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ECI gives excluded voters one more chance to join final rolls



New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday directed Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of Delhi, Maharashtra, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Telangana and Nagaland to provide one more opportunity to voters who were left out during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

The Commission said in a statement that voters who were issued enumeration forms but whose names could not be included in the draft electoral roll on account of being marked as Absent/Shifted/Dead/Duplicate (ASDD) would be provided one more opportunity to get their names included in the final electoral roll.

The ECI added that booth-wise lists of all such voters, who were marked as ASDD and whose enumeration forms were not received back and consequently who could not be included in the draft electoral roll during the ongoing SIR, would be displayed afresh (once again) on the notice boards of the respective polling stations.

The Commission said, "In cases where such an elector who was marked as ASDD and consequently whose name does not appear in the draft electoral roll, has shifted the place of residence within the state, such elector is not required to submit Form-8, instead he/she shall submit enumeration form along with the statement enclosed herewith as Annexure-C (indicating the new address and the Assembly Constituency)." The ECI noted, "An elector who has already submitted Form-6 for fresh enrolment during the SIR, need not submit the enumeration form with statement afresh. Their form will be processed as procedure in accordance with Commission's clarification dated November 3."

"Partially filled enumeration forms in respect of all such ASDD electors would be generated afresh in ERO dashboard in ECINET. The DEOs/EROs shall make all possible efforts to contact such electors through the concerned Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and ensure delivery of the enumeration forms either physically or through electronic means such as WhatsApp, e-mail or SMS, wherever contact details are available," the ECI said.

India set to join EU's €93.5 billion horizon europe programme



New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): India and the European Commission have concluded negotiations on India's association with Horizon Europe, a move expected to significantly strengthen scientific and technological collaboration between the two sides and deepen their strategic partnership, it was announced on Friday.

The agreement, once formally signed and approved through the required procedures, will allow Indian researchers, businesses and research organisations to participate more closely in Horizon Europe, the European Union's research and innovation framework with a budget of 93.5 billion euros for the 2021-2027 period. Under the arrangement, Indian entities will be able to receive direct funding from Horizon Europe and lead collaborative projects under Pillar II, titled "Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness." The pillar supports multinational research and innovation initiatives in sectors such as healthcare, digital technologies, industry, space, climate, energy and bioeconomy. The European Commission said the partnership would create fresh opportunities for Indian and European researchers to combine expertise, develop new technologies and address common global challenges through joint projects.

Association represents the EU's highest level of research cooperation available to non-member countries under Horizon Europe. It allows organisations from associated countries to participate on equal terms with their counterparts in the European Union in areas covered by the agreement. In return, participating countries make a financial contribution to the programme.

Fire breaks out in 4 coaches of Karmabhoomi express in Punjab



Bhubaneswar, Nov 6 (GNS): A fire broke out in four coaches of the Karmabhoomi Express near Sarai Banjara railway station in Punjab on Friday, triggering panic among passengers. No casualties or injuries have been reported so far. The fire was reported in the fifth coach from the engine of Train No. 12508 Karmabhoomi Express, which operates between Amritsar and New Jalpaiguri. According to preliminary reports, a short circuit is suspected to have triggered the blaze, though the exact cause is yet to be officially ascertained.

Visuals from the spot showed flames and thick smoke billowing from multiple coaches as railway officials and emergency personnel rushed to respond to the incident.

The train, which had departed from Amritsar, reportedly caught fire near Basantpura railway station, close to Sarai Banjara and around 15 km from Rajpura. Further details regarding the incident are awaited.

Noman Ashraf wins AMU students' union President post; Nashra Naim makes history



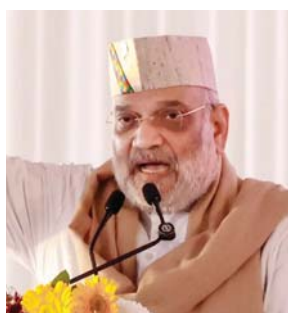
Aligarh, Nov 6 (GNS): The results of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Students' Union elections, held after a gap of eight years, were declared on Friday, with research scholar Noman Ashraf winning the president's post and law student Nashra Naim creating history by becoming the first woman to be elected to one of the three top positions in the students' body. BTech student Mohammad Hamdan was elected honorary secretary, completing the results of the three key office-bearer positions.

The counting of votes continued throughout Thursday night at AMU's ABK School campus, with the results being announced on Friday morning. Voting was held on November 5 across 13 polling centres.

Noman Ashraf, a research scholar in the Department of History, secured 7,797 votes to win the presidential election. He defeated his nearest rival, Mohammad Intikhab, by a margin of 4,121 votes. As the final rounds of counting confirmed his victory, supporters erupted in celebrations, raising slogans and bursting firecrackers on the campus.

Reacting to his victory, newly elected President Noman Ashraf said, "After a long struggle of eight years, we have finally achieved this opportunity, and it is a moment of great happiness. You can see the enthusiasm and excitement among the students here…" In the secretary's election, BTech student Mohammad Hamdan emerged victorious. Speaking after his election, he underlined the responsibility that comes with the mandate and promised to fulfil the commitments made to students.

Amit Shah Accuses Congress of Stalling Border Roads in Uttarakhand Over China Fears



Dehradun, Nov 6 (GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday accused the Congress of not making roads in border areas of Uttarakhand and stalling several developmental works "in the fear of Chinese intrusion". The Home Minister made the remarks while addressing the 'Uttarakhand Rajyotsav Samaroh' here.

Remembering former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee on the occasion, HM Shah said: "For years, the people of the hills struggled for the formation of the state of Uttarakhand. However, the Samajwadi Party and the Congress committed numerous atrocities against the youth to prevent the formation of Uttarakhand. On November 9, 2000, by establishing the state of Uttarakhand, Atal ji turned a long-standing demand into a reality. I pay tribute to all those who lost their lives during the long struggle for the creation of Uttarakhand." Asserting that the BJP has played a pivotal role in the creation of Uttarakhand, he said: "While Atal ji created Uttarakhand, PM Modi has carried out beautification of the state."

"We resolve that by 2047, Uttarakhand will be the first state to become developed as part of the journey towards 'Viksit Bharat'. We must fulfil the dreams of those who sacrificed their lives for the motherland, preserve our cultural heritage and environment.

