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Tripura is now the third Indian state, after Mizoram and Goa, to become a fully literate state, surpassing the 95% benchmark set by the Ministry of Education for a state to be declared fully literate. The state's literacy rate reached 95.6%. Director (Adult Education), Union Ministry of Education, Preeti Meena, said that after Mizoram and Goa, Tripura became the third in India to attain the distinction of being a fully literate state. According to UNESCO, states that cross the 95 per cent mark would be **CONT:P4**

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Telangana Migrant Worker Missing in Qatar

A pregnant woman had to be carried in a makeshift palanquin, called 'doli' in local parlance, on Monday due to lack of an approach road to her hamlet in Shahapur in Maharashtra's Thane district, the issue highlighting the critical gaps in health infrastructure in rural areas barely 100 kilometres from Mumbai, the country's financial capital. A video of 21-year-old Sangita Ravindra Mukane being carried in a doli over a distance **CONT:P2**



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Israel-Iran ceasefire off to rocky start, drawing Trump's ire after fanfare

Trump slams Netanyahu for truce violation, says it is still in effect and that he is not seeking regime change in Iran.

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The ceasefire between Israel and Iran has shown early signs of strain – and has triggered frustration, and a televised expletive, from United States President Donald Trump, who accused Israel of undermining the deal just hours



after its announcement. The ceasefire, brokered by the US and Qatar,

came into effect late Monday following days of intensive missile barrages between the two foes. Israel's last wave of strikes targeted Iranian military infrastructure near Isfahan, prompting retaliatory drone launches by Tehran. After a rocky start, it was holding later Tuesday with the missiles and

drones silent in both directions for the first time in nearly two weeks. Iran violated the ceasefire, "but Israel violated it too", Trump told reporters earlier in the day on the White House's South Lawn as he departed for the NATO summit. "So I'm not happy with them. **CONT:P4**

PM Modi: Terror Will Be Crushed; Lauds Made-in-India Weaponry

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday declared that Operation Sindoor has sent a clear global message that no shelter is safe for terrorists who shed Indian blood, underlining India's uncompromising stance against terrorism. He

made this assertion while addressing the centenary celebration of the historic meeting between Sree Narayana Guru and Mahatma Gandhi at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Modi affirmed that the BJP-led NDA government takes all necessary decisions solely in the national interest, pointing to Operation Sindoor as



proof of India's increasing military self-reliance. He highlighted that

Made-in-India weapons were used during the operation, compelling the enemy to surrender within just 22 minutes, a show of India's growing defence capabilities. Without directly naming Pakistan, he suggested the impact was felt across the border. Reiterating India's rising global stature, the Prime Minister **CONT:P4**

349 Flood-Prone Spots Identified: Ranganath

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HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath said 349 locations within Hyderabad, Rachakonda and Cyberabad commissionerates were prone to flooding. At a monsoon preparedness meeting with senior police officials Dr Gajjarao Bhupal and Joel Davis, he discussed the deployment of emergency teams at vulnerable points. Officials 150



monsoon emergency teams will be ready in three days. These teams, along with 51 of HYDRAA's DRF teams will engage in works along with GHMC teams at the circle-level. HMWS&SB and southern discom officials

Delhi High Court Allows Actor Rajpal Yadav To Travel To Australia

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The Delhi High Court has allowed actor Rajpal Yadav's plea to travel to Melbourne, Australia between June 27 and July 5 for the promotion of upcoming film "Mera Kale Rang Da Yaar". On June 23, Justice Rajneesh Kumar Gupta perused the invitation



letter and tickets while observing Mr Yadav was previously allowed to travel abroad by the trial court.

As a rider, Mr Yadav was directed to furnish Rs 1 lakh **CONT:P5** in

Indian Army Buys Missiles, Drones Under Emergency



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In order to strengthen operational readiness in counter-terrorism (CT) operations, the Indian Army, under emergency procurement (EP), has signed contracts to acquire very short-range air defence systems, remotely piloted aerial vehicles and loitering munitions, including vertical take-off and landing systems, among others crucial weapons and ammunition. These contracts, amounting to Rs 1,981 crore, were finalised against an overall sanctioned outlay of Rs 2,000 crore for the

Indian Army. Last month, the defence ministry had granted emergency procurement powers to the armed forces to buy weapons and ammunition to boost its firepower and replenish stocks used during Operation Sindoor against Pakistan.

"Executed through fast-track procedures under the EP mandate, the procurement aims to enhance situational awareness, lethality, mobility, and protection for troops deployed in counter-terrorism (CT) environments. The acquisitions were completed within compressed timelines to ensure rapid capability augmentation," the defence ministry said in a statement. The acquisitions also include integrated drone detection and interdiction systems, various categories of drones, low-level **CONT:P4**

Minor Girl Gets Lover, Kin Murder Her Singer-Mom



Anjalu, a 39-year-old singer and granddaughter of revolutionary leader Chakali Iलamma, was allegedly murdered by her teenage daughter's boyfriend and his minor brother in Shapur Nagar, Jeedimetla, on Monday evening. According to Jeedimetla inspector G. Mallesh, Anjali, associated with the Telangana Jagruti, had been living with her two daughters, aged 16 and 13, at Plot No. 299. Police said the 16-year-old girl had developed a relationship with one P. Shiva, 19, an intermediate stu- **CONT:P5**

Congress Govt's Focus on Farmer Welfare Has No Match in History, Says Bhatti

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said on Tuesday that the Congress government in Telangana had created history by crediting Rs 9,000 crore directly into accounts of 70 lakh farmers under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, within just nine days. He said the Congress government was the only one in Indian history to do so in such a short span. He called it a moment worthy of being recorded in



golden letters in India's history. Addressing Rythu Bharosa celebrations held at the Rajiv Gandhi statue near Secretariat on Tuesday, Bhatti said that this milestone was achieved as part of the collective deci-

sion of the people's government and cabinet under the spirit of Indiramma Rajyam (Indira Gandhi's governance model). He noted that in just three months since coming to power, the Congress government had waived Rs 21,000 crore in farm loans — unmatched by any other government in the country. He added that the government is also providing `12,000 annually to landless and poor agricultural labourers directly into their bank accounts. **CONT:P2**

"We Overcame Dark Chapter Like Emergency As Our Nation...": Shah

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Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday slammed Congress for the imposition of Emergency in 1975 and said, "We overcame a dark chapter like the Emergency because our nation never bows down to dictatorship". Addressing a programme on 50 years of Emergency at Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in Delhi, Mr Shah said that the Emergency



was imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as she saw a threat to her power, and there was no external danger or internal unrest. "Today is the eve of the 50th anniversary of the

Emergency... There may arise a question why something that happened 50 years ago is being discussed now... When 50 years of any national event are completed, good or bad, its memory fades away in society. If the memory of an event like the Emergency that shook the democracy fades away, then that is harmful to the nation," he said. "Today, we are the world's largest democracy, and the **CONT:P4**

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Etala Demands CBI Probe, Blames KCR for Phone Tapping Scandal

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MP Etala Rajender has demanded a comprehensive probe into the illegal phone tapping scandal, accusing former CM KCR and intelligence officials of gross misuse of power. Addressing the media at Jubilee Hills Police Station, he expressed outrage that surveillance, meant for anti-national elements, was instead used against public representatives, their families, and even judiciary officials. He condemned the unauthorized phone tapping of political leaders, their families, personal staff, and even his wife, stating, "It is evil to deprive freedom. Tapping my wife's Jamuna Hatchery calls is disgraceful." He asserted that phone tapping occurred during key elections in Huzurabad, Munugode,



and Gajwel, to threaten or bribe supporters. "They monitored our every minute," he added. Etala accused Prabhakar Rao, a promoted officer and not a direct IPS, of illegally heading intelligence and acting on KCR's instructions. He questioned why such a person was appointed post-retirement, violating norms. He also alleged that Rao oversaw tapping of judges, businessmen, and even cinema personalities, drawing parallels to the Emergency era of 1975.

"All officials admit they acted on Prabhakar Rao's orders," Etala said. He criticized the current Revanth Reddy-led government for not releasing reports on commissions probing phone tapping, electricity purchases, and Kaleshwaram project. "Why is the inquiry moving at a snail's pace?" he asked. Etala demanded swift action, warning, "If this government doesn't act, it is complicit. If you can't investigate, hand over the case to the CBI. Let the guilty be punished."

Congress Govt's Focus on Farmer Welfare Has No Match in History, Says Bhatti

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In a landmark achievement, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday announced that the Congress government in Telangana had created history by disbursing ₹9,000 crore directly into the bank accounts of 70 lakh farmers under the Rythu Bharosa scheme within just nine days. He said no other government in Indian history had executed such a massive financial transfer to farmers in such a short timeframe, calling it an achievement worthy of being recorded "in golden letters" in the country's history. Bhatti made the announcement during the Rythu Bharosa celebrations held near the Rajiv Gandhi statue close to the Secretariat. He declared



that the scheme reflects the values of Indiramma Rajyam—the pro-poor, pro-farmer governance model of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi—and showcased the collective will of the Congress-led cabinet. He highlighted that in less than three months since assuming power, the Congress government had already waived farm loans worth ₹21,000 crore—an unprecedented move that no other state government in India has matched so far. In another significant welfare initiative, the gov-

ernment is now providing ₹12,000 annually to landless and poor agricultural labourers, directly credited to their bank accounts. "No party has embraced the farming community with such genuine love and commitment as the Congress," Bhatti asserted. "Agriculture means Congress." The Cabinet, in its Monday meeting, commended Bhatti for his pivotal role in the successful implementation of Rythu Bharosa. As the state's finance minister, he had closely supervised the

day-to-day mobilisation and release of funds, ensuring the disbursement target was met in just nine days, despite fiscal challenges. The ministers acknowledged his financial stewardship as instrumental in overcoming bottlenecks and achieving what seemed improbable within the limited timeframe. Bhatti drew a stark comparison between the current government's swift execution and the previous BRS administration's performance under the Rythu Bandhu scheme. He criticised the BRS for offering token financial assistance while neglecting comprehensive support measures for farmers. Under BRS rule, disbursements under Rythu Bandhu—launched in 2018—often spanned three to five months per season. Though the amount was later raised from ₹4,000 to ₹5,000

per acre, its maximum seasonal outlay never exceeded ₹7,624 crore. In contrast, the Congress's Rythu Bharosa, introduced in January 2025 with an increased benefit of ₹6,000 per acre, has already outpaced the BRS-era scheme. For the ongoing kharif season alone, ₹8,285 crore has been disbursed—executed within just one week. Despite operating under severe financial pressure, the Congress government has maintained its focus on welfare. Alongside the Rythu Bharosa disbursement, the state also cleared ₹180 crore in pending medical reimbursement bills for state government employees—dues that had been lingering since the BRS regime. This move has earned the Congress further goodwill from the government workforce.

