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ECI dismisses Rahul Gandhi's Haryana voter fraud allegations, questions Congress' vigilance

alleging deliberate negligence. He cited instances of individuals registered multiple times under different names and addresses, including a woman whose photograph appeared on 22 different voter cards. This controversy follows Gandhi's earlier criticism of the ECI's handling of voter deletions in Karnataka, where he accused the Commission of shielding anti-democratic forces—a charge the ECI dismissed as 'baseless'. As political tensions mount ahead of critical elections, the ECI's firm rebuttal highlights the imperative for all political parties to actively ensure electoral integrity and adhere to due process. The episode underscores the ongoing challenge of safeguarding public trust in India's democratic institutions amidst fierce political rivalry.

Rijiju rejects Rahul Gandhi's vote theft claims, accuses Congress of political diversion

New Delhi, Nov 5 (UNI) union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju today strongly dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of large-scale vote theft in Haryana, accusing him of making baseless claims to divert attention from the party's struggles in Bihar and mislead young voters. Speaking at a press briefing, Rijiju said, “Rahul Gandhi held a press conference not to focus on the Bihar polls, but to hide his failures by raising the Haryana issue. This clearly shows Congress has nothing substantial left in Bihar, so they resort to distractions.” He urged Gandhi to concentrate on serious matters rather than spreading unfounded accusations. Rijiju ridiculed Gandhi's recurring warnings of an impending “hydrogen bomb” of electoral fraud, remarking, “Rahul Gandhi says the bomb is going to explode, but it never does.” He also pointed to internal turmoil within Haryana Congress, citing senior leaders who admitted to organizational weaknesses and infighting. “When their own leaders confess to losing due to their own conflicts, and Rahul Gandhi blames the Election Commission, who will believe him?” he questioned. The minister further criticized Gandhi's frequent overseas trips during critical election periods, suggesting the Congress leader imports foreign narratives to create “baseless stories” and waste public time. “Politicians should address real issues, not indulge in futile distractions,” Rijiju added. Earlier in the day, Gandhi alleged a massive voter fraud scheme in Haryana involving nearly 25 lakh fake votes, duplicate entries, and manipulated electoral rolls. He accused Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar of misleading the public about the classification of homeless voters and exposed cases of bogus voter IDs. Rijiju labeled these allegations “misguided and irresponsible,” defending the BJP's commitment to democratic values and fair elections. He also accused Congress of shielding Gandhi and deflecting blame onto Electronic Voting Machines, stating, “Their so-called ‘hydrogen bomb’ allegations have never detonated.” As the political temperature rises ahead of key state assembly polls, Rijiju's robust defense aims to assure voters of the government's dedication to electoral integrity, while highlighting the deepening polarization within India's political landscape, especially among the influential youth vote.

Battle lines drawn: NDA vs INDIA bloc in crucial first phase of Bihar

voting will take place from 7 am to 5 pm at 56 polling stations, while the remaining polling stations in Suryagarha will remain open until 6 pm. The first phase includes over 7.37 lakh first-time voters, most of them aged 18–19 years. In addition, about 1.96 lakh young voters aged 18–40 years are expected to play a decisive role in shaping the outcome. This phase of the election is being seen as a ‘political litmus test’ for both Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and the INDIA bloc's chief ministerial candidate, Tejashwi Prasad Yadav. Nitish's political base has traditionally been strongest in these regions, while Tejashwi's alliance had won the most seats here in the previous election. Political observers expect a closely fought contest between the two main alliances—the NDA, comprising BJP-JD(U)-HAM-RLM and LJP (Ram Vilas), and the INDIA bloc of RJD-Congress-VIP-IIP and the Left parties.

However, poll strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaaj Party is expected to make an impact in a few constituencies, making the contest between the two alliances more intense. Although there is no visible wave either in support of or against Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, voting in this phase will indicate whether his ‘Sushasan’ (good governance) factor still holds sway. Thursday's polling is also expected to reveal whether anti-incumbency sentiments exist in Bihar, whether Hindu polarisation has taken place, how much the Owaisi factor influences the results, and whether Chirag Paswan can repeat his performance from the parliamentary elections. Several prominent leaders are contesting in this phase, and voters will determine their political fortunes. The list includes JD(U) state president Umesh Singh Kushwaha from Mahanar, RLM president Madan Chaudhary from Paroo, and IIP's Indrajit Prasad Gupta from Saharsa. Among the political heavyweights in the fray are the INDIA bloc's chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav from Raghopur, his brother Tej Pratap Yadav (Janshakti Janata Dal) from Mahua, and Deputy Chief Ministers — Samrat Choudhary from Tarapur and Vijay

Kumar Sinha from Lakhisarai. A total of 16 ministers from the Nitish Kumar government are contesting in this phase—11 from the BJP and five from the JD(U).

