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34 Indian Fishermen From West Bengal Held In Bangladesh

34 Indian fishermen in two trawlers from West Bengal have been detained by the Bangladesh Navy on Monday evening after they allegedly crossed the international maritime boundary line (IMBL) in the Bay of Bengal and entered the territorial waters of the neighbouring country. They, after detention, were taken to Mongla Port and were later handed over to the Mongla police station along with their fishing boats, Jhor and Mongol Chandi- 38. Some fish were reportedly recovered from their trawlers also. The Bangladesh authorities have initiated legal proceedings against them. The group had sailed in the two vessels for fishing in the sea along the Sundarban delta from Namkhana at Kakdwip in South 24 Parganas a few days ago, according to Sundarban Samudrik Matsajibi Shramik Union secretary Satinath Patra. Monsoon is the prime time to net delicious Hilsa fish which are found in abundance in the Bangladeshi waters.

Student Suicide Triggers Political Storm in Odisha

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India on Monday described as "despicable" the disruption of a Rath Yatra in the Canadian city of Toronto over the weekend and said the matter had been strongly taken up with Canadian authorities. The procession in Toronto over the weekend was disrupted by some people who hurled eggs, according to media reports. External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the disruption was caused by "mischievous elements". "Such despicable acts are regrettable and are against the spirit of the festival, which seeks to promote unity, inclusivity, and social harmony," he said.

Telangana Bags ₹3.28 Lakh Cr Investments in 18 Months: CM

Lakhs of Acres of Government Land Mysteriously Vanish in Telangana; No Progress on Forensic Audit Even After 19 Months

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Telangana has attracted investments worth ₹3.28 lakh crore since December 2023, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced on Tuesday. Speaking at the foundation-laying ceremony of ICHOR Biologics' new facility at Genome Valley, Shamirpet, the Chief Minister credited his government's progressive industrial policies and infrastructure development for the surge in investor interest. Highlighting Telangana's strategic alignment with the global "China Plus One" policy, Revanth Reddy said his government is striving to make the state the top investment destination in India. "The entire world, after the COVID-19 pandemic, is shifting supply chains. We want Telangana and Hyderabad to



be their first choice," he stated. He assured robust government support, including incentives, streamlined clearances, and proactive policy facilitation for industries such as pharmaceuticals, electric vehicles, and IT. The Chief Minister also revealed plans to launch the 'TelanganaRising 2047' vision document on December 9, to mark the second anniversary of his government. The document outlines an ambitious roadmap to transform Telangana into a \$1 trillion economy by 2035 and a \$3

trillion economy by 2047—aiming to contribute 10 percent to India's national target of becoming a \$30 trillion economy. Continuing policies from earlier Telugu Desam, Congress, and BRS-led administrations, the current government is enhancing Telangana's industrial policies for greater impact, Revanth said. He emphasized Hyderabad's Genome Valley as a pivotal biotech hub, calling it the "vaccine and bulk drugs capital of the world." "Hyderabad produces around 33% of India's vac-

cines and 43% of its bulk drugs," he noted. "During the pandemic, Genome Valley exported vaccines across the world, playing a key global role." Revanth Reddy reiterated that the state's focus remains on simplifying policies and ensuring global competitiveness. "Our policies will not only be investor-friendly but futuristic and aligned with global benchmarks," he said. He also projected Hyderabad as an emerging "Data City," leveraging digital transformation and innovation to attract data-driven industries in the coming years. The event was attended by Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, Labour and Mines Minister Vivek Venkataswamy, senior bureaucrats, and top industry representatives.

Shubhanshu Shukla Returns After Historic ISS Mission

Gp Capt. Shubhanshu Shukla Returns Safely After Historic ISS Mission, Paving Way for India's Gaganyaan

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Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, India's first astronaut to visit the International Space Station (ISS), returned safely to Earth after an 18-day mission, marking a significant step forward in the country's human space-flight ambitions. His spacecraft, 'Grace', made a successful splashdown in the Pacific Ocean off the California coast at 3:01 pm IST (2:31 am Pacific Time) after a 22-hour journey and a dramatic atmospheric re-entry. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the achievement a "historic milestone," praising Shukla's courage and calling it a major leap toward India's Gaganyaan mission scheduled for 2027. "As India's first astronaut to visit the ISS, Shubhanshu Shukla has inspired a bil-



lion dreams," Modi posted on X. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh welcomed Shukla's safe return, declaring, "India has found a lasting space in the world of space," while Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the mission would inspire future generations to dream big. Shukla, an Air Force officer and native of Uttar Pradesh, is expected to return to India by August 17 following post-mission debriefing, rehabilitation, and technical reviews with Team Isro. The astronaut was part of

an international crew, including Peggy Whitson (USA), Slawosz Uzanski-Wisniewski (Poland), and Tibor Kapu (Hungary). The capsule undocked from the ISS at 4:45 pm IST on Monday after a heartfelt farewell from the ISS crew. During the mission, Shukla orbited the Earth over 310 times, covering 13 million km and witnessing more than 300 sunrises and sunsets from space. His scientific contributions included completing seven key microgravity experiments for Isro, such as: Studying **CONT:P4**

Trump Reiterates Claim of Ending India-Pak Conflict

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US President Donald Trump reiterated his claim on Monday (local time) that he stopped the escalation of the recent India-Pakistan conflict after the Pahalgam terror attack. Trump made these remarks during his meeting with the Secretary General of NATO, Mark Rutte. "We have been very successful in settling wars, India, Pakistan... India, by the way, Pakistan would have been a nuclear war within another week, the way that was going. It was going very badly," Trump stated. He pointed to his



strategy of using trade as leverage, stating, "We did that through trade. I said, we are not going to talk to you about trade, unless you get this thing settled, and they did." In June, Trump told reporters on Air Force One, "You know, I did something that people don't talk about, and I don't talk about very much, but we solved a big problem, a nuclear problem potentially with India

and with Pakistan." "I spoke to Pakistan, I spoke to India, they have really great leaders, but they were going at it, and they could have gone at it nuclear," he added. Trump has repeatedly claimed credit for stopping hostilities between India and Pakistan after New Delhi's effective response to Islamabad's aggression following precision strikes on terror infrastructure. However, India refuted the claims made by the US President, reiterating its policy that India and Pakistan bilaterally address any matter related to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"As you are aware, we have a long-standing national position that any issues pertaining to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir have to be addressed by India and Pakistan bilaterally. That stated policy has not changed. As you are aware, the outstanding matter is the vacation of illegally occupied Indian Territory by Pakistan," the Ministry of External Affairs stated. The MEA further stated that the "issue of trade" did not come up between Indian and US leaders since the commencement of 'Operation Sindoor' and the cessation of hostilities.

