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Saif Ali Khan Discharged from Hospital Bollywood



Five days after getting seriously injured in a knife attack, Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan was discharged from the Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai on Tuesday. He has been advised complete bed rest for a week and asked not to receive visitors to prevent any infection. The actor was accompanied by his wife, actor Kareena Kapoor, as he left the hospital for his home in Bandra. Khan stepped out of the hospital smiling and waving at the fans, who had gathered in large numbers outside the hospital. There was a heavy police bandobast in the hospital premises. Heavy police force has been deployed at the actor's Bandra residence.

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Trump births confusion among NRIs

Worried Indians plan to come back to homeland

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US President Donald Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants born in the country has sent shockwaves among immigrant communities, including an estimated 7.5 lakh undocumented Indians currently residing in the United States. American Civil Liberties Union, NAACP Legal

Defense and Educational Fund, State Democracy Defenders Fund and Asian Law Caucus filed a lawsuit, on behalf of immigrant support organisations, arguing that the order violates the 14th Amendment. Although more lawsuits and legal disputes are being prepared by Democrat-backed organisations, the announcement has already sparked widespread discontent among Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and persons of Indian-origin. A



study cited that more than 7.5 lakh undocumented Indians are currently in the United States, and the decision taken by Trump will severely affect not just those currently living in the US, but also future travellers.

Deepa Kathi, a four-month pregnant IT professional in California, said "This decision has turned my joy into worry. I was hoping I could provide my child with a better future, but this decision has completely shocked me. I might return back to India with my husband soon." Bhanu Kumar, a student pursuing MS in New Jersey, said "The 14th Amendment grants citizenship to anyone who is born in this country, irrespective

of whether the parents are documented or not. The order is completely violating the base on which the USA stood."

Netizens too voiced similar opinions, with many saying Persons of Indian Origin (POI) will come back to India from the US. A user on X wrote "EO on birthright citizenship just encapsulated H1B visa holders too. Good luck keeping tech companies at bay."

Skyroot to Invest Rs 500 Cr in Telangana

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Skyroot Aerospace would invest ₹500 crore in setting up a private rocket manufacturing, integration and testing unit in Telangana. A memorandum of understanding to this effect was signed between the Telangana government and Skyroot Aero Space at the World Economic Forum in Davos on Tuesday. Expressing his happiness over the agreement, Chief

Minister A Revanth Reddy said he was proud that a Hyderabad-based company had achieved success in the field of cutting-edge technology. He congratulated the youth of Telangana for showcasing their excellent talent in the world and coming forward to invest in the state.

The Chief Minister said that the government's partnership with Skyroot Aerospace would demonstrate its strategic vision in the space sector. Revanth Reddy said that



Hyderabad would soon be developed as a hub for private sector space activities. Skyroute Aerospace co-founder Pawan Chandana said they

are happy to invest in Telangana and would be a part of achieving the goals of Telangana Rising and Hyderabad Rising under the leadership of Revanth Reddy.

Similarly, minister D. Sridhar Babu held detailed discussions with the MTC Group on expanding their hub-and-spoke model to Telangana. The Mitsui Japan group holds 25 per cent equity in the MTC Group. During the discussions, various plans and projects.

Etala Rajendar Slaps Realtor Amid Land Dispute

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In a heated altercation over a land dispute in Ekasilanagar, Pocharam IT Corridor, BJP MP Etala Rajendar was involved in an incident where he allegedly slapped a realtor. The dispute, between local plot owners and real estate agents, revolves around a 149-acre layout purchased by employees of various government departments in 1985. Police have registered a case against Rajendar and six others for wrongful restraint, causing hurt, criminal intimidation, and



insult. Rajendar, who was leading the plot owners, explained his actions by saying that he was compelled to act to protect the interests of the common people. "The circumstances made me act in order to protect 'dharma' and stand with the common man to safeguard their genuine rights," he later told Deccan Chronicle. He criticized the failure of revenue and police

officials to intervene, claiming he had to step in to address the lawlessness in the area. "I have never seen such lawlessness in my 25 years of political career," he added. The dispute traces back to the 1980s when 2,076 employees purchased the land, which was initially far from the city and filled with boulders and shrubs. As the land's value rose over time, some local real estate agents allegedly forged documents to claim the property as agricultural land. Court rulings in 2006 and 2011 favored the plot owners.

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Parliamentary Panel Weighs NRI Representation in Parliament



The parliamentary committee on external affairs is contemplating over representation of NRIs in the Parliament in view of their growing number and unique issues concerning the diaspora. On Tuesday, evidence of the diaspora organisations in connection with examination of the subject "Indian diaspora overseas including NRIs, PIOs, OCIs and migrant workers: all aspects of their conditions and welfare, including the status of the emigration Bill," took place.

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Trump's UN ambassador pick says Israel has 'biblical right' to West Bank

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Elise Stefanik, President Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, has expressed strong support for Israel's "biblical" claim over the West Bank, aligning with far-right Israeli leaders Bezael Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir. During her confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday, Stefanik confirmed her stance when asked about the issue, stating, "Yes," in response to whether she agreed with the belief that Israel has a divine right to the entire West Bank. In



her opening statements, Stefanik outlined her commitment to implementing Trump's "America First" policy, emphasizing national security leadership on the world stage. If confirmed, she promised to audit U.S. funding to the UN and work to counter China's growing influence at the international body while reaffirming staunch U.S. support for Israel. Stefanik's remarks on the West Bank signal a stark con-

trast with the Biden administration's approach, particularly regarding Israeli settlements, which are considered illegal under international law. The Biden administration had consistently opposed settlement expansion, though it also maintained strong support for Israel at the UN.

When pressed by Democratic Senator Chris Van Hollen on her position regarding Palestinian self-determination, Stefanik sidestepped the question but acknowledged that Palestinians "deserve human rights," though she attributed their plight to "terrorist leaders."

PM Modi likely to visit Mahakumbh on Feb 5

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit the Mahakumbh on February 5, said a top bureaucrat, who is in the know of things, over phone from Prayagraj.

The PM is expected to take the holy dip in the Ganga, perform aarti of the river and offer



prayers. Later, he may visit Akshayvat, Saraswati Koop and Bade Hanuman Mandir to offer prayers. During his visit, PM Modi is also likely to honour the work force responsible for making Maha-

kumbh divine and grand. Officials sources claimed that approval had been received from the PMO but minute-to-minute protocol was yet to be received. The last Amrit Snan of Basant Panchami will be completed on February 3 after which naga sadhus of all 13 Akhadas will leave the tent city.

Union home minister

Amit Shah was also expected to visit Mahakumbh on January 27, said the bureaucrat over the phone. On Sunday, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath said President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah were likely to attend the Mahakumbh in

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gana's long-term vision for development under the 'Telangana Rising 2050' initiative, emphasizing the state's focus on sustainability and economic growth. As part of the agreement, Unilever will establish a palm oil facility and refining unit in Kamareddy district. CM Revanth Reddy assured full

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14 Naxals killed along Odisha-Chh'garh border

Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday said 14 Naxals were killed in a joint operation by the CRPF, Special Operation Group of Odisha and Chhattisgarh Police along the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border. Describing it as another mighty blow to Naxalism, he said, "With the resolve for a Naxal-free India and joint efforts of security forces, Naxalism is breathing its last today". "Another mighty blow to Naxalism. Our security forces achieved major success towards building a Naxal-free Bharat. The CRPF, SoG Odisha, and Chhattisgarh Police neutralised 14 Naxalites in a joint operation along the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border," Shah wrote on 'X'.

An official said the Naxals were killed in a fresh exchange of fire that took place late Monday and early Tuesday morning in a forest under the Mainpur police station area along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border. A senior police officer of Raipur Zone confirmed the death toll, adding that a substantial cache of weapons was recovered from the site, including AK-47s, SLRs, INSAS rifles, and other automatic firearms.

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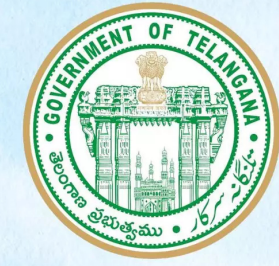
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Adivasis Protest for Action on Pending Tribal Welfare Issues



Adivasis held a dharna seeking ROFR (Record of Forest Rights) documents and sought a road map for the same as promised by the government. They sought a discussion on the issue in the Assembly. Addressing the dharna near Indira Park here, Telangana Tribal Sangham state president Midiam Babu Rao, former Bhadrachalam MP, said, "Gutti koya tribals in Mulugu and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts are not getting caste certificates and are thus not able to avail any government schemes. Meetings of tribal advisory councils should be held along with ITDA councils at the district level and issues discussed to implement them."

The government should ensure tenders are called for proper collection of tendu leaves and payment of pending bonus payment for the same and payment of cash in the gram sabhas as the online system is being misused. Fake caste certificates should be verified by the ITDA and weeded out, he said. Officials responsible for their issue should be punished. Those responsible for denying loan waiver to tribals should be punished, he said and sought a mechanism of tribal welfare department, revenue and bankers to solve it.