Thousands of Dawoodi Bohras Arrive in Hyderabad for Ashara Mubarak

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:Thousands of Dawoodi Bohra community members from across the world are arriving at Hyderabad and Secunderabad for the annual Ashara Mubarak congregations. Although the main event is being held in Chennai, the leader of worldwide Dawoodi Bohra Mus-

lim community Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin chose Hyderabad and Secunderabad as satellite centres for live broadcasts of the sermons. Ashara Mubarak, observed from the 10th to 13th of Muharram, is a period of remembrance for Prophet Muhammad, his grandson Imam Husain, and their family. Community members of the



Dawoodi Bohras gather during this time to re-

flect on values like justice, truth, and human-

ity. Around 22,000 Dawoodi Bohras are expected to attend events from June 27 to July 5 at Saifee Masjid, Ezzi Masjid, Hussaini Alam and Imperial Garden in the city. Other Dawoodi Bohra centres in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh will also broadcast the sermons in their local community centres,

alongside an overseas venue of Colombo. Ammar Shakir, coordinator of the program, said "Together, through a shared effort, the Dawoodi Bohras aim to uphold the very teachings of selflessness, unity, and devotion to a higher purpose that are being reflected upon during Ashara Mubarak."

Korutla Lalitha Appointed Mala Mahanadu Women's State General Secretary



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Korutla Lalitha has been appointed as the State General Secretary of the Mala Mahanadu Women's Department. The appointment ceremony

saw the presence of National President G. Chennaiyya, State President Burgula Venkateswarlu, Women's Wing State President M. Sarala, and leaders Rajesh Kamble, Shantaiha, Kamble Ramesh, and Sudhir.

Jagadish Reddy Slams Godavari Talks, Warns of Danger to Telangana

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Former Minister and MLA G. Jagadish Reddy criticized the Telangana government for its inaction on the Godavari and Banakachera water issues, warning that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's move to hold talks with Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu could harm Telangana's interests. He alleged that Naidu is conspiring to divert Godavari waters, potentially turning Telangana into a desert, and accused him of pushing a "fraudulent" Godavari-Cauvery river-link project, which has already faced objections from the Chhattisgarh



government. Jagadish Reddy said the Telangana cabinet has failed to seriously discuss these critical issues, despite the Godavari River being the lifeline of the state. He called on all parties to unite and demanded that the central government immediately convene an Apex Council instead of engaging in talks with Naidu. He expressed concern that Naidu wants to secure rights to 200 TMC of Godavari

waters before the expected formation of a new tribunal. The BRS leader criticized the BJP, accusing it of colluding with Naidu, and claimed that Chandrababu has become a "breath of fresh air" for Prime Minister Modi. He also questioned the state's farmer celebrations, calling them a political stunt and asking whether farmers are truly benefiting. Reddy mocked the claim of constructing 20 lakh Indiramma houses in three years and alleged that political violence, previously absent under BRS rule, is now emerging from Revanth Reddy's AP allies.

BJP's Aedla Pandarinath says entire party cadre should be tree protector

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On the occasion of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's Balidan Diwas, continuation a sapling distribution and planting program was organized near the Kali Mata Ammavari Temple in Faluknama, Bhayanagar District of BJP under the aegis of the Rashtriya Mahila Morcha. "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam Pe" (A Plant in the Name of Mother). The chief guest of this programme was State Secretary Smt. Mooga JayaSri, Niranjan Yadav, President Bhayanagar District and Corporator Kotha Kapu Aruna Ravinder Reddy, Aedla Pandarinath Convener of BJP Chandrayanagutta, Manjula Reddy, District Women's Morcha President, Gopi, District ST Morcha President, Sapling plants were distributed by her hands. In this program, Narasimha Rao, State Executive Member, Swapna Mahila Morcha Secretary District, Naveen Yadav District Secretary, Barla Srinivas Secre-



tary District, Mahender Reddy Social Media District, Krishna ST Morcha State Spokesperson, Vijay Kumar Garu General Secretary SC Morcha District, Prabhakar Ranjith, Ravi Division President. Jaya Praveen Yadav General Secretaries Divisions, Narendra, Naresh Dr. Mukherjee sacrificed for national unity remains as an inspiration for future generations. It is a matter of pride to celebrate this day with service programs and dedication to environmental protection. Aedla Pandarinath said that his aspiration is that every BJP worker should stand as a tree protector and get inspired by the ideals of late Dr. Mukherjee. And added that let's protect the trees trees will protect us as well as environment.

Serilingampalli Steps Up Flood Relief Works

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In a major step towards a permanent solution to the problem of urban flooding, Serilingampalli Corporator Ragam Nagerud Yadav directed officials to ensure that ongoing drain construction works benefit local residents without causing any inconvenience. He emphasized the need for constant supervision and timely completion of the works. As part of the flood mitigation plan, RCC box drain construction, RCC bed laying, side wall works, and canal expansion are being undertaken from Nallagandla Lake to BHEL Chaurasta Gas Godown drain. These works, estimated at a cost of ₹28.45 crore, are currently



underway near Taranagar Sai Baba Temple in Serilingampalli Division. MLA Arekapudi Gandhi, along with SINDP department officials, inspected the progress of these works. He urged the residents to cooperate with the authorities and contractors during the construction period. He noted that earlier

floods had caused significant distress to the people, but the government is now taking all possible precautions to ensure that such problems do not recur. The MLA stressed that the expansion of the canal is being prioritized based on public need and that the work should continue on a war footing to avoid delays. He called for an increase in the pace of execution to provide timely relief to flood-prone areas. Senior leaders, local association members, residents, and concerned department officials participated in the inspection, reflecting a strong community-government partnership aimed at addressing long-standing civic issues.

Qatar Airspace Closure Hits Hyderabad Flights

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International flight operations from Hyderabad were temporarily hit following the closure of Qatar's airspace amid escalating regional tensions. Since Monday night, 18 international flights to and from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) have been cancelled. Most of the affected flights were operated by IndiGo and Kuwait Airways, particularly those flying via Doha. The disruption has left many passengers uncertain about their travel plans. "Due to the current sit-

uation, several flights to Doha and those transiting through Doha have been cancelled since last night," said Anuradha Chetti, CEO of RL Tours and Travels. "More than 100 tickets had been booked, with several more scheduled for the first week of July. While this has caused confusion, flights on alternate routes are operating normally." She added that the summer break for most international students has limited the impact on student travel. Anil Kumar, founder and MD of Vimaan ClickA-trip, said, "We didn't have bookings for yesterday or

today, but two of our passengers are scheduled to travel to the US via Doha in two days. People heading to Dubai in the coming weeks are now worried this situation might extend to them as well." Kiran Surikuchi, a traveller from Dubai to Hyderabad, said, "My family is flying to Hyderabad on Sunday. Airports in the UAE have resumed operations, and while there are some delays, flights are mostly running on time. Everything feels quite normal here." In a statement, IndiGo stated that its operations across most Gulf countries have now sta-

bilised. "Flights into, out of, and through Gulf nations are operating as scheduled. However, with Iranian airspace still restricted, some flights are being rerouted, leading to longer travel times," the airline said. By Tuesday, IndiGo's website displayed 16 scheduled flights to Gulf destinations. However, key Doha-bound flights 6E 1318 and 6E 1316, scheduled to depart at 8.40 am and 2.25 pm respectively, remained cancelled. Air India had one scheduled departure for the day. After temporarily suspending flights to the Middle East.

Former MLA Nandeeshwar Goud Receives Grand Welcome at Sri Kalahasti Temple

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Former Patancheru MLA and BJP leader Sri Nandeeshwar Goud was given a grand welcome by BJP State Secretary and Assembly Party Convener Kola Anand during his visit to the Sri Kalahasti temple. Goud, who arrived with his family to participate in the service of Sri Gnanaprasunambika Devi, was facilitated with special arrangements for darshan. Following the darshan of Swami Ammavar, Goud was honored with a sheshavastra, received Vedic blessings, and was presented with an image of Vayu Lingeshwara and Tirtha Prasad.



Several key figures from the BJP and local community were present at the event, including BJP State Secretary and Assembly Convener Kola Anand, prominent industrialist Damera Hari, District Secretary and Assembly Co-Convenor Melagaram Subramanyam Reddy, and others such as Chendu, Delhi, Nani, Sidhu, Giridhar Sai, Ramesh, and temple officials. The visit emphasized the BJP leader's spiritual engagement and drew attention from both political and religious circles.



Safran Sets Up New India Arm In Hyderabad For Rafale Jets' M&O

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French aerospace giant Safran said it would establish a new entity — Safran Aircraft Engine Services India

— in the city for conducting the maintenance and overhaul (M&O) of Rafale fighter jet engines, specifically the M88 engines. Safran has established two world-class production facilities in Hyderabad. In a meeting with IT and industries minister D. Sridhar Babu, Safran's general manager Pierre Fernandez said the initiative was expected to create approximately 150 jobs by the end of next year, with the potential to add another 750 positions in subsequent phases. Safran's Hyderabad operations are poised to become a central hub for the production and export of critical components for Rafale engines. The state government's support has been instrumental in positioning Hyderabad as a leading aerospace hub.

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Kavitha Ropes in Left Parties for July 17 Rail Roko Over BC Quota

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Telangana Jagruthi President and BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has sought the support of Left parties for a rail roko protest on July 17, demanding 42 percent reservations for BCs in education, employment, and local bodies. She met with CPM State Secretary John Wesley at MB Bhavan and leaders of New Democracy at Marks Bhavan in Adikmet. MLC Kavitha accused the Congress-led state government of failing to pressure the Centre for the approval of the BC reservation bills passed in the Assembly and Council. Despite the bills being sent to the President three months ago, she alleged that CM Revanth Reddy, despite visiting Delhi over 50 times, has not raised the issue with PM Modi. Kavitha warned that continued delay in implementing the reservation could deprive BCs, employees, and students of their rightful share. She reiterated the importance of agitation to bring pressure on both state and central governments. "The path forward is through struggle," she said, adding that the July 17 rail roko would paralyze transport between North and South India. CPM's John Wesley extended full support to Kavitha's movement, calling the demand for 42% reservation "justified" and criticizing BJP's historical opposition to social justice and the caste census. He emphasized the need for an all-party delegation to Delhi. Kavitha also slammed the government for installing altered statues of Telangana Thalli, calling them "Congress Thalli." She pledged to remove and relocate them to Gandhi Bhavan if BRS returns to power. Leaders from UPF, Telangana Jagruthi, CPM, and New Democracy, including Bolla Sivashankar and Naveen Achari, also backed the protest, urging unity in the fight for BC rights.