Illegal Guns Spark Twin Political Murders in Hyderabad

Two political leaders were gunned down within 12 hours—from Monday evening to Tuesday morning—highlighting a growing concern over the ease with which firearms are being procured from northern states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and smuggled into Telangana's capital. A senior police officer revealed that illegal weapons such as tapachas and country-made pistols, often priced as low as ₹10,000, are being sourced from regions where illicit gun-making **CONT:P5**

10th Class Student Commits Suicide In Telangana

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A 15-year-old Class 10 student died by suicide in her classroom in the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) at Nadigudem of Munagala mandal in Suryapet district, was admitted in the school when she was studying Class 7. District education officer Ashok visited the school and inquired the staff and stu-

room after study hours at 10 pm. On Tuesday morning, they found her body in the classroom. Police said the student, a native of Munagala mandal in Suryapet district, was admitted in the school when she was studying Class 7. District education officer Ashok visited the school and inquired the staff and stu-

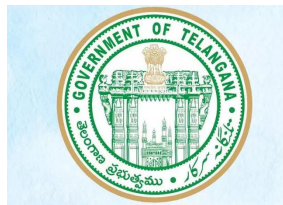
dents about the incident. He said that the student had shared some problems in her family with her friend before going to sleep. The parents had met the victim on Sunday, and her father had met her earlier in the day on Monday. The father said that the student had come home on July 4 and returned to

the school on July 7. He said there were no issues for their daughter to die by suicide. Nadigudem sub-inspector Gandamalla Ajay Kumar said that a case was filed on the suicide based on the complaint of father of the victim. "We are investigating the case in all angles," he added.

Telangana In Deflation As Prices Fall

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Telangana is the only state in India to record a negative inflation rate of 0.93 per cent for June 2025, when compared with June 2024, according to data released by the Union ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MoSPI) on Tuesday. The



state, which has been consistently recording the lowest inflation in the country over the past six months, has now entered a period where prices are

falling — a rare economic phenomenon termed 'deflation.' The figures highlight a sharp contrast with the national scenario, where overall inflation stood at 2.1 per cent. Telangana's rural inflation fell steeply to (-)1.54 per cent when compared to the national rural average of 1.72 per cent, while urban inflation

stood at (-)0.45 per cent against the national urban rate of 2.56 per cent. Neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, meanwhile, recorded a zero inflation growth rate in June 2025 when compared with June 2024, with rural inflation at -0.55 per cent and urban inflation at 1.06 per cent. Though not in deflation, AP also remains signifi- **CONT:P2**

Congress to Corner PM on Pahalgam

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The Congress is gearing up to take on the government in the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament. The Parliament strategy committee of the Congress under the chairmanship of Sonia Gandhi met in the national capital on Tuesday. Apart from Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, other senior leaders of the party attended the strategy meeting. Senior leaders Shashi Tharoor, Gaurav Gogoi and Manickam Tagore were not present, as they were travelling. The Congress plans to corner the government on the terror attack in Pahalgam and relations with other foreign countries. The main issues will include voter list revision in Bihar, statehood in Jammu and Kashmir, the Air India Ahmedabad plane crash and rising atrocities against women. Briefing the media after the meeting, Congress Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Tewari said, "Our first priority is to demand answers on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. Why is the US President repeatedly making the same claim? Why did he say that he brokered **CONT:P4**



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No Delay in Development Works, Warns Seethakka

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Minister for women and child welfare Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka took strong exception to delays in developmental works in Kamareddy district, despite funds being released over six months ago. Expressing displeasure over the slow pace of implementation, she warned officials that negligence would not be tolerated under any circumstances. She directed that all projects must be completed within their scheduled timelines and warned that strict disciplinary action would be taken against any department responsible for delays. Seethakka, along with Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, held a detailed review meeting with officials at the Kamareddy Integrated District Offices



Complex (DIOC) on Tuesday. The meeting focused on the progress of various government-led development initiatives. The minister announced that the construction of new Anganwadi buildings would begin shortly. Reiterating the Congress government's commitment to strengthening women and child welfare, she said the government would give increased attention to schemes in this sector. She also sought detailed reports on all sanctioned projects, including tender status, fund utilization, and reasons for delays.

Officials were instructed to clear all pending bills immediately and ensure that no work is held up due to administrative hurdles. She emphasized that officers must take personal responsibility for progress in their departments, and warned that any further lapses would attract serious action. Addressing the officials, Shabbir Ali stressed the urgent need for proactive steps to prevent seasonal diseases such as dengue and other viral infections during the ongoing monsoon. He instructed medical and municipal departments to regularly clean and purify drinking water tanks and ensure that drainage systems are cleared without delay. To curb mosquito breeding, he directed that fumigation and mosquito-control measures be undertaken in vulnerable areas.

Ashish Goud Gears Up for GHMC Elections in 113 Division with Strategic Meetings

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Ashish Goud, a dynamic young leader from Patancheru, has intensified his groundwork for the upcoming GHMC elections from the 113 division. He is reportedly holding a series of strategic, behind-the-scenes meetings with leaders and workers from various political parties, seeking their support to consolidate his position this time around. Having lost the last GHMC election by a narrow margin, Goud appears determined not to repeat history. According to sources close to his campaign, he is focusing on early outreach and coordination to strengthen booth-level networks and ensure party unity. His efforts include reaching out to local influencers, youth groups, and karyakarthis who play a key role during elections. In the previous elections, Goud faced tough opposition



backed by senior BRS leader and former minister Harish Rao, who is believed to have used all his political clout to block Goud's victory. Despite this, Goud's credibility and image among voters have remained strong due to his aggressive approach, proactive public presence, and continuous engagement with local

issues. What sets Ashish Goud apart is his connection with people across all age groups. Whether it is addressing civic concerns, youth empowerment, or supporting senior citizens, his approach has earned him goodwill and respect in the constituency. As GHMC elections draw

near, Goud's preparations reflect a more calculated and united campaign. With growing support from multiple political corners, he is aiming to convert past setbacks into a strong comeback. His supporters believe that this time, with better coordination and planning, the outcome will be in his favor.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Wing Holds Blood Donation Camp in Hyderabad

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The Women's Auxiliary Organisation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hyderabad, organized a Blood Donation Camp at the Community's mosque in Saidabad to encourage voluntary blood donation and humanitarian service. The event was led by Mrs. Maryam Azeem, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Wing Hyderabad, along with Dr. Aysha Ahmed,



MBBS (MD), Secretary of Physical Activity, and Dr. Bhupender Kaur, doctor and human rights activist. Under their guidance, volunteers from the Community participated in the

camp. This initiative reflects the Community's ongoing efforts to promote peace and serve humanity. Founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad,

the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community upholds the motto, "Love for All, Hatred for None." Led globally by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Fifth Caliph, the Community

has a presence in over 210 countries and operates humanitarian projects worldwide through its sister organization, Humanity First.

INTUC Leaders Urge GHMC Commissioner to Resolve Workers' Issues

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Leaders of the INTUC-recognized Municipal Sahakhar Mazdoor Union, led by Working President Adil Sharif, met GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan and submitted a memorandum demanding immediate resolution to long-pending issues affecting outsourced and permanent employees. The delegation highlighted the lack of promotions for long-serving Junior Assistants, Senior Assistants, and Superintendents, noting that although a promotion list was sent for vigilance clearance months ago, the process remains stalled.



Sharif emphasized the need to regularize the services of contract and outsourced workers, a promise unfulfilled by the previous government over the past decade. The union also reiterated its demand to increase the health card limit from ₹3 lakh to ₹10 lakh to better support employees' medical needs. Commissioner Karnan acknowledged the plight of sanitation workers, particularly women,

many of whom spend a significant portion of their salaries on rent. He assured the union that the possibility of allocating unused JNNURM housing units would be explored. He further promised to resolve issues under his jurisdiction promptly and forward state-level concerns to the government. Other union leaders present included R.D. Chandrasekhar, Raj Reddy, AVS Gandhi, and others.