India, US holding continuous discussions for bilateral trade agreement: Piyush Goyal

In February this year, leaders of India and the U.S. directed officials to negotiate a proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). They have fixed a deadline to conclude the first tranche of the pact by the fall of 2025. These deliberations are important, as relations between the two countries have been under severe strain since the U.S. President Donald Trump administration imposed a steep 50% tariff on Indian goods. It includes a 25% additional import duty for buying Russian crude oil. The proposed pact aims to more than double the bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030 from the current \$191 billion. The U.S. remained India's largest trading partner for the fourth consecutive year in 2024-25, with bilateral trade valued at \$131.84 billion (\$86.5 billion exports). It accounts for about 18% of India's total goods exports, 6.22% in imports, and 10.73% in the country's total merchandise trade. India's merchandise exports to the U.S. declined by 11.93% to \$5.46 billion in September due to the high tariffs imposed by Washington, while imports increased by 11.78% to \$3.98 billion during the month, according to the Commerce Ministry data.

Nara Lokesh congratulates Zohran Mamdani,

across the world,” wrote Lokesh. Democratic socialist Zohran Mamdani has been elected as the mayor of New York City, defeating former New York governor Andrew Cuomo. The 34-year-old became the first Muslim and first of Indian descent to hold the office. Born on October 18, 1991, in Kampala, Uganda, Mamdani is the son of Ugandan scholar Mahmood Mamdani and acclaimed Indian filmmaker Mira Nair. His early years took him from Uganda to South Africa and then to New York City, where he attended the Bank Street School for Children and Bronx High School of Science. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 2014 with a degree in Africana Studies, where he co-founded a Students for Justice in Palestine chapter. In his victory speech, Mamdani quoted India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to declare that with his win, the city has stepped out from the old into the new. Mamdani, who is also the youngest to hold the office of New York City mayor, also stated that his victory toppled a political dynasty. "Standing before you, I think of the words of Jawaharlal Nehru - a moment comes, but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends and when the soul of a nation long suppressed finds utterance. Tonight, we have stepped out from the old into the new," he said in his victory speech.

Rajini to be moved again? Jagan plans another shift!

constituency just days before the election and campaigning tirelessly, she lost in the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance wave. Since then, Rajini has been actively participating in YSRCP's district-level programs, joining protests and meetings, and fiercely criticizing the government. But Jagan reportedly wants to field a strong BC candidate against Minister Anagani Satya Prasad in Repalle, where BCs form a majority. Reliable sources say party leaders are pressuring Rajini to contest from there. Although Rajini is said to be reluctant to move again, Jagan is determined to convince her. In the past, leaders like Mopidevi Venkataramana kept the party active in Repalle, but after his defection to TDP, YSRCP's local unit weakened. Even though Eepuri Ganesh is currently in charge, Jagan is reportedly unhappy with his low visibility in protests. Hence, Jagan has decided to send Rajini to Repalle to strengthen the party's presence there. Party sources say this may be the first of several major reshuffles planned in the coming months.

EESL to setup India's largest geothermal energy technology pilot project in AP

temperature remains constant throughout the year, making geothermal systems both highly efficient and reliable. Technologies such as earth air tunnel systems and ground source heat pumps help in maintaining comfortable indoor environments in buildings while drastically reducing energy consumption. These systems lower electricity usage by nearly 50%, require minimal maintenance, and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions — while ensuring enhanced comfort standards for tourists. The deployment of GET is aimed at not only improving tourist amenities but also demonstrating how clean energy-powered tourism infrastructure can become a catalyst for sustainable economic growth. The GET project will contribute to improved living standards in tourist centers, deliver substantial opera-

tional savings to tourism establishments, and create a scalable model that can be replicated across the country. “It shows how environmental leadership and tourism excellence can go hand in hand, driving clean growth, creating new economic opportunities, and playing a vital role in India’s fight against climate change,” said an EESL spokesperson.

