assets.

"The High Court has clearly observed that the crimes and corruption linked to Sabarimala are the direct result of lapses by the Travancore Devaswom Board," Chandrasekhar stated, adding that the Board's and the state government's failures in safeguarding the sanctity of temples amounted to a violation of legal and moral obligations. He further noted that the

Devaswom Boards, constituted by the state government, are responsible for the administration and protection of most Hindu temples in Kerala.

However, decades of mismanagement, unaccounted loss of gold, and large-scale fraud in gold-plating works have severely eroded public trust. Given that the Kerala Police functions under the direct control of the state's Home Minister, Chandrasekhar argued that the public has little confidence in a fair investigation by the state agencies.

In his letter, he requested the union Home Minister to direct a central agency to investigate the financial dealings and administrative lapses of Kerala's Devaswom Boards over the past 30 years.

**Three killed, four injured in road accident in Begusarai**

Begusarai: Three people were killed and four others were injured today when a pickup van collided head-on with a truck near the NH-31 crossing under the Sahebpur Kamal police station area in Bihar's Begusarai district. Police suspect the accident occurred due to over-speeding. The victims were reportedly returning to their home in Bhagalpur district from Varanasi. The deceased have been identified as Mohammad Tanveer (18), Mohammad Kalam (45), and Mohammad Nawab (30), all residents of Birbanna village in Bhagalpur. The injured were immediately taken to a nearby hospital, where the condition of two was reported to be critical.

**Tejashwi promises permanent govt jobs for contract workers, Rs 30k for 'Jeevika Didis'**

Patna (UNI)

In a major pre-election announcement in Bihar, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav has promised to regularise all contractual (samvidha) and Community Mobiliser (CM) Jeevika Didis and grant them the status of permanent state employees if the grand alliance comes to power on November 14.

While addressing a press conference at his official residence in Patna, Tejashwi Yadav launched a scathing attack on the Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led NDA government in Bihar for exploiting the contractual workers.

He said, "Jeevika Didis in Bihar are victims of government exploitation as the amount of work taken from them is far greater than the meagre honorarium they receive."



"Once the Grand Alliance government comes to power, all CM Jeevika Didis will be made permanent employees with a monthly salary of Rs 30,000," he added.

Elaborating further regarding a detailed financial plan to provide

Jeevika Didis a secured future, the RJD leader said, "Jeevika Didis trapped in debt will have their loan interest waived off, and interest-free loans will be provided for two years. Additionally, all women associated with the Jeevika cadre will receive free insurance coverage worth Rs 5 lakh."

The RJD leader asserted that he has a vision for Bihar, claiming that the present government often copies his announcements.

"When I announced Rs 2,500 per month for all women under the Maibahan Yojana, the government later transferred Rs 10,000 into the accounts of Jeevika women groups, calling it 'seed money for employment.' This means the amount might be recovered later," Yadav said, adding, that under GA government,

**RJD failed to provide 1 lakh jobs in 15 years, looted Bihar: Samrat Choudhary**

Patna: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Samrat Choudhary today launched a sharp political attack on the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), alleging that the party had looted Bihar during its 15-year rule and failed to provide even one lakh government jobs during that period.

Speaking here, Choudhary charged that RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav is misleading the people by promising 2.7 crore government jobs if the Grand Alliance (GA) comes to power. "Tejashwi Yadav is showing dreams of 2.7 crore government jobs, but during the rule of his parents, unemployment in Bihar increased drastically and lakhs of youths were forced to migrate in search of work," he alleged.

**no such recovery will ever take place.**

He also promised that Jeevika Didis performing additional government work will receive an extra allowance of Rs 2,000 per month. Yadav announced that once the Grand Alliance forms the government, new MAA (Mother Advancement Assistance) and BETI (Benefit, Education, Training, and Income) schemes will be launched.

Under the MAA Yojana, women will be ensured support in housing, food and income, while the BETI Yojana will focus on the welfare, education, training, and financial empowerment of girls. The RJD leader added that not only Jeevika Didis but all contract workers in the state will be given permanent government jobs.