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Brief Insights

Congress Jabs Modi on 'Ghar-Wapsi' Over Bhagwat's Remarks



The Congress on Friday took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's reported remarks on stepping aside at 75 years of age, saying what kind of a homecoming is this for the PM that upon returning from abroad he was reminded by the Sarsanghchalak that he will turn 75 this year. During an event in Nagpur on Wednesday, RSS chief Bhagwat mentioned Sangh ideologue late Moropant Pingley's statement about stepping aside after 75 years of age. **CONT:P4**

Shiv Sena Minister's Cash Bag Video Goes Viral,



A video Maharashtra minister Sanjay Shirsat sitting in a room along with a partially opened bag containing what look like bundles of notes went viral on Friday. The Shiv Sena minister rubbished the claim that it was a money bag, and insisted that it contained only clothes. Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut, who posted the video on X, said Union home minister Amit Shah should take note. I feel pity for Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis! How many more times will he just sit and watch his reputation being torn to shreds? Helplessness has another name: Fadnavis! Raut posted **CONT:P4**

India's Military Might Showcased in Operation Sindoor: Doval

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In a powerful address at the 62nd convocation of IIT Madras, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval revealed that India successfully carried out Operation Sindoor — a precise military strike targeting nine terror hubs deep inside Pakistan — in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. Doval said the high-impact operation, executed at 1 a.m. on May 7, lasted just 23 minutes and achieved complete success without any collateral damage on Indian soil. "Not even a glass pane was broken," he asserted, underscoring India's growing capability in intelligence-based, indigenous military operations.



He proudly stated that all nine terror targets were hit, and India knew "who was where," highlighting the strength of India's surveillance and targeting systems. Doval dismissed international media reports questioning the operation's impact, stating that satellite images of 13 Pakistani airbases before and after May 10 provided visible proof of the damage. Systems like BrahMos missiles, integrated air command, and battlefield surveillance, all developed indigenously, played key **CONT:P4**

Kharge Slams PM Modi for Silence on Trump's War Claim

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Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of lacking the courage to counter former US President Donald Trump's repeated claims that he ended the India-Pakistan conflict following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, where 26 civilians were killed by ISI-backed terrorists.

Speaking at a rally in Bhubaneswar, Kharge said, "Trump claimed 16 times that he stopped the India-Pakistan war. Modi ji never responded. Why? Because he didn't have the courage to speak against Trump." Kharge also alleged that the BJP continues to mislead the public on matters of national security.

In response to Trump's narrative, PM Modi, dur-



ing a recent visit to Canada for the G7 summit, clarified that India would not accept any form of mediation with Pakistan. He reportedly conveyed to Trump that there was no discussion about US intervention or any trade deal during the aftermath of Operation Sindoor—India's counter-offensive against terrorist camps in Pakistan.

During a 35-minute conversation with Trump—the first since the India-Pakistan military standoff—Modi firmly dismissed the idea that Trump had brokered a ceasefire. Modi empha-

sized that India now treats terrorism as an "act of war" rather than a proxy conflict, and added that Operation Sindoor was ongoing.

Trump had extended an invitation to PM Modi to stop in Washington on his way back from the G7 summit for a dinner meeting. However, citing prior commitments, Modi declined the offer. Later, addressing a rally in Odisha, he said, "I told the US President, thank you for the invitation. But it is more important for me to visit the land of Mahaprabhu."

Shubhanshu Shukla To Return To Earth On July 14

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Axiom-4 mission (Ax4) crew, including Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and three other crew members, are scheduled to undock from the International Space Station (ISS) on July 14. According to the statement shared by Axiom Space, the Ax4 crew is scheduled to undock from the Space Station not earlier than 7:05 am ET (approximately 4:30 pm IST) on Monday. In a post on X, Axiom Space stated, "The #Ax4 crew is scheduled to undock from the @Space_Station no earlier than Monday, July 14, at



7:05 a.m. ET."

The crew was slated to embark on a return journey on July 10. However, the crew will not return to Earth according to the original schedule, extending their stay on the International Space Station by at least four days, according to the European Space Agency (ESA). Axiom Mission 4

was launched on June 25 aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

The Dragon spacecraft successfully docked with the ISS on June 26 at 4:05 pm IST, ahead of schedule, connecting to the space-facing port of the station's Har-

BJP Accepts Raja Singh's Resignation



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has officially accepted the resignation of Telangana MLA T. Baja Singh, following his letter dated June 30, 2025, addressed to BJP Telangana State President G. Kishan Reddy. The letter, in which Raja Singh announced his resignation from the party, was brought to the attention of BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda. In a formal response issued by BJP National General Secretary and Headquarters Incharge Arun Singh, the party stated that the claims and allegations made in Raja Singh's resignation letter are irrelevant and do not reflect the functioning, ideology, or principles of the party." Acting on the direction of Nadda, the party has accepted Raja Singh's resignation with immediate effect.

Telangana and America Share Spirit of Friendship and Progress: CM Revanth

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday said that Telangana and the United States share similar values of friendship and progress, and both are committed to strengthening bilateral ties across sectors. He was speaking at the American Independence Day celebrations held in Hyderabad.

Highlighting Telangana's vision of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2035 and \$3 trillion by 2047, the Chief Minister sought support from the United States in realizing this ambitious goal. He emphasized the state's ongoing efforts under the "Telangana Rising" initiative to boost economic development and global partnerships.

Currently, over 200 American companies from sectors such as IT, pharma, defense, aerospace, and manufacturing are operating in Hydera-



bad, making the city a key investment hub, he said. The CM noted that many students from Telangana are also pursuing higher education in the US, deepening people-to-people connections.

Revanth Reddy drew parallels between the ethos of Telangana and America, both of which he said are committed to democratic values, innovation, and a spirit of resilience. He applauded America's global role in fostering democracy and innovation since its independence.

He underscored the strong bond between the

Telugu community and the US, pointing to the establishment of the US Consulate in Hyderabad during YS Rajasekhara Reddy's tenure as a milestone in bilateral relations. He also praised Consul General Jennifer Larson for playing a pivotal role in strengthening Telangana-US ties.

The Chief Minister called for enhanced co-operation in trade, defense, space research, and technology, and reiterated that mutual trust and shared democratic values should guide the strategic partnership between India and the United States.

Israeli Strike Kills Children Near Gaza Clinic



An Israeli airstrike hit Palestinians near a medical centre in Gaza on Thursday, killing 10 children and six adults, local health authorities said, as ceasefire talks dragged on with no immediate deal expected. Verified video footage from the strike in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip showed the bodies of women and children lying in pools of blood amid dust and screaming. One clip showed several motionless children lying on a donkey cart.

"She didn't do anything, she was innocent, I swear. Her dream was for the war to end and that they announce it today, to go back to school," said Samah al-Nouri, sitting by the body of her daughter who **CONT:P4**

Father Kills Tennis Player , Sent to Custody

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A local court on Friday remanded Deepak Yadav, accused of killing his daughter and national-level tennis player Radhika Yadav, to one-day police custody. According to police, they had sought a two-day remand to recover ammunition from Yadav's licensed re-

volver used in the crime. "We need to verify how much ammunition he had procured. The recovery will be made from his land in Kasam village near Rewari," a police official said outside the court. Deepak Yadav, 49, allegedly shot his daughter at their double-storey residence in Sushant Lok on Thursday. He has reportedly confessed to the murder. The investiga-

tion is ongoing, with police examining all possible angles, including the role or presence of family members during the incident. An FIR, filed by Radhika's uncle Kuldeep Yadav, states that Radhika's mother, Manju Yadav, was present on the first floor when the shooting occurred. Police are also verifying her statement as part of the probe.

ICG Rescues 2 US Nationals, 3 Sri Lankans in Separate Ops

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The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) rescued two United States nationals stranded in the sea about 53 nautical miles south of the Nicobar Islands, officials confirmed on Friday. The rescue was carried out by ICG Ship Rajveer after the US Consulate in Chennai relayed a distress alert concerning the US-

flagged sailing vessel Sea Angel. Despite rough sea conditions, the Indian patrol vessel successfully reached the site and brought the American nationals to safety.

Earlier last month, the ICG also rescued three Sri Lankan nationals who had been abandoned on a sandbar near Adam's Bridge, off the Dhanushkodi coast in Tamil Nadu.

According to the Coastal Security Group Police, the individuals had departed Sri Lanka aboard an unidentified boat, which dropped them on the sandbar located in Indian territorial waters.

"The Indian Coast Guard rescued the trio and brought them to Dhanushkodi. They were then handed over to the Coastal Security Group Po-

lice," said a police spokesperson. Authorities have launched an investigation into the incident to identify the operators of the unidentified boat.

The Indian Coast Guard continues to play a critical role in safeguarding maritime borders and responding swiftly to distress situations in international and regional waters.

Trump Puts 35% Tariff On Canada,

Eyes 15%-20% Tariffs For Others

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U.S. President Donald Trump said on Thursday the United States would impose a 35% tariff on imports from Canada next month and planned to impose blanket tariffs of 15% or 20% on most other trading partners. In a letter released on his social media platform, Trump told Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney the new rate would go into effect on August 1 and would go up if Canada retaliated.