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inflation stood at (-)0.45 per cent against the national urban rate of 2.56 per cent. Neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, meanwhile, recorded a zero inflation growth rate in June 2025 when compared with June 2024, with rural inflation at -0.55 per cent and urban inflation at 1.06 per cent. Though not in deflation, AP also remains significantly below national averages. This milestone marks a turnaround for Telangana, which grappled with double-digit inflation between 2020 and 2023 during the BRS regime. Inflation during that period often exceeded 10 per cent, sparking concerns about affordability and the rising cost of living. Since the Congress government assumed power in December 2023, inflation has steadily declined — from 1.31 per cent in February, to 1.06 per cent in March, slightly increased to

1.26 per cent in April, slipped to 0.55 per cent in May and now to -0.93 per cent in June. When Telangana witnessed lowest inflation in the country in April this year, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on April 12 and hailed the achievement as proof of the Congress government's "transformative and people-centric" governance. Revanth Reddy credited welfare schemes such as free bus travel for women, '500 LPG cylinders, 200 units of free electricity, '10 lakh health insurance under Rajiv Arogyasri and free fine rice for ration card holders for helping lower the financial burden on citizens. With inflation well below the Reserve Bank of India's recommended 2-6 per cent range, Telangana remains the only large state in the country to record deflation.

Godavari 'Flood Waters' An illusion, Says Expert

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The proposal for Andhra Pradesh's Godavari-Banaka-charla link scheme is based on "imaginary" claims of non-existent concept of 'flood waters' in the Godavari river, and "illusory" assertions about copious amounts of the river's water going waste into the sea, according to Sriram Vedire, former adviser to the ministry of jal shakti. He said that even the claims of around 3,000 tmc ft of the so-called



'flood waters' going into the Bay of Bengal from Godavari each year had no leg to stand on as this figure included unused water allocated to the river basin

states. "The reality is that the Central Water Commission (CWC) has calculated that the 'average flows' that end up in the sea are about 1,138

tmc ft a year," Vedire said. "When the CWC said the annual run off into the sea was around 3,100 tmc ft, this figure includes water allocated to Maharashtra, Telangana, AP, Chhattisgarh and Odisha, but not yet put to use by these states." Addressing a press conference where he made a detailed presentation on Godavari river issues, Vedire said neither Telangana nor AP had rights to use the 1,138 tmc ft of water going into the sea as the 'terminal states' for the river. Vedire explained: "If the

other Godavari basin states, Maharashtra through which the main river passes, and Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Karnataka, which have tributaries draining into the Godavari, also stake claim on these 'average flows', then Telangana and AP will not even have the assured water allocated to them at Godavari river issues," He said, as per the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal's 1980 award, undivided AP had an assured share of about 1499.9 tmc ft. As per the law of the land, AP had

used its share of 531.9 tmc ft of water from the Godavari while Telangana was yet to use its share of 968 tmc ft. The GWDT, Vedire explained, converted the then existing water sharing agreements between the basin states instead of going for fresh allocations and called this allocation 'all waters' to the upstream states. The 'remaining waters' were given to the then AP, and now to Telangana and residuary AP and nowhere was there any mention of 'flood waters'.

Bilwarchana, Homam Mark 77th Bonalu Celebrations at Akkanna Madanna Temple



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As part of the 77th Annual Bonalu Festival celebrations, special rituals including Bilwarchana and Rudra Triahati Homam were performed at the historic Sri Akkanna Madanna Mahankali Mandiram in Haribowli on Monday evening. The puja ceremonies were led by Temple Organising Secretary S.P. Kranthi Kumar along with V. Sunil Kumar and his family members. A

large number of devotees gathered to witness the spiritual proceedings. Temple priests Ravinarayan Murthy, Gopal Maharaj, and Sudheer performed the sacred rituals with devotion and precision. The spiritual ambience and traditional chanting added to the sanctity of the occasion. Members of the temple committee and local devotees actively participated in the event, marking yet another significant day in the ongoing Bonalu festivities.

Twinkle Star Foundation Expands Reach with New Office, Boosts Social Initiatives



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The Twinkle Star Foundation inaugurated a new branch at Badi Chaudi under the Gun Foundry Division on Tuesday. Telangana State Ministry of Education Development Corporation Chairman Mettu Saikumar, who attended as chief guest, praised the Foundation's social service efforts and assured full support. Around 500 students received notebooks, school bags, and pencils during the event. Saikumar lauded the Foundation's three-year commitment to supporting orphans, the elderly, and dif-

ferently-abled individuals. Chairperson P. Durgadevi and Managing Director N. Gopi Yadav said the Foundation organizes blood donation camps to support patients in emergencies and regularly supplies blood to government hospitals. They also provide free textbooks, pens, and uniforms to poor students. The Foundation holds cultural and spiritual programs during festivals, encourages children's participation in sports and competitions, and plans to expand services statewide. Leaders including Baddam Satish Goud and Narsingwu Neta attended.

Bandi Sanjay Alleges Conspiracy Behind BC Quota, Demands Muslim Removal

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Tuesday leveled serious allegations against the Congress-led Telangana government, accusing it of orchestrating a “major conspiracy” in the name of Backward Classes (BC) reservations. Speaking to the media in Rajanna Sircilla district, he demanded the immediate exclusion of Muslims from the BC list, warning of a statewide protest if the government fails to act.

Sanjay Kumar claimed the state government is attempting to allocate a 10 percent reservation to Muslims by disguising it under the 42 percent reservation meant for BCs. He said this move was not only unjust but also politically motivated. “Muslims constitute only 12 percent



of the population, yet the Congress is offering them 100 percent of the benefits, while BCs, who make up 51 percent, are being given only 32 percent,” he stated.

He recalled that the inclusion of Muslims in the BC category with a 4 percent quota under the Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy-led Congress government had already caused electoral disadvantages for BCs, particularly during the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections. He warned that the current attempt to ex-

pand the quota to 10 percent would further marginalize BCs and undermine their rightful share in jobs and education.

Further intensifying his criticism, the Union Minister accused the state government of manipulating population statistics. He claimed that the BC population was shown to be 51 percent in the previous Comprehensive Household Survey, but has now been suspiciously revised to 46 percent. “This manipulation is being done to dilute BC rights,” he alleged.

Sanjay also expressed disappointment with certain BC organizations that, according to him, have failed to speak out against the government's policy. “They have betrayed the community by siding with the ruling Congress,” he said.

He dared the Congress to prove its sincerity by officially removing Muslims from the BC list and ensuring that the full 42 percent reservation is given solely to BCs. If not, he warned, the BJP would mobilize a massive protest movement across the state.

On inter-state issues, Sanjay Kumar mentioned the Banakachera irrigation project and revealed that the Centre will convene a meeting with the Chief Ministers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday. He urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to “present Telan-

gana's case strongly,” and assured that the central government would maintain neutrality in resolving the matter.

Earlier in the day, Sanjay Kumar, accompanied by MLC Anji Reddy, District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha, SP Mahesh B. Gite, and education department officials, distributed bicycles to Class 10 students from government schools under the 'Modi Gift' CSR program at Government Junior College Grounds in Sircilla. Calling the bicycles the students' “first asset,” he motivated them to make good use of them to attend school regularly and focus on their studies. He also announced that “Modi Kits” — comprising school bags, notebooks, and stationery — will soon be distributed to students from LKG to Class 6 under a similar initiative.