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Muslim Leaders' Conference to Address Community Injustice on June 25

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The All India Muslim Leaders Conference (AIMLC) will be held on June 25 at Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, aiming to unite Muslim leaders from all political and religious backgrounds against the systemic injustices faced by Muslims across the country. Addressing a press conference, AIMLC officials said the event will bring together Muslim political leaders, religious scholars (Ulama), Ma-shaikheen, Muftis, and social activists. The central theme of the conference is to protest against the marginalization of Muslims and to end the misuse of the community as a vote bank in Telangana and nationwide. Mir Inayat Ali Baqri, the National President of AIMLC, and Maulana Hakeem Syed



Shah Khairuddin Sufi, who will chair the session, stated that Muslims, who comprise 14% of India's population, are taxpayers and active contributors to society but continue to face injustice in various sectors. The conference seeks to initiate a movement starting from Hyderabad to ensure fair treatment and representation for Muslims. The organizing committee is led by Rahimullah Khan Niazi, former chairman of the Urdu Academy, as President. Zahoor Al-Din Yusufie serves as Vice Chairman, and the General Secretaries include AAK Ameen and others. The Reception Committee is headed by Hayat Hussain Habib, with Syed Ameen Ahmad Aliyas and MA Zeeshan as Vice Presidents. Other key members include Ezme Shaker, Rehana Khan, Nishat Fatima, and Yasmeen Begum. The conference committees have already been formed, and organizers are confident of its success, hoping that it will push both the government and opposition to address Muslim issues with seriousness and sincerity.

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Advocate Mir Qurram Ali Appeals for Unity Ahead of All India Muslim Leaders Conference on June 25

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In a strong call for community unity and collective action, Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, National Youth President of the Bharatiya Minorities Legal Council (BMLC), has urged leaders from all sectors—political, religious, legal, social, and educational—to actively participate in the All India Muslim Leaders Conference, scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, at Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Nampally, Hyderabad*.

Addressing media persons ahead of the event, Advocate Mir Qurram Ali emphasized that the conference is not tied to any political party or sectarian identity. "This is not about politics. This is about justice. I appeal to all Muslim leaders, religious scholars, advocates, NGOs, social activists, student unions, and elected representatives to join hands for a common cause: ensuring justice for Muslims across all spheres of life," he stated. The conference aims to highlight the growing concern over social and political marginalization of Muslims in India and to begin a sustained dialogue on rights, representation, and remedies. "Muslims continue to face systemic discrimination in education, employment, governance, and justice delivery. It is time we collectively raise our voice," said Advocate Qurram Ali.



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The event will feature the participation of key religious and community figures, including Maulana Hakim Syed Shah Khairuddin Sufi, who will preside over the conference. The conference is being held under the guidance of Mir Inayat Ali Baqri, National President of the All India Muslim Legal Council (AIMLC), with several administrative and reception committees already in place. According to Advocate Qurram Ali, this conference is a step toward building a national movement for justice. "This initiative is a platform to bring Muslims of all affiliations together, on the basis of shared values and rights, not political divisions. Our unity is our strength," he added. He called on the Muslim population of Telangana, particularly in Hyderabad, to attend the conference in large numbers and make it a success. "Let this be the beginning of a stronger, united voice for justice and dignity," he concluded. give ealdien what exactky qurram said in short words

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MLA Sriganesh Inaugurates Rs 25 Lakh CC Road Work in Cantonment's Ward 8

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MLA Sriganesh on Tuesday inaugurated the construction of a new CC road from Holy Trinity Church to Army Compound in Cantonment Ward 8, Bollaram, at a cost of ₹25 lakh. Speaking at the event, MLA Sriganesh stated that the development of the Cantonment constituency has accelerated due to the active support of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who is giving special attention to the area. He emphasized his commitment to resolving issues in the constituency one by one and transforming Cantonment into a model constituency in Telangana. Residents expressed gratitude to MLA Sriganesh for fulfilling his promise and initiating road development in their locality. The event was attended by former Vice President of the Cantonment Board Jaya Prakash, former Market Committee Chairman Kadirvan, former Vice Chairman Venugopal Reddy, Market Committee Director Ram, and senior Congress leaders Balaraju, Narahari, Prem Kiran, Mukesh, among others.



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Jampana Pratap Acts on Water, Road Issues in Lakshminarayana Colony



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During a visit to Lakshminarayana Colony, former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap responded to local complaints about water scarcity and damaged roads. He immediately directed water works officials to address the water issue and assured residents that he would take the road repair concerns to Board CEO Madhukar Nayak. The visit followed a request from local representative Shanthikula, and several residents participated in the interaction.

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Free Data Engineer Course for Unemployed Youth by Sai Seva Org

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In a major initiative to empower unemployed graduates, Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, Telangana, has announced a free 90-day Data Engineer course under the Sri Sathya Sai Skill Development Program. The course is aimed at graduates from 2022 to 2025 holding degrees in BSc, MSc, B.Tech, M.Tech, or MCA, and includes comprehensive training in Basic & Advanced Python, SQL, Business Intelligence tools, soft skills, and career counselling. Classes will be conducted offline at the Sathya Sai Skill Center, Hyderabad, and participants will also receive placement assistance upon successful completion of the course. Interested candidates can register at www.sethu.ai or call 9052372023 for further details. This initiative reflects Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation's commitment to skilling and uplifting youth, offering them a pathway into the high-demand field of data engineering.



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Kaamgaar Union will work for resolve all the long-pending problems: Raji Reddy

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Taking the upcoming Jalmandali recognised Workers' Union elections as an ambitious goal, INTUC Jalmandali Kaamgaar Union, affiliated to the ruling Congress party, is campaigning Swiftly, said INTUC Telangana State unit Vice President and Jalmandali Kaamgaar Union President Mogulla Raji Reddy. As part and parcel of the Jalmandali Identification Workers' Union election campaign, Mogulla Raji Reddy,



along with Union General Secretary Ch. Suresh Babu, Associate President B. Bhumaiah, Working President K. Ramaraju and others met the workers and requested their votes at the Water Works office in Secunderabad, Maredpally. Mogulla Raji Reddy urged the leadership to strengthen the Kaamgaar Union and bring it to power with a huge majority. On this occasion, Mogulla Raji Reddy asked about the problems of the employees and reminded them that INTUC had fought many battles across the country and put pressure on the Congress party to achieve the rights of the workers. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said that the government is a people's government and the main objective of the Congress government is to provide welfare to the workers and farmers. He said that the Kaamgaar Union had worked hard to ensure that every employee of the Water Board got a promotion before retirement, and that the Kaamgaar Union had received an assurance from the board to provide government health cards to the employees (health benefits to employees up

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to Rs. 10 lakhs) and to provide EPF money to all the pending board employees. Mogulla Raji Reddy appealed to the Kangar Union to strengthen its candidature in the upcoming Jalmandali Kaamgaar elections and to field the INTUC Union with a huge majority. Union leaders, Srinivas, Jagan Mohan, Venkata Subbaiah, Kumar, Kodumulla Srinivas, Mohammed Ghouse, Vijay, Chandu, and others were participated in this program

Indian Army Buys Missiles, Drones Under Emergency

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In order to strengthen operational readiness in counter-terrorism (CT) operations, the Indian Army, under emergency procurement (EP), has signed contracts to acquire very short-range air defence systems, remotely piloted aerial vehicles and loitering munitions, including vertical take-off and landing systems, among others crucial weapons and ammunition. These contracts, amounting to Rs 1,981 crore, were finalised against an overall sanctioned outlay of Rs 2,000 crore for the Indian Army. Last month, the defence ministry had granted emergency procurement powers to the armed forces to buy weapons and ammunition to boost its firepower and replenish stocks used during Operation Sindoor against Pakistan.

"Executed through fast-track procedures under the EP mandate, the procurement aims to enhance situational awareness, lethality, mobility, and protection for troops deployed in counter-terrorism (CT) environments. The acquisitions were completed within compressed timelines to ensure rapid capability augmentation," the defence ministry said in a statement. The acquisitions also include integrated drone detection and interdiction systems, various categories of drones, low-level lightweight radars, quick reaction fighting vehicles and heavy and medium and night sights for rifles. "These procurements reflect the Ministry's commitment to equipping the Indian Army with modern, mission-critical, and completely indigenous systems to meet emerging security challenges.

"We Overcame Dark Chapter Like Emergency As Our Nation...": Amit Shah

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Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday slammed Congress for the imposition of Emergency in 1975 and said, "We overcame a dark chapter like the Emergency because our nation never bows down to dictatorship". Addressing a programme on 50 years of Emergency at Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya in Delhi, Mr Shah said that the Emergency was imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as she saw a threat to her power, and there was no external danger or internal unrest. "Today is the eve of the 50th anniversary of the Emergency... There may arise a question why something that happened 50 years ago is being discussed now... When 50 years of any national

event are completed, good or bad, its memory fades away in society. If the memory of an event like the Emergency that shook the democracy fades away, then that is harmful to the nation," he said. "Today, we are the world's largest democracy, and the reason we overcame a dark chapter like the Emergency is that our nation never bows down to dictatorship. The world has witnessed the birth of democracy on this soil. India is the mother of democracy," he added. Amit Shah said the first non-Congress government was formed in the country in the general elections held after the Emergency. "At that time, no one would have liked the Emergency except for the dictators and the small group that benefited from it.