The 35% tariff is an increase from the current 25% rate that Trump had assigned to Canada and is

a blow to Carney, who was seeking to agree a trade pact with Washington. An exclusion for goods covered by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) on trade was expected to stay in place, and 10% tariffs on energy and fertilizer were also not set to change, though Trump had not made a final decision on those issues, an administration official said. **CONT:P4**

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Shabbir Ali challenges KCR family to debate on welfare, hails 42%BC quota as Congress Govt's landmark achievement

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Advisor to the Telangana Government and senior Congress leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Friday welcomed the Telangana Cabinet's historic decision to implement 42% reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) in local body elections, calling it a revolutionary step for social justice and political empowerment of BCs. He said this move belongs solely to the Congress government and reflects its commitment to marginalised communities. Shabbir Ali also threw an open challenge to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and former ministers K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao for a public debate on the issue of welfare, particularly on who genuinely worked for BCs. Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Shabbir Ali said, "There is a celebratory atmosphere across Telangana. BCs are pouring milk



in joy and holding celebrations because Congress has done what BRS and BJP never dared to do. We gave 42% BC reservations not just in words but in action through an ordinance." He said the Congress government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had delivered on a key promise made in the Kamareddy Declaration, ensuring BCs get fair representation not just in education and employment, but now in local democratic institutions. "It gives me great pride that this declaration was made in my constituency and my residence in the presence of present Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah," he added. He credited Congress Pres-

ident Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi for being consistent voices for the rights of backward communities and said their vision was being implemented in Telangana through bold action. "The Congress party doesn't believe in empty slogans. From announcing the caste census on February 4, 2024, to preparing the report and passing landmark legislation by February 2025, we have acted with unmatched speed and sincerity," he said. Shabbir Ali strongly criticised the previous BRS government for its betrayal of BCs. "KCR reduced BC reservations in Panchayat Raj bodies from 34% to 22%, citing the Indra Sawhney judgment, but made no effort to protect BC rights through data or constitutional means. Instead of empowering BCs, KCR confined them to caste-based professions," he said.

Harish Rao Accuses Congress of Water Betrayal, Defends Kaleshwaram Approvals

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Former Minister T. Harish Rao addressed the media after submitting additional documents to the P.C. Ghosh Commission regarding Telangana's irrigation projects. He stated that six cabinet approvals and three Assembly endorsements were provided for Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages, countering "false media reports" and Congress claims. Rao criticized the current government for not responding to his formal requests for key documents, alleging deliberate withholding of records to mislead the Commission. He said the Congress-led presentation by CM



Revanth Reddy was a "cover-up" to hide the party's past betrayals, including merging Telangana with Andhra Pradesh and failing to secure irrigation rights. He rebuked Revanth for claiming a "permanent 299:512" Krishna water-sharing agreement, calling it a falsehood and clarifying that water utilization is revised annually by KRMB, while per-

manent allocations are tribunal-based. Rao highlighted KCR's legal and political battle post-2014 for fair water share and challenged the Congress to a full debate in the Assembly without mic-cuts or adjournments. Further, he accused Uttam Kumar Reddy of lacking understanding despite being a former Irrigation Minister, criticizing his re-

mark that 573 TMC is enough when Telangana is fighting for 763 TMC. He also slammed Congress claims on irrigation achievements, saying BRS under KCR created 48 lakh acres of irrigation versus Congress's 6 lakh. Rao defended shifting the project site from Tummidihatti to Medigadda due to technical reasons and higher

water availability. He held the Congress responsible for Andhra Pradesh drawing excess Krishna water and letting 65 TMC flow as "Guru Dakshina." He questioned why the Revanth-led government, which talks of transparency, is withholding critical irrigation files. He alleged that Congress leaders were trying to protect their failures by blaming the previous BRS regime. He reiterated that all project cost escalations were approved in cabinet meetings based on technical justifications, and urged the government to stop politicizing irrigation issues and instead focus on protecting Telangana's rightful water share.

Telangana-North East Festival to Boost Cultural, Economic Ties

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The Telangana-North East Connect techno-cultural festival will be held in two phases—November 25–27 and December 2–4, 2025—across major venues in Hyderabad, including Raj Bhavan and the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial. The festival aims to strengthen cultural and professional ties between Telangana and the eight North Eastern states: Arunachal



Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim. Governor Jishnu Dev Varma

chaired the planning meet, which saw participation from senior bureaucrats, All India Services officers, and leading

figures from healthcare, IT, pharma, and civil society. Over 600 eminent individuals, including Padma awardees, will participate in panel discussions, exhibitions, and performances. Dana Kishore, IAS, outlined the vision for long-term partnerships in sectors like healthcare, IT, and performing arts. Departments were directed to prepare action plans on logistics, venues, hospitality, and outreach. The Youth Services, Tourism

& Culture Department proposed a North East Travel Mart, food festivals, film screenings, and youth initiatives. A public competition for the festival's logo, poster, and tagline will be launched soon. Attendees included Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, Mohammad Ali Baig, Saroja Bajaj, Dr. G. Venkat Rao, and Dr. Vishnu Reddy. The event aims to celebrate unity in diversity and foster lasting bonds.

Bright Days for BCs," Says Jampana Pratap on 42% Quota



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An ordinance approving 42% reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies has been cleared by the Telangana cabinet, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The decision comes as an amendment to the 2018 Act and will be implemented ahead of the upcoming local body elections. The announcement was made during a program held at Ward 3, Annanagar Square of the Cantonment Board, under the leadership of TPCC Secretary S. Rajesh Yadav. Former Canton-

ment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap hailed the move, saying that "good days have come for BCs in the state." Portraits of Congress national leaders Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, and CM Revanth Reddy were honored during the event. Leaders and activists including Badrinath Yadav, Maruti Goud, Annanagar Murali, Mahesh, Nagesh Yadav, Baburao, Santosh Yadav, Murali Mudiraj, Samson Raju, Giri, and Nagaraju were present and expressed support for the ordinance.

Adi Srinivas Hails 42% BC Quota Ordinance, Slams BRS-BJP Silence

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Government Whip Adi Srinivas warmly welcomed the Telangana cabinet's decision to bring an ordinance amending the Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, to provide 42% reservations to BCs in local body elections, calling it a landmark and festive moment for the BC community. He praised CM Revanth Reddy for honoring the Kamareddy Declaration and taking a bold stand for BCs through this ordinance, especially since the Centre has not acted on the earlier passed bill by the state assembly. Srinivas urged BC leaders, intellectuals, and even leaders from other



parties to support this historic move and recognize the Congress party's sincerity. Criticizing the BRS and BJP for not attending the Jantar Mantar dharna for BC reservations, he challenged them—particularly BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha—to publicly acknowledge and welcome the Congress government's decision. "Where was your voice

when your brother was in power for a decade?" he asked Kavitha, questioning her current stand and involvement in BC issues. He concluded by stating that even non-BCs are grateful to Revanth Reddy for this significant decision that fulfills a long-pending demand. Srinivas added that the BC community now feels empowered and represented, with many viewing this step as a turning point in their political and social recognition. He emphasized that the Congress government's commitment must be upheld, and such inclusive decisions should continue to shape the governance of Telangana.

BRS Slams Congress Over BC Reservation Ordinance, Warns of Backlash

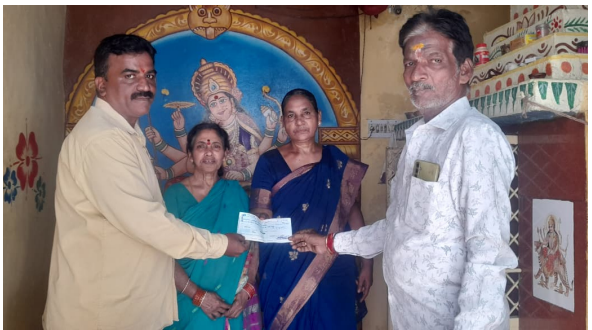
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Former Ministers Talasani Srinivas Yadav and V. Srinivas Goud, along with MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan, launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing it of betraying BCs with its move to bring a 42% reservation ordinance while a bill is still pending with the President. They alleged the ordinance lacks legal standing and was brought to mislead the public ahead of local body polls. Talasani warned the government to conduct elections only after implementing the promised 42% BC reservation as per the Kamareddy Declara-



tion. He said bypassing the bill and bringing an ordinance raised serious doubts, alleging Congress was playing with BC sentiments. Srinivas Goud questioned why the government delayed the ordinance for 20 months and criticized the lack of national-level pressure on the Centre. He stressed that legality through the Ninth Schedule is es-

sential and that no proper survey or commission-backed report was presented. Dr. Sravan said the Congress was creating a constitutional crisis and fooling BCs for political mileage. The leaders demanded the government act transparently and legally, warning of serious public backlash if the promise was not honored.



The Telangana government distributed financial aid cheques to Kattamaisamma Temple and Maisamma Devalayam in Nayapul for the Bonalu festival. Senior BRS leaders Anil Kumar, A. Srinivas, C. Mahender, Ismail Khan, and others handed over the cheques to temple authorities to support the festive arrangements.



BRS activists staged a protest near Agrasen Maharaj Crossroads by burning an effigy of the Congress party, opposing the state government's stance on BC reservations. Police detained former BC Commission member Anjaneya Goud and BRSV president Gellu Srinivas Yadav during the demonstration.

Health Camp Held in Bollaram to Boost TB Awareness Under 100-Day Drive

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As part of the ongoing TB Mukht Bharat 100-day programme, a major medical health camp was held at Yadav Sangham Community Hall in Bollaram, organized by the UPHC Bollaram team. The event aimed to spread awareness on tuberculosis (TB), promote early detection, and provide treatment support to the local community. A large number of Ward-8 residents participated in the



camp, which featured free medical check-ups, TB screenings, and distribution of medicines. Health officials also conducted awareness sessions, distributed

pamphlets, and offered counseling to reduce stigma around the disease and educate the public on symptoms and treatment options.

BRS Cantonment Ward-8 President K. Ravi Kumar attended the event and lauded the health team's efforts, stating, "Community participation is vital for making TB Mukht Bharat a reality. Such camps help bridge the gap between the health system and the people, ensuring timely care for all." The Principal of Government High School, Risalabazar, Bollaram, also participated, stressing the importance of educating students and families on preventive

measures. UPHC officials emphasized the significance of early diagnosis and medication adherence in controlling TB. The camp's success reflected growing health awareness among residents, who turned out in large numbers. The event concluded with a collective appeal for active community involvement in achieving a TB-free India, reinforcing the government's mission through the 100-day national campaign.