Happy life (English version) book released by minister Ponnamp Prabhakar

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Happy Life' (English version) Book released in Hyderabad at minister quarters. Book released by Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar. Happy Life, book explains Your Happiness lies In Your Hands. Authors: T. Venugopal Reddy, Vijayarke-Publisher: Man RoboPublications

Whatever it may be how much wealth you have, if there is no happiness in the life, that life is not fruitful..” Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar said. At this juncture Renowned personality development expert, world record holder in the mind power T. Venugopal Reddy, author. The book "Happy Life.. Your Happiness lies In Your Hands", a personality development expert too. co-author and journalist



Vijayarke, was also present in this book release by the Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister in his chamber. "There is a need for such books in the current mechanical life , and this book will be useful for everyone who wants happiness in the life. Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar specially congratulated the authors for writing the book "Happy Life", which is needed to the society. The main authors of this

book, Venugopal Reddy, said, "We have strived hard for six months and included many things that are useful for a happy life in this book. This book will introduce you to the happiness that which is missing in the life." Co Author Vijayarke said, "A life without happiness is like a body a soul less. There is no satisfaction other than the happiness. We have tried to provide you with such a happy life through this book."

Etela Pledges Development in Secunderabad Cantonment

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Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender announced a Rs 303 crore plan to address severe flooding and improve infrastructure in Secunderabad Cantonment during the Cantonment Board meeting. He said the funds would be used to ensure proper sewerage and drainage systems to prevent water stagnation, especially in flood-prone areas like Sitaramapuram. Rajender highlighted that the state government has already deposited compensation for lands lost under the Rajiv Road and Nagpur Highway flyovers. He also prom-



ised a permanent solution to recurring floods in low-lying colonies. Plans are underway to transform Ramannakunta, currently plagued by foul-smelling water, into a green space with a walking track and tree cover. Permissions will also be granted to residents who purchased government flats to avoid

inconvenience. The MP said efforts are on to make the cantonment more livable with parks, open gyms, and underground drainage, aiming for holistic and sustainable development. Earlier, Rajender participated in the Bonalu celebrations in the cantonment area and performed special pujas.

Srividya Bade Vinod's Journey from Neredmet to Global Recognition

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At just 16, Srividya Bade Vinod from Neredmet, Secunderabad, has etched her name in history as the first Dalit and Indian student to graduate from both Hughes STEM High School and the Cincinnati Zoo Academy in the United States. She earned top academic honors in Ohio and now plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a focus on Sustainability at the University of Cincinnati (2025-2030).

Srividya appeals to philanthropists and civil society for support to fund her living expenses and academic tools,



as her current scholarships—the Darwin T. Turner Award and the Greater Cincinnati African American Scholarship Fund—cover only tuition fees. Her achievements span beyond academics. Srividya's independent research on

sustainable nanotech lubricants won her awards across Ohio and made her the youngest researcher to present at the 12th International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD), hosted by Columbia University and the United Nations' SDSN.

She also conceptualized NOVA, a mental wellness platform, and Drivonomy, a sustainability project focused on automotive design for underserved communities. Srividya's passion for history took her to the Underground Railroad Museum in Cincinnati and The Met in New York, where she drew parallels between Dalit struggles in India and African-American history. Guided by Mallepalli Laxmaiah of the Buddha Vanam Project, she became a passionate coin collector, curating coins reflecting India's constitutional journey and Buddhist heritage. In India, she and her mother Namitha—a social worker

and University of Cincinnati alumna—were felicitated during the 137th birth anniversary celebrations of Bhagya Reddy Varma by the Telangana Government and AHSSL. Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar awarded her an appreciation letter for taking forward the legacy of social justice leaders globally. A proud Ambedkarite, Srividya carries the words of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: “Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence.” Her journey reflects not just personal triumph but the rise of a generation determined to break barriers when given a chance.

“Ready to Face Slap if Proven Wrong”: Jagadish Reddy Hits Back at CM Revanth

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Former Minister and MLA G. Jagadish Reddy lashed out at Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, accusing him of lying about ration card distribution and KCR's development work in Nalgonda. He said 6.47 lakh ration cards were distributed during KCR's rule and challenged Congress leaders to prove him wrong, declaring, “If I'm wrong,

I'm ready to take a slap.” Reddy criticized Revanth for “stooping to street brawls” and alleged that the CM was misleading people on projects like Kaleshwaram. “If KCR is given three days, we will turn on the Kannepalli pump house motors and prove everything is working,” he asserted, adding that he's open to discussions in farmers' presence. He accused the Congress of failing farmers and reviving po-

litical factionalism in Nalgonda. Reddy defended KCR's contributions, citing the transformation of Yadadri, medical colleges, and agricultural growth in the district. Dismissing Congress's claims on job creation and women's loans as “lies,” Reddy written by Chandrababu Naidu.” He warned that BRS would sweep Nalgonda if elections were held today.

Congress, BRS Have Secret Deal : T BJP Chief

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BJP Telangana President Ramchandra Rao, addressing intellectuals at Kodad, alleged a “secret agreement” between the Congress and BRS, accusing both parties of shielding each other's corruption. He criticized Congress for failing to investigate scams from the BRS regime and called their “6 guarantees” and “420 assurances” pre-poll gimmicks to mislead voters. Rao said Telangana



is drowning in debt as Congress neglects its promises even after 1.5 years in power. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, highlighting “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas” as the force behind India's

rise as a global power in the past 11 years. Calling for a BJP-led government in Telangana, Rao urged intellectuals to awaken public consciousness and use their influence to help BJP achieve this goal.

TB Awareness Drive and Mega Medical Camp Held in Sanjeevaiah Nagar

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As part of the TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, a free mega medical camp was held at Sanjeevaiah Nagar Weeker Section Colony to raise awareness about tuberculosis and other vector-borne diseases. Supervised by Dr. Sai Baba (SPHO), the camp saw active participation from doctors, health workers, and community leaders. Residents received free consultations and were educated on the symptoms, prevention, and treatment of TB, malaria, and dengue.



Cantonment TB doctors stressed the need for regular awareness in slum areas to prevent delays in diagnosis. Former Vice-Chairman Jampana Pratap urged for continuous community outreach. Dr. Sushma, Victoria, Mahadev, and others played vital roles, with strong support from Colony President D.M. Ashok Kumar and local volunteers.

MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Urges GHMC to Fast-Track Pending Development Works In Karwan constituency

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AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin met GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan at the civic body's head office today, urging swift action to clear hurdles delaying key development projects in the constituency. Mohiuddin raised concerns over stalled road works, incomplete drainage systems, water stagnation, poor street lighting, garbage overflow, and sanitation issues in areas like Mehdiapatnam, Asif Nagar, and Tappachabutra. He stressed the need for immediate administrative and financial interventions to address residents' grievances. Commissioner Karnan acknowledged the public



complaints and assured prompt measures. He directed officials to prepare a status report and expedite pending works on priority. The MLA thanked the Commissioner for his assurance and said he will closely monitor progress to ensure timely completion of projects.

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At the massive BCPF-led maha dharna held Tuesday at Hyderabad's Indira Park, former minister V. Srinivas Goud accused the Congress of deliberately delaying the implementation of 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs). Goud warned Chief Minister Revanth Reddy that BCs are “not beggars” and demanded that promises made in the Kamareddy Declaration be honored without further delay.