A separate DSC should be conducted for the agency areas and vacant posts filled, he said and sought reinstatement of GO MS NO. 3 by writing to the centre. The leaders further sought declaration of villages with more than 50 per cent tribal population and their inclusion in the Fifth Schedule. They sought forest clearance for laying of roads, borewells for drinking water schemes

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The finance department was reportedly kept out of crucial decisions taken by the then BRS government concerning the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), particularly in relation to the funds allocated for the project. This revelation surfaced during the cross-examination of Special Chief Secretary (Finance) K. Ramakrishna Rao by the Justice P.C. Ghose-headed commission of inquiry, which is probing various aspects of the KLIS barrages. Ramakrishna Rao, who has been heading the finance department since 2014 when the BRS assumed power, informed the commission



that a core committee of senior officials overseeing the project did not regularly update his department on its progress. When questioned about compliance with Government Order (GO) No. 2412, dated November 3, 2016, which mandated regular updates, Rao stated, "There is no record of the committee constituted by the GO apprising the progress of

the project on a continuous basis." The inquiry further examined GO No. 145, issued on October 6, 2015, which specified that the project was to be executed on a turnkey basis. When Justice Ghose pointed out that deviations from this directive were observed, Rao responded, "Whatever is in the GO is correct." Instead of the turnkey model, the project reportedly followed a 'piece rate' system, wherein the government took charge of investigations, planning, and design, while contractors were responsible solely for execution. The finance department official was also questioned about the establishment of the Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project Corporation Limited (KIPCL), which was set up to fund the KLIS project. Rao revealed that KIPCL was initially provided with a corpus fund of Rs 100 crore and was tasked with generating further revenues. Revenue sources included the sale of water to industries, supply for drinking water purposes, and the development of tourism facilities at project sites.

Kumram Bheem Asifabad to be child marriage-free within a year

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Kumram Bheem Asifabad is among 73 districts across the country selected by Niti Aayog in collaboration with the Association for Voluntary Action (AVA) to be converted into a 'child marriage-free' district in one year.

Both Niti Aayog and the Association for Voluntary Action joined hands to focus on the most vulnerable regions of India to protect, empower and educate children, and aim to cover 15,000 villages in 104 blocks in the country recently.

Extending complete support to the initiative, SURE, a Hyderabad-based voluntary organisation, expressed solidarity and said that this collaboration between AVA and NITI Aayog gave them a new lease of enthusiasm and they were com-



mitted to making Kumram Bheem Asifabad district free from any kind of child exploitation including child labour, child trafficking, child marriage and child abuse.

Both SURE and AVA are partners of Just Rights for Children, a network of over 250 NGOs working for child protection and child rights in 416 districts of the country..

Adi Srinivas Praises Government's Initiatives for Workers' Welfare and Local Industries

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Adi Srinivas, the Government Whip, outlined a series of initiatives aimed at boosting the welfare of workers and women in Telangana. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, fulfilling his promise to support the state's leaders, has ensured the welfare of the working class by focusing on job creation.

In a significant move, the government has ordered 4.6 crore meters of sarees from Sircilla Power Looms, marking the first phase of a project that will provide work for 20,000 power looms in Sircilla for the next eight months. This initiative is part of the government's broader plan to support workers and empower women, with plans



to distribute two sarees to women in self-help groups.

Contrasting this initiative with the previous government's approach, Adi Srinivas noted that the earlier administration had sourced Bathukamma sarees from Surat, leading to dissatisfaction over commissions. In contrast, the current government aims to provide high-quality sarees, directly benefiting the local economy and women.

Further supporting local industries, the government has instructed public sector undertakings to place their

orders with Tesco, fostering growth in Telangana's industrial sector.

In a recent assembly admission, KTR acknowledged that during his tenure, Bathukamma sarees were sourced from Surat, but he failed to establish a yarn depot in Sircilla. In response, the Congress government set up a yarn depot in Vemulawada, investing Rs 50 crores to provide workers with yarn at a 90 percent subsidy.

Adi Srinivas emphasized that despite the efforts of the previous government, which left Rs 222 crores in debts for the workers, the current administration has cleared these dues, including the electricity arrears of the Sircilla Municipal Office. The government also announced that applications for ration cards will continue to be accepted.

Gram sabhas in Mancheril district see people blaming officials

People found fault with officials for selecting ineligible beneficiaries in implementing the Indiramma housing scheme. They raised their voice against the process of identification of the beneficiaries at a grama sabha held at Andugulapet village in Mandamari mandal on Tuesday. The participants of the meeting flayed the officials for choosing ineligible beneficiaries in order to implement the housing scheme of the government. They said the officials made blunders while selecting the beneficiaries.

Illegal layouts continue to sprout across Mancheril district

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Illegal layouts continue to sprout in the town even after conversion of Mancheril municipality into a corporation.

Some people, allegedly followers of local MLA K Prensagar Rao, have developed a real estate project on the outskirts of Rangapet in survey number 75 in the heart of the town without obtaining prior approval of the Director of Town, Country Planning (DTCP). They did not convert the agricultural land to commercial one, under the

Non-agriculture Lands Assessment Act (NALA), causing huge revenue losses to the government.

While many developers who were reeling under crisis due to stoppage of registrations of assets even after paying huge taxes to the government under NALA, certain people are selling house sites by openly flouting norms with the help of their proximity to the MLA. The real estate developers have requested the officials to take action against those who violate the rules and evade taxes.

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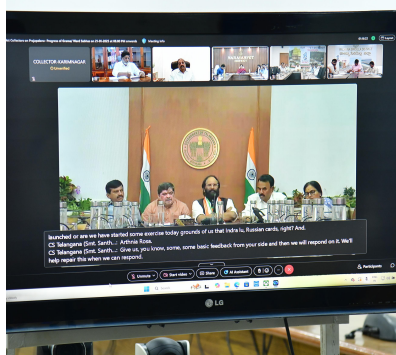
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and progressive policies aligned with global standards. He also presented Telangana's long-term vision for development under the 'Telangana Rising 2050' initiative, emphasizing the state's focus on sustainability and economic growth. As part of the agreement, Unilever will establish a palm oil facility and refining unit in Kamareddy district. CM Revanth Reddy assured full government support and offered suitable locations for the project. Additionally, Unilever will set up a manufacturing unit to produce bottle caps, a critical component for its range of liquid products. Currently, these caps are imported in large quantities, and the new facility is expected to boost Telangana's manufacturing sector. Expressing enthusiasm over Unilever's expansion, CM Revanth Reddy welcomed the company's entry into Telangana and reiterated the government's commitment.

Deputy CM Leads Key Discussion on Ration Cards and Indiramma Houses

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, along with several ministers, including Ponnampati Prabhakar, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Jupally Krishna Rao, Tummala Nageswara Rao, and Chief Secretary C.S. Shanthy Kumari, conducted a video conference with district collectors to address critical administrative issues.



The meeting focused on topics such as the public administration of gram sabhas, ration card issuance, and the acceptance of applications for

Indiramma houses. During the session, Deputy CM Vikramarka emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to ensuring effective welfare program implementation. He stressed the importance of gram sabhas for fostering transparent communication between the government and citizens, which in turn would streamline the processing of ration cards and Indiramma housing applications.

Koppula Eshwar Criticizes Congress Government on Ration Cards and Dalit Welfare

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Former Minister Koppula Eshwar, accompanied by former MLA Korukanti Chander and former Corporation Chairmen Ravinder Singh, Balaraj Yadav, and Lok Babu Reddy, voiced sharp criticism against the Congress government at Telangana Bhavan. Eshwar highlighted the growing discontent among the public, particularly in Gram Sabhas, where

the Chief Minister and Ministers struggled to respond to challenging questions. He claimed that public representatives and officials were fleeing the Sabhas due to the mounting frustration from the citizens.

Eshwar took aim at the Congress government's handling of ration cards, accusing them of misleading the public. He pointed out that during the BRS regime, 6.47 lakh ration cards were distributed, with promises to clear any pending applica-



tions if BRS returned to power.

In contrast, he alleged that the Congress government was working to reduce the number of ration cards and had

failed to raise the income limit for eligibility over the past eleven years. Eshwar questioned the inefficiency in the current application process, accusing

the Congress of wasting time under the guise of taking applications. Addressing Dalit welfare, Eshwar condemned the Congress for not fulfilling promises made under the Chevella SC/ST declaration.

He criticized the lack of representation for Dalits in the Revanth ministry and accused the government of failing to implement the SC/ST sub-plan. Eshwar also claimed that the Congress had neglected the 2017 Act aimed at protecting SCs

and STs and had not disbursed the promised Rs. 45 crore compensation for 5,000 people. Eshwar contrasted the Congress's failures with the achievements of KCR's Dalit Bandhu program, which allocated Rs. 10 lakh to Dalit families. He called for immediate implementation of the Chevella Dalit Declaration, accusing the Congress of diverting attention from critical issues and failing to advance Dalit welfare in Telangana.

Governor of Telangana Commemorates Statehood Day of Northeastern States at Raj Bhavan

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The Governor of Telangana, Jishnu Dev Varma, attended the Statehood Day celebrations for Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad, as the chief guest. The event, organized under the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" initiative, celebrated the cultural heritage and aspirations of these three Northeastern states.

In his address, the Governor highlighted the alignment of the initiative with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of promoting cultural unity across India. He emphasized the role of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" in strengthening cultural connections, fostering mutual understanding, and celebrating



the nation's linguistic and cultural diversity, as well as its tourism, sports, and shared best practices.

Reflecting on the Northeast's significance, the Governor urged greater national and international attention towards Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura. He praised these states' potential as prime tourist destinations, rich in her-

itage, natural beauty, and cultural vibrancy.

The Governor also honored the achievement of full-fledged statehood, noting the progress and resilience of these states. Video messages from the Governors of Tripura, Indrasena Reddy Nallu, and Manipur, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, were shared, alongside speeches from represen-

tatives of the states, emphasizing their unique identities.

Traditional dances were performed, with First Lady Sudha Dev Varma joining the artists on stage. Special performances highlighted the cultural diversity of the Northeast.

The event was attended by Sudha Dev Varma, First Lady of Telangana; M. Dana Kishore, Principal Secretary to the Governor; J. Bhavani Shankar, Joint Secretary to the Governor; and several distinguished guests from the three states, including officers and staff of Raj Bhavan. The celebration served as a tribute to the unity and rich traditions of India's Northeastern region.