5 Lakh Ration Cards to Be Distributed, Ensuring Food Security for All: Uttam

CM Revanth to launch new ration cards in Tungaturthi on July 14; 3.10 crore to benefit, says Uttam Kumar Reddy

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Irrigation, Food & Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday announced that 5 lakh new white ration cards would be distributed across the state on July 14, in a historic public meeting to be held at Tirumalagiri in Tungaturthi constituency. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will formally launch the distribution drive, with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and several cabinet ministers in attendance. Addressing a preparatory meeting of Congress leaders and functionaries in Tirumalagiri, Uttam Kumar Reddy said this initiative was a landmark step by the Congress government in fulfilling its



promise to provide food security to all eligible poor families in Telangana. Every ration card holder will receive 6 kg of fine rice per person, per month, completely free of cost. He said it was a matter of pride and personal satisfaction that such a historic programme was beginning in his native constituency, where he had deep political roots. He recalled that earlier this year, on the occasion of Ugadi, the

fine rice distribution programme was launched from his Huzurnagar constituency, adding to his sense of fulfillment. Uttam Kumar Reddy lauded Congress president Sonia Gandhi for championing food security through the National Food Security Act and said the present scheme was a continuation of her vision. "What greater satisfaction can a public servant have than ensuring every eligible person receives a ra-

tion card and quality rice for free?" he asked. He stated that the Congress government was not following the past practice of distributing ration cards only during elections. Instead, the issuance of ration cards had been made a continuous administrative process, ensuring all eligible families were covered without discrimination. He accused the previous BRS government of not issuing any new ration cards in the last ten years and failing to even update family member details in existing cards. The minister revealed that with the inclusion of new cards and updated family member data, the total number of ration card beneficiaries in the state had now reached 3.10 crore individuals across 94.72 lakh families.

Uttam Kumar Reddy added that the state government was spending ₹13,000 crore annually to procure and distribute fine rice to poor families. He stressed that the quality of rice being distributed now was far superior to what was given during the previous regime, which he said was often inedible. To support this massive food security initiative, the government offered an unprecedented ₹500 bonus per quintal to farmers who cultivated fine rice, helping Telangana record an all-time high grain production of 281 lakh metric tonnes in the kharif and rabi seasons. In fact, Telangana emerged as the top state in grain production, as acknowledged by the Government of India.

Hindi Unites India: Kishan Reddy

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While some oppose Hindi for political reasons, the people of India have accepted it wholeheartedly. Any opposition to Hindi is a barrier to national progress, said Union minister G. Kishan Reddy. He was addressing a gathering at the Dakshin Samvad event at GMC Balayogi Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on Friday. Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, speaking from the same stage, questioned the resistance to Hindi in parts of the country. "If we can learn German or Japanese for jobs, why are we afraid of our own Hindi," he wondered. The event marked the Golden Jubi-



lee of the department of official language, formed in 1975. Hosted by the ministry of home affairs, it honoured over 50 winners of competitions held across central ministries. Calling it a moment of pride for Hyderabad, Kishan Reddy credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah for ushering in a "golden phase" for Hindi and other Indian languages since Independence. "Hindi is the thread that ties all Indian languages together," he

said, recalling how freedom fighters across India raised slogans like 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' in Hindi. While mother tongues hold cultural and emotional value, he said, Hindi plays a unifying role across the country's diverse linguistic landscape. The event was largely conducted in Hindi. However, Pawan Kalyan's speech blended Hindi and Telugu. "When we want government jobs or social media attention, we use Hindi freely. But in politics, some claim it's being imposed. That's dishonest," he said. Quoting Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, he added, "Language should connect hearts. Let us see Hindi from this perspective."

BRS Slams Congress Over Jubilee Hills Visit, Alleges Political Drama Ahead of By-Election

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BRS leader Sridhar Reddy lashed out at the Congress-led state government following the foundation stone-laying ceremony for CC roads in Jubilee Hills by Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Tum-mala Nageswara Rao, and B. Vivek. He termed the event a "political stunt" ahead of a possible by-election, accusing the ministers of misleading the public. Sridhar Reddy questioned the presence of the Agriculture and Labour Ministers in Jubilee Hills, stating they have no connection to the constit-



uency. He criticized the ruling party for ignoring pressing civic issues like uncollected garbage, non-functional streetlights, and stray dog problems. He alleged that the city's development has been stalled during the 18-month Congress rule and that requests made by the former

BRS MLA for development programs were disregarded. "They're more focused on drama than governance," he added, stating that even the mayor was neglecting his own division while roaming Jubilee Hills. Reddy accused the Congress of only repainting flyovers built under KCR's administration and using hired crowds for ministerial visits. He concluded confidently that the people of Jubilee Hills were aware of the "seasonal politics" and would vote decisively in favor of BRS in any upcoming elections.

SC/ST Court Strikes Down Case Against Renuka

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The SC/ST Special Court in Khammam district has dismissed a case against Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Renuka Choudhary. Following the verdict, Congress members held a rally from the district court to the party's district office in Khammam town. Earlier,



the High Court had directed an investigation into a complaint by B. Kalavathi, who alleged

that in 2014, Renuka Choudhary had taken Rs 1.10 crore from her husband, Ramji, in exchange for promising her a Wyr Assembly ticket, and had then insulted her on caste grounds when she sought repayment. On that basis, Khammam police registered an FIR under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. On Wednesday, the Special Court

judge acquitted Renuka Choudhary, ruling that the prosecution failed to prove the charges against her. Speaking to the media at the Congress district office, Renuka Choudhary reiterated that the allegations were false and politically motivated, and said the court's decision had fully vindicated her.

Anil Kumar Says Diligent Cong. Workers to Be Rewarded

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Rajya Sabha member M. Anil Kumar Yadav, recently appointed in charge of the Adilabad Parliamentary constituency, announced on Friday that committed party workers and leaders will soon be awarded posts as part of a democratic selection process covering nearly 100 district-level positions. These appointments, including District Congress Committee president, vice-presidents, general secretaries, and committee members, will be based on feedback from the party cadre and each leader's contributions. Addressing meetings in Nirmal and Adilabad, Anil Kumar urged party cadres to



work diligently to secure victory for Congress candidates in the upcoming local body elections, emphasising that individual success is tied to the party's success. He also warned that the party will not tolerate "press-building" tactics or lobbying for posts, and that dedicated leaders will receive due rec-

ognition. Highlighting recent changes by the AICC to the DCC selection process, he noted that elected leaders will assume greater responsibilities. He pledged to engage with all mandal-level leaders to gather their feedback on strengthening the party.

Farmers face fourth season without irrigation support from KLIS

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Farmers under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) ayacut face a fourth season without irrigation. The Medigadda barrage, a key component of the multi-stage lift irrigation project, has remained non-functional since October 2023. An agrarian crisis looms in the ayacut, spanning 13 districts, as officials were reportedly instructed not to lift any water from Medigadda, even on a trial basis, until rehabilitation works are completed. These works are unlikely to be finished before the next crop season.



rehabilitation plans are still not ready. While the Pranahita River is in spate, yielding close to seven lakh cusecs at Medigadda, the floodwater is released with all 85 gates kept open, draining every drop. But the upstream reservoirs linked to KLIS, including Sri-ramsagar and Yellampalli, hold water at minimum levels. Monsoon rains have failed to deliver inflows. The Upper Godavari yields no water for Telangana projects. Yellampalli, with 8.8 tmcft of water against a required 15 tmcft for drinking needs, receives only 700 cusecs of inflow. Officials note that without rains in Maharashtra, floodwater to Yellampalli remains unlikely, halting even partial KLIS operations.

Farmers in 13 districts, including Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Warangal and Medak, face crop losses. KLIS aims to irrigate 18.26 lakh acres and stabilise an equal extent, but currently delivers no water. Kharif cultivation has dropped by nearly one-fifth in districts dependent on the project. Farmers, expecting agricultural growth, now face debts and uncertainty. Farmers are gearing up for agitational programmes seeking government action but have received no response. Irrigation officials have reportedly proposed lifting at least one tmcft of water daily from Kane-palli pump houses without impounding water at Medigadda.

Youth Should Excel in Self-Employment: Jampana Pratap

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In a bid to inspire the younger generation towards self-reliance and entrepreneurship, Prisha Flex Printing Company, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, was inaugurated at Bapujinagar, New Boinapally, on Friday. The inauguration ceremony was graced by former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, who attended as the chief guest. Speaking at the event, Jampana Pratap emphasized the need for youth to focus on self-employment avenues and create opportunities for others as



well. "Parents should encourage their children to pursue careers aligned with their interests and skills, ensuring they stay away from distractions and negative influences. The youth must build

their future with their own strength and provide employment opportunities to others, contributing to the growth of society and the nation," he said. The event saw the participation of notable person-

alities including Congress Party SC Cell City Vice President Karan Singh, Proprietor Pawan Singh, Vinod Kumar, Advocate Ved Prakash, Ajit Kalyan, Yadagiri, Bandi Srinivas, Srikanth, and several others from the local community. The Prisha Flex Printing Company is expected to cater to the growing demands of quality printing services in the region while also offering job opportunities for local youth. The establishment of such ventures highlights the increasing trend of entrepreneurship in the area and the vital role of small businesses in driving economic devel-

opment. The attendees lauded the efforts of Pawan Singh, the proprietor of the company, for setting up a modern unit that reflects innovation and ambition. The atmosphere at the inauguration was filled with optimism as speakers stressed the importance of nurturing entrepreneurial mindsets among the younger generation to reduce dependence on conventional employment sectors. The program concluded with a vote of thanks and a call for more initiatives that promote skill development and self-reliant ventures among aspiring entrepreneurs.