Israel-Iran ceasefire off to rocky start, drawing Trump’s ire after fanfare

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The ceasefire between Israel and Iran has shown early signs of strain – and has triggered frustration, and a televised expletive, from United States President Donald Trump, who accused Israel of undermining the deal just hours after its announcement. \ The ceasefire, brokered by the US and Qatar, came into effect late Monday following days of intensive missile barrages between the two foes. Israel's last wave of strikes targeted Iranian military infrastructure near Isfahan, prompting retaliatory drone launches by Tehran. After a rocky start, it was holding later Tuesday with the missiles and drones silent in both di-

rections for the first time in nearly two weeks. Iran violated the ceasefire, “but Israel violated it too”, Trump told reporters earlier in the day on the White House’s South Lawn as he departed for the NATO summit. “So I’m not happy with them. I’m not happy with Iran either. But I’m really unhappy if Israel is going out this morning.” “I’ve got to get Israel to calm down,” he said. “Israel, as soon as we made the deal, they came out and dropped a load of bombs, the likes of which I’ve never seen before.” As he prepared to head to a NATO summit in The Hague in the Netherlands, Trump’s anger flared on the White House Lawn: “We have two countries that have been fighting so

long and so hard that they don’t know what the f*** they’re doing.” A day earlier, Trump boasted on his Truth Social app that “the Ceasefire is in effect!” “ISRAEL is not going to attack Iran. All planes will turn around and head home, while doing a friendly ‘Plane Wave’ to Iran. Nobody will be hurt,” Trump wrote. Trump’s unusually public display of anger at Israel saw the US leader apparently trying to force his ally to call off warplanes in real time on Tuesday.

Earlier the same morning, he had posted on Truth Social: “ISRAEL. DO NOT DROP THOSE BOMBS” – without it being clear which bombs he was referring to. “IF

YOU DO IT IS A MAJOR VIOLATION. BRING YOUR PILOTS HOME, NOW!” Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seemed to quickly accede, with his office saying in a statement on Tuesday that Israel still carried out one more attack near Tehran after Trump’s appeal, but is refraining from “further strikes”. Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz had said earlier on Tuesday that he had ordered the military to mount new strikes on targets in Tehran in response to what he claimed were Iranian missiles fired in a “blatant violation” of the ceasefire. Iran denied launching any missiles and said Israel’s attacks had continued for an hour and a

half beyond the time the ceasefire was meant to start. For his part, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said that his country would not fire at Israel if it was not fired upon, but that a “final decision on the cessation of our military operations will be made later”. Despite the rocky start, Trump voiced support for the ceasefire itself, clarifying he is not seeking regime change in Iran, after some mixed messaging in recent days, and insisting that the ceasefire remains in effect. If it holds, the truce would be a big political win for Trump in the wake of his risky gamble to send US bombers over the weekend to attack three nuclear facilities in Iran that Israel and the

United States claim were being used to build an atomic bomb in secret. US intelligence and the United Nations’ nuclear watchdog had previously recorded no indication Iran was developing a nuclear weapon. Reporting from Tehran, Al Jazeera’s Ali Hashem said Iranian officials appeared to welcome Trump’s remarks, viewing them as a potential opening for diplomatic engagement. “It might give the impression that Trump is serious about this ceasefire,” Hashem said. Iran’s President Masoud Pezeshkian signalled that his country is ready to resolve issues with the US, during a phone call with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Israel has Refrained from Additional Attacks: Israeli PMO

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The Israeli Prime Minister's Office on Tuesday evening noted that after a conversation between US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel has "refrained" from further attacks on Iran. This statement comes shortly after US President Donald Trump expressed strong disapproval of Israel and Iran "violating the ceasefire" he announced earlier in the day. In a series of posts on social media X, the Israeli Prime Minister's Office said, "Pursuant to the conversation between President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu, Israel has refrained from additional attacks. In the conversation, President Trump expressed his great appreciation for Israel,

which achieved all of its objectives for the war, as well as his confidence in the stability of the ceasefire." The Israeli PMO further stated that shortly before the ceasefire came into effect, Iran launched a barrage of missiles towards Israel, which claimed the lives of four citizens in Be'er Sheva. It added that hours before a scheduled ceasefire, Israeli forces conducted a major strike in Tehran, eliminating hundreds of Basij and Iranian security forces personnel. The social media post reads, "The ceasefire was set for 07:00 this morning. At 03:00, Israel forcefully attacked in the heart of Tehran, struck regime targets and eliminated hundreds of Basij and Iranian security forces personnel." "Shortly before the ceasefire was due to take ef-

fect, Iran launched a barrage of missiles, one of which took the lives of four of our citizens in Be'er Sheva. The ceasefire took effect at 07:00," the post added. According to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office, despite the ceasefire taking effect at 7 am, Iran continued its attacks, launching one missile at Israeli territory at 7.06 am and two additional missiles at 10.25 am. In response to these violations, the Israeli Air Force destroyed a radar installation near Tehran, the statement said. "At 07:06, Iran launched one missile at Israeli territory, and two additional missiles at 10:25. These missiles were either intercepted or fell in open areas, and caused neither casualties nor damage. The social media post reads, "In response to Iran's vio-

lations, the Air Force destroyed a radar installation near Tehran," the post added. Meanwhile, Trump made posts on his social media handle Truth Social and also conveyed his unhappiness over ceasefire violations in his interaction with the media. "ISRAEL. DO NOT DROP THOSE BOMBS. IF YOU DO IT IS A MAJOR VIOLATION. BRING YOUR PILOTS HOME, NOW! DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES," he said in a post. He said Israel is not going to attack Iran and the ceasefire is in effect. Trump had announced earlier that Israel and Iran had agreed to a "complete and total ceasefire," a development that came just hours after Tehran targeted American air base in the Middle East.

Pregnant Woman Carried in Doli Near Mumbai Due to No Road

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A pregnant woman had to be carried in a makeshift palanquin, called 'doli' in local parlance, on Monday due to lack of an approach road to her hamlet in Shahapur in Maharashtra's Thane district, the issue highlighting the critical gaps in health infrastructure in rural areas barely 100 kilometres from Mumbai, the country's financial capital. A video of 21-year-old Sangita Ravindra Mukane being carried in a doli over a distance of more than one kilometre from her native Chafewadi village to an ambulance parked at Gaidand Road at around 1:30pm went viral on social media. "She had gone into labour and needed urgent medical attention. She had to be carried in a doli as

there is no approach road to Chafewadi, which means ambulances have to wait at Gaidand Road. We are in 2025 but this is the condition of areas so close to big urban centres," said local activist Prakash Khodka. "Despite repeated appeals, the Nadgaon gram panchayat, of which Chafewadi is a part, has done nothing about constructing a road. Due to the delay, she suffered a seizure before reaching the ambulance, after which she was rushed to Thane Civil Hospital, where doctors have said her condition is stable," Khodka added. The lack of a road put her life in danger or else she could have been treated at the primary health centre here itself, he pointed out. Officials of the Nadgaon gram panchayat and the district administration

DGCA Flags Maintenance Lapses At Delhi and Mumbai Airports

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The report card of Delhi and Mumbai airports is not all that impressive after a comprehensive survey conducted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The DGCA teams have found multiple cases where the maintenance of aircraft was not carried out as per work order and reported defects reappeared many times on the aircraft indicating ineffective monitoring and inadequate rectification action on the defects. Following the air crash in Ahmedabad, the DGCA had initiated a focused assessment of the aviation ecosystem to strengthen safety measures across the sector. As part of this initiative, surveillance covered multiple critical areas such as flight operations, airworthiness, ramp safety, air traffic control (ATC), communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS) systems, and pre-flight medical evaluations. Throughout the surveillance, ground activities and aircraft movements were closely

monitored to check the compliance of regulatory requirements and to identify weak areas for improvement. Two teams led by the Joint Director General of DGCA carried out comprehensive surveillance during night and early morning hours at major airports including Delhi and Mumbai. Without giving the names of the airport, the DGCA said during inspection, the ground handling equipments such as baggage trolleys, baggage freight loader, etc were found unserviceable and line maintenance stores, tool control procedures were not followed. At one place, a domestic flight of a scheduled carrier was held up due to worn tyres and it was released only after the required rectification was carried out, the DGCA said. The audit report said that during maintenance of aircraft, the work order was not followed. “The unserviceable thrust reverser system and Flap Slat Lever were not locked; during maintenance, safety precautions were not taken by Aircraft Maintenance

Engineering (AME) as per Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM), and at places, AME was not attending to the snag rectification. Besides, defect reports generated by the aircraft system were not found recorded in the technical logbook,” the DGCA said. In the flights, several life vests were not properly secured beneath their designated seats. The corrosion-resistant tape on the right-hand side winglet's lower blade was found to be damaged. Similarly at an airport, centre line marking of the runway was observed to have faded, the rapid exit taxiway, green centre light were not unidirectional, the DGCA report said. It added that the number of vehicles in the ramp area were found without speed governors. These vehicles were withdrawn by cancelling there Air Vehicle Pilot and drivers Airstide Driving Permit were suspended. “A simulator was checked and found not matching with the aircraft configuration. Also the software was not updated to the current version,” the report said. The DGCA said that it

PM Modi: Terror Will Be Crushed; Lauds Made-in-India Weaponry

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday declared that Operation Sindoor has sent a clear global message that no shelter is safe for terrorists who shed Indian blood, underlining India’s uncompromising stance against terrorism. He made this assertion while addressing the centenary celebration of the historic meeting between Sree Narayana Guru and Mahatma Gandhi at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Modi affirmed that the BJP-led NDA government takes all necessary decisions solely in the national interest, pointing to Operation Sindoor as proof of India’s increasing military self-re-



liance. He highlighted that Made-in-India weapons were used during the operation, compelling the enemy to surrender within just 22 minutes, a show of India’s growing defence capabilities. Without directly naming Pakistan, he suggested the impact was felt across the border. Reiterating India’s rising global stature, the Prime Minister said the country is moving steadily toward becom-

ing the world’s third-largest economy, with visible progress in economic, social, and military domains. He credited social reformer Sree Narayana Guru's vision for inspiring a strong, empowered India. Modi also showcased the government’s strides in education reform and social welfare, referencing the National Education Policy (NEP), which promotes learning in the mother tongue and

makes education modern, inclusive, and accessible, especially for underprivileged communities. He noted the significant growth in IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS during the past decade—surpassing those established in the first 60 years post-Independence. Further, he revealed that over 400 Eklavya residential schools have been established in tribal areas in the last ten years, enabling tribal children to receive quality education for the first time in generations. Education, he said, is now directly tied to skills and job opportunities, with missions like Skill India empowering youth to become self-reliant. Highlighting industrial

reforms, Modi stated that schemes like Mudra Yojana and Stand-Up India have had the most significant impact on Dalits, backward classes, and tribal communities. These programs, he said, are fostering entrepreneurship and financial independence. Reflecting on the historic conversation between Sree Narayana Guru and Mahatma Gandhi, Modi said it continues to be a source of inspiration for social harmony and India’s collective goals. He described Guru’s ideals as a treasure for humanity, emphasizing that he personally draws guidance from the spiritual leader when making policy decisions for the benefit of the marginalised.



