

Fancy number 9999 to cost up to Rs 1.5L: Telangana transport dept

Hyderabad: The coveted number plate 9999 will now be auctioned at a whopping Rs 1.5 lakh, a 200 per cent increase from the previous rate of Rs 50,000 after the Telangana transport department's new notification on Saturday, November 15.

According to reports, other options, like the single digit 1 and 9 will now sell for Rs 1 lakh. Similarly, number 6666 has also jumped from Rs 30,000 to Rs 1 lakh.

Charges for over 100 number plates have been revised under the GO 77. Numbers 99, 999, 3333, 4444, 5555, 7777 will now be auctioned for Rs 50,000, while 5, 6, 7, 123, 333, 1234, 2727, 3456, 6789, 8888 will go for Rs 40,000.

Similarly, 3, 111, 234, 5678, 1818, 1999 will go for Rs 30,000 while 2, 4, 8, 77, 786, 1233, 4567, 4777 and other similar numbers will cost Rs 20,000.

Other number plates will go for Rs

6,000 for four-wheelers and Rs 3,000 for two-wheelers.

The amendments have been made under Rule 81 of the Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and will require the owner to present their vehicle to the transport department before being allotted the special number.

If the vehicle is not presented within 15 days, the reservation will be cancelled.

If more than one person applies for a certain number, an auction will be held, and the highest bidder will take it away. Those who lose after participating will be given a 10 percent refund on their fee while applicants who skip the bidding will have to forfeit the entire reservation amount.

Applications can be submitted through the transport department's official website between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.



Major accident averted after oil tanker overturns in Telangana



Hyderabad: A major accident was averted in Telangana's Vikarabad district after an oil tanker overturned in the Ananthagiri area on Sunday, November 16.

The incident occurred when the tanker was going from Kakinada towards Tandur, lost control, and veered off the road while crossing the turn at

Ananthagiri Urban Park. Due to this, the tanker overturned.

A video shared on social media showed the tanker turned turtle and its contents lying on the roadside. Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident.

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The police arrived at the spot and initiated an investigation. The police officials also took steps to remove the tanker to ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

In a similar incident in December 2024, a tanker overturned at Mettuguda in Secunderabad. The firefighters rushed to the spot and poured water to dilute the fuel and prevent a fire incident.

The tanker was on its way to the city from Ghatkesar when it overturned at Mettuguda. Panic spread in the area, and motorists sped, fearing an explosion.

On noticing it, the traffic police cordoned off the area. The local police reached the spot and informed the fire department. Fire tenders from the nearest fire stations reached the spot and started precautionary measures.

Telangana cotton farmers unable to sell crops: KTR attacks govt

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president and former IT minister KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Sunday, November 16, slammed the Telangana and central governments for not helping cotton farmers in the state to sell their crops.

Stating that despite nearly 50 lakh acres of cotton cultivation this year, KTR said that both the Congress run Telangana government and the BJP-led Centre should intervene in the matter. He also accused the state and central governments of "jointly failing" the farming community.

The BRS leader slammed both the governments, and said lakhs of cotton farmers who toiled throughout the year are now unable to sell their produce. Accusing them of "reckless negligence" towards the severe cotton procurement crisis unfolding across the state KTR demanded that the Centre immediately intervene to address farmer distress.

KTR said that Telangana chief minister Revanth Reddy visited Delhi multiple times and claimed that he has not raised the cotton issue meaningfully. He also criticised the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) for refusing to procure cotton on the grounds of moisture content, Kapas Mobile App registration issues, and allegations of corruption in ginning mills and their grading.

In a statement from his office, KTR stated that due to these hurdles, farmers are not even receiving the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ₹8,110 per quintal, while the open market is offering only ₹6,000–₹7,000, causing losses of nearly ₹2,000 per quintal. "KTR said that CCI has purchased only 1.12 lakh tonnes so far—alarmingly low compared to the season's projected 28.29 lakh tonnes, calling it clear evidence of a deepening procurement crisis," it added.



Non-BJP parties trying to appease Telangana minorities: Bandi Sanjay

Hyderabad: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday alleged that non-BJP parties are trying to appease Muslims and vowed to make Hindus in Telangana a key political vote bank.