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Dr. Murali Krishna garu officially assumed charge as the new superintendent of Sangareddy District Government Hospital. On the occasion, he was warmly welcomed by members of the Native Indian Forum, including District President Bathula Vikram, Vice President Kandukuri Krishna, and District

Spokesperson Mallesh Goud, who extended their congratulations. Speaking on the occasion, President Bathula Vikram emphasized the importance of providing quality medical care to the poor and underprivileged visiting the government hospital. He also highlighted the various service programs being carried out across Sangareddy district for the benefit of marginalized communities.

Congress Jabs Modi on 'Ghar-Wapsi' Over Bhagwat's Remarks

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The Congress on Friday took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's reported remarks on stepping aside at 75 years of age, saying what kind of a homecoming is this for the PM that upon returning from abroad he was reminded by the Sarsanghchalak that he will turn 75 this year. During an event in Nagpur on Wednesday, RSS chief Bhagwat mentioned Sangh ideologue late Moropant Pingley's statement about stepping aside after 75 years of age. Bhagwat specifically re-

ferred to Pingley's remarks that when the shawl of 75 years is draped over you, it means that you have reached a certain age and should step aside and let others work. In a post in Hindi on X, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said, "Poor award-seeking Prime Minister! What a homecoming this is - on returning he was reminded by the Sarsanghchalak that he will turn 75 on 17 September 2025." "But the Prime Minister can also tell the Sarsanghchalak that - he too will turn 75 on 11 September 2025! One arrow, two targets!" he said.

Shiv Sena Minister's Cash Bag Video Goes Viral, He Says Only Clothes in Bag

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A video Maharashtra minister Sanjay Shirsat sitting in a room along with a partially opened bag containing what look like bundles of notes went viral on Friday. The Shiv Sena minister rubbished the claim that it was a money bag, and insisted that it contained only clothes. Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut, who posted the video on X, said Union home minister Amit Shah should take note. I feel pity for Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis! How many more times will he just sit and watch his reputation being torn to shreds? Helplessness has another name: Fadnavis! Raut posted on X.

Talking to reporters in Mumbai, Shirsat said, The house seen in the video is my home. It shows I am sitting (clad in a banian) in my bedroom. My pet dog and a bag are also seen. This means that I

have just returned from travel and removed my clothes. If I have to keep such a big bag of money, is there a dearth of cupboards? But they see (currency) notes even in cloth bag, Shirsat said. Had there been money, I would have kept it in the cupboard, he said. Asked if there were only clothes in the bag, the minister said, Of course. There were clothes in it. Such claims won't affect my (political) career, he added. The video surfaced a day after reports emerged of Shirsat facing scrutiny from the Income Tax Department regarding a significant increase in his declared assets, which surged from Rs 3.3 crore in 2019 to Rs 35 crore in 2024.



Israeli Strike Kills Children Near Gaza Clinic

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An Israeli airstrike hit Palestinians near a medical centre in Gaza on Thursday, killing 10 children and six adults, local health authorities said, as ceasefire talks dragged on with no immediate deal expected. Verified video footage from the strike in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip showed the bodies of women and children lying in pools of blood amid dust and screaming. One clip showed several motionless children lying on a donkey cart.

"She didn't do anything, she was innocent, I swear. Her dream was for the war to end and that they announce it today, to go back to school," said Samah al-Nouri, sitting by the body of her daughter who was killed in the blast. "She was only getting treatment in a medical facility. Why did they kill them?" she said, with other bodies laid out around her at a nearby hospital. Israel's military said it had struck a militant who took part in the

Hamas-led October 7, 2023, attack that triggered the war. It said it was aware of reports regarding a number of injured bystanders and that the incident was under review. U.S.-based Project HOPE said the strike had hit right outside its Altayara health clinic. "Horrificed and heartbroken cannot properly communicate how we feel anymore," the aid group said in a statement. The Deir al-Balah missile strike came as Israeli and Hamas negotiators hold talks with mediators in Qatar over a proposed 60-day ceasefire and hostage release deal aimed at building agreement on a lasting truce. A senior Israeli official

said on Wednesday that an agreement was not likely to be secured for another one or two weeks, however, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Thursday he was hopeful of a deal. "I think we're closer, and I think perhaps we're closer than we've been in quite a while," Rubio told reporters at the ASEAN summit in Malaysia. Several rounds of indirect talks between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas have failed to produce a breakthrough since the Israeli military resumed its campaign in March following a previous ceasefire. Repeated attacks by Israeli forces in recent

weeks have killed hundreds of Gazans, many of them civilians, and injured thousands, according to local health authorities, putting an enormous strain on the enclave's few remaining hospitals. Dwindling fuel supplies risk further disruption in the semi-functioning hospitals, including to incubators at the neonatal unit of al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City, doctors there said. "We are forced to place four, five or sometimes three premature babies in one incubator," said Dr Mohammed Abu Selmia, the hospital director, adding that premature babies were now in a critical condition. An Israeli mili-



Poll Body Has Hatched New 'Chunav Chori' Conspiracy In Bihar: Rahul Gandhi

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Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused the Election Commission of India of "hatching a conspiracy" for "chunav chori (election theft)" in Bihar, referring to the poll panel's decision to revise electoral rolls in the state ahead of the Assembly election there. Addressing the Samvidhan Bachao Samavesh in Bhubaneswar, Rahul Gandhi said the EC is "working as a BJP wing" and alleged that attempts to "steal the election" are being made in Bihar, just like they were in Maharashtra.

The Congress MP added that the same "theft" is being done in Bihar. "In Maharashtra, between Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections, 1 crore new voters were added. Nobody knows who these voters were and where they came from. We told the EC several times to provide us with the voter list and videography. But the EC has not. They are going to do the same 'chori' in Bihar as was done in Maharashtra. I went to Bihar yesterday and, with INDIA alliance leaders, I said that we will not let EC and BJP do a 'chori' of Bihar elections," he said.

"BJP is attacking the constitution. Yesterday I was in Bihar. Just like 'chunav chori' was done in Maharashtra, similar attempts are being made to do 'chunav chori' in Bihar. EC has hatched a new conspiracy for 'chunav chori'. EC is working as a BJP wing, it is not doing its own job," Mr Gandhi said. Referring to the Maharashtra Assembly election in which the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi suffered a big loss last year, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said over 1 crore new voters were added then.



India's Military Might Showcased in Operation Sindoor: Doval

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In a powerful address at the 62nd convocation of IIT Madras, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval revealed that India successfully carried out Operation Sindoor — a precise military strike targeting nine terror hubs deep inside Pakistan — in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. Doval said the high-impact operation, executed at 1 a.m. on May 7, lasted just 23 minutes and achieved complete success without any collateral damage on Indian soil. "Not even a glass pane was broken," he asserted, underscoring India's growing capability in intelligence-based, indigenous military operations.

He proudly stated that all nine terror targets were hit, and India knew "who was where," highlighting the strength of India's surveillance and targeting systems. Doval dismissed international media reports questioning the operation's impact, stating that satellite images of 13 Pakistani airbases before and after May 10 provided visible proof of the damage. Systems like BrahMos missiles, integrated air command, and battlefield surveillance, all developed indigenously, played key roles in the mission. Celebrated classical dancer Padma Subrahmanyam, also present at the event, applauded Operation Sindoor as a manifestation of the valor spoken of in the Bhagavad Gita,

earning loud applause from the gathering. Doval emphasized the importance of self-reliance in defense technology, citing India's success in developing 5G in just 2.5 years compared to China's 12-year effort costing \$300 billion. "Even a screw related to security must come from a trusted source," he warned, stressing the need for technological sovereignty. The convocation celebrated the academic success of 3,227 graduates, with 3,661 degrees and 529 PhDs awarded. Doval's speech served as both a tribute to India's scientific community and a strategic assertion of India's readiness to defend itself with precision, pride, and indigenous strength.

Trump Announces 35% Tariff on Canadian Imports, Hints at Broader Global Tariffs

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In a major escalation of trade tensions, U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday announced that the United States will impose a 35% tariff on imports from Canada, effective August 1. The move marks a significant increase from the current 25% rate, and Trump warned that the rate could rise further if Canada retaliates. The announcement was made through a letter released on Trump's social media platform, addressed directly to Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. In the letter, Trump cited concerns over fentanyl trafficking, trade barriers, and the U.S. trade deficit as key reasons for the new measures. He accused Canada of maintaining tariff and non-tariff barriers that harm U.S. industries, particularly dairy farmers, and linked the growing trade deficit to threats against both economic and national security.

While the new tariff applies broadly to Canadian imports, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) will still exempt certain goods. Additionally, 10% tariffs on Canadian energy and fertilizer are expected to remain unchanged, though Trump has not issued a final decision on those sectors, according to an administration official. "If Canada works with me to stop the flow of Fentanyl, we will, perhaps, consider an adjustment to this letter," Trump wrote, hinting at potential flexibility tied to cooperation on drug enforcement. Canadian officials, while disputing the scale of fentanyl inflow from their country, said they are already taking steps to strengthen border controls. Carney's office did not immediately issue a comment in response.