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EDITORIAL

ISRAEL'S ATTACKS ON IRAN A THREAT TO GLOBAL PEACE

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It is with reckless abandon that one man who is clinging to the Prime Minister's office by fighting wars has opened a new front in attacking Iran. Benjamin Netanyahu sees this as means to stop what Israel considers its biggest existential threat — a nuclear-armed Iran. The theocratic leaders of Iran may have spoken of nuclear bombs as a way of annihilating the Jewish state, but Iran may be some way from making the bomb and which process the Israelis may have hastened now with their attack.

Any war to stop Iran's nuclear proliferation is an illegal and excessively ambitious attempt to forestall that nation's programme. The Israeli actions also brought about an end to what appeared to be a promising way to resolve the nuclear issue through a US-Iran dialogue. With that avenue shut-


ting, it needs no guessing that however weak Iran may have seemed in all the time that Israel has attacked it with bombs, missiles and drones, it is still capable of proceeding with its enrichment plans.

The Israeli attack and Iranian counterattack, which led to loss of life in Iran, including that of scientists running the nuclear programme as well as those who died in Israel when some of Iran's missiles got through the air defence shield, represent a dramatic escalation. International attention should focus on who can best stop Netanyahu now and that man is not Donald Trump. The US President, after having appeared to cheer Israel on, still boasts he can bring about a deal with Iran in a day but what he says about his magical capacity feels like so much hot air.

The blame for starting Israel's surprise air strikes of Friday targeting Iran's nuclear infrastructure at key fa-

cilities in Natanz and Isfahan that shattered the relative peace after Iran's proxy Hezbollah had gone quiet in Lebanon lies squarely with Netanyahu whose party's coalition was set to lose its majority in Parliament. And to keep his government safe he may have had to keep starting wars, this time by dragging Iran into a conflict that could have grave implications for the embattled Middle East region.

The IAEA reporting Iran on not fulfilling conditions to keep its nuclear programme from progressing away from peaceful purposes and into harmful nuclear proliferation may have been the cue on which Israel acted, after keeping the US President in the loop. The gross violation of international laws could not have been starker than in Israeli action, which may have been anticipated for months but which still shocked a world that believes in a rules-based order.



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The Editor

Delhi High Court Allows Actor Rajpal Yadav To Travel To Australia



The Delhi High Court has allowed actor Rajpal Yadav's plea to travel to Melbourne, Australia between June 27 and July 5 for the promotion of upcoming film "Mera Kale Rang Da Yaar".

On June 23, Justice Rajneesh Kumar Gupta perused the invitation letter and tickets while observing Mr Yadav was previously allowed to travel abroad by the trial court. As a rider, Mr Yadav was directed to furnish Rs 1 lakh in fixed deposit receipt, keep his cell phone operational and inform the investigating officer of any other contact details.

"Passport of the applicant lying deposited with the trial court is directed to be released on the condition that the passport shall be deposited back once he is back in India," the court said, posting the matter on July 8.

In June last year, the high court temporarily suspended Mr Yadav's conviction in a cheque bounce case subject to him adopting "sincere and genuine measures" to explore the possibility of reaching an amicable settlement" with the opposite party. At that time, Mr Yadav's counsel said it was a genuine transaction where production of a movie was financed but the movie bombed at the box office, resulting in huge financial losses. Mr Yadav, the counsel said, had already suffered imprisonment for about three months in other related civil execution proceedings. The court then observed the petitioners, including Mr Yadav, were "not hardened criminals".

The matter is presently under consideration in the Delhi High Court Mediation Centre.

Minor Girl Gets Lover, Kin Murder Her Singer-Mom

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Anjali, a 39-year-old singer and granddaughter of revolutionary leader Chakali Ilamma, was allegedly murdered by her teenage daughter's boyfriend and his minor brother in Shapur Nagar, Jeedimetla, on Monday evening. According to Jeedimetla inspector G. Mallesh, Anjali, associated with the Telangana Jagruti, had been living with her two daughters, aged 16 and 13, at Plot No. 299. Police said the 16-year-old girl had developed a relationship with one P. Shiva, 19, an intermediate student from Nalgonda, through social media.

When Anjali opposed her daughter's request to marry Shiva, considering that she was a minor, the teenager al-

legedly eloped with him. According to Balanagar ACP P. Naresh Reddy, the girl and Shiva had eloped four days before the murder. After a missing complaint was filed, the girl was traced to Nalgonda and brought back. Shiva was booked for kidnapping but released with a notice. "The girl felt betrayed and wanted revenge. She called Shiva and his younger brother to their home. The minor waited outside while Shiva and his brother went inside. Seeing Anjali seated, they pushed her and smothered her with a scarf while holding her down," said inspector G. Mallesh.

Police believe that after the murder, the daughter pretended to sleep. Around 10 pm, the younger daughter woke up and found their

mother on the floor. She called a relative, who then called an ambulance. The police reached the scene around 11.30 pm. A neighbour, Praveen Kumar, said, "They moved here five months ago. We had no idea something like this could happen. We saw police and ambulances suddenly arrive." Another neighbour added, "She used to walk her daughters to school. Nothing seemed unusual. We still can't believe what happened."

At Andhra Bhavan in Suraram, members of Telangana Jagruti gathered to pay their last respects. Anjali's sister Shobha said, "She was brave, and always fought for women's rights and was a part of the mahila mandal out of her own interest. Seeing her like this is heartbreaking."

She alleged that the accused returned after their first attempt failed. "When they realised she was still alive, my niece called them again. They came back and struck her with an iron rod."

Shobha also pointed to police inaction. "They kept waiting for a court order to get my niece medically examined. Had they acted faster, Shiva may not have gotten out so soon." The police have taken Shiva (A1), his brother (A2), and the minor girl (A3) into custody. They were able to recover CCTV footage installed on the opposite building which showed the minor waiting outside and the two boys stepping out after the murder. A case has been registered under Section 103(1) r/w 3(5) of the BNS. Further investigation is underway.

SC Categorization Case Pending in High Court Mala Mahanadu Warns Against Implementation

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Mala Mahanadu Telangana State Committee President and former government advocate Tallamalla Hasen has urged the state government not to implement Scheduled Caste (SC) categorization in college admissions and job recruitments while the case is still pending in the Telangana High Court.

Violation of Supreme Court Guidelines

He alleged that the Telangana government proceeded with SC categorization without properly examining the Supreme Court's verdict and



guidelines. The categorization was done based on the 2011 census data of the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh, without conducting any empirical study, which is unconstitutional, he stated. Petition Filed in High Court Tallamalla Hasen said that

Mala Mahanadu, along with the Scheduled Caste Rights Protection Forum, had filed a petition in the High Court challenging the categorization. Even after the third hearing on June 10, the state government has not filed its counter affidavit, indicating the case is still sub judice. Leaders Demand Halt to Categorization

He cautioned the government against rushing into implementing categorization in admissions and recruitments. Several other key leaders supported this stance through a joint press statement, including: Gidla Paranjyothi Rao (State

General Secretary), Edla Nagaraju (Working President), Mekatoti Kanthayya (National General Secretary), Bandi Ashok, Manchala Venkataswamy, Gunteti Veerabhadram, Komarla Janayya, Dasari Devayya, Begari Shivaraj, Manne Krishnayya, Veluturu Sadanandam, Banji Bhoomanna, Banda Varaprasad Rao, Bollu Satyam, Edla Mukkanti, J. Narsing Rao, Katta Durgaprasad, Sanda Yadayya, Devidas, Dandu Raju, Boyila Akhil, Mettu Venkateshwarlu, Tarla Ramesh, Saama Raju, Begari Gallaiah, and Medari Narsing Rao.

Telangana Migrant Worker Missing in Qatar

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Kanoor Nagaraju, a resident of Armoor town in Nizamabad district, has been missing in Qatar since May 26. His father, Kanoor Narayana, submitted a memorandum at the Pravasi Prajavani programme in Hyderabad on Tuesday, seeking government intervention. Narayana said Nagaraju had returned to Qatar six months ago after a vacation in India and was working with Stark Security Services. However, since May 26, his mobile phone

has been unreachable. He appealed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy and Telangana NRI Advisory Committee vice-chairman Manda Bheem Reddy to take immediate steps to trace his missing son. He also requested that consular access and legal aid be extended to locate Nagaraju. "We fear he may be in police custody in Qatar, possibly in connection with a criminal investigation, though no official communication has been received," Narayana said.

2 Held with 540 grams of Hashish Oil

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The Rajendranagar Special Operation Team (SOT), along with the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) police, apprehended two individuals in possession of hashish oil during an operation at Kapugadda, Shamshabad, on Saturday evening. A total of 540 grams of hashish oil was recovered from their possession. According to RGIA inspector Balaraju, the accused have been identified as Karri Sai Pavan Reddy, 23, a photographer from Kapu-

gadda and Pranee Maniteja, 25, a private employee from NTR Nagar, KPHB. Pavan Reddy was supplying the contraband to Pranee for personal use.

A case was registered under relevant sections of the NDPS Act and both accused were produced before court and remanded to judicial custody. "Sai Pavan Reddy was previously involved in a ganja case in 2023 in Visakhapatnam. We are verifying his network," the inspector briefed. Further investigation is underway.