He alleged that deception has been Congress's habit since the beginning and cautioned that if BC reservations are not implemented, BCs would unite

and launch an intense agitation. Goud criticized the government for its indifference towards weaker sections and stressed that BCs will fight back if

cheated again. Leader of Opposition in the Council, Sirikonda Madhusudhana Chary, also lashed out at Congress for “betraying BCs since independence.” He accused CM Revanth Reddy of practicing “deception” and warned that the government's indifference would trigger a BC revolt. Justice Eswaraiha called on BCs to unite for their rights, accusing Congress of neglecting legal procedures for the quota despite including it in its manifesto. He criticized the

government's caste census for inaccuracies and demanded a comprehensive law like Tamil Nadu's. Professor Chiranjeevulu echoed similar concerns, demanding not just 42% but 60% reservations based on population. He urged BCs to prepare for protests in Delhi to increase pressure on the Congress and BJP. The dharna, led by BCPF State President Kumar, drew large crowds, signaling growing discontent among BC communities over reservation issues.

Student Suicide Triggers Political Storm in Odisha

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The death of a 20-year-old student from Fakir Mohan Autonomous College in Balasore has triggered a major political controversy in Odisha, with opposition parties launching scathing attacks on the BJP-led state government. The student, who attempted self-immolation on July 12 over alleged harassment, succumbed to her injuries late Monday night at AIIMS Bhubaneswar. The ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) held a fiery press conference on Tuesday, demanding the resignation of Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and top education officials, holding them “morally accountable” for institutional failures. BJD senior MLA Byomkesh Ray accused the government of ignoring repeated cries for help. “She tagged the Chief Minister, Union Minister, state education officials,

and her BJP MP. No one responded. They failed her in life and in death. They must resign,” Ray said, announcing statewide protests and a public mobilization campaign to demand systemic reforms. The Odisha Congress also intensified pressure, calling for a statewide bandh on July 17, citing “governmental apathy” and demanding justice for the victim. In response, BJP youth wing state president Abhilash Panda hit back, accusing the BJD of politicizing a tragedy. “Where was the BJD when she was alive? Their sudden concern is political opportunism,” Panda said. He defended the government’s actions, citing the immediate arrest of faculty member Sameer Ranjan Sahoo, suspension and arrest of college Principal Dillip Ghosh, and the formation of a high-level inquiry committee. “All steps are being taken swiftly. The government is committed to justice,” Panda added.

Delhi Launches Tourism Fellowship, To Offer Rs 50,000 Monthly

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The Delhi government on Monday launched the Tourism and Heritage Fellowship Program, which aims at preserving and promoting the national capital's historical and cultural heritage, and strengthening the grassroots community to encourage tourism. Under the one-year fellowship, implemented by the Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC), 40 young professionals will be selected every year and awarded a monthly stipend of Rs 50,000. According to an official statement, the initiative seeks to create a pool of trained youth who will directly contribute to government-led tourism and heritage efforts. "This initiative will allow youth to directly participate in preserving and promoting Delhi's heritage. It reflects

our commitment to self-reliance and local talent under the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat," Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said, while announcing the fellowship at a launch event, calling it a "strategic step" to involve young professionals in the national capital's tourism sector. The Chief Minister further said that the applicants must be below 35 years of age, hold a graduate degree, and have at least one year of experience in tourism or a related field. Preference will be given to those with a degree or postgraduate qualification in tourism, she said. "Proficiency in Hindi and English, along with strong digital skills, is mandatory," the official statement noted. The participants will work on a wide range of activities, including conducting heritage walks and guided tours, content creation, tourism marketing.

US asks Israel to probe ‘terrorist’ killing of American citizen by settlers

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The United States has urged Israel to conduct a thorough investigation into the killing of 20-year-old American citizen Say-follah Musallet, who was beaten to death by Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank last Friday. The incident has been described by US officials as a "terrorist act", marking a rare public rebuke of Israel by the strongly pro-Israel administration of President Donald Trump. US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee said Tuesday that he had asked Israel to "aggressively investigate" the killing of Musallet, a Florida-born citizen who was visiting family in the Palestinian town of Sinjil when he was attacked. “There must be accountability for this criminal and terrorist act,” Huckabee posted on social media. “Saif was just 20 years old.” The ambassador’s statement, though critical in tone, did not endorse calls by Musallet’s family and US advocacy groups for an independent investigation by the US government. The Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU) criticized the reliance on Israel’s internal mechanisms, stating that Israel "cannot be trusted to investigate the extremist settlers it enables at every turn." According to eyewitnesses and Musallet’s family, the young man was surrounded for three hours by a group of Israeli settlers who beat him while preventing medics from reaching the scene.

A second Palestinian, Mohammed Shalabi, was also reportedly shot dead by settlers during the same attack. The Israeli military claimed the incident began when Palestinians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle, leading to what it described as "violent clashes" involving physical confrontations, arson, property damage, and stone-throwing. However, this narrative is strongly disputed by Musallet’s family and human rights observers. Since the outbreak of the Gaza war in 2023, violence by Israeli settlers in the West Bank has intensi-



fied. Many of these settlers, often armed and accompanied by Israeli soldiers, have been descending from illegal outposts into Palestinian towns, destroying property, torching farms, and attacking residents. Israel has a long-standing record of impunity in such cases. Musallet is the ninth American citizen killed by Israeli forces or settlers since 2022, and none of those cases has resulted in criminal charges or accountability. The killing has sparked outrage across the US political spectrum. House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries called the death “shocking and appalling,” insisting that the Israeli government must ensure full accountability. Congressman Maxwell Frost, who represents a district in Florida, described it as a “cold-blooded murder” and urged President Trump to direct the State Department to launch an investigation, citing both moral and constitutional obligations. “Our country must ensure the protection and safety of Americans abroad,” Frost said in his statement. While some Democratic lawmakers have publicly condemned the killing, Republican leaders in Florida, including Senators Rick Scott and Ashley Moody, have remained silent. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) condemned their silence as “complicity,” arguing that failing to respond to the murder of an American citizen sends a dangerous message. “When American citizens like Saif are killed overseas, especially by Israeli settlers backed by the Israeli government, looking the other way sends a dangerous message: that some American lives simply don’t matter,” CAIR said in a statement, calling on Governor Ron

DeSantis, Senator Rick Scott, and Congresswoman Laurel Lee to speak out. Several Western nations, including long-standing allies of Israel, have already imposed sanctions on far-right Israeli officials and violent settler groups. However, Trump’s administration lifted sanctions on extremist settlers that were previously imposed by President Joe Biden, signaling a shift in the US stance after Trump returned to the White House earlier this year. The US provides billions in military aid to Israel annually, a fact that has drawn renewed scrutiny amid rising settler violence in the occupied West Bank. International observers, including UN agencies, have also raised alarms over increasing attacks on Palestinian communities, which many now describe as systematic and ethnically motivated.

Shubhanshu Shukla Returns After Historic ISS Mission

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Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, India’s first astronaut to visit the International Space Station (ISS), returned safely to Earth after an 18-day mission, marking a significant step forward in the country’s human spaceflight ambitions. His spacecraft, ‘Grace’, made a successful splashdown in the Pacific Ocean off the California coast at 3:01 pm IST (2:31 am Pacific Time) after a 22-hour journey and a dramatic atmospheric re-entry. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the achievement a “historic milestone,” praising Shukla’s courage and calling it a major leap toward India’s Gaganyaan mission scheduled for 2027. “As India’s first astronaut to visit the ISS, Shubhanshu Shukla has inspired a billion dreams,” Modi posted on X. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh welcomed Shukla’s safe return, declaring, “India has found a lasting space in the world of space,” while Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the mission would inspire future generations to dream big. Shukla, an Air Force officer and native of Uttar Pradesh, is expected to return to India by August 17 following post-mission debriefing, rehabilitation, and technical reviews with Team Isro. The astronaut was part of an international crew, including Peggy Whitson (USA), Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski (Poland), and Tibor Kapu (Hungary). The capsule undocked from the ISS at 4:45 pm IST on Monday after a heartfelt farewell from the ISS crew. During the mission, Shukla orbited the Earth over 310 times, covering 13 million km and witnessing more than 300 sunrises and sunsets from space. His scientific contributions included completing seven key microgravity experiments for Isro, such as: Studying the Indian strain of tardigrades Muscle development (myogenesis) research Sprouting methi and moong seeds in space Cultivating cyanobacteria and microalgae Analyzing crop seed behavior Conducting the Voyager display experiment Isro confirmed that all mission objectives were met, calling it a “major milestone” for Indian space science. The mission, which launched from NASA’s Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on June 25, was also historic for Poland and Hungary, whose astronauts visited the ISS for the first time. Shukla’s successful flight makes him only the second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma’s Soviet mission in 1984.