Neha Bora influenced by maoist ideology: BJP

New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Friday launched a sharp attack on All India Students' Association (AISA) president Neha Bora, alleging that she was influenced by Maoist ideology and accusing the organisation she is associated with of opposing the Constitution and democracy. Dubey claimed that members of the organisation had passed a resolution under Section 167, allegedly expressing opposition to the Constitution and democratic institutions and calling for a change of government through armed force. "These are all people belonging to the organisation that Neha Bora is associated with. They passed a resolution under Section 167 stating that they are against the Constitution and democracy and want to bring about a change of government in this country through armed force. She is influenced by China's Red Army and is a Maoist leader," he alleged.

Commenting on the participation of various activists and public figures in Opposition protests, Dubey described them as professional agitators who routinely become part of demonstrations against governments and policies.



India, Myanmar Participate In Exercise Rahat Mitra In Chennai



Naypyidaw, Nov 6 (GNS): The integrated India-Myanmar Joint Exercise for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Exercise Rahat Mitra, is being conducted at Chennai. The two nations are preparing and working together to enhance interoperability in disaster response to save lives and restore hope for the affected people, according to the statement released by the Indian Embassy in Myanmar.

"Standing with Myanmar in disaster response and relief. Preparing together and working together to enhance interoperability in disaster response, for saving lives, and restoring hope, of the affected people. Exercise Rahat Mitra, the integrated India-Myanmar Joint Exercise for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief is underway at Chennai from 5-7 November 2026. Exercise Rahat Mitra. MAHASAGAR – Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions," the Indian Embassy in Myanmar posted on X.

The Indian Army showcased HADR capabilities during the Exercise Rahat Mitra. Army personnel, alongside the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, demonstrated the capabilities of Flood Relief Columns. "Together in Disaster Response – Saving Lives & Restoring Hope. Indian Army showcased its Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief HADR capabilities during Exercise Rahat Mitra, an India–Myanmar jt exercise in Chennai, Public Relations Officer, Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, Chennai posted on X.

"During India-Myanmar Jt HADR Exercise Rahat Mitra in Chennai, Army personnel alongside #IndianNavy & #IndianAirForce demonstrated capabilities of Flood Relief Columns & Engineer Task Forces through demo of rescue operations, dewatering and bridge laying to restore connectivity etc," the statement added.

Last week, India and Myanmar held the eighth Army-to-Army Staff Talks at Naypyidaw, with discussions focused on enhancing bilateral military cooperation through joint training, exercises, capacity building, and professional exchanges.

During the visit, the Indian delegation handed over training simulators to the Myanmar Army, reaffirming New Delhi's commitment to Naypyidaw. In a post on X, the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information said: "The 8th India-Myanmar Army-to-Army Staff Talks, held at Nay Pyi Taw, focused on enhancing bilateral military cooperation through joint training, exercises, capacity building and professional exchanges."

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Saving fuel, securing tomorrow



Maloop Singh

The rising cost and increasing scarcity of diesel, petrol, and cooking gas have become major concerns across the world. Countries everywhere are feeling the impact of fluctuating fuel prices, supply chain disruptions, and growing energy demands. India, too, is facing these challenges. In such a situation, it becomes important not only for governments but also for citizens to play an active role in conserving fuel and using it wisely. Responsible consumption is no longer just a personal choice; it has become a social and national responsibility.

Fuel is a limited and valuable resource. Careless and excessive use of petrol and diesel not only increases our expenses but also puts pressure on the environment. The more fuel we burn, the more pollution we create, leading to serious problems like air pollution and climate change. Reducing fuel consumption, therefore, benefits not just our economy but also our health and surroundings.

Today, the importance of fuel conservation has grown even more due to rising global tensions, particularly involving countries like Iran, Israel, and the United States. The Middle East plays a crucial role in global oil production, and any conflict or instability in this region can disrupt supply chains and cause sudden spikes in fuel prices worldwide. For a country like India, which depends heavily on imported oil, such disruptions directly affect both the economy and daily life. This makes fuel conservation not just an environmental responsibility, but also a practical response to global uncertainty.

One of the simplest ways to conserve fuel is by reducing unnecessary travel. Many of us use personal vehicles even for short distances that could easily be covered by walking or cycling. Small changes, such as walking to nearby places or combining multiple errands into one trip, can make a big difference. Carpooling is another effective method. When people share rides, fewer vehicles are on the road, saving fuel and reducing traffic congestion.

Public transportation is also an important solution. Buses, trains, and metro systems are designed to carry large numbers of people efficiently. Choosing public transport over private vehicles can significantly reduce overall fuel consumption. It may require some adjustment, but the long-term benefits for society are worth it, especially during times when global conflicts put pressure on fuel supplies.

Apart from transportation, cooking gas is another resource that needs careful use. Many households rely heavily on LPG for daily cooking, but there are simple ways to reduce its usage. Planning meals in advance, cooking efficiently, and preparing multiple dishes at once can help save gas. Using proper utensils, keeping lids on while cooking, and making the most of retained heat can also make a noticeable difference. In addition, modern alternatives like electric induction cooktops can help reduce dependence on gas. These appliances are energy-efficient and can be used alongside traditional methods. By adopting a balanced approach, households can lower their gas consumption without compromising convenience. During times when international conflicts affect fuel imports, such alternatives become even more valuable.

Another important issue is the tendency to panic during shortages. Whenever there is news about rising prices or limited supply, some people start hoarding fuel or gas cylinders. This creates artificial shortages and makes it harder for others to access essential resources. In times of global tension, panic buying only worsens the situation. Instead, we should act responsibly and trust that systems are in place to manage supply. Cooperation among citizens is key.

While modern technology offers many solutions, we can also learn from traditional practices. In many rural parts of India, people have long relied on natural and locally available resources for cooking. Methods like using firewood or biomass have been part of our heritage. While these should be used carefully to avoid environmental harm, they remind us of the importance of living in balance with nature and using resources thoughtfully.