However, the Prime Minister had previously expressed hopes of concluding a new economic and security agreement with the U.S. by July 21. The announcement comes amid a broader expansion of Trump's global trade strategy. In recent days, he has introduced tariffs on several countries, including close allies Japan and South Korea, and imposed a steep 50% tariff on copper. Trump also stated in an interview with NBC News that countries yet to receive direct communication should expect blanket tariffs of 15% to 20%, indicating a sweeping trade shift. "We're just setting our tariffs," he said. "We're just going to say all of the remaining countries are going to pay." This new policy could affect America's relationship with its second-largest trading partner. Canada purchased \$349.4 billion worth of U.S. goods and exported \$412.7 billion to the U.S. in the last year, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Carney, who returned to power earlier this year with a pledge to resolve trade tensions with Washington, had made a July trade pact deadline a key part of his agenda. However, Trump's tariff announcement throws those plans into uncertainty. The letter did not comment directly on the progress of trade negotiations but warned, "Tariffs may be modified, upward or downward, depending on our relationship with your Country." Adding to tensions, Trump last month abruptly called off trade talks after the Carney government proposed a digital services tax on U.S. tech firms, describing the tax as a "blatant attack." Canada later withdrew the measure, hoping to salvage discussions. As Trump doubles down on his protectionist stance, the international trade community is closely watching how Canada and other nations respond. The new tariffs may provoke retaliatory measures, further complicating global trade relations just as economic growth faces headwinds from geopolitical instability and supply chain challenges.



EDITORIAL

FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL,
BHARAT'S HANDCRAFTED ASCENT

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Heritage in Bharat is no longer a memory preserved, it is a movement in motion. It has become a source of identity, empowerment, and economic renewal. No-where is this transformation more visible than in the handloom sector. On Republic Day, the launch of the e-Pehchaan card marked a quiet revolution. What began as a digital registry for 35 lakh weavers has since grown into a dynamic movement, bringing 35,000 new weavers into the fold. This is more than inclusion, it is revival. The loom is returning to homes, and a new generation is taking it up with pride. While in the handicrafts sector, over 30 lakh artisans have been registered under the Pehchaan card, ensuring formal identity and access to government support.

Before 2014, support through the MUDRA scheme reached just 1.25 lakh weavers. Today, over 3 lakh have benefitted. A clear shift from tokenism to meaningful empowerment. The loom is no longer just a symbol of tradition. It is a tool of aspiration, enabling small businesses and opening pathways to global markets. Handicrafts have witnessed a similar resurgence. Exports have risen from ₹29,000 crore in 2014 to over ₹49,000 crore, as artisans step confidently onto the world stage. With 313 GI tags, two editions of Bharat Tex, and a growing global footprint, traditional crafts have been repositioned as drivers of economic value and cultural prestige.

Today, a Banarasi weaver or a Kutch embroiderer is not just preserving a legacy, she is defining contemporary luxury and powering exports. At the centre of this transformation is Samarth, the government's flagship skillling programme launched in 2017. More than 4.3 lakh individuals predominantly women, rural youth, and traditional artisans have been trained to meet industry standards. Since 2014, over 12.55 lakh people have been trained under the Integrated Skill Development Scheme and Samarth. With new skills and focused support, they are not just surviving, they are leading. Platforms like ONDC and India Hand-made have enabled them to bypass middlemen, access global markets, and build sustainable, self-owned enterprises. This growing pool of skilled talent is fuelling a new creative economy. One where design, innovation, and tradition come together to shape Bharat's global edge.

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The Editor

HC Dismisses Fee Hike Petitions by
Pvt Engineering Colleges; Directs
TAFRC to Decide Within Six Weeks



The Telangana High Court on Friday dismissed petitions filed by several private engineering colleges seeking a fee hike for the academic year 2025-26. The Court directed the Telangana Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee (TAFRC) to take a decision on the fee hike representations submitted by the colleges and to forward its proposals to the government within six weeks. The Court clarified that the final decision on the fee hike rests solely with the government.

Expressing displeasure over TAFRC's approach, the Court noted a recurring pattern where engineering colleges submit fee hike proposals each year, yet TAFRC delays its recommendations until after counseling and admissions are completed. Consequently, colleges resort to legal action. On Thursday, around 11 colleges, including Guru Nanak, Gokaraju, and Rangaraju Colleges, filed lunch motion petitions challenging Government Order (GO) 26, which stated that the fees charged during the last block period would continue for 2025-26.

Justice K. Laxman hearing the petitions criticized the delay in inspections and decisions. He pointed out that fee hike proposals were submitted in December, yet no decision was made until June. The Court questioned the delay by the 15-member committee and asked why the colleges did not exert pressure on TAFRC earlier or approach the Court before counseling. Senior advocate Avinash Desai, representing the colleges, stated that the proposals were submitted in December and approved by the committee in March, with proof available in the official register. Senior advocate P. Sriraghuram argued that the proposals, comprising around 5,000 pages, required time for review. He added that fees from the last block period were recommended for continuation this year. Representing the government, Rahul Reddy informed the Court that some colleges were seeking fee hikes ranging from 70% to 90% over last year's structure. After hearing all arguments, the Court dismissed the petitions and issued orders on Friday.

Coimbatore Blast Accused Held
After 29 Years in Karnataka

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Tamil Nadu Police's Anti Terrorism Squad on Thursday said it has arrested Sadiq, a key accused in the 1998 Coimbatore bomb blast case, in which 58 people were killed and 250 others were injured. Also, a key accused in communal murder cases across Tamil Nadu, he has been absconding for 29 years and never been arrested since 1996. Acting on "specific and credible intelligence," a special team of AntiTerrorism Squad and Coimbatore City Po-

lice arrested the accused at Vijayapura district of Karnataka, the ATS said in an official release. Sadiq, a native of Coimbatore used several aliases and it includes Raja, Tailor Raja, Valarntha Raja, Shahjahan Abdul Majid Makandar and Shahjahan Shaik. He is also an accused in the 1996 petrol bomb attack in Coimbatore, which resulted in the death of Jail Warden Boopalan; the 1996 Sayeetha murder case in Nagore; and the 1997 murder of Jailer Jay-aprakash in Madurai.

"In recent weeks, the Anti-Terrorism Squad, in coordination with the

Coimbatore city police, has arrested India's most wanted accused Abubacker Siddique and Mohamed Ali @ Yunus from Annamayya District in Andhra adistrict, Karnataka marks the third successful apprehension of a longabsconding accused involved in terror-related cases," the ATS added. Chief Minister M K Stalin lauded the Anti Terrorism Squad and the intelligence officials who guided the special unit for the arrest of Sadiq and by doing so, establishing yet again that Tamil Nadu is at the forefront in the country as regards internal security. In order to pay special

attention to anti-terror tasks, the ATS, under the intelligence wing, was formed in 2023 after the DMK assumed power, he said. The ATS, through their excellent work, have arrested three important accused including Abubacker Siddique, who could not be apprehended during the past 30 years by the Tamil Nadu police, Central government's probe agencies and police departments of neighbouring states. Stalin thanked Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh police for their support in arresting the three accused persons.

Man Involved In Bike
Theft Cases Killed In
Chandrayangutta

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A 26-year-old driver was found murdered in an isolated place near a nala at Omer Colony in Chandrayangutta on Friday morning. The incident came to light after locals noticed the body and alerted the Chandrayangutta Inspector R Gopi, who rushed to the spot and took up investigation. Speaking to media persons, Chandrayangutta Assistant Commissioner of Police, A Sudhakar, said that unknown persons killed the driver Aziz

Akthar by slitting his neck elsewhere and later dumped the body at the isolated place near the nala on Thursday night. He said Akthar was involved in bike theft cases and added that a suspect sheet was also opened against him. He said the reasons behind the murder were yet to be known and a detailed investigation was on following a complaint from Akthar's father Babar. The police handed over the body to family members after an autopsy at the Osmania General Hospital (OGH) mortuary.

Snooping: SIT Likely to File Plea
Before Supreme Court

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The Special Investigation Team (SIT) that is probing the phone-tapping case of the BRS government tenure is likely to file a petition before the apex court seeking directions to then-SIB chief T. Prabhakar Rao to cooperate with the investigation, and consider cancelling relief granted to the accused so that it could take him into custody. Following apex court directions earlier, Prabhakar Rao had returned to Hyderabad

from the US and appeared before the SIT for questioning. Prabhakar Rao is understood to have refused to cooperate with the investigation team, and not revealing details in connection with the phone-tapping case. The SIT had recently seized his phone and laptop for forensic verification. The SIT officials found that 613 profiles were created including that of then-TPCC president and incumbent Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his family members, political leaders, film actors, judges and journalists by

intercepting their mobile phones. Meanwhile, SIT officials are likely to record statements of the Union minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar's staff and several MLAs on Friday at the Jubilee Hills police station in connection with the phone tapping case. So far, the SIT officers have recorded the statements of more than 235 persons including political leaders after the then-SIB officers intercepted their mobile phones when the BRS was in power.

Gulzar Houz Fire Tragedy: Govt
Sanctions ₹85 Lakh Ex Gratia

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The state government on Friday sanctioned ₹85 lakh as ex gratia payment to the families of those who lost their lives in the Gulzar Houz fire accident near Charminar on May 18. A memo issued by the Revenue Department stated that the amount has been released from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in favour of the Hyderabad District Collector for disburse-



ment. A total of 17 people died in the tragic blaze, which broke out in the early hours of May 18. According to officials, all victims died due to asphyxiation caused by smoke inhalation, while eight others also sustained burn injuries.