Rice card-holders will be given 1 kg wheat flour for Rs.18 from January: Minister Nadendla

brand of machines, and the farmers could schedule their paddy sales by posting a ‘Hi’ message on WhatsApp from their mobile phones. Mr. Manohar said from January 1, 2026, the government would distribute one kg of wheat flour per family at Rs.18 for those having rice cards. For this, 2,400 MT of wheat flour was kept ready. cylinders Under the Deepam-2 scheme, LPG cylinders were given to 90 lakh beneficiaries in the third phase, which would continue until November 30. The Civil Supplies Department distributed essential commodities to 2,39,169 families affected by Cyclone Montha, the Minister said. He further stated that e-Crop registration had been completed in many districts, with 39.51 lakh acres recorded for the sake of paddy procurement. A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Vice-Chairman & Managing Director S. Dilli Rao and Director of Civil Supplies R. Govinda Rao were present.

Partnership Summit works are prestigious for GVMC

and beautification works taken up in connection with the summit. He warned that any lapses in quality would lead to disciplinary action against the responsible officials. The Mayor also stated that he would personally inspect the development works being executed for the summit. He added that as a large number of delegates from India and abroad will be visiting Visakhapatnam for the

Partnership Summit, all beautification works undertaken with GVMC funds should be completed on time, attractively, and with the highest quality standards. The Mayor reviewed the progress of development works being taken up in various wards and inquired about the number of tenders issued, their present status, and pending tenders. He also sought updates from the zonal supervisory engineers on the status of ongoing works such as function halls, roads, drains, culverts, central median development, electrical works, city beautification, wall paintings, and other civic projects. He directed engineering officials to blacklist contractors who fail to commence or complete the awarded works within the stipulated time. The Mayor further instructed officials to make the beachfront areas more attractive and scenic. The review meeting was attended by Superintending engineers Sampath Kumar, Govinda Rao, K. Srinivasa Rao, Royal Babu, Shanti Raju, as well as executive engineers, deputy executive engineers and other officials.

The Government's Goal is to keep people Healthy and Happy

with a cost of Rs. 25 lakh for everyone. He said that a pilot project called Sanjeevani is being implemented in Kuppam and that digitized medical services will be made available to all the people of the state in a phased manner. The minister explained that services are already being provided in the KGH Nephrology Department with 13 sub-units and in addition, with the help of NTPC, another 10 new sub-units have been provided. He said that all kinds of measures have been taken to provide services here to those with dangerous diseases. The Minister reminded that better medical services are being provided to all the poor through NTR Medical Services. Mayor Peela Srinivasa Rao, MLAs Velagapudi Ramakrishna Babu, Vishnu Kumar Raju, Vamsi Krishna Srinivas, District Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad, NTR Vaidya Seva Trust Chairman Seethamraju Sudhakar, AMC Alumni Association Chairman Dr. Raviraju, AMC Principal Dr. KVS Sandhyadevi, KGH Administrator BV Ramana, Superintendent Dr. I. Vani, RMO Dr. Srihari, Nephrology Department In-charge HOD Dr. Ratnaprabha, NTPC representatives Patro, Prakash and others participated in the program.

Handlooms, handicrafts expo inaugurated in Vijayawada

Vijayawada, Nov 5: Weavers and artisans from across the country have put up over 70 stalls at the auditorium of Sri Seshasai Kalyana Vedula near Bandar Road in Vijayawada as part of ‘Vasantham 2025’, a handloom and handicrafts exhibition organised by Craft Council of Andhra Pradesh. The two-day event, inaugurated on Wednesday (November 5) by Minister for IT and Communications and HRD Nara Lokesh has it all — from the rich Kalamkari paintings of Andhra Pradesh and the fine Pochampally Ikat weaves to the Kancheepuram silks glowing with gold zari borders and Bengal's soft jamdanis. The kaleidoscope of craft has natural dyes integrated into the earthy aroma of hand-spun cotton. Intricate motifs of Sambalpur saris narrate the myths of the region and artisans from Rajasthan display artistically painted pottery and mirror-embroidered textiles, shimmering under warm lights. A stall from Kashmir offers pashmina shawls so soft they seem to float, while another



er showcases bamboo and jute handicrafts from the Northeast that are eco-friendly, elegant and contemporary in design. Beyond the riot of colours and textures, the exhibition is also a marketplace of livelihoods. Many of the participating artisans are self-help group members or independent weavers who rely on such platforms to sustain their families and preserve their traditional skills. The Minister went around the stalls

and interacted with the artisans to know more about the details of their work on display. He also launched ‘Kothuru Vasanta Varna’, a new handloom brand which promotes fabrics made with natural and eco-friendly dyes. Chairperson of the Craft Council of Andhra Pradesh S. Ranjana, vice-chairperson B. Sujatha along with executive members Saubhagya Lakshmi, Padma, Shailaja and others were present.

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