Speaking at a 'Karthika Vana Bhojanalu' (community meal) event organised by the Kapu community, Sanjay Kumar claimed that non-BJP parties are trying

to appease the 12 per cent Muslim population in the state.

"My aim is to make the 80 per cent Hindus in Telangana a vote bank. I will create an atmosphere where every political party should think about Hin-



dus," he said.

Asserting that he is not insulting Muslims, Christians, or followers of other religions, he said he wishes to see 'Hindu dharma' in glory.

Referring to police cases filed against him in the past, Sanjay Kumar said he would not step back from working for 'Hindu dharma'.

He also praised Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for his support of 'sanatana dharma', adding that Hindus who had converted to other religions in Andhra are now reconsidering their decisions due to Kalyan's influence.

Calling upon members of the Kapu community, he urged them to prioritise working for the country above all else.

Four robbers in police uniform held in Telangana; gold, silver seized

Hyderabad: The Ramgagundam police in Karimnagar on Saturday, November 15, arrested four people for committing robberies in police uniforms. Gold and silver were recovered from the

the stolen gold in Peddapalli district.

Addressing the media, Karimnagar Deputy Commissioner of Police, P Karunakar said that the accused were identified as Nagula Kumaraswamy, 55, Tippari Ravinder, 51, Purushotama Nagaraju, 48, and Povari Shyam Rao, 49.

The DCP said, "The robbery occurred on November 10 at around 4.15 a.m. at the residence of Sankari Lakshmi, 51, a farmer in Garrepally. The accused used fake police uniforms and handcuffs, one of

which was purchased online through t sine recipes

The accused called Lakshmi's son Ramesh out, as the woman opened the door, the accused claimed to be from the Karimnagar One Town police investigating a case regarding counterfeit currency allegedly hidden in the house. Ramesh was handcuffed, and the family was forced to open lockers after which the accused stole the gold, silver and cash. Kumaraswamy, who met two of his accomplices in Cherlapally Jail 18 years ago, planned the robbery after learning about the financial debts of the others.



accused.

The gang included a criminal who served jail time and a security supervisor who looted a house in Garrepally village while wearing police uniforms. According to the Ramagundam police, the accused threatened the victims with dire consequences if they told anyone about the theft.

The police seized 115.4 grams of gold ornaments, 472 grams of silver items, Rs 10,000 in cash, handcuffs, sweaters with fake police logos, gloves, and fake number plates.

The accused were apprehended near Katnapally while attempting to sell

Film piracy racket kingpin sent to judicial custody

Hyderabad: Immadhi Ravi, who was allegedly running film piracy racket from Caribbean islands, has been sent to judicial custody for 14 days.

Ravi, who was arrested by Hyderabad police late on Friday, was produced before a magistrate on Saturday night.

The accused, who was allegedly involved in uploading and distributing pirated Telugu and other regional language films and OTT content on piracy websites iBomma and Bappam, was later shifted to Chanchalguda Central Prison.

Ravi, who had thrown an open challenge to the police to arrest him, was picked up from a house in the Kukatpally area of Hyderabad late on Friday.

The accused had fled the country on October 1 after police had registered a case against him. He was reportedly in Amsterdam on October 3 and kept changing IP addresses to evade arrest.

He came to Hyderabad a couple of days ago, thinking that the police would not be able to trace him. However, the police managed to track his movements through mobile phone signals and traced him at a location in Kukatpally.

Cybercrime police will file a petition in Nampally Court on Monday to seek Ravi's custody for seven days for questioning.

Police reportedly seized hundreds of hard disks from the house. After taking the login credentials from the ac-



cused, the Cybercrime police also blocked the iBomma and Bappam platforms.

The investigators were checking Ravi's bank accounts and crypto accounts. They hope to gather more information about the piracy rackets during further questioning.

Ravi's network allegedly relied heavily on encrypted Telegram groups, overseas virtual private servers and cryptocurrency payments to mask its activities.

Online gaming and betting websites were used to promote the pirated con-

tent, financing the racket in exchange for advertising.

A native of Visakhapatnam, Ravi is said to be highly educated and a technical expert. He reportedly acquired the expertise in hacking any server.