Fatima Sana Shaikh learns surfing in five days

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Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh shared that she tried learning how to surf in five days during her holiday in Sri Lanka and said “thoda thoda seekh liya.” Fatima took to Instagram, where she shared a string of videos and pictures from her surfing lessons. She posted a photograph, where she was seen posing with her surfboard. A video also showed her surfing in the sea. “5 din main surfing seekhne ko koshish ki. Aur thoda thoda seekh liya. Made an impromptu plan with my cutie @adithisagarr and just went for it. second last slide main video proof hai Also, if you ever want to learn surfing in Sri Lanka.. chandu is your guy! He is the best teacher. I have never ever surfed in my life but he got me on the board. He’s your man,” Fatima wrote as the caption. Fatima currently awaits the release of his upcoming film “Metro... In Dino”, directed by Anurag Basu. The film

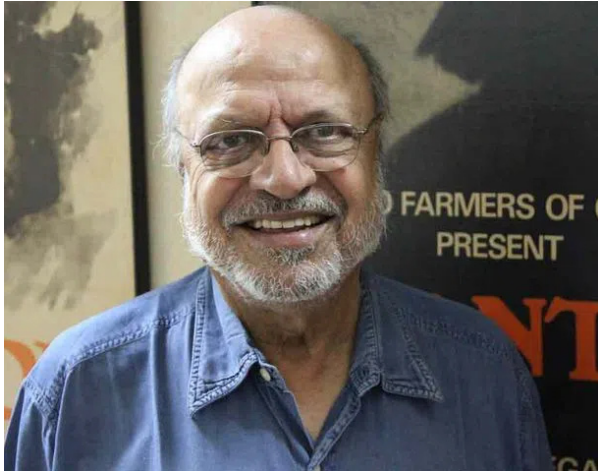


dives into the complex and modern relationships, the upcoming film promises an exploration of love, heartbreak, and human connection. The film will be in cinemas on July 4. The film stars Aditya Roy Kapur, Sara Ali Khan, Ali Fazal, Pankaj Tripathi, Konkona Sen Sharma, Anupam Kher and Neena Gupta. She will also be seen alongside Pavail Gulatie in “Teen Kawwe,” a web series. Produced by Siddharth Roy Kapur under the banner of UTV Motion Pictures, the project will also feature Sidhant Gupta in a significant role. The show marks the first on-screen pairing of the trio.

Remembering Shyam Benegal: Celebrating the Hyderabad auteur through his cinematic legacy

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It’s been almost 6 months since Hyderabad’s much cherished Alwal boy – Shyam Benegal passed away on December 23, 2024, but his memory still survives through his award-winning cinematic works. Benegal had through his directorial ventures elevated Hyderabad’s place in Indian cinema and the loss has been a notable one for Hyderabad’s film industry. Benegal’s strong ties to Hyderabad have been no secret with many of his first films shot near the vicinity of Hyderabad in places like Pochampally, Bhongir, Gundlapochampally and Kapra Municipality. Films like Ankur, Nishant, Mandi were the ones shot in the region. His films largely depict the past realities and highlight the discriminating atrocities that existed in Indian society.



The films usually had elements of realism and raw human emotions attached to it. Benegal called one of the pioneers of Indian parallel cinema left behind works that are still thematically relevant in today’s society. Here are some suggestions to immerse yourself in the visual wonder created by the legend: **Ankur:** It is the first film by Benegal with Shabana Azmi, Sadhu Meher, Anant Nag and Priya Tendulkar as the

Amrish Puri, Shabana Azmi, Smita Patil and Naseeruddin Shah. With the depiction of the jagirdar’s power and the system’s reluctance to provide justice against such people, this film tries to highlight the atrocities of the feudal power. The film won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi and was nominated for the Palme d’Or. **Bhumika:** It is based on the 1940s Marathi actress Hansa Wadkar’s life and has Smita Patil as the main lead. The personal struggles of the actress along with her yearning for security and independence have been shown in the film. This film won Smita Patil her National Film Award for Best Actress and Satyadev Dubey, Shyam Benegal, and Girish Karnad National Film Award for Best Screenplay. **Mandi:** A satirical take on the political and moral landscape of the Indian society with corruption, hypocrisy and money power as the

main themes of the film. The film had a star cast of Shabana Azmi, Smita Patil, Naseeruddin Shah, Kulbhushan Kharbanda, Saeed Jaffrey, Om Puri, Neena Gupta, Amrish Puri and was well acclaimed for its bold attempt to showcase the dark realities of the existing social convention. **Zubeidaa:** A tragic love story where a woman’s desires and societal expectations clashes, causing strife in her personal life. This 2001 film had Karisma Kapoor, Rekha, Manoj Bajpayee as the lead and won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi. Karisma also received the Filmfare Critics Award for Best Actress. Remembering the auteur through his films is a fitting tribute to the legendary filmmaker who through his bold narrative about society highlighted various socio-political issues while at the same time being commercially successful.

Trisha Krishnan drops cryptic post about love amidst dating rumours with Thalapathy Vijay

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Is there someone special in Southern beauty Trisha Krishnan’s life? Well, netizens certainly seem to think so. The rumor mills suggest that Trisha is in a relationship with her ‘Ghilli’ co-star Thalapathy Vijay. Adding fuel to the rumors, she recently dropped a cryptic post

about love on social media. Taking to the stories section of her Instagram account, Trisha penned, “When you are full of love it confuses people who are full of shit.” Before this, wishing Thalapathy on his 51st birthday, the ‘Leo’ actress treated her Insta users with an unseen image with Thalapathy. The photo featured

Trisha sitting beside Thalapathy on a sofa. While he playfully interacted with her pet dog Izzy, Trisha looked at him with a warm look in her eyes. Trisha wished him on his special day saying, “Happy Birthday, bestest.” Reacting to the post, one of the netizens shared, “How adorable you two cutieeess.” Whereas, another one penned, “Some bonds are



written in cinema history... and our hearts... Timeless chemistry, forever favourites”. While some adored their chemistry, others expressed their displeasure after seeing the two together. “Why would you even post this? So unnecessary! It’s been ages since we saw him with his wife Sangeetha and these kind of private

meeting photos are so unneeded! Well, can’t blame you alone unfortunately!”, one of the comments read. Refreshing your memory, Trisha was left blushing during one of the events of their movie “Leo” as Thalapathy referred to her as a princess. The ‘Beast’ actor was heard saying, “I’m sure you all know who I’m talking about. Every-

one will show hands like this (normal wave), but she alone will show like that (princess wave). I’m sure you all have noticed it. Yes, it is our princess Kundavai. Best wishes, Trisha.” Work-wise, Trisha is all set to join forces with Suriya yet again in the upcoming drama “Karuppu”, which is being made under the direction of RJ Balaji.

BUSSINESS

Utopia Therapeutics Secures \$1.5M from Whale Tank to Advance Obesity Vaccine Development

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Hyderabad-based biotech startup Utopia Therapeutics has raised \$1.5 million in seed funding from Whale Tank, a leading early-stage venture capital firm focused on breakthrough life science innovations. The funding will accelerate the pre-clinical development of UT009, Utopia’s lead immunotherapeutic candidate designed to address obesity by targeting lipid-associated antigens. Announced at the BIO International Convention 2025, this investment will support critical milestones including regulatory toxicology studies and IND-enabling steps leading to Phase I human trials. UT009 represents a novel approach to obesity treatment, aiming to reduce fat accumulation and improve metabolic health by addressing the root causes of weight gain—an area with limited long-term solutions. In addition to UT009, Whale Tank’s Biocatalyst Fund



is also supporting the global scale-up and commercialization of Utopia’s UT018-based regenerative health products, built on GRAS-qualified, non-pharmaceutical platforms. Founders Dr. Uday Saxena and Dr. Gopi Kadiyala expressed confidence in the partnership, stating that Whale Tank’s strategic support empowers them to translate their scientific innovation into meaningful clinical outcomes. The announcement was made in the presence of key Indian biotech leaders including Dr. Jitendra Kumar (MD, BIRAC), Mr. Narayanan

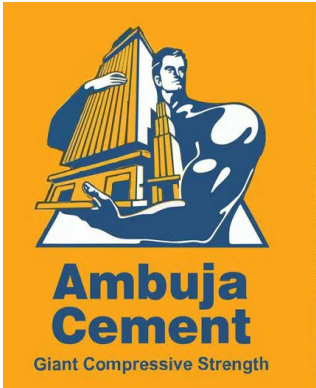
Suresh (COO, ABLE), and Dr. Balasubramanya S (GM, ABLE), who lauded the deal as a significant example of India’s maturing biotech ecosystem. Dr. Markandeya Gorantla, Managing Partner at Whale Tank, noted that Utopia’s science-driven, bold strategy could disrupt the obesity market. “We are excited to support their mission to bring immunotherapeutics to the forefront of chronic disease management,” he added. The deal reflects growing global investor confidence in India’s deep-tech biotech ventures..

All Adani group listed stocks ended higher on Tuesday, with Ambuja Cements surging 4 per cent, on a day when the group conducted its annual general meeting. A largely optimistic equity market also drove the group stocks higher. Shares of Ambuja Cements surged 3.99 per cent, Sanghi Industries jumped 3.08 per cent, Adani Green Energy climbed 2.78 per cent, Adani Ports rallied 2.58 per cent, ACC went up by 1.72 per cent and Adani Energy advanced 1.70 per cent on the BSE. The stock of Adani Power rallied 1.63 per cent, Adani Enterprises (1.44 per cent), NDTV (1.42 per cent) and Adani Total Gas (0.53 per cent). In the equity market, the 30-share Sensex settled in the green, climbing 158.32 points or 0.19 per cent to 82,055.11. On similar lines, the 50-share Nifty rose 72.45 points or 0.29 per cent to end at 25,044.35. The Adani Group plans to invest a record USD 15-20 billion across businesses over the next five years to

Adani group stocks rise after annual meet; Ambuja Cements jumps 4 per cent

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chart out the next phase of growth, Chairman Gautam Adani said on Tuesday as he touted the conglomerate’s strong balance sheet and robust business to shrug off the relentless scrutiny it faces. Record earnings from the businesses ranging from seaports to airports, renewable energy parks to data centres, cement to gas and electricity have built India’s largest infrastructure group that not only exists just to serve the markets but to serve the nation’s destiny, he said. Addressing the group’s annual general meeting virtually, he referred to the recent indictment by the US authorities in an alleged bribery scheme to win lucrative renewable energy supply contracts, saying no one from Adani



Group has been charged with violating US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) or conspiring to obstruct justice. “Even in the face of the storms and relentless scrutiny, the Adani Group has never backed down. Instead, we proved that true leadership is not built in sunshine. It is constructed in the fire of crisis,” he said. Meanwhile, the Adani Group has raised USD 1 billion from global investors led by New York-based Apollo Global Management to refinance existing debt for its Mumbai airport. Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL), a unit which operates India’s second largest airport, will use the proceeds to refinance debt raised in 2022, it said in a statement.

CITY CLICKS

India’s elite shooters to compete in national trials from Tuesday



India’s top shooters will be seen in action as the National Selection Trials 3 & 4 for Group ‘A’ athletes commence at the Trishul Shooting Range, Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur, Dehradun, from Tuesday.

These trials will help shape the Indian shooting team for the 16th Asian Shooting Championships 2025 in Kazakhstan in August and the ISSF World Cup in Ningbo, China in September.