Gudur says :The friendship between Trump and Modi would go a long way in ensuring good relations between India and US.

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Bharatiya Janata Party state senior leader Gudur Narayana Reddy on Tuesday, stated in his Media statement wholeheartedly welcomed inauguration of Donald Trump as 47th President of United States of America, he wished that the Trump's next four years term would strengthen relations between India and the United States immensely since he has a warm relations with Prime Minister of India shri Narendra Modi ji.

"The friendship between Trump and Modi would go a long way in ensuring good relations between India and US. The two world leaders would be in office for the next four years and would work together on relations between both



nations and also on the issues of world," he observed.

He stated that the second term of Trump has a positive outset as a six week ceasefire has taken place between Hamas and Israel. This has brought peace in the West Asia.

He expressed hope that Trump would play key role in ending the war between Russia and Ukraine. "If this is achieved world would heave a sigh of relief," he added.

The BJP leader said that India may take the help of United States

under the leadership of Donald Trump in facing the threat of terrorism from Pakistan. US's help can also be taken to control the Islamic forces in Bangladesh.

As far as the economy is concerned, peace in world, with the end of conflicts between Hamas and Israel, Russia and Ukraine, would ensure reduction in inflation in the world and would lead to growth of the international economy.

Mr Narayana Reddy said that Donald Trump may take steps to rein in the aggressive China and it may help India to achieve peace in the northern front of the country. The US president may check the growing relations between China and Pakistan which would improve the safety of India in the western front.

He recalled that when Trump was president of US between 2016 and 2020, several agreements have been signed between US and India. They include Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA), Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), Industrial Security Annex (ISA), Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), \$ 3 Billion Drone Deal for MQ-9B SeaGuardian Drones, MH-60R Seahawk Helicopters, Apache AH-64E Attack Helicopters, Chinook CH-47F Heavy-Lift Helicopters, and Integrated Air Defense Weapon System (IADWS). He said that in the next four years all these agreements would come into force and would strengthen India in many ways.

Health Minister orders inquiry into Kidney racket at Sarooragar

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Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha on Tuesday directed senior officials of the Health Department to conduct a thorough investigation over the alleged kidney transplant racket at a private hospital in Sarooragar.

Following the raids taken up by Rachakonda Police and district health officials at Alaknanda Hospital in Saroomnagar for its alleged



involvement in the organ trading racket, the Health Minister, at a review meeting on Tuesday evening, directed health officials to ensure strict action is taken on doctors, hospital man-

agement and other individuals who were directly involved in operating the kidney racket.

The Health Minister also directed the health officials to intensify inspections at private

healthcare facilities across Hyderabad and districts under the Clinical Establishment Act.

"There is a high-level Task Force Committee that is already involved in overseeing the functioning of private hospitals under the Clinical Establishment Act. This high-level committee must intensify inspections and raids at all the private healthcare establishments in the coming days," Damodar Raja Narasimha said.

Chairman of Amigos Educational Institutions, MRR met with minister Uttam for North T'gana Graduates seat

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Series of meetings relentless consultation with all congress top brasses , the strong contender of North Telangana Graduates MLC.Masku Ramana Reddy (MRR), chairman of Amigos Educational Institutions, urged to Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to give him a opportunity in the upcoming graduate MLC elections. Musku Ramana Reddy asked and urged to Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy that he wanted to be given an opportunity on behalf of the Congress from the Graduates plot form to be held in Telangana, and he demonstrated about himself to the minister that he had worked on unemployment problems along with



the Telangana separate state hood movement. And also said that he got comprehensive exposure at that juncture.He said that for the first time in the Telangana state, an IAS coaching center has been set up for the unemployed people of this region and he has provided free training to many marginalized people, and unemployed people in group 1 and group 2 competitive exams.Apart from that, he explained to the minister that he has been

working on the issue of unemployed youth from Karimnagar-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Medak districts for some time now and he is a Congress supporter from the beginning and inculcated congress ideology, he is ready to contest from the constituency of North Telangana Graduates quota. At this juncture, the minister advised that yet to be take decision . in terms of the party and till then work should be done at the field level. However, Musku Ramana Reddy said that along with the top leadership of the party, ministers and public representatives are also expressing positive towards his candidature. Several Graduates also supporting his candidature . Graduates also extending their open support by seeing Mr Reddy charity services.

Telangana Government's Key Welfare Schemes to Launch on January 26: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar

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Minister of Transport and BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, has called on the people of Telangana to stay calm and not be misled by opposition misinformation about the state's upcoming welfare schemes. Speaking at a press conference, Prabhakar outlined the government's plans to implement

four major initiatives starting January 26—Indiramma Houses, Ration Cards, Rythu Bharosa, and Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa. He reassured the public that everyone who is eligible for these benefits will receive them.

Highlighting the ongoing gram sabhas and ward sabhas being held across villages, Prabhakar emphasized that individuals who have not yet received their ration cards should

attend these gatherings to ensure their inclusion. He further advised anyone who is eligible but has not been issued a card to submit applications at these meetings for consideration.

The Minister took a strong stance against opposition parties, accusing them of failing to provide even a single ration card over the last decade. He urged the public not to believe the opposition's



claims and pointed out the government's commitment to welfare and development. Under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, the state government has increased financial aid for farmers from ₹10,000 to ₹12,000, while also making history by offering ₹12,000 to landless agricultural laborers under the Employment Guarantee Act—an unprecedented step in India.

Despite facing financial

constraints, Prabhakar praised the state government's track record of fulfilling promises. He highlighted several ongoing initiatives, such as free bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units, and expanded health insurance coverage. Additionally, the government has waived loans up to ₹2 lakh for farmers and ensured that farmers receive direct payments within 48 hours after the procure-

ment of paddy. Prabhakar concluded by urging Congress party workers at the grassroots level to spread awareness about the benefits of the schemes and combat the misinformation being circulated. He reassured that the four new schemes would reach everyone who qualifies, stressing the government's dedication to the welfare of the people.

BRS Slams Congress Government for Privatizing RTC in Telangana

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Former Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar, MLC Subhash Reddy, and ex-Corporation Chairman C. Rakesh Kumar strongly criticized the Congress government's efforts to privatize Telangana's Road Transport Corporation (RTC). Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, Kumar accused the Congress of secretly pushing a privatization



agenda by replacing RTC buses with private electric buses under the guise of modernization. He highlighted that during the BRS government's tenure, 500

electric buses were successfully operated through a partnership with Altra, and 600 electric buses were purchased by RTC. Kumar pointed out

that the Congress government had failed to implement its promise of merging RTC with the state government, while actively privatizing depots in Warangal, Suryapet, Nalgonda, and Hyderabad. He also criticized the government for not purchasing new buses, halting RTC recruitments, and neglecting compassionate appointments.

He warned that the privatization of RTC depots would weaken the

public transport system and jeopardize the safety of RTC employees, who currently operate buses with six staff members per vehicle. He also accused the government of attempting to sell RTC's valuable land.

The BRS vowed to fight privatization at all costs, partnering with unions to protect RTC and its employees from the Congress government's actions.

Workshop on Girl Empowerment Mission kicks off at NTPC

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A five-day-long winter workshop of Girl Empowerment Mission-2024 began in National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

More than 50 girls registered their names for the workshop which was inaugurated by NTPC General Manager (O&M) Alok Kumar Tripathi on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, the GM motivated the girl students to actively participate in this refresher course. He also shared that GEM was a flagship CSR programme of NTPC and



it was making a great impact on society.

Deepthi Mahila Samithi vice president Jyotsana Tripathi, Bal Bhavan (DMS) In-charge Roopa Singha Roy, senior member of DMS Mallika,

other members of DMS, parents of GEM girls, officers from HR were also present at the event.

On the occasion, study kits were also distributed to all the students.

Xi and Putin discuss relations with Trump, Ukraine and Taiwan



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Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke with Chinese President Xi Jinping on ways to strengthen bilateral ties a day after Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th president of the United States. The two leaders discussed their prospective contacts with Trump's administration during a wide-ranging video call that lasted more than one and a half hours, the Kremlin said on Tuesday.

Russian media reported that the two leaders spoke about boosting trade flows. China is the largest consumer of Russian energy and the single biggest oil export market for Russia.

Xi and Putin "have indicated a willingness to build relations with the United States on a mutually beneficial, mutually respectful basis, if the Trump team really shows interest in this", Kremlin foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov told reporters in Moscow.

"It was also noted from our side that we are ready for dialogue with the new US administration on the Ukrainian conflict." For his part, Trump has said he is willing to accommodate Russia's view that Ukraine's right to self-determination could be put aside in favour of peace and stability. Ushakov said Putin wanted long-term peace in Ukraine,

not a short-term ceasefire. No specific proposals for a call with Trump have been received, he said. On Taiwan, Ushakov said Russia had "confirmed its unwavering position of support for the one China principle". China regards democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory. In a New Year's speech, President Xi said that no one could stop China's "reunification" with Taiwan. Taiwan's government rejects Beijing's claims.

Ushakov said the Putin-Xi video call had been planned before Trump's inauguration.

China and Russia declared a "no-limits" partnership in February 2022 when Putin visited Beijing, days before he sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine. Putin has, in recent months, described China as an "ally".

Trump has said he will be tough on China and speak to Putin about ending the war in Ukraine. In remarks to reporters after his inauguration, Trump said Putin should make a deal to end the war because the conflict was destroying Russia.

Xi has called for talks to end the war in Ukraine and has accused the US of stoking the war with weapons sales to Kyiv, which has said it is ready to seek a negotiated solution that respects its interests.

At Davos, US Economist Explains What Will Make H-1B "Fantastic" For America

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A change in the H-1B visa policy for highly skilled professionals from India under Trump 2.0 would be "fantastic" for the US as it needs them, American economist Kenneth Rogoff told NDTV at the World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting in Davos.