Prabhas, Rajamouli Reunite to Celebrate 10 Years of Baahubali

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Marking ten glorious years since Baahubali began its iconic journey, director S.S. Rajamouli and the team have announced a special re-release — Baahubali: The Epic, a two-part combined film, hitting theatres worldwide on October 31, 2025. This reimagined version, with enhanced cuts and edits, is set to reignite the cinematic magic for fans globally. Arka Media Works confirmed the ambitious project, merging Baahubali: The Beginning and Baahubali: The Conclusion into a seamless narrative that celebrates the film’s legacy. Tollywood circles expect record-breaking openings in



both Telugu states, as the re-release joins the ranks of elite, star-studded re-releases in the industry. Director Rajamouli took to X (formerly Twitter) to unveil a striking new poster and wrote, “Baahubali. The beginning of many journeys. Countless memories.

markable success. More than just a film, Baahubali has grown into a cultural touchstone. Its grand storytelling, unforgettable characters, and Rajamouli’s visionary direction elevated it into a shared experience that transcends generations and geographies. The 10-year celebration also honors the fans whose unwavering passion kept the saga alive. Their cheers, discussions, and creative tributes have kept the spirit of Baahubali burning brightly, ensuring its place as one of India’s greatest cinematic legacies. What began as a bold cinematic dream has now become an enduring legend — and the journey continues.

It's A Wrap For Pawan Kalyan's OG



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DVV Entertainment has unveiled a blazing new poster of OG, officially announcing the wrap of shoot for Power Star Pawan Kalyan, who returns in his most intense and enigmatic avatar yet — Gambheera. The poster, soaked in rain and loaded with attitude, has fans erupting online as it boldly declares: “Finished Firing.” Directed by Sujeeth, OG now enters post-production, all set for a massive worldwide theatrical release on 25.09.25. The film boasts a powerful ensemble with Emraan Hashmi, Priyanka Arul Mohan, Prakash Raj, and Sriya Reddy in

key roles. Backed by a thumping score from S Thaman, and produced by DVV Danayya and Kalyan Dasari under the DVV Entertainment banner — the same powerhouse behind global phenomenon RRR — OG is already being hailed as the biggest cinematic event of 2025. With cinematography by Ravi K Chandran ISC and Manoj Paramahansa ISC, and sharp editing by Navin Nooli, every frame promises to be a visual explosion. Titled after its cryptic lead, and carrying the tagline “They Call Him OG,” the film promises a full-blown assault of mass, mystique, and madness.

Narivetta Review: Tovino’s intense cop drama makes you think



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The Telugu-dubbed version of the Malayalam film Narivetta, starring Tovino Thomas, is now streaming on SonyLIV after hitting theatres on May 30, 2025. Inspired by real events, this police thriller tries to shine a light on a dark chapter of tribal protests in Kerala, offering a raw mix of emotions, conflict, and politics. At the centre of Narivetta is Varghese Peter (Tovino Thomas), a young man who reluctantly joins the police

force to please his mother and the woman he loves. Posted with a battalion to handle an agitation by tribals in Wayanad’s Muthanga region, Varghese soon finds himself torn between his duty and the harsh realities faced by those he’s supposed to police. As tensions between the battalion and the protesting tribals escalate, Varghese’s eyes open to uncomfortable truths, but his awakening may come too late. Director Anuraj Manohar picks a powerful real-life

backdrop (the 2003 Muthanga incident) and attempts to present it with grit and sincerity. The theme itself is bold and refreshing, and the movie does manage to raise some uncomfortable questions about how governments treat the marginalised. Arya Salim’s performance as a tribal leader stands out, adding depth and reminding us of real-life icons like CK Janu. Performance-wise, Tovino carries the film with his earnest portrayal of a conflicted cop. The supporting

cast, including Suraj Venjaramoodu and Cheran, do justice to their roles but could have been given stronger arcs to build more tension. The screenplay, however, struggles in parts, especially when the story shifts back and forth in time. The love story angle feels half-baked and slows the film down, and some scenes could have been tighter with better editing. Technically, Narivetta looks and sounds strong. Vijay’s cinematography beautifully captures the forest landscape, adding to the

film’s realism, while Jakes Bejoy’s background score lifts key moments and keeps the audience invested. Shameer Muhammed, a well-known editor in Malayalam cinema, does a fair job with the cuts, but a tighter edit in the second half could have made the narrative sharper. The production values are decent, and the Telugu dubbing is handled well, preserving the film’s grounded tone. On the whole, Narivetta is not a flawless thriller, but it is a brave attempt to tackle a sensitive issue. While the

second half feels dragged at times and the climax could have packed more punch, the film’s honest storytelling and solid performances make it worth a watch for those who appreciate socially rooted narratives. Verdict: Narivetta won’t please everyone, but its thought-provoking story and grounded performances make it a decent pick for fans of realistic Malayalam thrillers. Now streaming on SonyLIV, it’s a good watch if you’re in the mood for a cop drama with a conscience.

BUSSINESS

Tesla’s first India experience centre to open in Mumbai on July 15

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As Elon Musk-owned affordable satellite internet service Starlink gets prepared to finally launch its services in India, his other venture, electric car company Tesla, is also stepping closer to kick-off its operations in the country from this month. Although not manufacturing in the country at the moment, the company is set to open its first showroom in Mumbai on July 15. Called an “experience centre”, the Tesla showroom in the financial capital is situated in a 4,000 square feet retail space, which is closer to US tech giant Apple’s flagship store

in the city. This move comes as part of Tesla’s broader expansion strategy in India. In June, the company leased a commercial space in Mumbai’s Kurla West, which is expected to serve as a vehicle service facility. Tesla now has four commercial properties in India, including an engineering hub in Pune, a registered office in Bengaluru, and a temporary office near BKC. Tesla India Motor and Energy Private Ltd had leased a 24,500-square-foot space in Mumbai’s Kurla West to set up a service centre, located close to its upcoming showroom in BKC. This move marks a significant step in Tesla’s plans.

‘SEMICON India 2025’ to showcase India’s growing role as trusted, self-reliant, global chip hub

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The upcoming ‘SEMICON India 2025’ event will play a key role in showcasing how India is positioning itself as a trusted, self-reliant, and globally competitive hub in the semiconductor and microelectronics sector, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) said on Friday. Scheduled to take place from September 2 to 4 at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre) in the national capital, the event aims to highlight India’s growing capabilities and ambitions in the global semiconductor industry. Jointly organised by the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and global



industry body SEMI, the event will serve as a vital platform to bring together policymakers, industry leaders, global investors, startups and academia. The fourth edition of the event

comes at a time when the world is looking to strengthen semiconductor supply chains and embrace next-generation technologies to support digital development. Additionally, ISM and SEMI officially opened visitor registrations on Friday for ‘SEMICON India 2025’, inviting global stakeholders to be part of India’s growing semiconductor story. Building on the record success of ‘SEMICON India 2024’, this year’s edition will see larger participation and introduce several new features aimed at deepening India’s role in the global chip ecosystem. For the first time, international pavilions from Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia will be part of the exhibition. There will also be

eight country roundtables, where companies from India and partner nations will come together to explore business and technology partnerships. In a strong move towards skilling and future-readiness, the event will launch training, upskilling, and workforce development programmes targeted at students and engineers, said IT Ministry. Career-counselling sessions will also be introduced to help guide young talent toward opportunities in the semiconductor industry. The conference will also host a dedicated Semiconductor Design Startup Pavilion, encouraging innovation-led enterprises in chip design. Nine Indian states will participate in this year’s edition, up from six in 2024.

Sensex, Nifty fall in early trade as TCS earnings drag down IT stocks



Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined in early trade on Friday dragged down by selling pressure in IT stocks post earnings announcement by TCS. The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 398.45 points to 82,791.83 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 111.25 points to 25,244. From the Sensex firms, Tata Consultancy Services traded nearly 2 per cent lower after reporting its June quarter earnings. Country’s largest IT services company TCS on Thursday reported a 6 per cent growth in June quarter net profit at Rs 12,760 crore, helped by a jump in non-core income even as revenues grew at a tepid pace. The rupee revenue grew 1.3 per cent to Rs 63,437 crore during the quarter, but was down by over 3 per cent on a constant currency basis, as the company faced headwinds in its major markets amid a winding down of the BSNL deal which helped it in recent quarters. “Q1 results of TCS indicate continuing struggle for IT companies, particularly large cap IT. However, midcap IT is likely to do well,” VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

National Highways Authority of India to report, blacklist ‘loose FASTag’ users

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State-owned NHAI on Friday said it has strengthened the process for reporting ‘loose FASTag’ for black-listing users to ensure smooth tolling operations. In view of upcoming initiatives like the annual pass system and multi-lane free flow (MLFF) tolling, it is critical to address this issue to ensure FASTag authenticity and system reliability, the National Highways Authority of India (NHA) said in a statement. “To ensure smooth tolling operations and strengthen reporting of ‘loose FASTags’, NHAI has further



streamlined its policy for the Toll Collecting Agencies and Concessionaires to immediately report and blacklist ‘loose FASTags’, that are also commonly called tag-in-hand,” it said. The statement said that sometimes, highway users deliberately do not fix FASTags on the windscreen of vehicles. “Such practices pose operational challenges leading to lane congestion, generation of false charge-

backs, misuse in closed-loop tolling systems, causing overall disruption of the Electronic Toll Collection framework, resulting in unnecessary delays at toll plazas and inconvenience to other National Highway users,” it said. To ensure timely corrective measures, the statement said NHAI has provided a dedicated Email ID and has directed the toll collection agencies and concessionaires to immediately report such FASTags. “Based on the reports received, NHAI will take immediate action to initiate blacklisting/ hot-listing of the reported FASTags,” it said.