LPU Awards Scholarships Worth Over ₹12 Crore to the AP and Telangana 2025 Batch

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Lovely Professional University (LPU) celebrated the academic potential and aspirations of its incoming 2025 batch from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states by awarding scholarships worth over ₹12 crore. Reaffirming its commitment to inclusive and affordable education, LPU granted scholarships to thousands of deserving students, around 3,000 of them receiving up to 70% of their program fee waived. LPU’s wide-ranging scholarships recognize exceptional performance in academics, sports, cultural activities, innovation, and community service. Scholarships including tuition and hostel waivers- have been granted to top-performing students from school boards, universi-

ties, and national-level exams such as JEE, NEET, CUET, and CAT. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal shared, “At LPU, our vision has always been to make education affordable and accessible to every deserving student—irrespective of their background. When you entrust your child to us, they become our responsibility—not just academically, but as young individuals full of potential and dreams.” Dr. Mittal shared, “We at LPU believe the degree is incidental. What truly matters is shaping a successful career and building a good human being. That has always been our foundation. Whether it’s through placements, entrepreneurship, innovation, or research—we ensure every student has the opportunity to turn their aspirations into achievements.

Congress to Corner PM on Pahalgam

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The Congress party is gearing up to corner the NDA government in the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament with a comprehensive and aggressive strategy focusing on national security, democratic integrity, foreign policy, and public welfare. A high-level strategy committee meeting, chaired by UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, was held in New Delhi on Tuesday. It was attended by senior leaders including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Jairam Ramesh, and K.C. Venugopal. However, senior MPs Shashi Tharoor, Gaurav Gogoi, and Manickam Tagore were unable to attend due to travel commitments. Following the meeting, Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Tewari addressed the media and outlined the Congress party’s key priorities. The top agenda includes seeking detailed answers on the recent Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. The Congress is also questioning the central government’s silence over U.S. President Joe Biden’s repeated claims that he brokered a ceasefire between India and Pakistan—statements that the party considers diplomatically sensitive and alarming. The Congress also plans to raise major issues including the controversial voter list revision in Bihar, delay in restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, the Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad, increasing atroc-

ities against women, agrarian distress, and recent train derailments. Tewari further alleged that democracy is being “murdered” in BJP-ruled states like Haryana and Maharashtra, and warned that the Election Commission’s conduct in Bihar represents a threat to free and fair elections. On the judiciary front, Congress will consult INDIA bloc allies regarding the potential impeachment motion against Justice Yashwant Verma. Meanwhile, party whip Manickam Tagore raised concerns over the rollout of a new multimedia-based attendance system in Lok Sabha, calling it flawed and biased, especially since the Prime Minister and Union ministers are exempt from using it.

EU demands more action from Israel on aid deal as strikes in Gaza continue

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EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said the 27-member bloc was leaving the door open to action against Israel over its assault on the besieged and bombarded Gaza Strip if the humanitarian situation does not improve. Kallas put forward 10 potential options on Tuesday after Israel was found to have breached a cooperation deal between the two sides on human rights grounds. The measures range from suspending the entire accord or curbing trade ties to sanctioning Israeli ministers, imposing an arms embargo and halting visa-free travel. Despite growing anger over the devastation in Gaza, EU states remain divided over how to tackle Israel, and there was no agreement on taking any of the moves at a Tuesday meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels. “We will keep these options on the table and stand ready to act if Israel does not live up to its pledges,” Kallas told

journalists. “The aim is not to punish Israel. The aim is to really improve the situation in Gaza.” The meeting in Brussels came in the wake of the deal largely forged by Kallas and Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar. Saar met with EU leaders on Monday after agreeing last week to allow desperately needed food and fuel into the coastal enclave of 2.3 million people who have endured more than 21 months of Israel’s deadly assault amid a crippling blockade “The border crossings have been opened, we see more



and children. A report by the European Commission found “indications” that Israel’s actions in Gaza are violating human rights obligations in the agreement governing its ties with the EU, but the bloc is divided over how to respond. Public pressure over Israel’s conduct in Gaza made the new humanitarian deal possible, Dutch Foreign Minister Caspar Veldkamp said, adding, “That force of the 27 EU member states is what I want to maintain now.” Kallas will update EU member nations every two weeks on how much aid is actually getting through to Gaza, Irish Foreign Minister Thomas Byrne said. “So far we haven’t really seen the implementation of it, maybe some very small actions, but there’s still slaughter going on, there’s still a denial of access to food and water as well,” he said. “We need to see action.” Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares Bueno said details of the deal were

still being discussed and the EU would monitor results to see if Israel is complying. “It’s very clear that this agreement is not the end—we have to stop the war,” he said. There have been regular protests across the continent, including a small one on Tuesday outside the European Council, where the ministers were discussing the aid plan. Dozens of protesters in Brussels called for more aggressive actions to stop Israel’s offensive in the largely destroyed Gaza Strip, where famine looms and the healthcare system is on the brink of collapse. “It was able to do this for Russia,” said Alexis Deswaef, vice president of the International Federation for Human Rights. “It must now agree on a package of sanctions for Israel to end the genocide and for humanitarian aid to enter Gaza.” Human rights groups largely called the EU’s actions insufficient.

Imam Ali

FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL, BHARAT'S HANDCRAFTED ASCENT

Today, a Banarasi weaver or a Kutch embroiderer is not just preserving a legacy, she is defining contemporary luxury and powering

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death of a centring worker, Bhanu, whose body was found in Khammam. Investigators are probing possible links between that case and Tuesday's murder.

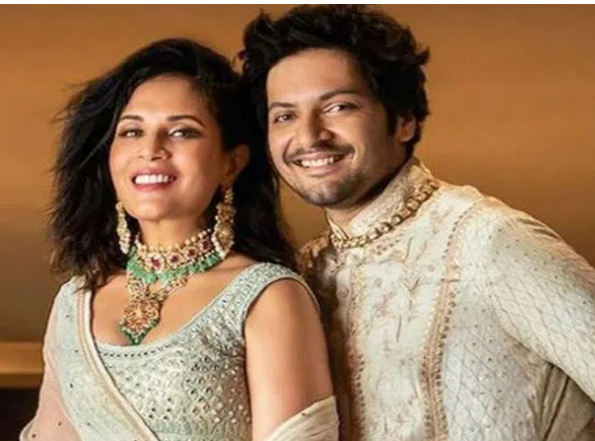
As of now, reports about the attackers surrendering remain unconfirmed, and police say multiple individuals linked to both disputes are being interrogated. The Malakpet police have registered a case, and a post-mortem was conducted at Osmania Hospital. Further investigation is ongoing.