The first day features Stage 1 qualifying of Rapid Fire Pistol Men, divided into three relays. Day 2 will include three finals: 10m Air Rifle Men, 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men, and 50m 3-Positions Women.

The shooters come into this selection phase following an encouraging run in the double-legged South American ISSF World Cup tour—begun the new international calendar—and the recently concluded Munich World Cup. Across Argentina, Peru, and Munich, Indian shooters reached 39 finals (including mixed-team medal rounds) and earned 19 medals, eight of them gold.

Among the top contenders: Suruchi Inder Singh (first Indian with gold in three consecutive World Cups), Munich gold medalists Arya Borse and Arjun Babuta, Olympic medallists Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh and Swapnil Kusale, current World Cup medallists Saurabh Chaudhary, Rudranksh Patil, Elavenil Valarivan, Sift Kaur Samra, Vijayveer Sidhu and Chain Singh, along with prominent shooters like Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Sandeep Singh, Varun Tomar and Kiran Ankush Yadav.

Blue Tigresses crush Mongolia, but Chettri sees room to grow



June 23 turned out to be a record-breaking day for the Indian women’s national team as it scored its biggest win in an official AFC match. It was also the fourth-biggest victory margin in the Blue Tigresses’ history.

Just six months ago in Bengaluru, India defeated Maldives 14-0 in a friendly. Maldives were also on the receiving end of a 15-0 loss to India in the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon. But the biggest win remains the 18-0 mauling of Bhutan in the 2010 SAFF Championship.

Despite Monday’s 13-0 defeat of Mongolia being India’s record-breaker in an AFC Women’s Asian Cup (qualifiers and finals), coach Crispin Chettri affirmed that his side have the potential to play even better.

“Sometimes, you don’t have to look at scorelines. You need to move on. We just need to do our job, and that is to score goals. I know scoring is not always easy, no matter who the opponents are. At the same time, we must be more clinical, more professional, and finish whatever chances come our way. We can be much better, I know,” Chettri explained.

But that isn’t to say Chettri was not delighted with the result. The Blue Tigresses began their hunt for the ticket to Australia next year in the best manner, already boosting their goal difference in a group where only the toppers will qualify — and it might come down to the final day when India take on the hosts Thailand on July 5.

“I know the first match is always difficult. But at the same time, we showed character and scored goals, many more in the second half, so I’m really happy with our performance,” he said.

Chettri’s girls took their time to find the perfect rhythm and only scored four in the first 45 minutes. The rugged and slippery pitch didn’t help either, but when they finally got into top gear, goals came from left, right and centre.

Five players score tons on opening day of HCAA-Division matches

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Centuries by K. Bhagath Varma (124, 138b, 18×4, 4×6) and G. Rithish Reddy (117, 159b, 13×4, 2×6) for Cambridge XI against Sporting XI were among the highlights of the HCA A-Division League Cricket Championship here on Tuesday.

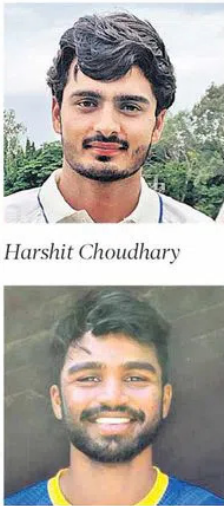
In other matches, Harshit Choudhary (100, 161b, 15×4, 2×6) for Deccan Wanderers against R. Dayanand and Aditya Javvaji (108, 123b, 14×4, 4×6) for Gemini Friends against MP



Abhirath Reddy



Pranav Varma



A. Prithvi Reddy



K Bhagat Varma

Colts also notched up fine centuries. Jairam Kashyap (117) and Pranav Varma (105 batting) batted well for Budding Stars against State Bank of India.

Scores:

A-Division League Championship – Day 1

Balaaji 239 in 64.1 overs (Krithik Reddy 53, Siddharth Naidu 64, M. Saketh Reddy 30, M. Sai Karthikeya 40; Mohit Kataria

5/38, Irfan Khan 4/49) vs AOC 33/5 in 13.5 overs

Budding Stars 364/4 in 81 overs (Jairam Kashyap 117, Yash Gupta 59, Alankrit Agarwal 65, Pranav Varma 105*; S.V. Adi-

tya Varma 39*, Vishal Sharma 3/91) vs SBI

Cambridge XI 374 in 83.2 overs (K. Bhagath Varma 124, N. Rakesh 36, G. Rithish Reddy 117, Pramod 49; Karthikeya Kak 4/44)

vs Sporting XI

EMCC 207/6 in 53.4 overs (Aashlesh Vaman 70, M. Sai Pragnay Reddy 35; V. Yashveer Goud 4/42) vs Deccan Chronicle

SCRSA 228/3 in 55.2 overs (Dhruva Reddy 69, G. Mani Goutham Reddy 52, Dharani Kumar 73*) vs Combined Dist.

Deccan Wanderers

325/9 in 84 overs (Harshit Choudhary 100, Bhavesh 33, Rishiket Sisodia 54, Kranthi Kiran 57, Shashank Mehrotra 31*; A. Prithvi Reddy 4/76)

vs R. Dayanand

Gemini Friends 312/4 in 71 overs (Aditya Javvaji 108, K. Nitesh Reddy 86*, G. Rahul Singh 75)

vs MP Colts

Jai Hanuman 361/7 in 71 overs (Abhirath Reddy 182, K. Sai Purnanand Rao 31, Yash Bhansal 50, Rohit Rayudu 62; CH Nishanth Reddy 3/63) vs Hyd Bottling

Telangana announces massive cash awards under new sports policy

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The Chief Minister, Mr A Revanth Reddy, who apparently took special interest in the drafting of the new Sports Policy, has ensured a drastic hike in the cash incentives for performing athletes from the State at the highest level, including participants in majors like the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.

According to the latest Sports Policy of the State Government, a gold medalist in both the Olympics and Paralympics will now receive Rs 6 crores, a silver medalist Rs 4 crores, and a bronze medalist Rs 2.5 crores. Earlier, a gold medalist was awarded Rs 2 crores, silver Rs 1



crore, and bronze Rs 50 lakhs.

Break-up of revised cash incentives (Gold / Silver / Bronze / Participation):

Olympics/Paralympics – Rs 6 cr / Rs 4 cr / Rs 2.5 cr / Rs 15 lakh

Youth Olympics – Rs 1 cr / Rs 65 lakh / Rs 40 lakh / Rs 2.5 lakh

Commonwealth Games/Para CWG – Rs 1.5 cr / Rs 75 lakh / Rs 50 lakh / Rs 15 lakh

Youth CWG – Rs 25 lakh / Rs 12.5 lakh / Rs 8 lakh

Asian/Para Asian Games – Rs 3 cr / Rs 1.5 cr / Rs 75 lakh / Rs 7.5 lakh

Youth Asian Games – Rs 50 lakh / Rs 25 lakh / Rs 15 lakh

Special Olympics – Rs 50 lakh / Rs 30 lakh / Rs 20 lakh / Rs 5 lakh

Deaflympics – Rs 1.2 cr / Rs 40 lakh / Rs 20 lakh / Rs 2.5 lakh

A graded incentive system will be established to ensure that top performers (both athletes and coaches) receive higher support, while also motivating amateur and semi-professional athletes to progress further.

The proposed Young India Physical Education & Sports University (YIPESU) aims to develop top-class professionals in various sport-related fields, undertake research in sports coaching and science,

and enhance performance-related facilities for elite athletes.

Efforts also include State-specific LTAD (Long-Term Athlete Development) programmes, supported by Centres of Excellence (CoEs) with help from the Khelo India scheme, Government of India, and national sport federations.

In a significant move, State-level winners of the CM Cup will now be eligible for sports quota reservations for meritorious sportspersons in the State. There is also relief for State Sports Associations, which had long been deprived of financial assistance. The new policy aims to offer them much-needed support to promote sports at all levels.

Hyderabad warms up for marathon with vibrant heritage run

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NMDC Ltd., India’s leading iron ore producer, hosted the NMDC Heritage Run 2025, a high-energy promotional event in anticipation of the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon here on Monday.

The Heritage Run brought together over 1,000 enthusiastic runners across three categories — 5K, 10K, and 21K — in a vibrant celebration of fitness, heritage, and community.

The event also highlighted NMDC’s commitment to social responsibility, with active participation from NGOs including Alokrit, Blood Warriors, and Operation Eyesight. These organisations joined the run to

raise awareness on critical issues such as education equity, rare blood disorders, and preventable blindness.

Commenting on the event, NMDC officials said: “The NMDC Heritage Run is more than just a warm-up for the marathon — it’s a celebration of Hyderabad’s spirit and a platform to promote causes that matter. We’re proud to stand with communities and NGOs making a difference.”

With the main NMDC Hyderabad Marathon approaching, today’s Heritage Run set the tone for what promises to be one of the city’s largest and most impactful fitness events of the year.

Paras Gupta stuns Chawla, cruises into Asian 6-Red semis

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Giant-killer Paras Gupta, who outplayed reigning IBSF World 6-Red Snooker champion and fellow Indian Kamal Chawla in the morning, scored a crushing 5-0 win over Sunny Wang later in the evening to storm into the semifinals of the ACBS Asian 6-Red Snooker Championship in Colombo on Tuesday.

In a quarterfinal that bordered on mediocrity, the 29-year-old Agra cueist played the big points well to get past the Singaporean, who had earlier shocked former champion Muhammad Sajjad of Pakistan 5-0.



After taking the re-spotted black in the first frame, Gupta lacked his usual fluency. Although he went up 2-0 with a run of 28 in the second, he was not in control of the proceedings. Fortunately for him, Wang failed to capitalise on the chances that came his way and let Gupta off the hook.

Gupta took the scrappy third and fourth frames to go up 4-0. It was only in the final frame that the Indian rediscovered his touch, making a silken-smooth break of 59 to close out the match. In the semifinals, he takes on the winner of the match between Habib Sabah

(Bahrain) and Ali Al Obaidli (Qatar).

Earlier in the morning, Gupta carried far too many guns for Chawla, scoring a lopsided 5-2 victory. After taking the opening frame comfortably, he had runs of 47 and 30 to take a quick 3-0 lead in the best-of-nine frame encounter.

Looking down the wrong end of the barrel for the first time in the tournament, Chawla — given the top billing in the reseeded after the league phase — pulled one back.