Rupee slips to 85.89 vs US dollar as Trump’s tariff push spooks markets

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The rupee depreciated 19 paise to 85.89 against the US dollar in early trade on Friday, after Trump announced 35 per cent tariffs on Canada from next month, denting investor sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 85.76 against the dollar, then touched an early low of 85.89, down 19 paise from its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day higher by 3 paise at 85.70 against the US dollar. Trump on Thursday announced a steep 35 per cent tariff on Canadian imports, effective August 1. He

further signalled blanket tariffs of 15-20 per cent on most US trade partners, hinting that the European Union and Canada may receive their own “tariff letters” shortly. “Such moves raise inflationary risk-ironically pushing rate cuts even further out of reach. And while India has so far escaped direct tariff action, the broad-based nature of Trump’s tariff crusade has markets on edge,” CR Forex Advisors MD Amit Pabari said. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.15 per cent to 97.79. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.28 per cent to USD 68.83 per barrel

in futures trade. “Given the current backdrop, the bias for rupee appreciation remains limited. Support near 85.50 continues to hold strong, with a high probability of the pair inching back towards 86.00. A sustained move above 86.00 could quickly open the path towards 86.20-86.50, with momentum likely to pick up in no time,” Pabari added. Meanwhile, in the domestic equity market, the Sensex declined 234.74 points or 0.28 per cent to 82,955.54, while Nifty fell 58.55 points or 0.23 per cent to 25,296.70. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) purchased equities worth Rs 221.06 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

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India Drops Six Places to Settle For Their Lowest FIFA Ranking in Nine Years



The Indian men's football team slumped to its lowest ranking in nine years as it dropped six places to 133rd in the FIFA chart issued on Thursday, courtesy two losses in June. India lost to Thailand (0-2) in an international friendly on June 4 before suffering a defeat to lower ranked Hong Kong (0-1) in an Asian Cup qualifying round match, leading to head coach Manolo Marquez's parting of ways with the All India Football Federation (AIFF). The last time the Indian team had a worse ranking was in December 2016 when it was placed at 135. India's best ever ranking was 94 in February 1996. The Indian team currently has 1113.22 rating points as against 1132.03 previously. It occupies the 24th place among 46 Asian countries led by Japan (17th rank). Nothing has been going right for the Indian men's team. The loss against Hong Kong has put the side in a difficult position in its bid to qualify for the 2027 Asian Cup. The team logged just one win from its last eight matches under Marquez's tutelage, the lone victory coming against Maldives in March. This year, India have so far played four matches, out of which they have won one, drew another, and lost two. The poor results prompted the return of former skipper and iconic striker Sunil Chhetri to the squad but that has done little to improve the team's fortunes. India's next scheduled international match is an away fixture against Singapore in the third round of Asian Cup qualifiers in October. World champions Argentina leads the overall chart of 210 countries, followed by Spain, France, England, Brazil, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Croatia.

India to Host Major Shooting Events

India has been officially confirmed as the host nation for major international shooting competitions for the next three consecutive years, following the finalisation of the ISSF's global calendar for 2027 and 2028. In a recent communique to the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) confirmed that India will host an ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) in 2027 and the ISSF Junior World Championship (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) in 2028. Some of the major events India will host are: ISSF Junior World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) – September 2025 Shooting League of India (SLI) – First-ever edition, November 2025 Asian Rifle/Pistol Cup 2026 – February 2026 ISSF World Cup – 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship – 2028 This further cements India's standing as a trusted and capable global destination for the sport of shooting. India will also host the first-ever edition of the Shooting League of India (SLI) this November, an ambitious and pioneering initiative to create a professional league platform for shooting athletes. NRAI President Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo said that with the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics as their target, hosting at least one international event every year leading up to it is a tremendous opportunity. It boosts senior athletes' preparation and gives juniors invaluable exposure to the atmosphere of elite competition at home. "The launch of the Shooting League of India adds an exciting new dimension to our efforts. We are grateful to the ISSF for their trust, and we remain committed to making India a global hub for our beloved sport," he said. NRAI Secretary General Mr. K. Sultan Singh said that the announcement is a testament to the confidence the ISSF places in the NRAI and India's ability to deliver world-class events. "India is now a key stop on the global shooting calendar. I thank the Government of India, the Sports Ministry, the Sports Authority of India, and all our stakeholders for their unwavering support.

India Lost Control After the Ball Change: Sanjay Manjrekar

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Speaking on 'Match Centre Live' after the first session on Day 2 of the third Test, Jio-Hotstar expert Sanjay Manjrekar reflected on Bumrah's disciplined spell on an unhelpful surface: "This is what Bumrah is all about. It was a humbler Bumrah today — he accepted the conditions, knew there wasn't much in the pitch, and just kept coming in and bowling. He shelved the ego and focused on perseverance — there were no magic deliveries, just



consistent line and length. These wickets came through sheer hard work. India bowled really well to keep England under control, and on a pitch like this, that's a good outcome. But we don't yet know how this pitch will behave in the second innings. I'm curious to see how someone like Jofra Archer goes on it — that'll give us a clearer picture of the surface." Manjrekar commented

on whether the ball change disrupted India's rhythm: "Possibly. I was watching Shubman closely, and you could see it got to him. Emotions were running high. India had been on the field for a long time, had just got Joe Root out, and really wanted to press on. This was a genuinely frustrated young man, which is understandable. Whether India lost a bit of control in that phase — the ball change could have been a contributing factor." JioStar expert Steve Harmison questioned India's decision to change the ball when Bumrah was in rhythm: "From a fast bowler's point of view, there's no way I'd have handed the umpire the ball when it was doing what it was from the Nursery End. Bumrah had taken three wickets in no time — I would've waited until it stopped swinging before asking for a change. What surprised me was that Siraj didn't even consult Bumrah — he just threw the ball straight to the umpire. And once you do that, it's out of your hands. The replacement ball may not match — either in age or wear

AIFF announces early IWL season, extensive prep plan for Women's Asian Cup 2026

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The All India Football Federation President Kalyan Chaubey convened a meeting with Deputy Secretary General, Mr M. Satyanarayan, Technical Director, Mr. Syed Sabir Pasha, Director of National Teams, Mr. Subrata Paul, Indian Women's National Team Head coach Mr. Crispin Chettri and Assistant coach Ms. Priya PV, to chart the Indian Women's National Team's preparation plans for the AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026. It was decided at the meeting in Delhi on Friday to organise the 2025-26 Indian Women's League season, featuring eight teams playing 14 matches each, from September 2025 to January 2026. The Indian U20 women's team will also



participate in the IWL. The earlier than usual scheduling would allow for ample preparation time in the lead-up to the AFC Women's Asian Cup, scheduled for March 1 to 21, 2026. In addition, the Blue Tiges will undergo 83 days of preparation camps, conducted in three phases. This will include 10-12 international friendlies and five to seven matches with domestic teams. To effectively manage this calendar, the AIFF will engage with all IWL club owners to seek their support and cooperation in releasing players for the camps as and when required for the national interest. With this plan, each player is projected to play at least 30 matches between August and February, combining both club and international commitments. To facilitate uninterrupted national team preparation in the lead-up to the AFC Women's Asian Cup, it was also suggested that the Senior Women's National Football Championship for the Rajmata Jijabai Trophy 2025-26 be scheduled after the conclusion of the continental tournament.

Pakistan To Review Security Situation In India Before Sending Hockey Team For Asia Cup, WC

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Pakistan is set to review the security situation in India before taking a call on sending its national hockey team to the neighbouring country for the upcoming Asia Cup and Junior World Cup later this year. A top government official has said that the national team will not be sent to India if there are security threats to them. Rana Mashood, who is the chairman of Prime Minister's Youth Development and Sports Program, said that Pakistan would travel to India for the tournaments if the government was totally satisfied with the security situation. "The government will review the security situation in India for Pakistani nationals and if it is not satisfied it will not put any of our players at risk by sending them to play in India," Mashood, a former minister said. He pointed out that after India's Operation



Sindoor, the situation is not safe for Pakistani nationals to travel to India. The Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) has sought advice and permission from concerned ministries to send national teams for the two major hockey events scheduled in India with next month's Asia Cup also serving as a qualifier for the next World Cup in 2026. Rana Mujahid, the secretary-general of PHF, admitted that in the past Pakistan had taken part in some international events in India. "But as of now the situation is different, relations are strained so we can only move forward when the government gives us clearance," he said. He pointed out that the PHF was keeping a watch on threats being issued to the hockey team players on social media.

Telangana forms committee to review staffing across govt bodies, offers hope for SATG outsourced employees

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There is a ray of hope for all those outsourced employees in the Sports Authority of Telangana with the State Government constituting a committee comprising former Chief Secretary Mrs. A. Santhi Kumari, another retired IAS officer Mr. N. Siva Sankar, Mr. Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Principal Secretary to State Government, Mr. M. Raghunandan Rao, Secretary, General Administration Department to review the staff position in all the Government Departments/Corporations/PSUs/Local Bodies/Societies/Universities/In-



stitutions. The Committee is expected to review contract and outsourcing appointments having regard to the significant changes in the role, core functions and priorities of the Government Departments over the time. Accordingly, and in partial modification of the orders issued this committee shall make a comprehensive study induce consultation with the Secretaries to Government and HoDs of the departments and submit its report, inter alia, covering the following aspects, The Secretariat Department / Head of the Department / Corporations / PSUs / Local Bodies / Societies / Universities / Institutions – wise number of regular posts sanctioned, working and vacant and the need for their continuation, new sanctions, or modifications vis a vis the present priorities, needs and requirements. The Committee will also conduct a similar study in respect of all categories of temporary services permitted by the Government, including contractual and outsourced services, and any other issues relevant in this regard. The Finance Department will provide the necessary information

to the Committee and also assist the Committee in its above exercise and the Committee may obtain such further information as may be required, from the Finance and the concerned administrative departments for the purpose of the above exercise. Surprisingly, a recommendation in June 2019 suggesting that the total number of posts allocated to SATG were 232 only out of the sanctioned strength of 557 posts were not at all sufficient for smoothing functioning of the District Administration, Headquarters and as well at newly con-

structed stadia in various districts of the State. The Committee may submit its report within a period of 60 days. It may be mentioned here that most of the coaches in the SATG receive a nominal salary of about Rs. 29,000, with no benefits like DA, HRA, or conveyance allowances in most cases. And, a proposal for additional posts required has been prepared on the needy basis but unfortunately the top brass handling the subject 'deferred' on flimsy grounds denying justice to the coaches fraternity then itself.