The government is taking several steps to manage fuel supply and promote alternative energy sources. Initiatives encouraging renewable energy, electric vehicles, and improved public transport are being introduced. However, these efforts can only succeed if citizens actively support them. Policies alone cannot bring change unless people are willing to adjust their habits, especially during times when global conflicts threaten energy stability.

Education and awareness also play an important role. People need to understand how their daily choices affect the bigger picture. Schools, communities, and media can help spread awareness about fuel conservation and responsible consumption. When individuals are informed, they are more likely to make better decisions that benefit everyone.

Every small action matters. Turning off engines at traffic signals, maintaining vehicles properly, avoiding unnecessary use of appliances, and being mindful of energy consumption are all simple steps. These habits may seem small, but when practiced by millions, they create a powerful impact. In times of global crisis, such collective responsibility becomes a real strength.

In conclusion, the challenges related to fuel and gas are real and growing. The added pressure of international conflicts, especially in sensitive regions like the Middle East, makes the situation even more serious. While governments continue working on solutions, responsibility also lies with each one of us. By reducing unnecessary use, adopting efficient practices, and avoiding panic behavior, we can contribute to a more sustainable and secure future. Fuel conservation is not just about saving money; it is about protecting our environment, supporting our economy, and staying strong in uncertain times. If we take small steps today, we can ensure a better tomorrow for future generations.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISSUE IS THE TENDENCY TO PANIC DURING SHORTAGES. WHENEVER THERE IS NEWS ABOUT RISING PRICES OR LIMITED SUPPLY, SOME PEOPLE START HOARDING FUEL OR GAS CYLINDERS. THIS CREATES ARTIFICIAL SHORTAGES AND MAKES IT HARDER FOR OTHERS TO ACCESS ESSENTIAL RESOURCES. IN TIMES OF GLOBAL TENSION, PANIC BUYING ONLY WORSENS THE SITUATION. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD ACT RESPONSIBLY AND TRUST THAT SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE TO MANAGE SUPPLY. COOPERATION AMONG CITIZENS IS KEY.WHILE MODERN TECHNOLOGY OFFERS MANY SOLUTIONS, WE CAN ALSO LEARN FROM TRADITIONAL PRACTICES. IN MANY RURAL PARTS OF INDIA, PEOPLE HAVE LONG RELIED ON NATURAL AND LOCALLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR COOKING. METHODS LIKE USING FIREWOOD OR BIOMASS HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR HERITAGE. WHILE THESE SHOULD BE USED CAREFULLY TO AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL HARM, THEY REMIND US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF LIVING IN BALANCE WITH NATURE AND USING RESOURCES THOUGHTFULLY.

Social media takes a toll on teens

As smartphones and social media dominate young lives, a new report from the Pew Research Centre (April 2025) reveals a growing concern: social media is taking a toll on teens' mental health. Although the study primarily examines U.S. teenagers, its findings are also highly relevant to India, where 72% of students will be social media users by 2025. Indian parents, often strict yet deeply caring, face a unique challenge in guiding their children through this digital maze. With rising mental health issues and cultural pressures, it's time for families, schools, and policymakers to act.

The Pew Research Centre surveyed U.S. teens aged 13-17 and their parents and exhibits the striking results: 48% of teens believe social media has a "mostly negative" effect on their peers, up from 32% in 2022. Yet, only 14% say it harms their own mental health, which shows a disconnect in self-awareness. Parents are more worried, with 55% citing social media as a major threat to teen well-being.

Social media's downsides are clear. About 45% of teens say it hurts their sleep, 40% report reduced productivity, and 19% link it to poorer mental health. Girls face worse outcomes, with 25% saying social media damages their mental health (vs. 14% for boys) and 20% reporting lower confidence (vs. 10%). On the flip side, 74% of teens value social media for staying connected with friends, and 63% see it as a creative outlet. However, 39% feel overwhelmed by online drama, and 31% face pressure to post popular content.31% feel excluded byfriends, while 27% feel worse off in their own lives. The report also highlights communication gaps. While 80% of parents feel comfortable discussing mental health with their teens, only 52% of teens feel the same. Teens are equally comfortable talking to friends (48%) but less so with therapists (31%) or teachers (12%). These findings underscore a need for open dialogue, a challenge that resonates deeply in India. India's youth are among the world's most connected. With around 900 million internet users, platforms like Instagram, WhatsApp, and YouTube are central to teen life. A 2024 Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) study found that 65% of Indian teens experience lower self-esteem due to social media comparisons. UNICEF reports that 1 in 7 Indian youth aged 15-24 show depressive symptoms, a trend worsened by the pandemic and academic pressures.

Indian students face unique challenges. The Economic Survey 2024-25 noted that overexposure to social media and long study hours contribute to stress. A 2023 study by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) revealed that 30% of urban Indian teens report anxiety linked to social media addiction.

For many Indian teens, scoring well in exams is non-negotiable thanks to parents who often see academic success as the ticket to a better life. Many view social media as a distraction, with 60% restricting phone use during study hours. However, this strictness often stems from care. Unlike U.S. parents, 80% of whom feel comfortable discussing mental health, only 40% of Indian parents feel equipped to do the same, often due to stigma or lack of awareness. This gap is critical. Indian teens, hesitate to open up. The Pew report shows teens prefer friends over parents for mental health talks, a trend mirrored in India, where 50% of urban teens confide in peers. Cultural norms, which prioritize academic success over emotional well-being, can make teens feel judged rather than supported. Yet, Indian parents are adapting. In cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai, many parents now attend workshops on digital parenting. Programs like "Digital Shakti" teach families about online safety and responsible internet use, helping reduce excessive social media time in participating households. These efforts show promise, but rural areas, where most of India lives, lack such resources.

India's youth are its future, but their mental health is under threat. The Pew report reveals worrying trends: many U.S. teens view social media as harmful to their peers and admit to excessive use. These findings mirror India's challenges, where social media addiction and cyberbullying are rising. Social media is a double-edged sword; it fosters connection and creativity, but it also raises isolation and stress. Indian parents must balance their protective nature with empathy, listening to their teens' struggles. Schools can play a vital role by teaching digital literacy and helping students navigate online spaces safely. Policymakers should enforce stricter rules on age-appropriate content, like the Karnataka High Court's 2025 proposal to raise the social media age limit to 21. Open communication is crucial. The Pew report suggests teens who talk to parents face less cyberbullying, so families must create safe spaces for honest conversations. Community efforts like Kerala's panchayat-led mental health programs can bridge the rural-urban divide. By fostering dialogue, promoting digital literacy, and addressing systemic issues, Indian parents, schools, and leaders can safeguard the next generation's well-being. A listening ear at home can be as powerful as any policy. Indian parents don't need all the answers; they need the willingness to ask, 'Are you okay?'