Tesla and SpaceX chief Elon Musk, who works closely with US President Donald Trump, favours H-1B visas while allies in his Republican Party have splintered over the policy.

"... I think it would be fantastic for the United States. I don't know if it's fantastic for India," Mr Rogoff told NDTV, referring to India's brain drain problem.

"And, you know, [Joe] Biden just seemed to follow Trump's policy on legal immigration. He didn't relax it at all. So, yes, we should have a much more relaxed policy on highly educated people who have a lot to contribute," Mr

Rogoff, who's also a former chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), told NDTV.

Joe Biden took over as US President in January 2021 after four years of Trump 1.0.

"I'm not saying that there aren't people who have less education, who don't have a lot to contribute, but it should all be legal immigration, some rational system," Mr Rogoff added.

On Day 1 of his second term, President Trump made several important announcements including pardoning 1,500 people involved in the US Capitol riots in January 2021, and "returning millions of criminal aliens back to places from where they came".

"I think there are some people who shouldn't be pardoned. Probably a lot of them should be. The Democrats did a lot of lawfare in their period, and I think he is pulling back on some of it. But where people hurt someone or someone died, that's different," Mr Rogoff said.



He said the Joe Biden-Kamala Harris border policy was "insane." "I've never heard anybody explain it to me," the economist said. "Legal immigration is great. But you know what? My graduate students who get a PhD, get an offer from a great university or a great job, can't stay because they can't get a green card. But if you come across the Mexican border illegally, and at least nine million people did, maybe 15 million people under Biden, it was no prob-

lem. That needs a realignment." "In his first term, Trump cut back on both. Elon Musk seems to be persuading him that we need talented engineers from India and elsewhere. So it is a crisis on the southern border. That was the single craziest policy that Biden had. He [Trump] is not going to stop immigration. The border is huge. It was, I think, two million people cumulatively under him [Trump 1.0]. But certainly sending a message to try to slow

it down," Mr Rogoff said. On Trump's announcement that he recognises only two sexes - male, and female, Mr Rogoff agreed it was a step backward and "we have gone to another extreme." "His extreme is also not acceptable. And I don't think most American people support that. I think most American people supported transgender rights. But it was taken to an extreme where they didn't. And so trying to find some middle ground. I don't

know what he's really going to do," Mr Rogoff said. "I don't think you can turn the clock back. But, you know, clearly he's saying things that are very hurtful to many people. And that's ugly and, you know, not welcome," he added.

The five-day meeting at Davos that began on Monday is exploring how to relaunch growth, harness new technologies and strengthen social and economic resilience, according to the World Economic Forum. The global meeting is seeing participation by nearly 3,000 leaders from over 130 countries, including 350 governmental leaders.

India's participation at Davos aims to strengthen partnerships, attract investment, and position the country as a global leader in sustainable development and technological innovation. India sent five Union ministers, three chief ministers, and ministers from several other states to the WEF this time.

Parliamentary Panel Considers NRI Representation in Parliament

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The Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs is deliberating on the representation of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in the Parliament, in light of their increasing numbers and unique concerns. On Tuesday, the committee heard testimonies from various diaspora organizations during its examination of the subject "Indian diaspora overseas, including NRIs, PIOs, OCIs, and migrant workers: their conditions, welfare, and the status of the Emigration Bill." Organizations such as Norka Roots (Kerala), the Department of NRI Affairs (Punjab), the People of Indian Origin Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PIOCCI, Delhi), and the Centre for Dias-



pora Studies (Gujarat) presented their views. They proposed that creating a quota for NRIs in Parliament would help address their issues more effectively. The organizations also emphasized the need to streamline the immigration process for skilled workers and curb illicit activities, including desperate attempts to migrate abroad. Congress MP Deepender

Singh Hooda drew parallels with countries like Italy, which reserves seats in its legislature for overseas citizens, advocating for similar NRI representation in India's Parliament. Earlier, the Ministry of External Affairs informed the committee that a Bill focusing on emigration issues is under consideration by the government. The standing committee, led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, noted that state governments have requested to be consulted on the matter. In 2016, BJP MP Poonam Mahajan introduced a private member's Bill seeking to reserve eight seats in the Lok Sabha for NRIs. The discussion highlights the growing attention to the welfare and representation of India's global diaspora.

WB govt moves Calcutta HC for death penalty in R G Kar case



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The West Bengal government has moved the Calcutta high court seeking the death penalty to Sanjay Roy, the convict who was awarded life imprisonment by the Sealdah court in the rape and murder of an-duty woman doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital on Monday. The state government's step came a day after chief minister Mamata Banerjee declared her government would move the high court seeking capital punishment to Sanjay Roy while expressing shock at the trial court's treatment of the crime as "not rarest of the rare" and its order of life imprisonment in the quantum of punishment for the convict.

On Tuesday, state advocate-general Kishore Dutta asked the division bench of Justices Debansu Basak and Md Shabbir Rashidi for permission to file a petition against the trial court judgment in the case. The division bench allowed Mr Dutta to file the plea. In his order, first ad-

ditional district judge Anirban Das of the Sealdah court stated on Monday: "In the realm of modern justice, we must rise above the primitive instinct of 'an eye for an eye' or 'a tooth for a tooth' or 'a life for a life'. Our duty is not to match brutality with brutality, but to elevate humanity through wisdom, compassion and a deeper understanding of justice."

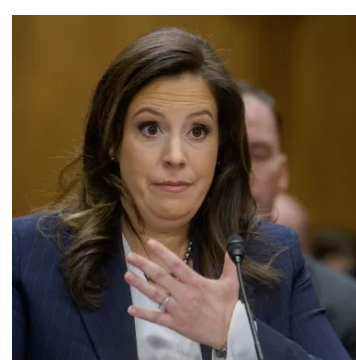
He added: "Referring to the landmark Bachan Singh case, which established guidelines for imposing the death penalty, it is evident that this case does not meet the stringent criteria for being classified as 'rarest of the rare'. The Supreme Court has consistently emphasised that the death penalty should be used only in exceptional circumstances where the collective conscience of the community is so shocked that it expects the holders of judicial power to inflict the death penalty. Given these considerations, it would be inappropriate to accede to the prosecution's request for the death penalty."

TRUMP'S UN AMBASSADOR PICK SAYS ISRAEL HAS 'BIBLICAL RIGHT' TO WEST BANK

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Elise Stefanik, President Donald Trump's nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, has expressed strong support for Israel's "biblical" claim over the West Bank, aligning with far-right Israeli leaders Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir. During her confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday, Stefanik confirmed her stance when asked about the issue, stating, "Yes," in response to whether she agreed with the belief that Israel has a divine right to the entire West Bank. In her opening statements, Stefanik out-

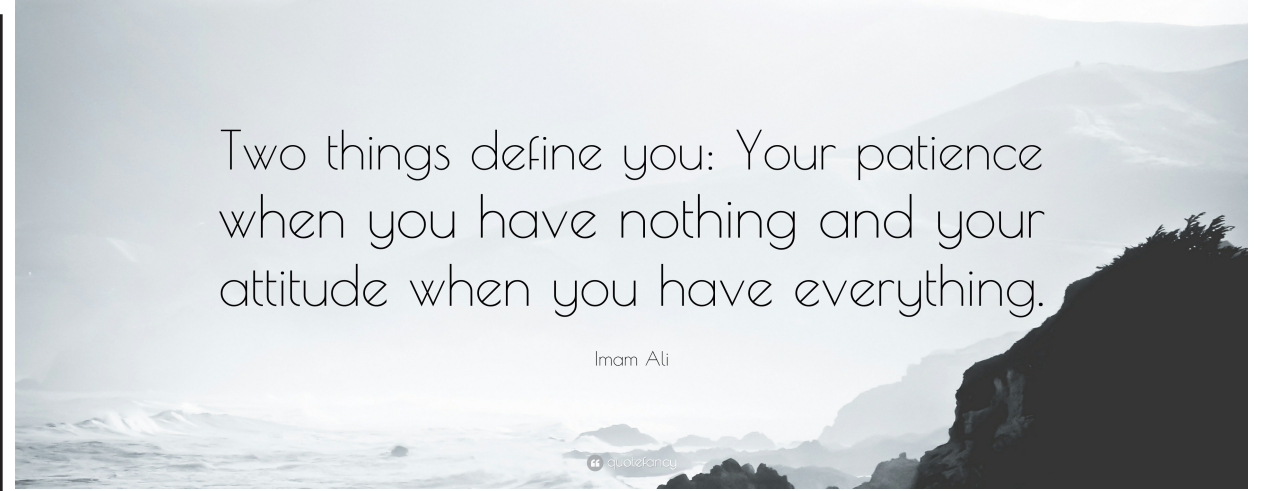
lined her commitment to implementing Trump's "America First" policy, emphasizing national security leadership on the world stage. If confirmed, she promised to audit U.S. funding to the UN and work to counter China's growing influence at the international body while reaffirming staunch U.S. support for Israel. Stefanik's remarks on the West Bank signal a stark contrast with the Biden administration's approach, particularly regarding Israeli settlements, which are considered illegal under international law. The Biden administration had consistently opposed settlement expansion, though it also maintained strong support



for Israel at the UN. When pressed by Democratic Senator Chris Van Hollen on her position regarding Palestinian self-determination, Stefanik sidestepped the question but acknowledged that Palestinians "deserve human rights," though she attributed their plight to "terrorist leaders." "This marks a continuation of the Trump administra-

tion's policy shift on the Israeli-Palestinian issue, as Trump's first term saw a surge in settlement activity and the removal of U.S. policies recognizing settlement expansion as illegal. Furthermore, Trump's administration had lifted sanctions on Israeli settler groups accused of violence against Palestinians. Stefanik's confirmation hearing also highlighted her vocal stance against anti-Semitism. In 2023, she gained national attention for her questioning of university leaders over alleged anti-Semitism, which led to resignations at major institutions. She has since positioned herself as a leader in combat-

ing anti-Semitism in higher education. Throughout the hearing, Stefanik reiterated the U.S. position that Israel is unfairly targeted at the UN, condemning what she described as "anti-Semitic rot" within the organization. She also vowed to ensure that U.S. funds at the UN would serve American interests and pledged to oppose any funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, an entity that provides essential support to Palestinians. Stefanik's confirmation hearing took place just hours after former Senator Marco Rubio, Trump's pick for Secretary of State, was sworn in, marking the first confirmation



EDITORIAL

SMART OR STUPID FOR 2025?