BC leaders thank CM Revanth for 42% reservations in local body polls

Leaders of various Backward Classes (BC) associations, led by BC Welfare Association national president R. Krishnaiah, met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to express their gratitude for the state cabinet's decision to provide 42% reservations to BCs in local body elections. Welcoming the cabinet move, the BC leaders conveyed their appreciation to the Chief Minister for taking a significant step towards the political empowerment of backward communities. Those who joined Krishnaiah in thanking the Chief Minister included Mineral Development Corporation Chairman Eeravatri Anil and other prominent BC association representatives.

Free online Haj application service to be launched on 12 July at Haj House

Telangana State Haj Committee Chairman Maulana Syed Shah Ghulam Afzal Biabani Khusro Pasha announced that a free online application service for Haj 2026 aspirants will be officially launched on Saturday, 12 July, at 12 PM at Haj House, Nampally. Minister for Minority Welfare A. Laxman Kumar will inaugurate the service. Haj Committee Executive Officer Sajjad Ali has urged all interested pilgrims to utilise the facility. The inaugural programme will also be attended by B. Shafiullah IFS, Principal Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, along with other officials. Further details are available on the Haj Committee of India website <http://www.hajcommittee.gov.in> or by calling 040-23298793.

Nizam College Students Protest Hostel Denial, Demand Immediate Action

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Students of Nizam College staged a protest on Friday after the college administration allegedly denied hostel accommodation to several eligible candidates. The protestors claimed that despite fulfilling all required eligibility criteria, hostel allotments were either delayed or denied altogether, causing significant hardship.

Adding to their woes, the college mess was recently shut down due to financial issues. This has left many students—especially those residing on campus—without access to basic food services, worsening the already tense situation. The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has stepped in to support the students, organizing peaceful demonstrations and officially raising these issues with the administration. In a press release, the ABVP emphasized the urgent need for intervention, criticizing the administration's failure to act promptly on



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core student welfare concerns. "This continued inaction reflects a serious lack of accountability," the ABVP stated. "When core services such as food and shelter are disrupted under an institution's leadership, a new approach — and sometimes a change in leadership itself — becomes necessary." The protesting students are demanding that the administration immediately resolve the hostel al-

location issues and reinstate the mess services. They warned that failure to act may lead to further unrest on campus. As tensions rise, students await a concrete response from the college authorities, hoping for swift and effective solutions to their grievances. The situation highlights ongoing infrastructural and administrative challenges faced by students in public educational institutions.

2,500 cops, 50 cameras to be deployed for Secunderabad Bonalu

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Elaborate security arrangements will be in place with a total of 2,500 police personnel and about 50 high-definition surveillance cameras for the Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu celebrations to be held on July 13-14. North Zone DCP Reshmi Perumal said coordination meetings were already held and suggestions taken from all the departments and temple authorities to conduct a peaceful festivity. The DCP said 'Jogins' will have to visit the temple between 1 pm and 3 pm on July 13, and they can come directly from the Bata



Showroom side for 'aarti' as per their customs and traditions. A total of six queue lines have been set up, and there will be two special queue lines for women coming to the temple carrying 'bonams', and a

maximum of five people will be allowed along with the woman coming with 'bonam'. Teams including Dog Squad, Anti-Sabotage, She Teams, and Crime Units will be deployed to prevent any untoward incident and curb thefts and woman harassment incidents. "More than 40 CCTV cameras have been set up in the temple surroundings as well as in the areas where the processions will take place. A dedicated control room has been set up in the Mahankali police station, where officials from various departments will monitor the festivities round-the-clock," Perumal said.

BJP MLA Payal Shankar warns Congress against including Muslims in BC reservations

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BJP MLA Payal Shankar has warned the Congress government against including Muslims in the Backward Classes (BC) reservations, stating that such a move would lead to serious consequences. Speaking to the media, Shankar raised concerns over the Congress government's stand on providing 42% reservations to BCs, questioning the legality of the ordinance in light of the Supreme Court's di-



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prolonged legal battle. Shankar further alleged that the Congress was engaging in appeasement politics to secure minority votes, thereby sidelining the genuine concerns of backward communities. He urged the government to review its decision carefully and ensure that the constitutional rights of BCs are not diluted. The BJP leader also hinted at launching statewide protests if the government proceeds with its current stance.

Telangana attracts Rs 50,000 crore investments in life sciences, eyes Rs 66,000 crore exports in FY25

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Telangana has secured over Rs 50,000 crore in life sciences investments within 18 months, generating more than 60,000 new jobs, said Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT and Industries, at the 2nd edition of the ET Pharma Tech Innovation Conclave held at Trident Hotel, Hitec City. The state is projected to export life sciences products worth Rs 66,000 crore in 2024-25. Hyderabad, recognised globally as the "Vaccine Capital of the World," supplies one-third of the world's vaccines. Medical devices

manufactured in the state are now exported to 89 countries, including the US and Japan. The Minister announced that the government is working on a long-term investment strategy worth Rs 1 lakh crore to create five lakh jobs across rural and semi-urban areas through the life sciences sector. Pharma Villages are planned in Vikarabad, Nalgonda, and Medak districts, following consultations with stakeholders. Additionally, a Life Sciences University is set to be established with international standards, offering industry-aligned short- and long-term pro-

grammes in collaboration with global organisations. Skill development initiatives are already underway. Youth are being trained through Young India Skills University in partnership with firms such as Dr. Reddy's and Aurobindo. With the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR), science graduates are being trained as life sciences specialists. The Minister said the government is finalising a dedicated 'Telangana Comprehensive Life Sciences Policy' to strengthen the state's global standing in the sector.

BC Bill flawed and misleading, alleges BRS MLC Shraavan

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BRS MLC Shraavan strongly criticised the Congress government over the BC Bill, alleging several legal flaws and misrepresentation of the Backward Classes' population figures. He accused the government of manipulating population data by adopting faulty counting methods, thereby underreporting the strength of BC communities. Shraavan claimed the issue is not just a decision by the Congress party or Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, but a calculated attempt to mislead the pub-



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Foundation laid for new roads and civic works in Hyderabad



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A foundation stone was laid to build footpaths in Toli-chowki and to provide sports facilities and community spaces under the Shaikpet flyover on Friday. Simultaneously, a foundation stone was also laid to construct CC roads in Pragathi Nagar (Kukatpally), Lakshmi Narasimha Nagar (LN Nagar), Krishna Nagar, Venkatagiri (Yousufguda),

Rahmatnagar (Borabanda), and Jawahar Nagar. Meanwhile, CC roads completed in three areas, including Harijana Basthi (Shaikpet), Pragathi Nagar, and LN Nagar, were also inaugurated. In total, various infrastructure development works worth Rs 5.12 crore were attended by the ministers, including Ponnamp Prabhakar, Vivek Venkataswamy, and Thummala Nageshwara Rao, in the city.

Hyderabad Police chief participates in Lal Darwaza Bonalu

Hyderabad Top Cop C.V. Anand Joins Rituals, Ensures Robust Security for Devotees

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C.V. Anand, Director General and Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, took part in the Lal Darwaza Bonalu festival today, participating in the traditional Shikara Puja and Dhawajrohanam (flag hoisting) ceremonies. He said it is customary for the temple committee to invite the Hyderabad City Kotwal for these annual rituals. The Lal Darwaza Simhavahini Sri Mahankali Temple holds historical importance. In 1908, severe floods and a plague epidemic claimed nearly 50,000 lives in the area. On the advice of Prime Minister Kishan Pershad, then Nizam Mir Mahbub Ali Khan arranged special prayers to the God-



dess, after which the Musi floods subsided and the epidemic receded. Since then, Bonalu has been celebrated in the Ashadha month for over 120 years. Commissioner Anand stated that the festivities are being organised in coordination with all stakeholders. He said the Police Department has taken all precautionary measures to ensure

peaceful celebrations, recalling that Golconda Bonalu and Balkampet Bonalu were also conducted smoothly. Special security arrangements have been made in the South Zone, with additional forces deployed. Coordination meetings were held with departments including Water Works, Electricity, Roads & Buildings, and the GHMC. Ministers Pon-

nam Prabhakar and Konda Surekha also participated in these meetings and directed officials to ensure all arrangements are made without any lapses. The Commissioner urged devotees and temple committee members to cooperate with the police. He assured that the Hyderabad Police are committed to providing a safe and smooth experience for all. Surveillance has been increased with the help of the Crime Branch police and She Teams to prevent offences such as pick-pocketing, chain snatching, and eve-teasing. The event was attended by GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan IAS, DCP Special Branch K. Apoorva Rao, DCP South Zone Sneha Mehra, DCP Traffic R. Venkateswarlu, Temple Committee

Cyberabad SOT busts interstate ganja racket, 6 arrested

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The Cyberabad Special Operations Team (SOT), along with the Rajendranagar police, busted an interstate drug peddling racket and arrested a six-member gang, including a woman from Maharashtra, and seized 109 kgs of marijuana, 2 cars and Rs 6,000 in cash from them on Friday. The arrested gang members are Prashant Ganesh, Lata Ganesh Jadhav, Sachin Dilip, Rohan Pandurang, Rahul Baburao, Gaurav Natekar and Pawan Deep. The gang had been involved in drug cases for the past four years, with similar cases earlier booked against them in Maharashtra. Police said the gang procured marijuana from a drug dealer in Odisha and was smuggling it to Pune via Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad in two cars when they were nabbed on the Outer Ring Road at Rajendranagar. The arrested persons and the seized material were handed over to the Rajendranagar police for further action.

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