Three pillars but one vision for a 'Viksit Bharat'

Prof D Mukherjee

Preserving India's professional specialization for a 'Viksit Bharat' and purposed merger of three giant professional bodies rumoured by some quarters is misnomer and misguided as this write up aims to argue why India needs independent ICAI, ICMAI and ICSI to compete globally. The partitioned India has systematically built the pillars of her economic governance through a well-considered legislative framework. Among the most notable institutional developments was the establishment of three distinct statutory professional bodies, each crafted to address a specific functional domain essential to the nation's industrial and economic growth and governance.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), was constituted through the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, to ensure financial accountability and audit discipline, providing a backbone for corporate financial reporting, statutory audit, and tax-related assurance. Ten years later, in 1959, recognizing the vital need for cost efficiency and industrial competitiveness, the Parliament enacted the Cost and Works Accountants Act, leading to the formation of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India [ICMAI(formerly ICWAI)]. A particularly noteworthy historical fact is that Late G. Basu, a distinguished CA and CMA served as President of ICMAI during the landmark year of 1959, when the Act was passed by the Parliament . His commitment to professional diversity and deep understanding of India's economic imperatives played a pivotal role in establishing cost and management accountancy as a distinct profession. Later, in 1980, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) was created under CS Act to serve the increasingly complex legal and compliance landscape of corporate India.

Each of these professional bodies was envisioned with a unique mandate, deliberately separated by the Indian Parliament to foster specialized expertise and to ensure that India's professional infrastructure would evolve in harmony with global best standards and practices, tailored to the country's diverse and dynamic needs It is an imperative to understand that the recently surfaced question of merger has been in media not due to professional inefficiencies but owing to perceived overlapping domains and turf conflicts. However, these are legislatively settled issues involving distinctive uniqueness of CA, CMA and CS professions for over 75, 65 and 45 years respectively. These institutions were constitutionally established after extensive consultation, debates, and empirical analysis by the Government of India, not merely to exist,



but to serve unique roles in the Indian economic ecosystem. As such, the proposal for merger seems to contradict decades of carefully constructed policy architecture. Rather than a natural evolution, such a move would resemble a forced consolidation that undermines the very foundation of specialized economic services in India.

On wake of informal proposal of merger, it is pertinent to ask thenewsmakers whether the specialized roles and the core competencies of India's three premier professional bodies of Chartered Accountants (CAs), Cost and Management Accountants(CMAs) and Company Secretaries(CS) become redundant in today's fast-evolving global economy ? Against this, the professionals with high degree of wisdom across the globe categorically answered- 'absolutely not, and would India prefer walking backward pre-F.W Taylor(1856-1915) age ?' Again, answered -'absolutely not as their roles are always crucial and have never been more critical '.

Financial reporting and statutory audits are fundamental to investor confidence and fiscal transparency. In the post-COVID world, marked by increasing economic volatility and corporate fraud, the demand for credible financial disclosures and audits has only grown. CAs, with their expertise in these areas, remain indispensable. Similarly, cost and management accounting including strategic cost management have become more demanding and indispensable globally. In an intensely competitive global market, Indian businesses need precise product and service costing, performance evaluation cost optimization, cost control and cost systematic cost saving mechanisms. This is the domain where CMAs excel and provide unmatched proficiency. Corporate governance and regulatory compliance are now more essential than ever particularly after the Cadbury Committee Investigation under chairmanship of Sir Adrian Cadbury, 1992 followed by enactment of Sarbanes Oxley Act, 2002. With stricter regulations from bodies like SEBI, MCA, and RBI, and mounting expectations from global investors on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) issues, CSs play a crucial role in ensuring robust governance and compliance. Rather than weakening these functions through mergers, India should focus on strengthening them. The country's ambition to become a $5 trillion economy depends on the specialized skills of CAs, CMAs, and CSs, working together yet independently in national interest.

Instead of pursuing a counter productive merger of India's three premier professional bodies, the government must address the growing overlaps and jurisdictional ambiguities that often lead to professional conflict. These overlaps, which sometimes appear to be systematic encroachments, ignore the specific roles assigned by legislation. CAs should focus on financial reporting, audits, and direct taxation. CMAs, on the other hand, specialize in strategic cost optimization and robust management accounting, strategic metrics, indirect taxation, and cost audits and CSs are the experts in corporate law, governance, and compliance management and secretarial audit as the exclusive domain of the CS profession. However, real-world practices show inconsistencies. For instance, CAs are often assigned construction and RERA costing certifications

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Metro cargo plan to boost urban mobility by 2047: Minister

New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) observed its 31st Foundation Day today at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The occasion was attended by Shri Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Power, as the Chief Guest. Smt. Rekha Gupta, Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD, was present as the Guest of Honour. Hon'ble Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, Shri Manohar Lal ji, joins Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt Rekha Gupta ji on the occasion of the 31st Foundation Day of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi



In his address, the Hon'ble Minister highlighted the significant role that Delhi Metro plays in the daily life of the common citizen in Delhi. He emphasized that easy, reliable, and safe mobility is the fundamental right of every citizen, and that urban transport systems like the Delhi Metro have become an indispensable part of urban living.

Looking ahead, the Hon'ble Minister underlined that by 2047, nearly 50% of India's population will reside in urban areas, making it imperative to plan and strengthen urban mobility infrastructure today. He shared a visionary idea of adding cargo compartments to metro trains, enabling small businessmen, vendors, and hawkers to seamlessly transport their goods across the city — a step that would save time, reduce energy consumption, and enhance business efficiency for the urban working class.