Gupta regrouped quickly and punished Chawla’s error to go up 4-2. He looked set to seal the match in the next frame but

missed the green. Not looking a gift horse in the mouth, Chawla held his nerve to take the frame on the black.

After the initial safety skirmishes in the seventh frame, Gupta potted a long red and rifled in a match-winning break of 33 to seal the deal.

Results:

Quarterfinals: Paras Gupta (Ind) bt Sunny Wang (Sin) 5-0 (35-28, 44-9, 40-2, 53-12, 59 (59)-0).

Pre-quarters: Paras Gupta bt Kamal Chawla (Ind) 5-2 (45-0, 63 (47)-4, 36 (30)-19, 26-35, 41-34, 25-34, 37 (33)-0).

Land Dispute, Fund Crunch Delay Kancha Gachibowli Forest Restoration

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With less than a month remaining for the Supreme Court’s next hearing on the Kancha Gachibowli forest issue, restoration work remains sluggish due to government inaction, funding shortfalls, and jurisdictional hurdles. Despite stern warnings issued by the apex court on May 15, no substantial efforts have been made to reverse the ecological damage caused by widespread tree felling earlier this year. The Supreme Court had taken suo motu cogni-

sance of the destruction and directed the Telangana government to submit a detailed restoration plan based on the recommendations of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC). The next hearing is scheduled for July 23, and the court has warned of stringent consequences, including imprisonment of officials, if no progress is shown. However, effective restoration continues to be hampered as the land is currently under the control of the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC), limiting the

Forest Department’s access and authority. While both departments have conducted symbolic plantation drives, large-scale afforestation and protective fencing are yet to begin. Officials admit that meaningful restoration has yet to start. “Protection of wildlife remains our immediate concern. With a high population of spotted deer, peacocks, and other species, we’ve initiated limited conservation measures from outside

the area, in coordination with TGIIC,” a senior Forest Department official told Telangana Today. “We will proceed as per the Supreme Court’s directives.” Funding constraints have further stalled progress. With wildlife relocation not feasible, the department is considering in-situ conservation techniques such as fencing the degraded zone—measures that require substantial financial backing and government clearance, both of which are still pending. Satellite imagery comparisons between November 2024 and April

2025 have revealed the stark scale of ecological damage, showing dense greenery replaced by barren land and construction activity. The visual evidence has further highlighted the State’s apathy towards restoration. Though a draft plan has been prepared to replant native species, officials caution that long-term success hinges on consistent maintenance and monitoring. The Forest Department plans to submit the restoration draft before the July 23 hearing, after which further action will depend on the Supreme Court’s orders.

Hyderabad CP Reviews Muharram Preparations



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Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand chaired a high-level coordination meeting on Tuesday to finalise preparations for the upcoming Muharram processions, especially the Bibi-ka-Alam procession, scheduled for July 6 or 7. The police assured that all departments were working together to ensure the peaceful and smooth conduct of Ashura, observed on the 10th day of Muharram. Thousands of mourners are expected to take part in the Bibi-ka-Alam procession, which will begin at Bibi-ka-Alam in Dabeerpura and conclude at Masjid-e-Ilahi and Chaderghat. Traffic diversions, parking arrangements, CCTV surveillance, deployment of crime teams and SHE Teams, and high-

alert at all police stations on the route have been planned. The commissioner emphasized the importance of the elephant’s role in the procession, instructing organisers to bring it to the city in advance for rest. He also ordered the presence of a veterinarian and tranquiliser team to ensure animal safety. The meeting was attended by senior officials from GHMC, R&B, electricity, waterworks, health, fire services, Telangana Waqf Board, Nehru Zoological Park, and representatives of the Shia community. However, discontent surfaced among caretakers of key Muharram Ashoorkhanas. They alleged that the Mirchowk division of the South Zone police had not properly invited them and failed to give them an opportunity to raise concerns.

23 Telangana citizens return from conflict-hit Middle East; more arrivals expected

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A total of 23 Telangana citizens have safely returned from conflict-affected regions in the Middle East as of 1:00 PM on Tuesday, with efforts led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and coordinated through Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi. Of the latest 17 arrivals, five returned from Mashhad in Iran, one from Jordan via Iran, and 11 from



Israel. This follows the return of six students on Tuesday—four from Iran and two from Israel - bringing the total to 23. All returnees arranged their onward travel to Hyderabad at their own expense. Telangana Bhavan

staff assisted with reception, refreshments, and coordination at the airport until passengers boarded their domestic flights. More arrivals are expected later in the day. The Telangana Government, in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs and Indian embassies, is actively working to facilitate further evacuations, particularly from Israel, where air traffic remains disrupted due to temporary airspace closures.

Revanth Reddy Insulted KCR, Cheated Farmers: Harish Rao

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Former Minister Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of lowering the dignity of the government platform by making derogatory remarks about former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) near the Secretariat. Harish Rao criticized Revanth’s comments, calling them a display of narrow-mindedness and frustration. He accused Revanth of failing to fulfill promises made during elections and lacking the courage to face public scrutiny. Rao questioned how someone who couldn’t build a sin-

gle check dam or canal could boast about agricultural achievements, and challenged him to match the record of KCR, under whose leadership Telangana reportedly spent ₹2 lakh crores on irrigation and brought water to 44 lakh acres. Rao defended the Kaleshwaram project and mocked Revanth’s claims of massive corruption, stating that the data lies with the Irrigation Department. He pointed out that Telangana became a top

grain-producing state under BRS rule and that farmers received ₹80,000 crores through Rythu Bandhu. He dared Revanth to release pending ₹1,200 crore bonus dues to farmers if he is truly honest and asked why promises like interest-free loans to women and job guarantees remain unfilled. Rao said BRS is ready to discuss the Godavari Banakacharla project on any platform. Ending with a sharp retort, Rao condemned Revanth’s comparisons between winners and Ravana, warning that BRS will continue to demand accountability until every promise is kept.

GHMC food safety officers inspect 75 hospital kitchens in Hyderabad

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The food safety officers of the GHMC on Tuesday inspected 75 hospital kitchens in the city and lifted 14 samples to be sent to the State Food Laboratory, Nacharam, Hyderabad for analysis. Following instructions of the GHMC Commissioner, the food safety officers are conducting surprise inspections of kitchens existing in the hospitals in their circle jurisdiction. During the in-

spections, the managements of hospital kitchens were asked to maintain the hygiene standards in preparation of the food items, supply of food items and also proper maintenance of the kitchen premises. On finding violation of Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 and Rules &

Regulations, 2011 notices would be issued for rectification of defects and in case of any major violation, adjudication will be filed before the Adjudication Officers concerned. The common deviations noticed during inspection of hospital canteens included lack of dedicated storage area, unclean exhaust, food articles in the refrigerator kept uncovered and unlabelled, food articles stored on ground and dustbins kept uncovered, a press release said.

18 Held in Gold Scam, Fake Cop Heist; Monda Market Police Recover Rs 43.21 L

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In a sensational breakthrough, Monda Market police arrested 18 members from two criminal gangs involved in a staged gold deal and a subsequent fake police robbery, recovering Rs 43.21 lakh cash, 59 grams of gold, multiple vehicles, and 23 mobile phones. The case began with a

complaint by Hariram of Bowenpally, who was duped into a fake gold purchase deal by the prime accused, Radheshyam. Under the pretext of buying 1 kg of gold at a 5% discount, Radheshyam confirmed the cash’s presence at Hariram’s office and tipped off his associates. Soon after, four men, including a real constable, Keshavulu, impersonated



Rachakonda SOT officials and raided the premises, assaulted Hariram, and fled with the cash and phones in a car and on bikes.

In an unexpected twist, the gang’s loot was intercepted by another group posing as a vehicle recovery team. They stopped gang member

Bhanu near Trimulgherry, accused him of EMI default, checked his bag, and fled with the stolen cash, threatening him with police action. This second robbery caused internal disputes among the criminals, helping investigators uncover the entire operation. The mastermind duo—brothers Chandra Shekar Verma and Nagaraju Kumar Verma

from Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh—devised the elaborate con involving fake gold sales and a staged police raid. Out of 28 suspects, 18 have been arrested while 10 remain absconding. The case was cracked using over 100 CCTV recordings and eyewitness accounts, said North Zone DCP Rashmi Perumal.

BRS MLA Koushik Reddy’s anticipatory bail plea heard in High Court

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The Telangana High Court on Tuesday completed the hearing on the anticipatory bail petition filed by BRS MLA P. Koushik Reddy, who is facing allegations of threatening a mine owner for money. Kaushik Reddy’s counsel, advocate Ramana Rao, informed the court that a Warangal court had already granted bail



to the MLA in the same case. He also stated that Koushik Reddy had filed a writ petition in the High Court on 16 June seeking anticipatory bail in connection with a case registered at Subedari

Police Station, Warangal. The High Court had earlier posted the hearing for 23 June. However, Kaushik Reddy was arrested on 21 June and produced before a Warangal court, which denied police custody and granted him bail. Taking note of these developments, the High Court stated that the hearing on the anticipatory bail plea would be closed as the matter had been resolved.

Hyderabad Regional Passport Office wins national award

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The Hyderabad Regional Passport Office received a special award for excellence in reforms and public service for the year 2024–25 during the Regional Passport Officers’ Conference held in New Delhi. The award was presented on Tuesday as part of the 13th Passport Seva Divas celebrations by Union Minister of

State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita. Hyderabad Regional Passport Officer J. Snehaja received the honour on behalf of the office. In addition, Telangana Police was also recognised for outstanding service in passport verification. Director General of Intelligence B. Shivadhar Reddy accepted the award on behalf of the Telangana Police.

BRSV Slams Govt, Launches Stir Over Education Neglect

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BRSV President Gellu Srinivas Yadav slammed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for neglecting the education sector and announced a statewide agitation, “School Path”, from tomorrow till the 30th across all mandals. He criticized Revanth,

who also serves as Education Minister, for not discussing education during a recent five-hour cabinet meeting and for limiting the promised 15% budget hike to just 7%. Despite the start of the academic year, no review of the education department has been conducted. Gellu alleged the government is encouraging private



schools by ignoring fee regulations, burdening parents with debt. He pointed out that 610 man-

dals lack full-fledged MEOs and demanded immediate appointments. He also raised concerns over

reduced bus services affecting students and the inactive education committees. Gellu praised KCR’s efforts in establishing 1,000 Gurukuls and accused the Congress government of weakening public education while favouring corporate institutions. BRSV vowed to fight for students’ rights.

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