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"If we are so smart, why are we so stupid?" This striking remark by Israeli historian Yuval Noah Harari has gained the attention of millions worldwide, sparking diverse reactions and reflections on the state of contemporary human intellect. My brief exploration into this question led me to realise that Harari is not the first great mind to express such a sentiment. Similar notions have been echoed by intellectuals and geniuses across history. For instance, there's a popular saying that, 'scientists should stop analysing animal intelligence and start studying human stupidity.' This perspective is often (though not definitively) attributed to Argentinian Nobel laureate César Milstein. Exis-


tential Questions

In the same manner, Albert Einstein once humorously quipped, "Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." Einstein's words remind us to be mindful of our own fallibility when attempting to understand and master the unknowns of the cosmos. Harari's statement reflects this lineage of thought. Like Milstein and Einstein, he underscores the importance of questioning, rethinking and facing our ignorance, even as we invent, discover, and innovate.

A few days ago, I watched an intriguing interview in which journalist Andrew Ross Sorkin spoke with Harari. In this conversation, Harari raised numerous existential questions about the

trajectory of technological advancements — are they for the good or the detriment of humanity? His most emphatic observation was a haunting one: how can humans, capable of showcasing amazing scientific and technological achievements, also exhibit such profound stupidity that they risk self-destruction?

Harari's latest book, Nexus: A Brief History of Information Networks from the Stone Age to AI, released in September 2024, delves into the hidden dynamics of information networks, which are truthful and deceptive, that form the foundations of artificial intelligence (AI) systems. He warns that these networks can lead to unpredictable and potentially catastrophic consequences, including scenarios like an AI-



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Brief Insights

Child Sexual Abuse Cases Within Families Raise Serious Concerns

Child sexual abuse within families remains a serious concern despite stringent punishments under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act. According to legal and mental health experts, such crimes often go undetected for long periods, leaving children traumatised for a lifetime. "Half of the Pocso cases involve family members, mainly fathers or uncles," additional public prosecutor Ram Reddy told Deccan Chronicle.

He said that such instances are more against those with underprivileged backgrounds. "While dealing with such cases, a major challenge is the reluctance of mothers (who normally are the complainants) to fully cooperate in the prosecution of the offender, particularly when the perpetrator is the family's breadwinner," Ram Reddy pointed out. "Fear and economic dependence often lead them to seek bail for the accused regardless of the initial complaint," he said.

In one instance, a case was filed against a man for alleged sexual assault of his minor daughter. The girl's mother filed a complaint alleging that he had sexually abused their daughter on several occasions. However, the victim and her sister did not cooperate during the prosecution. Since the prosecution could not establish the victim's age at the time of the offence, the accused was acquitted for want of evidence.

Similarly, a case against a man for sexually assaulting his 14-year-old step-daughter also resulted in acquittal. Though the mother initially filed a complaint, she, the victim, and her brother did not cooperate during the trial, leading to his acquittal. A lawyer explained that the fear of threat often silences victims. "There's a high chance of the victim receiving death threats. Even during trial, the victim is scared to open up," the lawyer said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Manchala Hrishikesh Giri Prasad, associate professor, department of child psychiatry, Niloufer Hospital, while speaking about the long-term psychological impact of such sexual abuse, said, "If the victim is a girl, she goes through internalisation disorder where she suffers from anxiety and depression for a longer period of time and will

Etala Rajendar Slaps Realtor Amid Land Dispute in Ekasilanagar

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In a heated altercation over a land dispute in Ekasilanagar, Pocharam IT Corridor, BJP MP Etala Rajendar was involved in an incident where he allegedly slapped a realtor. The dispute, between local plot owners and real estate agents, revolves around a 149-acre layout purchased by employees of various government departments in 1985. Police have registered a case against Rajendar and six others for wrongful restraint, causing hurt, criminal intimidation, and insult. Rajendar, who was leading the plot owners, explained his actions by saying that he was compelled to act to protect the interests of the common people. "The circumstances made me act in order to

protect 'dharma' and stand with the common man to safeguard their genuine rights," he later told Deccan Chronicle. He criticized the failure of revenue and police officials to intervene, claiming he had to step in to address the lawlessness in the area. "I have never seen such lawlessness in my 25 years of political career," he added. The dispute traces back to the 1980s when 2,076 employees purchased the land, which was initially far from the city and filled with boulders and shrubs. As the land's value rose over time, some local real estate agents allegedly forged documents to claim the property as agricultural land. Court rulings in 2006 and 2011 favored the plot owners. Rajendar alleged that real estate agents, backed by a political party, had been ob-



structing plot owners' access to their land and demanding money for them to vacate the area. The agents even hired goons and used aggressive tactics, including threats and abuse, towards the landowners, especially women. Rajendar, as

the MP, was approached by the plot owners for help and visited the site to assess the situation, but was provoked by the realtors, which led to the slap incident. During the confrontation, two individuals, Upender and Shabbir, were injured and hos-

pitalized. Venkatesh, who claims to be the developer of the layout, later held a press conference, presenting documents and court rulings supporting his claim to the land. He accused the real estate brokers of attempting to frame him and his associates. In response to the incident, Rajendar demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy order an inquiry into the alleged land grab and the political connections of those involved. Meanwhile, the plot owners provided photographs showing the encroachment and threats by the agents. The Pocharam IT Corridor police have filed cases against Rajendar and six others, including Yenugu Sudarshan Reddy, Shiva Reddy, Jubair Akram, Basawaraj Goud, and V. Srinivas.

INDIA PACER MOHAMMED SIRAJ URGES PEOPLE TO FOLLOW TRAFFIC, ROAD SAFETY RULES

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Taking a break from his practice ahead of the upcoming Ranji match, India pace bowler from Hyderabad Mohammed Siraj spent some time with officials of the Road Transport Authority (RTA), Toli-chowki, during a road safety programme held on Tuesday. Apart from RTA officials, the star pacer



made it a point to interact with fans and the general public, who were overwhelmed by his presence. In a message to the people of

Hyderabad, Siraj urged them to adhere to basic traffic and road safety rules. "Please wear a helmet and seat belts. Don't drink and drive,"

he said in a message to the citizens.

Being a resident of First Lancer, Mehdiptanam, which falls under the jurisdiction of the RTA (West) office, Toli-chowki, Siraj was specially invited by the RTA officials for the event. The star cricketer regularly takes part in community awareness programmes on road safety and health.

MAN GETS LIFE FOR KILLING WIFE

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The LB Nagar court on Tuesday sentenced Jalpet Manikchand, 48, to life imprisonment for killing his wife Yadamma over suspicion of an extra-marital affair in Mokila in 2024. The couple, who reportedly had a 28-year-old son, had frequent arguments for over 10 days before the murder as Manikchand suspected his wife had an affair. The couple was residing in Indiranagar village. On May

6, 2024, while Yadamma was asleep, Manikchand allegedly hit her head with a stone, causing severe bleeding injuries. The next morning, he reportedly met his wife's brother-in-law and confessed to the crime. Following this, the couple's son, Babu, 28, lodged a complaint with the Mokila police. A case was registered on him based on the brother-in-law's statement, which acted as circumstantial evidence, and medical reports.

Apollo University and University of Leicester Launch Global Centre for Digital Health and Precision Medicine



Apollo University, Apollo Hospitals, and the University of Leicester have announced a groundbreaking partnership to establish the Centre for Digital Health and Precision Medicine (CDHPM) at Apollo University's campus in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. This innovative centre will serve as a global hub for research and development in digital health and precision medicine, combining the strengths and resources of both institutions to improve healthcare outcomes worldwide. A complementary hub will also be set up at the University of Leicester, located at the BHF Cardiovascular Research Centre at Glenfield Hospital.

The official launch of the CDHPM was attended by Dr. Prathap C. Reddy, Chancellor of Apollo University and Founder of Apollo Hospitals, alongside Vice Chancellors from both institutions. In his address, Dr. Reddy emphasized the centre's pivotal role in enhancing healthcare delivery, particularly through the development of digital and personalized healthcare solutions that leverage advanced analytical methods and the regular collection of healthcare data. The partnership aims to transform disease prediction, prevention, diagnosis, and management, revolutionizing patient care across the globe.

The centre will focus on critical research areas including cardiovascular diseases, acute and emergency medicine, and multi-morbidity, addressing the growing challenges posed by an ageing population and the rise of chronic conditions. In addition to its research efforts, the CDHPM will be a key component of Apollo University's broader healthcare ecosystem, fostering innovation and collaborative projects that advance global health.

In an exciting development, starting in September 2025, Apollo University will offer three collaborative undergraduate programmes in Artificial Intelligence, Electronics, Electrical and Information Engineering, and Business Administration, with students completing the first two years of study in India and the final year at the University of Leicester. Additionally, four specialized healthcare-focused Master's programmes will be introduced at the University of Leicester, developed in partnership with Apollo Hospitals, NHS England, and the BAPIO Training Academy (BTA), to address the rising demand for skilled healthcare professionals.