Furthermore, Shri Manohar Lal ji emphasized the need to integrate green and renewable energy solutions in metro operations, aligning with the nation's sustainable development goals. He reiterated that metro systems will be the lifeline of every city in India, and their continued expansion and modernization is key to building smart, inclusive, and future-ready urban centers. Other dignitaries in attendance included Shri Katikithala Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Chairman, DMRC; Shri Dharmendra, Chief Secretary, GNCTD; and Dr. Vikas Kumar, Managing Director, DMRC.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Smt. Rekha Gupta also congratulated Delhi Metro on the occasion.

"The place that Delhi Metro has made in the hearts of the people, it is indeed nothing less than the lifeline.

There is a 'feel good factor' when a passenger enters the Delhi Metro. They keep it clean, and they follow the rules as well. There has been a behavioural change," she said during her address. The event was a time to reflect at how far Delhi Metro has come and to appreciate the hard work.

New Express Trains Flagged Off, Pune Rail Projects Near Completion: Vaishnaw

New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw today said, that considering the historic and industrial significance of Pune city, the government has decided to completely transform Pune railway station. He added that under this major initiative world class facilities will be provided on the railway station including four new platforms.



He was speaking after inaugurating two new express trains – Hadapsar–Jodhpur Express and MGR Chennai Central–Bhagat Ki Kothi Express – by flagging them off from Hadapsar near Pune in Maharashtra. Minister of State for Cooperation and Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol, Minister for Higher and Technical Education and Parliamentary Affairs Chandrakant Patil, and Members of Parliament Shrirang Barne and Medha Kulkarni were present on the occasion. Union Ministers of State L. Murugan (from Chennai) and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (from Jodhpur) joined the event virtually. Vaishnaw said that development plan for six railway stations – Pune, Hadapsar, Khadki, Shivajinagar, Uruli Kanchan, and Alandi – is in the final stage. He also stated that discussions have been held with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis regarding the introduction of a Pune–Nagpur Vande Bharat train. He added that trial runs are underway on new alignments for the Pune–Nashik railway corridor, which holds strategic importance due to the presence of a world-class testing laboratory at Khodad. Additionally, work on the third and fourth railway lines on the Pune–Lonavala route will be completed shortly.

Minister of State for Cooperation and Civil Aviation, Murlidhar Mohol expressed confidence that the Hadapsar–Jodhpur Express will greatly benefit the Rajasthani community residing in Pune. Railway development projects worth 1 crore are underway in the state. Under the Amrit Bharat Scheme, development works are progressing at Pune, Hadapsar, Uruli, and Shivajinagar stations. MP Medha Kulkarni demanded the launch of a new train between Pune and Nashik, especially in view of the upcoming Kumbh Mela.

Halts: Chinchwad, Lonavala, Kalyan, Vasai Road, Vapi, Surat, Vadodara Junction, Ahmedabad, Mehsana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Pindwara, Jawai Bandh, Falna, Rani, Marwar Junction, Pali Marwar, and Luni.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw emphasized that the redevelopment of Pune and nearby railway stations is part of the broader modernization vision under Indian Railways, aimed at enhancing passenger convenience, boosting regional connectivity, and supporting economic growth. He noted that Pune, being a major educational, IT, and industrial hub, requires infrastructure that matches global standards, and the proposed upgrades will significantly improve travel experience and operational efficiency.

Highlighting future connectivity plans, Vaishnaw said that the proposed Vande Bharat Express between Pune and Nagpur would reduce travel time and provide a faster, more comfortable option for passengers. He also underlined the importance of the Pune–Nashik railway corridor, which is expected to enhance freight and passenger movement while supporting industries in the region. The corridor's proximity to the advanced radio telescope facility.

India Poised to Become Global MICE Hub, Says Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): India is set to emerge as the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) capital of the world and the government and the private exhibition industry has to work together to make the country a centre of MICE tourism, Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has stressed. With the construction of the state-of-the art exhibition and conference complexes in the country, India is all set to become MICE tourism capital of the world.



"The exhibition and conference infrastructure we see across the nation including Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Jaipur and even small cities post G20 meet indicates that India is standing at the threshold of strong possibilities for this sector," said Shekhawat, while inaugurating a seminar organised by the Indian Exhibition Industry Association (IEIA). Several events which are happening globally can be calendarised and brought here in India, the minister suggested.

"Besides being a destination India, the country is also becoming a big exhibition and conference hub with planned expansion in road, aviation and railway sectors along with expansion of the conference and exhibition sector, the country has a great future for economic growth," Shekhawat said. After 2014, India has shown a tremendous growth curve in infrastructure, be it the construction of roads over 1,50,000 kms, new railway stations, semi high-speed trains, inland waterways and more than 150 operational airports. "All of these have contributed to India's prowess with regards to the MICE events. The confidence also built following India's hosting of G20 nations, the entire world is looking at India in awe and curiosity. In times to come, India will emerge as the MICE capital of the world," the minister told the gathering.

The IEIA event is the annual international conclave of the Indian exhibition industry, attended by the captains of the industry from all regions of the country and overseas.

"The event acts as one of its kind meaningful platforms for business networking, knowledge exchange,

Piyush Goyal Highlights India Growth & Partnerships

New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): Pathbreaking initiatives like Make in India, 'Digital India' and achievements in sectors like energy, IT, infrastructure, health, and tourism are also being showcased at the six-month-long Expo 2025 in Japan, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has informed. In a post on X social media platform, the minister said that the India Pavilion- BHARAT at the expo in Osaka is "a remarkable representation of India's cultural richness and commercial successes, and welcomed its 5,000th visitor today". "This space is a stunning display of India's growing international presence and the giant strides that the country has taken in the last decade, under PM @NarendraModi ji's leadership," Goyal added.



One of the highlights of the pavilion has been the display of the Chandrayaan-3 landing on the moon's south pole and India's advances in space technology. "I am confident this expo will provide a big boost to trade and tourism in India and further cement our role as the world's trusted partner," the minister mentioned. Meanwhile, Goyal said he had met Navroz D Udwadia, Co-founder and Partner of Alpha Wave Global, during his visit to London this week."Highlighted how India's rapidly expanding middle class, manufacturing capability and rise of digital economy offer a unique opportunity for investment and growth," he posted on X. Goyal also met Francois Michel, Group CEO, John Cockerill in Brussels. "We discussed how the group's expertise in innovation in diverse technology solutions can further assist India's growth story. Explored avenues for deeper collaboration and multi-sectoral partnerships," said the minister.