Ravi started using his expertise to indulge in piracy of newly released movies. He was allegedly uploading pirated content on the website from the Caribbean islands.

The accused was allegedly uploading pirated Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi movies and television serials on the websites.

It was on August 30 that the Anti-Video Piracy Cell of the Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce lodged a complaint with Cybercrime police about film piracy after movies like Single, HIT, and Kuberra surfaced online on their release days.

A case was booked against on iBomma, Bappam and 65 mirror websites. These platforms had monthly views of 37 lakh.

Confident that police would never be able to trace him, he had thrown an open challenge to them not to focus on his websites.

On September 29, Hyderabad police arrested five accused who were hacking servers to download movies.

The accused include Ashwani Kumar from Bihar, who allegedly hacked servers of digital media companies to steal HD copies.

According to police, Cyril Infant Raj from Tamil Nadu was operating piracy websites and earned nearly Rs 2 crore in cryptocurrency.

Another accused, Jana Kiran Kumar of Hyderabad, reportedly recorded more than 100 films in theatres using concealed mobile devices.

Sudhakaran from Tamil Nadu confessed to recording 35 South Indian films, while Arsalan Ahmed allegedly uploaded pirated films to file-sharing platforms and circulated them through Telegram channels.

Severe cold wave sweeps Telangana, Hyderabad witnesses biting chill

Hyderabad: Winter chill has gripped Telangana with temperatures plummeting across all districts over the weekend. According to the Telangana State Development and Planning Society (TSDPS), minimum temperatures dropped below 10°C in several northern and western districts, signalling the peak phase of the ongoing cold wave.

Sirpur in Kumurambheem-Asifabad district recorded the state's lowest temperature at 7.4°C, followed by Kohir in Sangareddy at 8.1°C. Even Hyderabad experienced a sharp fall, with 10°C recorded at the HCU station in Serilingampally on

Sunday morning.

Weather officials indicated that the next two nights are likely to witness the coldest spell of the season, particularly in western Telangana, where temperatures may dip further to 6–7°C. Parts of Hyderabad are also expected to record minimums between 8°C and 10°C.

In contrast, relatively higher readings of around 15°C were observed only in Bhadradi Kothagudem, Wanaparthy, Khammam, and Jogulamba Gadwal districts. Most other regions continue to reel under single-digit minimums, pointing to



Akbaruddin Owaisi hails AIMIM's wins in Bihar, hints at retirement

Hyderabad: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) floor leader and Chandrayangutta MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi said that the party's success in the Bihar Assembly elections was a "slap in the face" to those who criticised it as an agent or "B-Team" of other political parties.

Inaugurating the Dr. Nooruddin Owaisi Educational Campus, built under the Salar-e-Millat Educational Trust at Hafeez Baba Nagar in the Old City on Saturday, November 15, Akbaruddin said that whichever government takes power in Telangana "invariably seeks friendship with the AIMIM."

He credited this to AIMIM's 'growing strength' and what he described as the "magic of the party."

Extending greetings to AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, Akbaruddin noted that the

party not only secured five seats in the Bihar Assembly elections but also supported the victorious Jubilee Hills candidate, Naveen Yadav.

"Those who said Majlis' relevance would end after Revanth Reddy became chief minister were taken by surprise when he extended a hand of friendship," Akbaruddin remarked during his address.

Akbaruddin Owaisi hints at retirement

Reflecting on his political journey, Akbaruddin said, "I have won six times as an MLA, receiving immense love and respect from the people. I established educational institutions to promote children's education. Now, only one wish remains — I want to rest. I am tired and wish to lead a peaceful life. If a strong leader emerges to take my place, I will gladly step aside and spend the rest of my life watching over the



institutions I have built."

Prior to the meeting, Akbaruddin took out a

padayatra (foot march) in the area before formally opening the new educational complex.

BJP will not come to power in Telangana in next 50 years: Raja Singh

Hyderabad: After the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) dismal performance in the Jubilee Hills by election, Goshamahal MLA T Raja Singh released a statement asking senior leaders to "save

necessitated after the passing of Maganti Gopinath in June this year.