The partnership between Apollo University and the University of Leicester, formalized in June 2023 through a Memorandum of Understanding, aims to strengthen educational and research collaborations between India and the UK. It focuses on advancing healthcare innovation, data science, and global healthcare transformation.

FOGSI-UNICEF Launch 'Aarogya Yog Yatra' to Boost Maternal Health

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The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), in collaboration with UNICEF, has launched a year-long national campaign called 'Aarogya Yog Yatra' to promote the holistic wellness of mothers and babies across India. The initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar, President of FOGSI, was inaugurated in Tirupati, a city renowned for its spiritual significance.

The 'Aarogya Yog Yatra' will cover 13 major spiritual

locations nationwide and aims to combine spirituality with medicine to foster a holistic approach to health. The campaign's goal is to encourage women and medical professionals to adopt proactive health management practices.

At the launch, Dr. Tandulwadkar emphasized the role of spirituality in healthcare, stating, "In my 34 years of practice, I have found that spirituality connects us to the universe's energy and guides us toward holistic healing." She stressed the need for a shift towards proactive health manage-



ment to improve maternal health and reduce morbidity.

UNICEF Health Specialist Dr. Syed Hubbe Ali addressed the significance of maternal mental health, not-

ing that 40% of pregnant women in India experience stress, and many others face anxiety or depression. The campaign aims to integrate mental health care into ma-

ternal health practices. Dignitaries including Dr. Arani Srinivasulu, Dr. Cipai Subramanyam, and Dr. R Sishra attended the event, supporting the initiative's

potential to positively impact women's health. The campaign will feature Continuing Medical Education (CME) and public forums, with the next event scheduled in Rishikesh on February 20-21, 2025.

Key elements of the campaign include the "Know Your Numbers" initiative for early health risk identification and the "Sampoorna: Swastha Janma Abhiyan" program to promote pre-conception care for improved maternal and neonatal health.

Skoda Kylaq Earns 5-Star Safety Rating in Bharat NCAP

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Skoda Auto India's all-new Kylaq, the brand's first sub-4m SUV, has earned a prestigious 5-star safety rating in Bharat NCAP crash tests, becoming the first Skoda vehicle to undergo this assessment. The Kylaq scored 30.88 out of 32 points for Adult Occupant Protection and 45.00 out of 49 points for Child Occupant Protection, making it the safest vehicle in its segment.

Skoda's Brand Director, Petr Janeba, emphasized the company's long-standing commitment to safety,



noting that every Skoda vehicle has been crash-tested globally and in India since 2008, with a 5-star rating. The Kylaq is equipped with over 25 active and passive safety features as standard, including six airbags, Elec-

tronic Stability Control, Roll Over Protection, Hill Hold Control, Multi-Collision Braking, and XDS+.

The Kylaq achieved remarkable results in Bharat NCAP testing, securing 94% for adult protection in the frontal offset barrier test and 99% in the side-moving deformable barrier test. It also scored perfect marks in child occupant protection, with maximum points for child seat assessment. This achievement builds on Skoda's legacy of safety, following the 5-star ratings for the Kushaq and Slavia in Global NCAP tests. The Kylaq's success in Bharat NCAP further reinforces Skoda's commitment to providing Indian customers with world-class safety features, tailored to meet local needs, and continues its leadership in automotive safety.

Priyanka Chopra visits Chilkur Balaji Temple



Bollywood actor Priyanka Chopra visited the Chilkur Temple on Tuesday seeking the blessing of lord Balaji. The actor visited the temple along with her team.

In a post on her Instagram account, the actor posted images and videos of her visit to the temple with the caption "With the blessings of Shri Balaji a new chapter begins. May we all find peace in our hearts and prosperity and abundance all around us. Gods grace is infinite."

She also tagged her Zanjeer co-star Ram Charan's wife Upasana Konidela in her post.

It is rumoured that Priyanka Chopra will be starring in SS Rajamouli's next film with Mahesh Babu. Her visit to the temple which is near Hyderabad, is adding fuel to the rumours and her fans are eagerly waiting for an announcement on the project.

KISNA Jewellery Gives Away 100 Cars in #AbkiBaarAapkeLiye Campaign

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KISNA Diamond and Gold Jewellery, a prominent player in India's jewellery retail sector, has successfully concluded its #Abki_Baar_Aapke_Liye campaign, giving away over 100 Maruti Celerio cars to winners across the

country. The grand finale took place with simultaneous car handovers in 11 cities, marking a significant milestone for both the campaign and the brand.

Running from September 1, 2024, to January 18, 2025, the campaign saw over 51,000 participants. Customers who purchased



diamond, platinum, or solitaire jewellery worth ₹20,000 or more, or gold jewellery worth ₹50,000 or more, were eligible to enter the lucky draw for a chance to win one of the cars.

The 104 winners were selected from a pool of participants across India, with the highest engage-

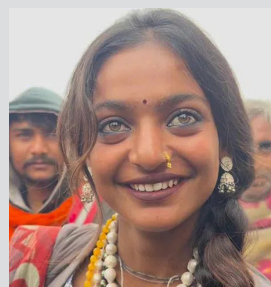
ment from North India, which accounted for 20,795 entries. Special events were organized in several states, including Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu, where winners received their car keys in a festive atmosphere.

Social media attention turns bane for garland seller Monalisa Bhonsle

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Social media proved to be a bane for Monalisa Bhonsle, who became an internet sensation after a video of her selling garlands at the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj went viral.

The attention the 16-year-old grabbed was such that, the garland seller was forced to leave for her native place — Indore. Dubbed 'Brown Beauty' for her charming looks and light eyes, the



overwhelming attention, however, disrupted her work. Videos show her family intervening to protect her from the unwanted attention. One video, going viral on various social media platforms, showed the

garland seller covering her face with a scarf as crowds, especially social media influencers and YouTubers, among others, thronged her stall to take selfies and videos.

According to reports, Monalisa's father decided to bring her back to Indore as the Kumbh Mela was no longer a viable place for her well-being or livelihood. Meanwhile, soon after her pictures took over the internet.

Outrageous behaviour of two YouTubers onboard a flight draws flak from netizens

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YouTubers and social media influencers, Aarush Bhola and Varun Yadav kicked the hornet's nest and courted controversy due to their apathetic behaviour towards fellow passengers onboard a flight.

In a video that has since gone viral, it looks like the duo who bid adieu to common courtesy, played loud music using a bluetooth speaker in a flight, causing disturbance to co-passengers. The incident — where the influencer duo were seen laughing and recording a video of themselves, not paying any heed to the visibly disturbed passengers — sparked outrage among the netizens. Their apathy, discourteous and insensitive behaviour, and lack of civic sense drew flak from many quarters as people called them



'irresponsible' and 'disrespectful'. This isn't entertainment, said a few netizens.

The duo carried on for a while, unmindful of the disturbance they were causing, and the negative impact that their actions would have on others. Varun also shared the reel online with the caption: "Hawa mein bhi wavy (sic)."

The video, which was shared four days ago, has garnered 24 lakh views so far.

Lexus Showcases Sustainable Innovation at Bharat Mobility Expo 2025



Lexus India made a bold statement at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, unveiling innovative products that aim to reshape luxury and driving experiences. Focused on sustainable mobility, the brand showcased its vision of "Making Luxury Personal" through displays of advanced technology and craftsmanship.

The Lexus pavilion, located in Hall 5 of the Bharat Mandapam, was divided into three key zones: Future, Lifestyle, and Hybrid, each highlighting the fusion of luxury and sustainability.

In the Future Zone, Lexus introduced the LF-ZC, a next-generation Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) concept, demonstrating the brand's commitment to electrification. The LF-ZC features cutting-edge AI, digital interfaces, and prismatic batteries designed to double the range of traditional BEVs. Another highlight was the Bamboo CMF concept, which focuses on eco-friendly materials and sustainable design.

The Lifestyle Zone featured the Overtrail Project, showcasing the Lexus NX 350h Overtrail and LX 500d, vehicles designed for adventure and outdoor exploration. The hydrogen-powered ROV concept 2 was also presented, emphasizing sustainable off-road capabilities.

In the Hybrid Zone, Lexus highlighted its eco-luxury models, including the Lexus LM 350h, RX 500h, and ES 300h, all featuring advanced hybrid powertrains.

Lexus India's participation at the Expo underscores its dedication to sustainable luxury mobility solutions, setting the stage for the future of high-end cars.

Scoot Expands Network with Direct Flights to Vienna and Iloilo City

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Scoot, the low-cost subsidiary of Singapore Airlines, is set to launch new direct flight services to Vienna, Austria, and Iloilo City, Philippines, offering travelers more affordable access to these exciting destinations.

Starting 3 June 2025, Scoot will operate three weekly flights to Vienna on its Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, which accommodates 329 pas-

sengers in two cabin classes. The airline will also begin flights to Iloilo City on 14 April 2025 using the 112-seat Embraer E190-E2 aircraft. Initially operating twice a week, flights to Iloilo City will increase to four times weekly by June 2025.

Vienna: A Cultural Haven Vienna, renowned as the "City of Music," is a cultural gem, famous as the birthplace of classical music legends such as Mozart and Strauss. Visitors can enjoy its majes-

tic architecture, rich heritage, and vibrant artistic scene. The city's central location also makes it an ideal hub for exploring Eastern Europe, with nearby cities like Bratislava, Budapest, and Prague within a few hours' drive.

Iloilo City: A Hidden Gem in the Philippines Iloilo City, nestled in the heart of the Philippine archipelago, is a perfect blend of cultural heritage and scenic beauty. Known for its Spanish-era

churches and the lively Dinagyang Festival, Iloilo offers a rich mix of history, charm, and unique local experiences. Leslie Thng, CEO of Scoot, expressed his excitement about the new routes, stating, "We remain committed to expanding our network and connecting travelers to exciting new destinations at great value. As the only airline offering direct flights between Singapore and Vienna, we are thrilled to launch this new

service just in time for the holidays. The Iloilo City route will also open new opportunities for travelers exploring Southeast Asia."