Also, Goyal and European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Maros Sefcovic, have reaffirmed their shared resolve to conclude the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by the end of 2025.

Both sides reiterated their aim to address pending issues in a spirit of mutual respect and pragmatism, including at the next round scheduled to be held from May 12-16 in New Delhi, according to an official statement issued on Friday after the meeting in Brussels.

India sets up panel to develop repairability index framework

New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS): The government on Saturday said that the committee constituted for the Framework on Repairability Index (RI) in mobile and electronic sector has submitted its report, to help consumers who witness issues while seeking repair for their devices. The panel has submitted its report to Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs. The committee's recommendations have been framed in alignment with the best global practices without causing any impediment to the industry with regard to innovation and ease of doing business.

The original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) are required to self-declare the Repairability Index based on a standards scoring criteria provided in the framework with no additional compliance burden, said Ministry of Consumer Affairs. Further, the committee recommended that the Repairability Index should be displayed at the point of sale/purchase, E-commerce platforms and in form of QR code on packaged products to enable consumer to make informed choices.

In September 2024, the Department of Consumer Affairs constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Bharat Khera, Additional Secretary for developing the framework of the Repairability Index (RI).

Repairability Index aims to create an ecosystem where consumers choose options that align with the ethos of 'mindful utilisation' of their products over 'wasteful consumption'.

By empowering consumers with ease and hassle-free repair options, the Department said it is reaffirming its commitment to a self-reliant, sustainable, and consumer-friendly economy.

CSR Conclave Focuses on Sustainable Rural Development in India

New Delhi, Nov 6 (GNS):The CSC CSR Conclave 2025 marked a pivotal moment in India's journey toward inclusive growth and rural empowerment, placing technology at the heart of social transformation. Inaugurated by Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the event spotlighted the powerful role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in bridging the urban-rural divide through Common Services Centres (CSCs).



"CSC represents a radical idea bridging the urban-rural divide through technology," said Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), during the inauguration of the CSC CSR Conclave 2025. His remarks highlighted the central theme of the event leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for a sustainable tomorrow through rural empowerment and inclusive growth. Tiwari also cited the visionary role of Common Services Centres (CSCs) in strengthening India's social capital, aligning with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for rural digital empowerment. He acknowledged the vital role of CSC Academy in advancing CSR initiatives, especially in vocational training and digital empowerment for rural populations, and praised CSC's alignment with national goals, particularly through programs like the PM Vishwakarma Yojana.

The Conclave, organized by CSC Academy and the Indian ESG Network, brought together leaders from government, corporate, and development sectors to discuss how CSR can drive environmental sustainability, community development, and transformative change in rural India.

In his keynote address, Shri Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, Chairman and Secretary of CSC Academy, expanded on the transformative impact of the Common Services Centres (CSCs) across the country.

He described CSCs not just as digital access points but as catalysts for change, operated by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) who empower their communities. "CSR is not just a statutory requirement but a strategic driver for inclusive progress," said Rakesh, emphasizing the Academy's focus on scalable and measurable CSR programs aimed at reaching underserved rural populations.

Dr. Biswajit Saha, Director (Training & Skill Education) at CBSE, also highlighted the role of CSC Academy in preparing the next generation for future challenges, particularly in fields like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cybersecurity, and Healthcare.

The event featured a series of expert-led discussions that explored the intersection of CSR, environmental sustainability, and community development. Key topics included education, skilling, digital literacy, financial inclusion, women empowerment, and healthcare.

Notable speakers at the Conclave included Shri Abhishek Gupta, Programme Specialist at UNICEF, who discussed the "Passport to Earning" initiative, and Ms. Parnal Vats, Manager of Government Engagement at VISA, who shared insights on the "Digital Village" program. Other distinguished speakers included Ms. Geetanjali Gaur, CSR Manager at Kyndryl, and Shri Rajiv Malik.

Nifty 50 stays range-bound amid weak momentum and sectoral mixed Trends

Mumbai, Nov 6 (GNS) Benchmark indices ended with marginal gains in a highly volatile session on May 2 and volatility is expected to stay elevated due to ongoing geopolitical tensions, developments related to tariffs, and the unfolding Q4 earnings season and major US economic data points, analysts said on Saturday. The Nifty on Friday opened strong and surged to an intraday high of 24,589 in the first half of the session. However, profit booking at higher levels erased those gains, leaving the index to close nearly flat.



The Nifty finished the day up 12.50 points, or 0.05 per cent, at 24,346.70.

"For the week, the BSE Sensex gained 1.6 per cent, while the Nifty50 rose 1.2 per cent. The BSE Midcap index declined 0.4 per cent and the Smallcap index ended flat," said a note from Bajaj Broking Research.

Among sectoral performers, media, energy, IT, and oil & gas posted gains of 0.3–0.7 per cent. On the other hand, power, metal, telecom, pharma, realty, and consumer durables sectors saw losses ranging from 0.5 to 2 per cent. According to Dhupesh Dhameja, Derivatives Research Analyst, SAMCO Securities, Nifty continues to display signs of hesitation at elevated levels, repeatedly getting knocked back from crucial resistance zones and producing intraday fakeouts, indicating a period of consolidation amid fading momentum. This marks the seventh consecutive session where Nifty has been locked in a choppy range, failing to conquer overhead resistances, underscoring persistent supply pressure and an undercurrent of caution in the broader market mood.

Going ahead, Nifty is expected to extend consolidation in the range of 24,550-23,800. With 23,800 being the confluence of last week's low and recent breakout area. While 24,550 is the 61.8 per cent retracement of the entire decline (26,277-21,744)," according to Bajaj Broking Research. "We believe the current consolidation will help the index work off the overbought condition developed after the recent strong rally. Stock specific action will continue to remain in focus as we progress through the Q4 earnings season," it added. Bank Nifty Index is seen consolidating in a 2,000 points range in the last 6 sessions after the recent strong rally of 5,500 points or 11 per cent in the preceding 6 sessions. "Only a sustained move above recent high of 56,098 could trigger further upside toward the 56,800 levels in the coming weeks. On the downside, key support is seen between 54,000-53,500.

Bhatti Pushes for Higher Revenue Generation in TG



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (GNS): Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials of various departments to work in close coordination and formulate a comprehensive action plan to strengthen Telangana's financial resources and achieve the government's revenue targets within the stipulated timelines. He emphasised the need to fully utilise the available opportunities for revenue generation through government lands, industrial layouts, land pooling and auctions, while ensuring transparency and efficiency in the process.

The Deputy Chief Minister was speaking on Friday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat during a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on revenue mobilisation. Vikrmarka who chaired the meeting also attended by the other members of the sub-committee, ministers D. Sridhar Babu and Jupally Krishna Rao, reviewed with senior officials of various departments on resource mobilisation. He stressed that clear targets, interdepartmental coordination and timely decisions were essential to enhance state revenues. He directed officials to prepare weekly action plans and regularly review the progress to ensure the achievement of the prescribed targets.

The Deputy Chief Minister reviewed the possibilities of mobilising revenue through the utilisation and regularisation of lands in industrial layouts and old industrial estates. Officials briefed him on the revenue already generated and the proposals at various stages of implementation. Bhatti Vikramarka suggested preparing a focused action plan to achieve an estimated revenue targets through these initiatives. He directed officials to accelerate the processes relating to industrial lands and ensure that the available opportunities are effectively utilised to achieve the stipulated target.

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He also stressed the need to expedite unit-wise regularisation and approval processes in industrial areas such as Azamabad, Balanagar and Hafeezpet. Proposals relating to B-category and micro industrial units should be examined comprehensively, ensuring benefits to industrial entrepreneurs while generating additional revenue for the government, he said.

Emphasising the importance of providing a business-friendly environment, the Deputy Chief Minister directed officials to ensure the timely processing of applications relating to industrial units. He suggested setting weekly targets for processing applications within defined timelines and assigning clear responsibilities to the concerned officials. Regular monitoring of daily progress should be undertaken to ensure faster and more accessible services to industrial entrepreneurs.

The meeting held detailed discussions on land pooling, availability of land for future requirements and the mobilisation of land resources in the rapidly developing areas surrounding Hyderabad, particularly Medchal and Rangareddy districts.

The Deputy Chief Minister suggested identifying land resources in advance to meet the requirements of future government projects and infrastructure development. He emphasised the need for a well-planned and transparent land pooling policy that provides clarity and benefits to all stakeholders participating in the process.

He also directed officials to explore opportunities to utilise the land resources secured by the government in accordance with development priorities and identify suitable avenues for generating additional revenue.

Bhatti Vikramarka emphasised that government lands should be used effectively, keeping public interest and the state's development priorities at the forefront.

He suggested giving priority to the development of essential infrastructure such as roads, parks, schools and hospitals, alongside the land requirements of various government development programmes. He directed officials to formulate a clear policy for utilising the government's share of land obtained through land pooling for specific public purposes. Issues relating to assigned lands should also be examined comprehensively in accordance with legal provisions and public interest, and appropriate proposals should be placed before the Cabinet for consideration.

The Deputy Chief Minister also reviewed the possibilities of generating revenue through the development and auction of lands under the jurisdiction of HMDA and TGIIC. He instructed officials to identify suitable layouts for auction, prioritise locations with good connectivity to major roads and development potential, and initiate the auction process in a phased manner.

He directed the concerned departments to come up with a clear action plan by next week, outlining the details of lands, the status of layouts,

Advocate Momin Roshan attends the wedding reception (Valima) of Razi Rana in hyderabad



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (GNS): Momin Roshan Zameer, Advocate, State General Secretary and In-Charge of Social Media, Legal Cell (Law, Human Rights and RTI Department), Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), and Member, Hyderabad Waqf Protection and Coordination Committee, Government of Telangana, attended the wedding reception (Valima) of Mr. Razi Rana, Engineer, held in Hyderabad on November 5, 2026. On this joyous and auspicious occasion, Advocate Momin Roshan Zameer extended his heartfelt congratulations and warm wishes to the groom, the bride, and their respective families. He conveyed his best wishes to the newly married couple for a blessed, happy, prosperous, and successful married life, filled with love, mutual understanding, peace, and happiness.

E. Deva, Saleem Rana, Hafeez Rana, Vishal Mahatrana, Akshay Singh, Omer, Farhan, Mahir, Lucky and others also attended the wedding reception and joined in congratulating the groom, the bride, and their families, conveying their heartfelt wishes and blessings for the couple's bright future and lifelong happiness. The occasion was marked by happiness, warmth, and the exchange of heartfelt congratulations and best wishes among family members, relatives, friends, and well-wishers.

AP Fan Walks 350 Km from Adoni to Hyderabad to Meet CM Revanth Reddy

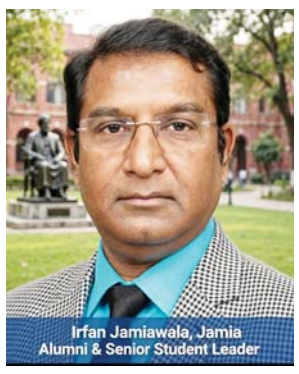


Hyderabad, Nov 6 (GNS): In a remarkable display of admiration, a fan from Adoni in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh walked nearly 350 kilometres to Hyderabad to meet Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The fan, identified as Sayanna, began his journey from Adoni on October 29 and reached Hyderabad after walking for nine days. He met the Chief Minister at his residence in Jubilee Hills and expressed his admiration.

When Will Nadeem Ansari Get Justice?

Irfan Jamiawala Questions Minority Commission's Silence Over Shopkeeper's Death in Siwan

How long will atrocities against Dalit-Pasmanda Muslims continue? Is the job of the Minority Commission to get entangled in political and institutional disputes, or to get justice for the victims?





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Siwan, Bihar.

The tragic death of Nadeem Ansari in a fire in his shop at Tarwara Bazaar in Siwan district, Bihar, has once again raised serious questions about the safety, social justice and administrative accountability of Dalit-Pasmanda Muslims in the state. The family alleges that Nadeem Ansari was burnt alive inside his shop. The family is calling this incident a murder and demanding justice.