Richa Chadha shares adorable glimpse of holding baby Zuneyra

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Actress Richa Chadha has shared a glimpse of her one-year-old daughter Zuneyra. Richa took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a picture. In the photo, baby Zuneyra is seen sleeping on her mother's lap. The toddler's face is not fully visible, however, one can see her tiny ear. The actress seems to be taking the picture from a lower angle and is posing for the lens. For the caption, she wrote: "Mmmm."

It was last year in July, when Bollywood couple Richa and Ali announced the arrival of their first child, a daughter. In a joint statement, Richa and Ali confirmed that they welcomed a "healthy baby girl" on July 16. "We are tickled pink with



joy to announce the arrival of a healthy baby girl on 16.07.24! Our families are overjoyed, and we thank our well-wishers for their love and blessings! Love, Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal," the couple shared in their statement. In February 2024, Richa and Ali announced on social media that they were expecting their first child.

Their Instagram announcement read, "1+1=3" and was captioned, "A tiny heartbeat is the loudest sound in our world." Richa and Ali first met on the sets of 'Fukrey' in 2013 and decided to get married in 2020 during the pandemic. She was last seen in the Fukrey 3 directed by Mrighdeep Singh Lamba.

The film is the third installment of the Fukrey franchise and the sequel to Fukrey Returns in 2017. It stars an ensemble cast of Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma, Manjot Singh, Richa Chadha, and Pankaj Tripathi. She made her production venture 'Girls Will Be Girls,' a coming-of-age drama film, written and directed by Shuchi Talati. It stars Preeti Panigrahi, Kani Kusruti, and Kesav Binoy Kiron. The film is set in a boarding school in the Himalayan foothills, and centers around teenager Mira's romance with a charming new student, her subsequent sexual awakening, and at times strained relationship with her protective mother. The film premiered at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival, where it participated in the competition section.

Rashmika Mandanna's cryptic "very, very special" post sparks relationship with VD rumours

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Actress Rashmika Mandanna's latest diary entry seems to suggest that she has embarked on a new journey.

The 'Pushpa' actress took to her Instagram handle and dropped a short video of her latest dear diary entry. Rashmika wrote, "Dear Diary, Today I started something new and I can't wait to share the story with you." Along with the video, the 'Animal' actress also penned the caption saying, "You know that feeling when your heart is racing, your hands are shaking, and your cheeks hurt from smiling?? Yeah... that's me right now... Because something



very, very special is on its way..."

While it is not known what Rashmika is up to, netizens seem to think that she will be making an announcement regarding her relationship with her 'Dear Comrade' co-star Vijay Deverakonda.

Taking to the comment section, one of the Instagram users wrote, "Rashmika Deverakonda soon?" Another one penned,



"Rashmika deverakonda soon".

The speculations about Rashmika and VD being in a relationship have been doing rounds for a long time now, however, neither of the two have confirmed their relationship status. Work-wise, Rashmika recently shared the first look from her next, "Mysaa" on social media.

The picture features her

covering half of her face with a veil, with blood marks visible on the remaining half.

Shedding light on the importance of "Mysaa" on her acting journey, Rashmika wrote in the caption, "I always try to give you something new... something different... something exciting... And this... This is one of those.. A character I've never played before... a world I've never stepped into... and a version of me that even I hadn't met till now.. It's fierce.. it's intense and it's extremely raw.. I am so nervous and super excited, I genuinely cannot wait for you to see what we're going to be creating.. This is just the beginning.. #Mysaa." Made under the direction



Kiara Advani, Sidharth Malhotra blessed with baby girl

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Celebrations are in full swing in the Bollywood world, as beloved celebrity couple Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra have become proud parents to a baby girl. The couple, who had announced their pregnancy earlier this year, were seen beaming with joy as they welcomed their daughter at HN Reliance Hospital in the Girgaon area of Mumbai. According to sources close to the couple, both mother and

baby are healthy and doing well.

The couple had made their pregnancy public in February 2025 through a touching post on social media, which immediately captured the hearts of fans across the nation. The post featured a tender image of the two holding a pair of baby socks, symbolizing the little bundle of joy on the way. The photo was captioned, "The greatest gift of our lives... Coming soon", instantly going viral and drawing warm wishes from fans and celebrities

alike.

As Kiara's due date neared, excitement continued to build. However, just days before the delivery, the couple was spotted visiting a maternity facility in Mumbai, sparking speculation and concern among fans regarding the well-being of the mother and child. Fortunately, all turned out well, and the delivery went smoothly at HN Reliance Hospital.

In May 2025, Kiara made headlines worldwide when she debuted her radiant baby bump at the

prestigious MET Gala held at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Styled by renowned Indian designer Gaurav Gupta, the actress stunned in a bespoke couture look titled "Brave-hearts." She wore a striking gold sculpted breastplate shaped as two hearts, paired with a flowing white cape that symbolized elegance and strength. Kiara posted several photos of her MET Gala appearance on Instagram, captioning them, "Mama's first Monday in May," a playful

nod to the event's iconic calendar date.

Her husband, actor Sidharth Malhotra, proudly reposted the pictures on his Instagram stories with a simple but heartfelt message: a heart emoji followed by the words "both brave hearts." The gesture was widely appreciated by their fans, who adore the couple for their quiet elegance and heartfelt expressions of love.

Kiara and Sidharth's love story has been admired by millions. The two tied the knot in February 2023 in a private but dreamy wed-

ding ceremony after dating for several years.

While they have largely chosen to keep their personal lives out of the limelight, the couple occasionally shares glimpses of their journey together through social media posts that are often filled with warmth, playfulness, and deep affection.

One such memorable moment was captured not long ago, when Kiara shared a video of herself playing with puppies, her face glowing with happiness and maternal anticipation. Fans were quick to

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BSE building gets bomb threat, turns out to be hoax

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The iconic Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building in south Mumbai received a bomb threat email, which turned out to be a hoax after a search of the premises, police said on Tuesday. A BSE employee received an email on Sunday from an email ID mentioning the name of a political leader from south India, an official said.

The email claimed four RDX IEDs had been planted in the BSE building and warned of a blast around 3 pm on Monday,

he said. The BSE employee alerted the stock exchange authorities who then approached the Mumbai Police.

A team of the Mumbai Police and the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) rushed to the BSE highrise tower and conducted a search, the official said, adding that nothing suspicious was found. The police have registered a case against unidentified person under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and efforts were on to trace the email sender.

Urgent Call for Awareness and Immunization Against RSV in India

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Medical professionals across India are raising the alarm over Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)—a highly contagious and often under-recognized virus that poses a serious threat to infants and young children, especially under the age of five.

Though frequently mistaken for a seasonal cold, RSV is responsible for nearly 3.6 million hospitalizations and around 100,000 child deaths globally each year. With India accounting for the largest annual birth cohort—approximately 25

million newborns—the country faces a disproportionately heavy burden of RSV-related illnesses. The threat escalates during monsoon and early winter, when neonatal ICUs across India see a sharp spike in admissions due to RSV complications.

"Even full-term, healthy infants from all socio-economic backgrounds can require oxygen or ventilator support due to RSV," warned Dr. Vasant M. Khalatkar, President of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP). "While hygiene measures like handwashing help, they're not always enough. That's why prevention through immunization

is a game-changer."

Recent developments are offering new hope. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended long-acting monoclonal antibodies (mAb) to protect against RSV. India now has access to two key preventive options:

Palivizumab: A monthly injection used for high-risk infants.