The seat was won by Congress' Naveen Yadav with 98,988 votes, while the BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha trailed behind in second place with 74,259 votes.

Kishan Reddy, who represents the Secunderabad constituency in the Lok Sabha, which Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency is also a part of, was hit with criticism from chief minister Revanth Reddy over the party's falling vote share. "Kishan Reddy should think about why the BJP's votes have decreased

from 65,000 to 17,000. People have noticed his behaviour. The Jubilee Hills result should be seen as a tremor before an earthquake," the CM had remarked.

Meanwhile, Kishan Reddy has credited Congress's win to the support they received from AIMIM. He also alleged that Congress had distributed money to voters and said a formal complaint would be lodged with the Election Commission on the issue.

He has also assured that the party would review the by-poll result and redouble its efforts to win the Mayor's post in the upcoming GHMC elections.



the party."

"I don't think the BJP will come to power for another 50 years in Telangana. Maybe you should learn from other states how to win. If I said anything wrong, please forgive me, but consider my words; otherwise, BJP will fade in here," he appealed to Union ministers Bandi Sanjay, Kishan Reddy and and former BJP state president K Laxman.

Raja Singh resigned from the saffron party in June over N Ramchander Rao being appointed as the party's state president.

BJP candidate Lankala Deepak Reddy came in third with 17,061 votes in the Jubilee Hills by-election, which was

HYDRAA Launches Major Demolition Drive, Clears Illegal Constructions in Gachibowli

Hyderabad: In a major enforcement action, the HYDRAA task force carried out extensive demolition operations in Gachibowli on Monday, targeting several structures alleged to have been built on encroached government land. The drive followed complaints accusing the management of Sandhya Convention Hall of occu-

restoring the traffic corridor. The Mango Food Court and UNO Food Court—both accused of encroaching upon the same 40-ft road—were also demolished. A petrol bunk that had extended into the road was partially pulled down.

In addition, nearly 40 food containers and Chinese food stalls set up across two different 25-ft roads were removed. HYDRAA teams also demolished cellar ramps of a hospital building that had allegedly intruded into a 40-ft stretch. In total, illegal structures at seven points within the layout were cleared, and road boundaries were re-marked to bring the area back to its original plan.

Residents and plot owners in the FCI layout expressed relief, stating that the demolition has restored long-blocked access roads and addressed long-standing grievances. Many had approached the Telangana High Court claiming that their plots had been encroached upon and internal layout roads altered.

The court, taking a serious view of the allegations against Sandhya Sridhar Rao, ordered immediate corrective action. HYDRAA officials, following the instructions, executed the operation swiftly and indicated that similar action would be taken anywhere illegal constructions are identified.

Officials added that the task force will continue to respond promptly to complaints, as part of an ongoing effort to curb unauthorized structures across the city.



pying public property and raising unauthorized buildings within the Fertilizers Corporation of India Employees Cooperative Housing Society (FCI) layout.

Acting on the High Court's directives, HYDRAA teams moved in with heavy cranes and demolition machinery, clearing multiple illegal constructions that had reportedly been raised by blocking designated roads and open spaces. Local police coordinated closely with the task force, putting in place strict security measures to ensure the operation proceeded without disruption.

According to officials, a five-storey building constructed across a 40-ft road using an iron framework was dismantled,

Expansion of Metro Rail delayed in rapidly expanding North Hyderabad, raises questions over future development.

Hyderabad: North Hyderabad, one of the fastest-growing parts of the city with more than 30 lakh residents, is facing a major setback as the metro rail expansion promised for years continues to remain on hold. Despite rapid urbanization and growth as a key commercial hub, the region is yet to get the much-essential public transport infrastructure that it urgently deserves.

In all, the earlier BRS government had proposed IT parks, metro expansion, and elevated corridors to transform the area's transport network. Though groundworks on some of the proposals had begun, land acquisition for major stretches, including the Paradise–Suchitra route and the JBS–Shamirpet corridor, was still incomplete. These projects had originally been estimated to cost nearly ₹ 3,000 crore.

In fact, on coming to power, the Congress government linked development promises with political priorities, particularly in view of the Cantonment

elections. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had even laid foundation stones for an elevated corridor a few weeks before the election notification, but no progress has been made on it since then.

The residents contend that though population density and commercial activities are increasing dramatically, infrastructure development in North Hyderabad has failed to catch up with it. Even the much-publicized double-decker elevated corridor, which was to cater to both a road and metro line on a single pillar system, has become uncertain. The Congress government, after coming to office, revised the project design and declared that a road-cum-metro on the same pillars is “technically infeasible,” further casting doubts on metro connectivity in the region.

Though the state government promptly sent a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for metro expansion to the Cen-



tre, the Union government is yet to approve it. Since the clearance is nowhere in sight, the project effectively stalled.

Members of the North City Metro Sadhana Samithi are warning that the absence of metro expansion could se-

verely hamper growth in the area. According to them, without metro connectivity, the dream of developing North Hyderabad into a full-fledged core city will remain beyond reach, labeling the delay “a curse” for development in the region.

Finshore Management Services Opens Hyderabad Office to Boost Presence in South India

Hyderabad: Finshore Management Services Ltd., a SEBI-registered Category I Merchant Banker, has inaugurated its new branch in Hyderabad, Telangana, marking a strategic expansion into Southern India. The inauguration was held at the firm's new office in Kavuri Hills, Madhapur, in the presence of clients, partners, and key figures from the financial sector.

With over a decade of experience in merchant banking, Finshore has successfully managed more than 55 SME IPOs, along with Rights Issues, Open Offers, Buybacks, and valuation services for both domestic and international clients. The firm is recognized for its integrity, efficiency, and client-focused approach.

The Hyderabad branch is part of Finshore's plan to strengthen its presence in the southern region, where the city hosts over 39,800 SMEs and is emerging as a major financial hub. The new office aims to provide regional businesses with structured access to India's capital markets, along with governance support and long-term value creation.

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Speaking at the event, Ramakrishna Iyengar, Promoter and Director of Finshore, said, “Hyderabad is an important hub for entrepreneurial growth and investment. This new branch enables Finshore to serve the southern market more effectively while continuing to uphold our values of governance, integrity, and long-term value creation.”

S.K. Kumar, Director and Strategic Advisor – South India, who will lead the firm's initiatives in the region, added, “Hyderabad's growth story reflects India's entrepreneurial energy and financial resilience. With thousands of emerging SMEs across the region, our goal is to provide them with structured access to capital and guidance for sustainable growth.”



Finshore Management Services continues to offer a full range of merchant banking services, including IPO

advisory, capital raising, valuations, and strategic consulting, under strong governance and regulatory compliance.

Nearly 50 pc millennials fear jobs being replaced by AI: Report

Mumbai: Amid increasing adaptation to the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) at the workplace, nearly 50 pc millennials in the country fear that their jobs will be replaced by AI in the next three to five years, according to a report on Monday. The report by Great Place To Work India offered an in-depth look at how Indian employees are adapting to the growing influence of AI at work. The findings also highlight a positive shift across industries, with employees showing greater readiness and trust in leveraging AI as a catalyst for productivity and innovation.

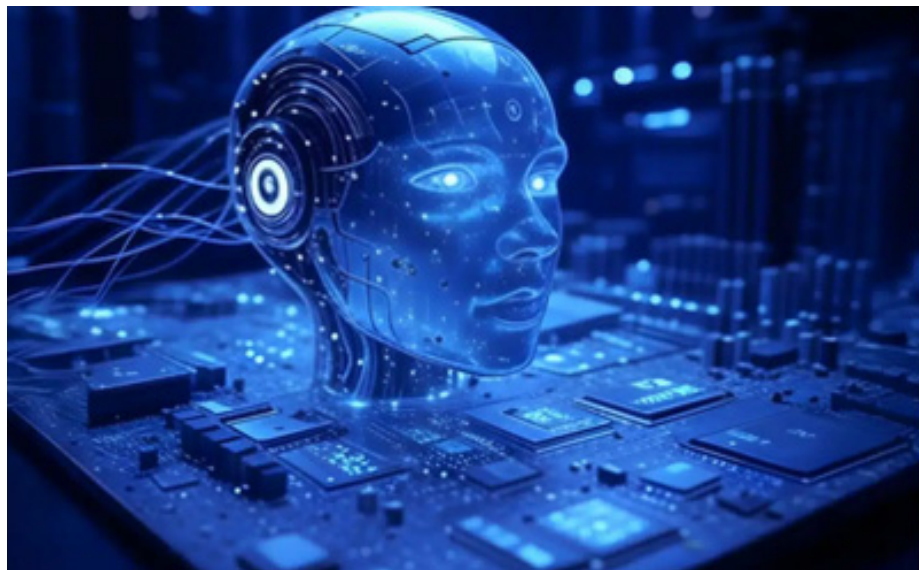
The report revealed that 54 per cent of employees across India believe their organisations are currently at a pilot or intermediate stage of AI implementation. This reflects the steady progress toward a more tech-empowered and efficient work environment. However, it revealed that four in 10 employees feel that AI could replace their roles in the next three to five years.

This apprehension is not confined to a single demographic and is consistent ir-

respective of tenure at the current organisation or total career experience. At least 40 per cent of the employees concerned about AI taking their employment also intend to quit their current company, revealed the report, highlighting a crucial and pressing issue for HR departments and senior leadership.

“As organisations across industries advance in AI implementation, leaders are devising high-impact AI strategies that enhance human capabilities. Roadblocks that currently need attention are organisational resistance, coupled with employee readiness,” said Balbir Singh, CEO, Great Place To Work, India. Further, about 57 per cent of employees in companies that have not adopted AI yet noted being insecure, as compared to 8 per cent at companies that are at advanced stages of AI adoption.

This positive shift highlights how structured adoption, leadership support, and inclusive communication can turn initial apprehension into genuine excitement



about the future of work. Singh urged employers to “actively identify real use cases for AI within their organisation, involve

employees in AI initiatives, and invest in reskilling programmes. This is the only way to stay above the curve and get the internal mobility running successfully from within.”

After layoffs, Microsoft plans fresh hiring focused on AI: Satya Nadella



New Delhi: After a year of major layoffs, Microsoft is preparing to grow its workforce again — but this time with a clear focus on artificial intelligence (AI). Speaking on the BG2 podcast with investor Brad Gerstner, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella said the company’s employee count will increase in a “smarter and more leveraged” way, driven by AI technology. “We will grow our headcount,” Nadella said, adding that future hiring will be shaped by how AI boosts productivity across the company.

Microsoft had about 2.28 lakh employees at the end of June 2025, with the number staying almost unchanged after several rounds of job cuts that affected over 15,000 workers. In contrast, before the AI boom in 2022, the company’s workforce had expanded by 22 per cent. The hiring slowdown came as Microsoft shifted its focus to investing in AI infrastructure, partnerships, and tools like Microsoft 365 Copilot and GitHub Copilot.

Nadella explained that the company has entered a new phase — not of mass hiring but of “targeted scaling,” where AI allows smaller teams to achieve much more. He described this as an “unlearning and learning process” in which employees must adapt to using AI in every part of their work, from research and planning to execution. He shared an example of a Microsoft executive who used AI agents to manage the company’s fiber-network operations when hiring couldn’t keep up with growing demand. “That’s an example of a smaller team achieving more because of AI,” Nadella said.

Meanwhile, earlier this year, multiple reports suggested that Microsoft laid off 4 per cent of its workforce, or around 9,000 employees, in yet another round of job cuts this year. According to The Seattle Times in July this year, employees in Microsoft’s Xbox division, known as Microsoft Gaming, are being hit hard by these layoffs.

“To position Gaming for enduring success and allow us to focus on strategic growth areas, we will end or decrease work in certain areas of the business and follow Microsoft’s lead in removing layers of management to increase agility and effectiveness,” said Xbox leader Phil Spencer in a message to the team.

Google security teams find 18 bugs in mass-level Android phones

Google's security teams have found 18 zero-day vulnerabilities in Samsung's Exynos chips, which are used in popular Android smartphones and wearables. According to Tim Willis, the head of Project Zero, the four most severe of these bugs allowed for "Internet-to-baseband remote code execution". Tests conducted by Project Zero confirmed that an attacker could remotely compromise a phone at the baseband level with no user interaction and only the knowledge of the victim's phone number. Google's security researchers that "skilled attackers" could quickly create an operational exploit to compromise affected devices silently and remotely.

Google advises users to turn off Wi-Fi

calling and Voice-over-LTE (VoLTE) in their device settings until security updates are available. This will remove the exploitation risk of these vulnerabilities. The affected devices are from Samsung, Vivo, Google (Pixel 6 and Pixel 7 series), any wearables that use the Exynos W920 chipset, and any vehicles that use the Exynos Auto T5123 chipset. Google expects that patch timelines will vary per manufacturer, and affected Pixel devices have already received a fix. Google also encourages users to update their devices as soon as possible to ensure that they are running the latest builds that fix both disclosed and undisclosed security vulnerabilities.

What are bugs?

In the context of computer software, a bug is a flaw or error in a program or system that causes it to behave unexpectedly or not as intended. Bugs can occur during the design, coding, testing, or maintenance phases of software development. They can result from mistakes made by programmers, unexpected interactions between different components of a system, or errors in the underlying software or hardware infrastructure.

Bugs can manifest in a variety of ways, such as crashes, incorrect calculations, incorrect behavior or output, security vulnerabilities, or other types of failures. They can range in severity from minor issues

that have little impact on the user experience to critical flaws that can cause serious harm, such as data breaches or system failures.

To identify and fix bugs, developers often use various tools and techniques such as testing, debugging, code analysis, and code reviews. In some cases, users may report bugs or issues they encounter while using software, which can help developers identify and address problems. Regular updates and patches are often released to fix bugs and improve software performance and security.

Accused of donating bad kidney to dad

Patna: Daya after quitting politics and 'disowning' her family, former Bihar chief minister and RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav's daughter Rohini Acharya has levelled serious allegations against her brother Tejashwi Yadav.

In a series of posts on X, Rohini charged cohorts of her brother, including accusing her of donating a "bad" kidney to her father, "in exchange for crores of rupees and a party ticket".

She further alleged that she had been "driven out" of her home by Tejashwi, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Yadav and Rameez, a close friend since her brother's cricketer days. "Yesterday abuses were heaped on me, and I was accused of donating my bad kidney to my father, and that too in exchange for crores of rupees and a party ticket," said Acharya, who had contested the Saran Lok Sabha seat in last year's general election.

In an obvious dig at Tejashwi and Sanjay Yadav, she said, "I would tell all married women never to do anything to save their parents, and if they have a brother, they should ask him to donate his own kidney or ask his Haryanavi friend to do so."

"I committed a sin by donating my kidney without seeking the approval of my husband or in-laws or thinking of my three children... may no



daughter meet the fate of Rohini," added Acharya, who had been based in Singapore, where her father underwent a kidney transplant three years ago.

In another post, she alleged that despite being "a married woman and a mother", abuses were hurled at her

and "a slipper was picked up to hurl at me" which led her to "leave my home, amid sobs, abandoning my parents and sisters".

"I have been made an orphan. May no household give birth to a daughter and a sister with a fate like that of Rohini," she added.

On Saturday, while boarding a flight for Delhi, Acharya had hinted before journalists that things turned sour when she insisted that accountability be fixed for the party's debacle in the recently held polls, in which the RJD won only 25 seats of the 243-strong Bihar Assembly.

John Ternus Emerges as Leading Contender to Succeed Tim Cook as Apple CEO in 2026

As Apple approaches its landmark 50th anniversary in 2026, the company is reportedly preparing for more than just a sweeping refresh of its devices. A major change in leadership may also be on the horizon. According to a recent report by a famous publication, CEO Tim Cook — who just turned 65 — is weighing the possibility of stepping down as early as next year. And at the top of Apple's internal shortlist for his replacement is John Ternus, the company's Senior Vice President of Hardware Engineering.

While Apple has not released any official statement regarding Cook's future, the publication notes that the company has accelerated its succession planning behind closed doors. Sources familiar with internal discussions say Ternus has emerged as the strongest candidate, with his name circulating more frequently in conversations about long-term leadership. His steady rise within Apple, coupled with the company's increasing emphasis on hardware innovation, places him in a natural position to take on the top role should Cook step aside.

Cook took over the CEO role in 2011 following Steve Jobs' departure. Over the past 14 years, he has transformed Apple into a \$4 trillion technology juggernaut—expanding far beyond its device roots into a global ecosystem of services, wearables, and subscription offerings. Under his leadership, the iPhone has evolved through major design eras, the Mac has fully transitioned to Apple Silicon, and the company has introduced entirely new product categories.

Although Cook has hinted he is not stepping down immediately—once joking that staying until 2050 might be “a bit of a stretch”—he has repeatedly emphasized how seriously Apple handles succession planning. Earlier this year on Dua Lipa's At Your Service podcast, Cook explained that Apple always prepares several internal leaders for a smooth transition, noting that “unforeseen events can happen at any time.” He has also clearly stated that Apple's next CEO will come from within the company, not from outside.

John Ternus is hardly a new figure within Apple's leadership circle. He joined the company in 2001, right as the iPod began reshaping Apple's identity. Over 24 years, he has worked closely



with both Steve Jobs and Tim Cook, steadily rising through engineering ranks before taking charge of hardware engineering for major product lines such as the iPhone, iPad, and Mac.

Ternus played a critical role in Apple's shift to its custom silicon—widely regarded as one of the company's boldest and most successful technological moves of the past decade. Colleagues describe him as soft-spoken, disciplined, and deeply focused on execution. His methodical and discreet

style mirrors Apple's internal culture and stands in contrast to the more publicly visible personas of Jobs and Cook.

Before Apple, Ternus worked as an engineer at Virtual Research Inc. from 1997 to 2001. He holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.

If Ternus steps into the CEO role at age 50, it would mark a generational shift at Apple—placing an engineer at the forefront at a time when the company is pushing aggressively into AI,

spatial computing, and next-generation hardware. Apple is also expanding the Vision Pro platform, advancing its work on AR devices, and continuing to fuel speculation around long-term projects like the Apple Car.

For now, any talk of a leadership handover remains speculative. Neither Cook nor Ternus has addressed the reports, and Apple has yet to comment. But with Apple entering a new era of innovation, the possibility of a leadership transition as early as next year is becoming increasingly real.

Pakistan using Khalistani elements to create rift between Hindus and Sikhs: Report

Islamabad: Pakistan continues to fuel discord between Hindus and Sikhs in India by using Khalistani elements through its intelligence agencies to further its agenda, a report highlighted on Saturday. It added that while Pakistan presents itself as “a friend and supporter” of Sikhs while at the same time funding and backing Khalistani separatists to carry out activities that damage the reputation of Sikhs worldwide.

According to a report in Khalsa Vox, Pakistan has once again exposed its intentions by humiliating and sending back Hindu pilgrims who had travelled to Nankana Sahib in Punjab province for the celebrations marking Guru Nanak Dev's

birth anniversary. “In a recent incident, around 14 Hindu devotees — including eight from Delhi and others from Lucknow — who were part of a group travelling to Nankana Sahib for the religious event, were insulted and sent back by Pakistani authorities,” a report detailed.

Hindu pilgrims said Pakistani officials prevented them from boarding the bus to Nankana Sahib, saying, “You are Hindus. You cannot go with the Sikh group”, and compelled them to walk back towards the Indian border. “Observers have questioned Pakistan's motives, asking: If Pakistani authorities had such an issue with Hindus, why were they granted visas in the first place? It appears that the entire purpose

was to humiliate them—first by issuing visas and allowing them into Pakistan, and then by publicly insulting and expelling them,” the report mentioned.

Condemning the incident, Indian officials described it as a “shocking and unprecedented act of discrimination.” The report stressed that these Hindu families, once residents of Pakistan, migrated to India in 1999, amid fear of persecution by Islamic extremists, and subsequently acquired Indian citizenship in 2008. Under the Shimla Agreement between India and Pakistan, groups of Indian pilgrims travel annually to Nankana Sahib to celebrate Guru Nanak Dev's “Prakash Parv”.