Affordable Fares for New Routes Flights to Vienna and Iloilo City are available for booking starting today. One-way Economy Class fares start at INR 11,740 from Chennai to Iloilo City, INR 13,648 from Amritsar to Iloilo, INR 30,320.91 from Chennai to Vienna, and INR

32,283.91 from Amritsar to Vienna. ScootPlus fares for Vienna start at INR 70,482.07 from Chennai and INR 72,410.07 from Amritsar, with all fares inclusive of taxes.

Network Adjustments In line with these new services, Scoot will also optimize its network. Operations to Berlin and Jinan will be suspended after 28 March and 28 February, respectively, with affected customers being contacted for re-booking or refunds.

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Novak Djokovic battles past Carlos Alcaraz, advances to Australian Open semifinals



Novak Djokovic refused to let anything stop his pursuit of a record 25th Grand Slam trophy in the Australian Open quarterfinals. Not a problem with his left leg. Not an early deficit. And not the kid across the net, Carlos Alcaraz, who was making things difficult and eyeing his own bit of history.

Djokovic overcame it all, just as he has so often along the way to so many triumphs, moving into the semifinals at Melbourne Park for the 12th time with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Alcaraz in a scintillating showdown Tuesday night between a pair of stars born 16 years apart and at opposite ends of their careers. The action was non-stop, the shot-making brilliant, even as the match stretched on for more than 3 1/2 hours and nearly to 1 am — never more so, perhaps, than when Alcaraz saved a break point that would have put Djokovic ahead 5-2 in the fourth set, allowing him to serve for the win.

The 33-stroke exchange was the longest of the evening, and when it ended with Djokovic sailing a forehand long, the capacity crowd at Rod Laver Arena went wild. Djokovic reached for his bothersome leg and yelled toward his entourage; Alcaraz, his chest heaving, leaned on a towel box and grinned.

Turned out that only delayed the final result. With his wife, son and daughter cheering in the stands, the No. 7-seeded Djokovic prevailed thanks to the sort of remarkable returning and no-mistakes-made groundstrokes against Alcaraz that now-retired rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal dealt with for years.

Djokovic enjoyed some of his own best efforts in the latter stages, pointing to his ear, blowing kisses and spreading his arms while puffing out his chest. There was the forehand winner on a 22-stroke point that earned the break for a 5-3 lead in the third set.

It hurts to think that I have not done well, Suryakumar Yadav admits ODI struggles



Explosive batter and T20 skipper Suryakumar Yadav on Tuesday said he has accepted his exclusion from the Champions Trophy squad but what hurts him more is that he could not perform well in the ODI format and the ones chosen for the ICC event deserve to be on the team.

The selectors ignored Suryakumar for the 15-member CT squad but he remains in-charge of the side that will take on Jos Buttler's England in the five-match T20I series beginning here Wednesday.

With his repertoire of strokes, Suryakumar is one of the most devastating T20 cricketers but that form has not translated into runs in 50-over cricket with the middle-order batter scoring 773 runs in 37 ODIs at an average of 25.76.

Asked whether was hurt by his non-inclusion, SKY, as he is fondly addressed, said, "Why would it hurt? If I do well, I would have been in the Champions Trophy. If I don't do well, it's important to accept that." "And at the same time, if you see the (CT) squad, it's looking really good. Whoever is there, they are all good performers. They have done relatively well in that format for India and also playing domestic cricket and I am very happy for them.

"It hurts to think that I have not done well. And if I had done well, I would have stayed there. If I haven't done well, someone who deserves to have done really well, deserves to be there." He said Jasprit Bumrah and comeback-man Mohammed Shami are a "lethal combination" for any rival if they are fit for the Champions Trophy.

Bumrah has not bowled since the Sydney Test and is not available for at least the T20Is due to back spasms. "They have played a lot of cricket together. They are experienced bowlers. And whenever you play for India, it's a different feeling, different emotion. Added responsibility and you love playing.

"So, it will be fun to see them bowling together again. Like we saw in the 2023 ODI World Cup. They bowled really well. And hopefully, we will see the same bowling in the Champions Trophy."

Harish Akkisetty Unveils New Collection at India Fashion Week London 2024

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Renowned fashion designer and show organizer Harish Akkisetty recently unveiled his latest collection at the 10th anniversary of India Fashion Week London, held in 2024. The collection, which drew inspiration from India's rich cultural heritage, blended traditional ethnic wear with modern sophistication, making a striking statement on the runway. Featuring exquisite craftsmanship and a fusion of contemporary and traditional cuts, the show highlighted the designer's commitment to celebrating artisanal craftsmanship while embracing the future of fashion.

The event, held in the



UK, showcased Harish Akkisetty's vision of the future of textiles, culture, and innovation. His jewelry partner, Shiddat Jewellers from India, added a touch of luxury to the ensemble, complementing the vibrant designs on display.

Harish Akkisetty, based in Andhra Pradesh, India, has established his own label, Harishakkisettylabel, which has gained recognition both in India and internationally. He has been collaborating across countries, showcasing his collections, and expanding his global presence within the fashion world.

The India Fashion Week London was produced by Mr. Manny Singh, the CEO and founder of Platinum Group, an events company known for organizing the largest Asian wedding shows in Europe, including the National Asian Wedding Show. With over 20 years of experience, Manny Singh has played a pivotal role in connecting wedding suppliers and services with couples globally. He is also the visionary behind the India Fashion Week London, which brings South Asian fashion to an international audience.

In addition to his work with India Fashion Week London, Manny Singh has recently expanded his global reach by partnering with UAE's Emaar Group under their Weddings by Emaar brand, launching the Dubai Wedding Show. His innovative leadership continues to shape the wedding and fashion industries worldwide.

Rohit Sharma's Ranji comeback sparks extra security and seating expansion



Additional security and increased seating arrangements for as many as 500 people will be put in place for India captain Rohit Sharma's first Ranji Trophy appearance for Mumbai in a decade here. Mumbai, the defending champions of Ranji Trophy, will resume the second leg of the premier domestic competition here at the Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy in BKC against a formidable J&K side starting on Thursday. With Rohit named in Mumbai's 17-member squad along with fellow Test opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, a significant crowd turnout can be expected on

the match day here at Mumbai Cricket Association's BKC facility. However, sitting arrangements can be made for only up to 500 people where Mumbai side has been regularly playing its league games in the Ranji Trophy. "Additional security has been arranged and we have also increased the sitting capacity of fans up to 500," a MCA official said. Mumbai are placed third behind table-leaders Baroda and second-placed J&K in Elite Group A and will need to find their best in order to progress in the competition.

Hyderabad Experts Conduct Training on Early Leprosy Detection in Nepal



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Dr. Suman Jain, Chief Research Medical Officer (CMRO) at the Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad, along with Dr. Sujai Suneetha, recently conducted a specialized training session at the Nepal Leprosy Trust in Lalgadh, Nepal.

The four-day session focused on the use of High-Resolution Ultrasound (HRUS) for the early detection of leprosy, a significant step in enhancing diagnostic capabilities.

The training aimed to equip the medical staff of the Nepal Leprosy Trust with the skills necessary to detect leprosy in its early stages,

thereby improving patient outcomes. Participants, including Dr. Sofia, Mr. Roshan Lal, and Mr. Shyam, engaged in a comprehensive curriculum that covered the latest advancements in nerve ultrasound techniques specific to leprosy diagnosis.

Commenting on the initiative, Dr. Suman Jain said, "It is a privilege to be part of this initiative, which will strengthen the diagnostic capacity of the Nepal Leprosy Trust. By empowering local medical professionals with the skills to detect leprosy early through HRUS, we can ensure better care and an improved quality of life for affected individuals."

Mudgar Akhada Wrestling Tournament Results



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In the Mudgar Akhada Wrestling Tournament held at Kuli Qutb Shah Stadium, Shankar Katta Gani (70 kg) and Katta Sai Shankar (97 kg),

both hailed from the renowned Veer Abhimanyu Vyaamshala Katta Shankaraiah lineage, claimed medals in their respective categories. The winners were honored with felicitations by Gangaputra Sangam

Subjimandi President Dorthula Srinivas, alongside his executive committee, as well as Macha Sahakari Sangam President Katta Lingam and his executive committee.

Khel Mahotsav Held at Sloka School, Over 1500 Students Participate



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Sloka School hosted its annual Khel Mahotsav sports event, which saw over 1500 students actively participating in various competitions. The program, which ran from January 21 to

January 22, featured a wide range of activities for sub-junior, junior, and senior boys and girls.

Events included traditional games such as Kho-Kho and Kabaddi, as well as skill-based games like Carrom, Shotput, Lemon and

Spoon race, and Running Race. The event was attended by the school's Director and Principal, M. Nageshwar, along with Directors M. Thirumala Rao, S. Ratan Prakash Jaiswal, and B. Anvesh. The Vice Principal, V. Amitha, and Coordi-

nator Malathi were also present, ensuring the smooth execution of the event. Sports coach, Mr. Sukhpal Singh, played a key role in guiding the students and organizing the activities, making the event a resounding success.



I am healthy and fit, says Secunderabad MLA Padma Rao

Secunderabad MLA, T Padma Rao Goud on Tuesday night urged his followers, close associates, friends and well wishers in Hyderabad not to unnecessarily panic over his health.

Following his emergency heart surgery that was taken-up in a hospital at Dehradun, the senior BRS party leader assured that he was healthy. Padma Rao took to his handle on social media platform X and said "I am fit and healthy and there is no need to panic".



GHMC opens fountain, decorative lights in Narayanguda



GHMC on Tuesday inaugurated beautification works in Narayanguda at a combined cost of Rs 87 lakh. The works included a water fountain under the Narayanguda Flyover (Rs 40 lakh), rope lighting also on the flyover (Rs 10 lakh) and decorative lighting near YMCA (Rs 37 lakh). On the day, joint secretary of the Union ministry of urban and housing affairs Roopa Mishra visited Hyderabad to review progress of projects under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

The visit began with a virtual meeting with Smart City commissioners from Karimnagar and Warangal. Mishra went to the Loo Cafe near KBR Park. She appreciated GHMC's effort in providing clean and free public toilets to the citizens. She also visited the integrated municipal solid waste plant at Jawaharnagar. Officials shared the challenges GHMC and Ramky Enviro engineers faced in managing the facility and how these were addressed.

Director of Ramky Group explained how the plant follows a circular economy model by using power from the waste to energy plant for streetlights, recycling plastics into bin bags and using compost in parks and offices. Mishra suggested improving waste segregation and strengthening GHMC's control over primary waste collection. Mishra also visited the 84th All India Industrial Exhibition (Numaish) in Nampally where she interacted with beneficiaries of the Mission For Elimination Of Poverty In Municipal Areas, who started businesses using government support.

TG govt, MEIL sign MoU for three projects



The state government on Tuesday signed memoranda of understanding (MoU) with Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited (MEIL) to establish three major projects, with a total investment of Rs.13,000 crore, during the World Economic Forum in Davos. MEIL, the Hyderabad-based infrastructure company, will set up a 2,160 MW pumped storage project with a proposed investment of Rs.11,000 crore. It expected to create over 1,000 jobs in the construction phase, with an additional 250 jobs during the operations phase.

In second project, the government and MEIL will establish a 1,000 MWh battery energy storage system across strategic locations. The project entails a Rs.3,000-crore investment and is poised to create over 1,000 direct jobs and an additional 3,000 indirect jobs within two years. The system will play a pivotal role in strengthening Telangana's renewable energy infrastructure by enabling efficient energy storage, grid stability, and peak load management.

The third project is a world-class wellness resort at Anantagiri in which Rs.1,000 crore. The project is expected to generate over 2,000 jobs during construction and operations phases. The company will also conduct campus recruitment drives for these three projects.

Hyderabad Faces Rising Challenges Under Congress Rule, Says KTR

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Hyderabad, once a beacon of growth and development, has experienced a surge in issues over the past year under the Congress-led government, claims Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.Tarakarama Rao (KTR). Speaking at a meeting with Hyderabad's MLAs and MLCs at the residence of former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, KTR highlighted key problems such as sanitation, drinking water shortages, power cuts, traffic congestion, and deteriorating law and order that have plagued the city. KTR expressed regret



that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanath Reddy, Hyderabad, once known for its rapid development and progressive initiatives, is now facing numerous challenges. The BRS representatives raised concerns over water tanker shortages in several areas, even before the dry season, and the severe impact of unplanned power cuts on businesses and industries. Additionally, crime rates

have increased, and land grabbing is on the rise, creating an atmosphere of insecurity among residents. "The BRS regime transformed Hyderabad into a modern city with projects like Metro Rail, IT growth, and world-class infrastructure. However, under Congress rule, the city's image has been tarnished," KTR said. He also pointed out that the promises made by Con-

gress during the elections—such as providing ration cards, pensions, and housing for the poor—have remained unfulfilled. The poor, especially in slum areas, continue to suffer without the help they were promised.

KTR assured that BRS representatives would continue advocating for the people of Hyderabad and hold the government accountable. He warned that if Congress does not fulfill its promises, the people of the city will demand answers. He concluded by stating that BRS will continue to take responsibility for Hyderabad's progress, ensuring the city's growth is restored.

Energy Department to Install 50,000 Solar Pump Sets for Tribal Beneficiaries



The energy department has decided to go ahead with installing 50,000 solar pump sets for tribal beneficiaries. In total, the government has estimated the demand for 2.5 lakh solar pump sets, based on cultivable land of tribals under the Recognition of Forest Rights Act and the Forest Conservation Act. In a high-level meeting at the Secretariat on Tuesday, principal secretary, energy, Sandeep Kumar Sultania focused on the feasibility of providing the solar pump sets and its phase-wise implementation.

This programme aims to significantly enhance agricultural productivity, empower tribal communities and promote sustainable energy practices. Sandeep Kumar said a request has been made to the Union ministry of new and renewable energy for the sanction of 1 lakh solar pump sets under the PM-KUSUM component-B scheme. The concerned officials were directed to conduct a comprehensive preliminary survey to assess actual requirements.

Later, a proposal will be submitted to the state government for budgetary approvals, ensuring effective planning and resource allocation.

18th Rajiv Gandhi Under-19 T20 League



AICC Telangana Incharge Deepa Das Munshi, along with V. Hanumantha Rao (Former MP and Chairman of CFI), inaugurated the 18th Rajiv Gandhi Under-19 Day/Night T20 League Cricket Championship at Waterworks Ground, Amberpet, Hyderabad. Following the inauguration, Deepa Das Munshi showcased her batting skills in a friendly match. The event was also attended by Syed Sadiq Pasha (President, CFI), and Shambula Srikanth Goud (Working President, CFI), Adi Avinash (President, CFH), Amarjit Kumar (General Secre-

Tachyon Technologies inaugurates Global Delivery Centre in Hyderabad

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Tachyon Technologies announced the inauguration of its Global Delivery Centre, spread across 35,000 sq ft and poised to play a pivotal role in delivering world-class IT solutions to clients worldwide, in the Financial District.

Over the next year, the company plans to hire 500 highly skilled professionals to build expertise in SAP, Sales Force, Arti-

ficial Intelligence (AI), and software testing and Data Analytics. These will form the backbone of the company's operations at the new center, ensuring innovative and efficient delivery to clients across North America, Europe, and emerging markets, a press release said. Headquartered in Dallas, Tachyon boasts international presence with offices in the US, Canada, Mexico, the UK, and now India. The Hyderabad Global Delivery

Centre will be integral to the company's strategy to offshore operations while maintaining unparalleled service quality.

"Our new Global Delivery Centre in Hyderabad will not only support our existing client base but also drive the company towards our ambitious goal of achieving \$1 billion in revenue over the next decade," said Himanshu Ojah, Vice President at Tachyon Technologies

Governor of Telangana Releases BP Acharya's Cartoon Book 'Obtuse Angle' at Raj Bhavan

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The Governor of Telangana, Jishnu Dev Varma, officially released "Obtuse Angle," a book of cartoons by BP Acharya, I.A.S. (Retd.), at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad. The book marks a significant milestone in Acharya's distinguished career, reflecting

over four decades of creative work alongside his service in the civil administration.

During his address, the Governor lauded BP Acharya for his ability to seamlessly blend his artistic passion with his responsibilities as a civil servant. He noted the profound impact of cartoons in portraying everyday life, highlighting Acha-



rya's sharp observational skills and the subtle humor embedded in his work. "Obtuse Angle" offers a unique perspective on the bureaucracy, capturing its

challenges, complexities, and the humorous moments often hidden within the world of public service. The Governor emphasized that the book provides a window into

the ironic and amusing side of bureaucracy, brought to life by a seasoned cartoonist.

The event was attended by several prominent dignitaries, including MG Gopal, I.A.S. (Retd.); Dr. N. Ramesh Kumar, I.A.S. (Retd.), Director General of the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI); Ravi Kanth, I.A.S. (Retd.); N. Ramac-

handar Rao, former MLC; Ms. Sangeeta Verma; Ms. Frauke Qadr, Founder of the Save the Rocks Society; Prof. M. Panduranga Rao, retired Professor from the National Institute of Technology, Warangal; Sridhar Rao, Trustee of Kakatiya Heritage Trust; Md. Ali Baig, renowned theatre artist; and BP Singhal from FTCCI.

AIMIM Leaders Distribute Model Papers to Class X Students

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AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, alongside Nanalnagar Corporator Mohib Patel and Narayankhed President, distributed Salar-e-Millat All-in-One Model Papers to Class X students at the Government Urdu Medium School in Narayankhed.

In a similar initiative,



Ather Ahmed, President of Zaheerabad, handed over the Salar-e-Millat Model Papers to Class X students at the Govern-

ment Urdu Medium School in Zaheerabad, further supporting the educational efforts in the region.

IIT-H Seeks to Solve Real-World Problems With AI

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How can artificial intelligence (AI) help improve life in rural India? This pressing question found answers at the Pivot Satellite Conference held at IIT Hyderabad, where experts discussed the tangible impact of AI and Industry 5.0 on everyday challenges. Moving bey-

ond the realm of futuristic buzzwords, the event demonstrated how technology is already being deployed to solve problems in healthcare, education and sustainability.

With the theme "A Smarter World: AI as the Tool, Industry 5.0 as the Path," the conference featured a diverse group of participants, including start-up founders, industry

leaders, investors and academic experts. The event opened with a welcome address by Prof. B.S. Murty, director of IIT Hyderabad, who set the stage by emphasising the importance of collaboration in driving meaningful technological advancements.

"Collaboration is key to our success," he remarked, underlining the

need for partnerships between academia and industry to scale innovative solutions. A major highlight of the conference was the introduction of the PanIIT WHEELS initiative by Dr Ramnath S. Mani. Launched in response to a call from former President Dr Abdul Kalam, WHEELS focuses on addressing critical issues in rural

areas through technology. By targeting key areas such as water, health, energy, education, livelihood and sustainability, the initiative aims to improve the lives of 20 per cent of India's rural population. PanIIT is a global network of IIT alumni dedicated to leveraging technology for societal progress.

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