Nirsevimab: A newly available, single-dose antibody that provides season-long protection and can be administered shortly after birth.

"Administering Nirsevimab during birth or routine follow-ups can significantly reduce hospitalizations and

protect infants from serious RSV complications like bronchiolitis and pneumonia," said Dr. Khalatkar. "Early awareness, parental engagement, and timely immunization are essential."

Dr. Cesar Mascarenas, Head of Medical International Region at Sanofi, emphasized that the company is working to close the gap in RSV prevention. "Advanced immunization aligned with WHO guidelines, along with better awareness and access, is crucial to protecting future generations in India."

Echoing this, Dr. Bhavesh Kotak, Head of Medical Affairs at Dr. Reddy's, noted that while high-income

countries have early access to preventive solutions,

India still lags in awareness and timely intervention.

"Building an equitable, responsive system requires increased public education and access to novel immunization options," he said.

In April 2025, Sanofi and Dr. Reddy's announced the expansion of their partnership to bring this breakthrough RSV immunization to India. Parents and caregivers are advised to consult their pediatricians or neonatologists about RSV prevention options. Protect your baby—talk to your doctor about RSV immunization.

SBI organises cyber fraud awareness drive across Telangana



The State Bank of India (SBI) organised a massive cyber fraud awareness drive across the State during the weekend. The campaign was held at more than 40 public locations—including parks, metro stations, indoor stadiums, supermarkets, panchayat offices, schools, and pensioners' associations—reaching citizens from all walks of life.

More than 1,000 SBI staff participated in the drive to educate the people about the rising threat of cyber fraud and the importance of safeguarding personal and financial information. The awareness sessions featured a range of engaging and informative activities, including the display of educational audio and video content on large screens to capture public attention and effectively convey key messages. Informative pamphlets were distributed to provide easy-to-understand tips and reminders for staying safe in the digital space. Live demonstrations showcased common fraud techniques, helping attendees recognise and respond to suspicious behaviour.

Leading the drive were General Manager Sateesh Kumar and Deputy General Manager Bipin K Singh, along with regional managers, assistant general managers and branch managers.

New SMS rules make it easier to spot spam

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Mobile users will now be able to differentiate between genuine and spam SMS as telecom operators have rolled out suffixes that will appear before the sender's name or header, industry body COAI said on Tuesday.

The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), which represents telecom operators like Reliance Jio, Airtel, Vodafone Idea, expressed concern over spammers taking the route of over-the-top or internet messaging apps which defeats the purpose of enforcing stringent measures to check spam and fraud

messages. "All telecom service providers (TSPs) have implemented the promotional ('P'), service-related ('S'), transactional ('T') and government ('G') communications suffix system on SMS headers, as mandated by the Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference Regulations (TCCPCR) vide its Amendment to the TCCCP Regulation dated 12th February 2025,"

COAI Director General, SP Kochhar said in a statement.

He said the implementation has enhanced transparency and consumer protection as such categorisation enables subscribers to easily identify the nature of incoming messages, reducing spam, strengthening compliance and improving overall trust and convenience for users.

"Users can easily identify and differentiate promotional, service-related, transactional and government messages at a glance. Clearly marking promotional messages ('P') and thus, helping subscribers avoid unwanted marketing com-

munication, effectively reducing spam. Customers can readily identify genuine transactional ('T') and service-related ('S') messages, reducing the likelihood of fraud or scams," Kochhar said. He, however, expressed concern as spammers and scamsters continue to take the route of messaging apps which remains unregulated. "The concerns persist regarding the use of OTT Communication services for increasing spam and fraud messages, as the success of any consent framework or spam mitigation measure is incomplete if large parts of the communication ecosystem remain unregulated.

HDFC Life Q1FY26 Net Up 14%, ICICI Pru Up 34%

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Private insurer ICICI Prudential Life Insurance on Tuesday reported a 34 per cent growth in net profit at Rs 302 crore for the June quarter of 2025-26 fiscal. The private sector insurer had a net profit of Rs 225 crore in the April-June period of FY25.

Another private life insurer HDFC Life Insurance reported a 14.23 percent year-on-year (YoY) increase in net profit to Rs 546 crore for the April-June quarter of FY26 driven by growth in

back book profits, beating analyst expectations. In the corresponding period last year its net profit was Rs 478 crore.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance's Value of New Business (VNB), which represents the present value of future profits, stood at Rs 457 crore with a VNB margin of 24.5 per cent for Q1-FY2026. The Company reported a total premium growth of 8.1 per cent year-on-year in Q1-FY2026 on the back of its extensive distribution and comprehensive product suite. On the other hand, HDFC Life

Insurance's Value of New Business (VNB) climbed 12.7 per cent YoY to Rs 809 crore with improved new business margins of 25.1 per cent. The assets under management of the ICICI Prudential stood at Rs 3.2 lakh crore at June 30, 2025 while HDFC Life's AUM grew 15 per cent year on year to Rs 3.56 lakh crore. ICICI Prudential's renewal premium income grew 9.4 percent to Rs 4,942 crore, indicating improved policyholder retention while HDFC Life's grew 19 per cent to Rs 7,603 crore.

CITY CLICKS

Divesh, Ashish, Simha, Abhirath, Bansal hog limelight



Fine spells from Md. Saqlain Arafat (5/76) for Evergreen, Divesh Singh (6/50) for Deccan Chronicle, and Ashish Srivastav (5/46) for Deccan Wanderers were among the highlights of the HCA A-Division two-day league cricket championship here on Tuesday.

In other matches, H.K. Simha (150) for Balaaji CC, Abhirath Reddy (165) and Yash Bansal (103) for Jai Hanuman, and R. Alankrit (117) for Union Bank of India hit impressive centuries.

Scores:

A-Division Two-Day League:

AOC 194 in 45.2 overs lost to Central Excise 195/6 in 53.3 overs (T.P. Anirudh 44, Varun Vinod 54, G. Manish 32).

Deccan Chronicle 357 in 84.5 overs bt Cambridge XI 265 in 66.4 overs (Kritin Reddy 39, B.V.S. Sampath 46, Bhagath Varma 40, Rithish Reddy 33, N. Rakesh 46, Divesh Singh 6/50).

Evergreen 442/7 in 90 overs bt Balaaji 322 in 83.1 overs (Krithik Reddy 40, H.K. Simha 150, Hitesh Yadav 32, Md. Saqlain Arafat 5/76).

Sporting XI 362/8 decl. in 77.2 overs bt SBI 132 in 40.4 overs (P. Sri Hari 50, Vishal Sharma 45, Tanay Thyagarajan 3/11, Sheik Aaqib 3/27).

Deccan Wanderers 379/8 in 90 overs bt Hyd Bottling 157 in 30.2 overs (G. Aryan Reddy 39, Y. Harshith Sai 45, Manish Reddy 3/59, Ashish Srivastav 5/46).

Combined Districts 367/8 in 90 overs lost to Jai Hanuman 372/4 in 60.3 overs (Abhirath Reddy 165, Yash Bansal 103, P. Aravind 47).

MP Colts 392/4 in 89 overs (Mickil Jaiswal 201 n.o.) lost to Union Bank of India 394/6 in 83.5 overs (M. Naveen Reddy 80, R. Alankrit 117, Neeraj Bist 37, Abhinav Kumar 84 n.o., A. Rahul Reddy 3/62).

R. Dayanand 332 in 84.2 overs bt SCRSA 200 in 44.5 overs (Aaron George 35, Dharani Kumar 37 n.o., Jagadeesh 61, