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# Grandeur marks end of floral fest

Over 5,000 women, in their traditional best, throng LB Stadium on the last day of Saddula Bathukamma



A girl with a Bathukamma at LB Stadium on Monday. Renowned artistes from across the State were roped in to perform cultural programmes. —Photo: Anand Dharama

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The last day of the floral festival of Telangana, Saddula Bathukamma, was celebrated on a grand scale in Hyderabad. Over 5,000 women from across Hyderabad and outskirts turned up

in their traditional best at LB Stadium to participate in the Saddula Bathukamma event on Monday.

Women decorated the Bathukamma pots with seasonal flowers and filled them with offerings for the goddess and headed to the Hussain Sagar in a process-

sion. Later, the Bathukamma pots were immersed, amidst songs that invoked the blessings of the Goddess.

The State government made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of processions/rallies. Women thronged Saddula Bathukamma events organ-

ised in colonies and gated communities, which were decked up with flowers and lights.

Renowned artistes from across the State were roped in to perform cultural programmes while women participated in the Bathukamma rituals.

A huge Saddula Bathukamma event was organised near the noted Ramalayam temple in Kukatpally. Over 4,000 women from the nearby colonies gathered and performed Saddula Bathukamma and celebrated the floral festival of Telangana.

## Actor Niharika joins GIC

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Niharika Konidela, daughter of actor-producer Nagendra Babu, participated in the Green India Challenge (GIC) on the occasion of Durga Ashtami and Saddula Bathukamma on Monday. As part of the GIC, Niharika planted saplings at the GHMC Park in Jubilee Hills.

The actor-producer appreciated and thanked Rajya Sabha MP, J Santosh Kumar for initiating the GIC. Speaking on the occasion, Niharika said that her father Nagendra Babu used to tell her when she was a child that 'Nature is god and every individual must take care of it'. She said that planting saplings and taking care of them to ensure that they grow properly is the duty of every individual.



Actor-producer Niharika Konidela planting a sapling at the GHMC Park in Jubilee Hills on Monday.

## Maxivision Eye Hospitals' app out

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Maxivision Group of Eye Hospitals on Monday announced the launch of a mobile application that will allow patients to download medical data, schedule doctor appointments, receive post-operative instructions, and receive medication reminders.

**Save time**  
Additionally, the mobile application contains tools for online medication ordering, and patients can include their family members in the app. By using the app, patients can arrive at their hospitals with an appointment and save time waiting around for registration and other procedures. The app

It will allow patients download medical data, schedule doctor appointments, receive post-operative instructions

will eventually include optical frames and lenses that can be ordered online, as well as the ability to schedule lab testing through Neuberg Diagnostics facilities, a press release said.

"Our goal of launching a mobile application is to reach a maximum number of patients who are looking for quality eye care services," VSudheer, Group CEO, Maxivision Group of Eye hospitals, said.

## CYBER TALK

# What's 5G? Here's what you need to know

Mobile networks witnessed rapid transformation in last 20 years

The 5G network is initially being rolled out in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and soon it will be available in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities, by Jio, Airtel and Vodafone Idea. All three operators will be using the non-standalone networks to start with, i.e., using the existing 4G infrastructure, and then gradually moving towards the standalone network (dedicated 5G infrastructure).

Jio has procured frequencies 700 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 3300-3800MHz, 3300-4200MHz and 26GHz. Airtel has procured 1800MHz, 2100MHz, 3300-3800MHz, 3300-4200MHz and 26GHz. The lower the frequency, the better the coverage, but the slower the speed. The higher the frequency, the lower the coverage but the faster the speed. i.e., 700 MHz means better coverage and lesser speed, and 2800 MHz means less coverage and higher speed. Jio would be operating at lower frequencies compared to Vodafone Idea and Airtel.

Existing 4G SIM card subscribers with 5G phones don't need to procure new 5G SIM cards as all the operators are using non-standalone networks (4G/LTE networks) now, but once the telecom providers upgrade to a standalone network, then all subscribers will need to procure new 5G SIM cards.

**Technicality in 5G network:**  
Mobile networks have been transformed rapidly over the last 20 years from a data speed perspective, but they continue to progress to enable us with many use cases for consumers and Internet of Things devices. The 1G of mobile networks is now obsolete (1G, 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G). The 1G (1st Generation) mobile networks used analogue technologies, i.e., GSM, D-AMPS, and IS-95 for 2G (2nd Generation), CDMA2000 and UMTS (WCDMA) and CDMA2000 for 3G (3rd Generation), LTE for 4G (4th Generation), and NR for 5G (5th Generation). The driving force for 5G is generated because of the increasing demands from a networked human society. Those demands include more traffic volume, more devices with diverse service requirements, better quality, better reach, and better affordability at reduced costs.

**Capabilities of 5G network:**  
• The peak data rate for 5G is expected to reach 10 Gbps and exceed this value in indoor and dense outdoor environments.  
• The user-experienced data rates would be at least 10 Mbps accessible everywhere including sparsely populated areas; 100 Mbps for urban areas and goes up to 1 Gbps in the indoor environment.  
• The energy consumption for the 5G radio access network should not be greater than the LTE network.  
• Over-the-air latency is to be reduced to 1ms, capable of supporting services with very low-



latency requirements.  
• 5G is also expected to enable high mobility up to 500 km/h with an acceptable quality of service. That means 5G will enable customers to watch 4K video on their phones seamlessly while travelling in cars and trains  
• 5G has technological advancements i.e., Computer Games (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), and more. These technologies will have a far-reaching impact on a variety of industries, including healthcare, agriculture, education, and disaster relief.  
• 5G technology and its applications will enable remote control over disaster-hit areas, a live 4K feed from HD cameras installed in public spaces, and more. It'll also help in minimising the role of humans

**Plans and pricing in India:**

5G prepaid plans are not that expensive as compared to their 4G tariffs. We are assuming 5G plans will be about 25% to 40% expensive on average when we compare them with our existing 4G tariffs by the major operators. The Indian benefits would be speed, access to IoT, games, AR/VR, cloud and (OTT) over-the-top benefits which are something that we can't ignore.



## Honour for UoH Professor

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Professor Pramod K Nayyar of the Department of English, University of Hyderabad, ranked 120th globally in literary studies according to a Stanford study, has been awarded the Chair in Vulnerability Studies by UNESCO.

This prestigious Chair, which comes with an initial tenure of four years will be located in the University and has been awarded under the rubric "Teaching and Research" and is mandated to develop teaching and outreach programmes and undertake research in the field of Vulnerability Studies and help shape the discipline. Professor Nayyar as Chair will lead a global team of 15 faculty from multiple disciplines. Professor BJ Rao, Vice-Chancellor, said, "The Chair will greatly facilitate our university's internationalisation under the Institution of Eminence (IoE)".

## Clean win for TS; BJP States derail

Telangana secured the highest points of 971.62 out of 1,000. Haryana came second with 927.05 points, almost 44 points less than Telangana. Madhya Pradesh secured 821.58 points and Gujarat 819.33 points, way less than Telangana. Karnataka, another BJP-ruled State, stood 20th in the survey with the performance of Bengaluru not being great either.

The situation of Bengaluru, touted to be a competitor to Hyderabad on many fronts, was perhaps described best in a tweet by Padma Shri awarded and former Infosys director TV Mohandas Pai. "What a disgrace! India's only global city, the richest city has become a garbage city! We are ashamed! Karnataka CM Basavaraj S Bommai, Sir we need urgent reforms, strict action," Pai tweeted on Monday.

On the other hand, Telangana, the youngest State in the country, has silenced critics, with Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao crediting the vision of Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao. "Best performing large State Telangana. The youngest State of India has truly come of age; setting new benchmarks and pioneering flagship projects that inspire the entire Nation. Kudos to Visionary Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao garu," Rama Rao tweeted on Monday, sharing a post from the official Swachh Bharat Mission handle that announced the 'Best-performing State' of the year in the 'Large States' category.

## Munugode bypoll on Nov 3

The other identification documents accepted at polling booths are the Indian passport, pension document with photograph, Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State governments/PSUs/public limited companies, and official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, and Unique Disability ID (UDID) card issued by the union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

## Now, purchase Metro ticket on WhatsApp

Akash Dillip Patil, founder and MD of Billeasy, said HMR was the first in the country to enable online booking of tickets via WhatsApp. "This project enables not only us but everyone involved to a great degree of digitisation and innovation. I urge everyone to use the Billeasy QR to scan and punch a ticket on their own," he said.

## 'Dasara gift' for MBBS aspirants

This is a 3.3-times jump, Harish said. The Health Department has also managed to secure 192 additional PG government medical seats in Telangana. With this, the total number of PG government medical seats in Telangana has reached 1,249, while in 2014, there were 613 PG seats in government hospitals. "Currently, including government and private medical colleges, there are 2,449 PG seats. In the days to come, as regulatory inspections conclude, we expect more seats to be added," he said.

New nursing colleges have been lined up for this academic year, Harish said. "Back in 2014, when Telangana was formed, we had four nursing colleges. In the last few years, we have added nine more. Additional 10 nursing colleges are being added. So far, a total of 19 nursing colleges have been added since Statehood," he said.

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## Gandhi as 'asura' sparks row

"The idol of 'asura' did resemble MK Gandhi, we do not deny it. It has been changed. We have not made the changes. We received a lot of calls. We have been made to accept the changes. Our freedom of expression has been curtailed. People should know that nobody called Gandhi the Father of the Nation. There is such resolution passed in this regard," he said. The organiser said he was "forced" to make the changes following the intervention by Kolkata Police, which was prompted by the complaint. Goswami, who is

also the State working president of the Hindu Mahasabha, said although they have made the changes to the idol, they were not willing to accept them. "The Kolkata Police supported us and requested to make the change. So, forceful changes have been made. We do not accept these changes. We will spread the word about Gandhi's activities among people in the future. He is the person who divided our country," he added.

Meanwhile, Bagchi said, "I have lodged a complaint against Chandrachud Goswami and other functionaries of the State unit.

This act determines sedition and is detrimental to national integrity. A complaint has been lodged at the police station to file a zero FIR and take the necessary steps. It has also been stated in the complaint that the puja needs to be immediately stopped. I have filed the complaint after a discussion with State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury." "All India Hindu Mahasabha in Kolkata has wrongfully depicted Mahatma in Durga Puja panel. This is a crime and we strongly condemn this. Strictest action should be taken against the organisers," INC tweeted. #

## Justice evades Lakhimpur ryots

Tikait was addressing a gathering of over 600 people at an event at a gurdwara in Kaudiyala Ghat, where tributes were paid to the four farmers who were killed in the violence. Mishra's son Ashish was arrested after a car moved down the farmers who were protesting in Lakimpur Kheri's Tikunia against the visit of Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya. In the subsequent violence, two BJP workers and a driver were also killed.

Tikait said they will place the demand for Mishra's sacking during the proposed nationwide agitation of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) on November 26. "Protests will be held in all State capitals during which the demand for the dismissal of Ajay Mishra and also the release of four farmers lodged in jails will be raised prominently," he said. "These four farmers were arrested in connection with the retaliatory violence in which the BJP workers

were killed on October 3 last year. Tikait also extended a help of Rs 2 lakh to each of the families of the four farmers lodged in jails. The SKM is standing along with the farmers, Tikait said, and appealed to them to raise their demands in a peaceful manner during the November 26 protests. Protests were also held in Punjab's Phagwara where farmers demanded the withdrawal of "cooked up" cases registered against them during their strike. #