This incident is not just the tragedy of one family, but a symbol of the insecurity of thousands of poor and socially weak families whose voices often become weak by the time they reach the corridors of power and administration. The biggest question is, when will Nadeem Ansari get justice? Even After FIR, Family Waits, Questions on Police Action

According to media reports, an FIR has been registered in this case on the complaint of the deceased's wife. But registering an FIR and getting justice are two different things.

The family has the right to know how far the impartial investigation of the incident has reached, whether the suspects have been interrogated or not, what is the status of arrest of the accused, and what concrete steps the police have taken so far.

If the family's allegations are true, then this is an extremely serious criminal case. There should be a fair investigation, scientific evidence and strict legal action against the culprits.

The administration should also clarify what decision has been taken regarding government assistance and ex-gratia amount to the victim's family. What is the Priority of Bihar Minority Commission?

After this incident, questions on the role of the Bihar State Minority Commission are also natural.

The question to the Commission's Chairman Maulana Ghulam Rasool Balyawi is - has he sought a detailed report of this case from the Superintendent of Police, Siwan? Has he called for an Action Taken Report (ATR) from the District Magistrate and police administration? Has any delegation of the Commission gone to meet the victim's family?

If this has happened, then its information should be made public.

The Commission has been constituted to protect the rights of minorities, to hear their complaints and to raise their problems before the concerned administrative institutions. In such a situation, the priority of the Commission should be to get justice for those families who are really struggling for their safety and honour, rather than any institutional or political dispute. Raising questions on Salim Parvez and any dispute related to Bihar Madrasa Education Board is the right of concerned persons and institutions. But it is also necessary that the Chairman of the Minority Commission should not let his attention divert from his basic constitutional and administrative responsibilities.

Personal or institutional differences have their place, but getting justice for Nadeem Ansari's family is far more important than that. How Long Will Politics Continue on the Pain of Dalit-Pasmanda Muslims?

The Muslim community in India is not a homogeneous social community. Within it also, caste, economic and social inequalities exist.

Ansari, Mansuri, Rain, Dhunia, Nai, Halalkhor, Mehtar and many other communities have been facing social and economic challenges for a long time. Poor families of these communities face serious problems of education, employment, health, political representation and social security.

The irony is that many people who talk about social justice within the Muslim community also sometimes do not give adequate priority to the real problems of these weak sections.

When injustice happens to a poor Pasmanda Muslim family, how many big leaders come forward to raise their voice? Is justice only the right of influential and politically strong people?

Does the life of a poor shopkeeper become less valuable because he comes from an economically and socially weak community? These questions are not only of Nadeem Ansari's family, but of the whole society.

Religiosity Should Be Decided by Work, Not by Beard and Cap An important debate is also necessary in society regarding religious identity and religious dress.

Keeping a beard, wearing a cap or tying a turban can be a matter of a person's religious tradition and personal faith. But only external dress cannot become proof of a person's character, honesty, social commitment and humanity. The basic teaching of Islam is related to justice, honesty, humanity and protection of the rights of the weak. Religious identity should be respected, but a culture of avoiding accountability in the name of religious identity cannot be accepted. A person who does not protect the rights of the weak people of society, his public works should also be evaluated. Five Questions to Chief Minister and DGP The Bihar Government and police administration should give clear answers to the following questions in this case:

1. What action has the police taken so far in the death case of Nadeem Ansari?

2. Is full use of FSL and other scientific evidence being made for investigation of the case?

3. Has the interrogation and arrest status of all named and suspected accused been made public?

4. Have the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Siwan provided security and financial assistance to the victim's family?

5. Has the Bihar State Minority Commission taken suo-moto cognizance of this incident and sought a detailed Action Taken Report?

The answer to these questions should come not just by issuing statements, but by concrete action. Justice Is Not Dependent on Any Caste, Religion or Political Ideology The case of Nadeem Ansari should not be made a fight of for or against any political party or religious organisation. This is a question of justice. If criminal conspiracy or murder is proved behind the death of Nadeem Ansari, then the culprits should get strict punishment according to the law. If any other fact comes out in the investigation, then that too should be made public in a transparent manner.

But first of all, the victim's family should get the assurance that the government and administration are standing with them.

All parties, organisations and public representatives doing politics of social justice in Bihar should also fulfil their responsibility in this matter.

Ultimately the question is, when the life of a poor Pasmanda Muslim shopkeeper is lost, where are the people to raise voice for him?

Whether it is Maulana Ghulam Rasool Balyawi, Bihar Madrasa Education Board Chairman Salim Parvez or other Muslim political and social leaders - all should understand that the real need of society is not the fight for posts, but to get justice for the weak people.

Bigger than beard, cap, turban and political post is humanity. And the first condition of humanity is - to stand with them.

Nadeem Ansari's family should get justice. There should be a fair investigation of his death and the culprits should be punished. Delay in justice not only increases the pain of one family, but also weakens the common man's faith in democracy and administration.

Telangana Police to Launch FitCop App for Personnel



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (GNS): Telangana Police is set to launch 'FitCop', an app-based health monitoring programme covering more than 90,000 police personnel. The app will track eight health parameters, including diabetes, blood pressure, BMI and lifestyle habits, and classify personnel into low, moderate and high-risk categories. High-risk personnel will receive call-centre alerts, medical tests, treatment guidance and counselling. Supported by the Helping Hand Foundation, the programme is expected to be rolled out within 30–45 days. The initiative was announced by Telangana DGP and senior IPS officer C.V. Anand.

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Hyderabad Aims to Become Global Hub for Value Creation: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, Nov 6 (GNS): Hyderabad is positioning itself as a global hub for value creation, with the State government seeking to attract global companies to establish and expand their core operations, research and product development activities in the city, IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has said. The Minister was speaking after inaugurating the India office of New York-based Pico Technology at Hitec City on Friday, along with Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. Mr. Sridhar Babu said discussions held with representatives of Pico Technology earlier this year on investment and expansion in Hyderabad had materialised. He assured the company of the State government's full support in expanding its operations in Telangana. The government has set a target of attracting 100 new Global Capability Centres (GCCs) to Hyderabad within a year, he said. The objective, he added, was to move beyond the conventional service-centre model and develop GCCs into global centres.

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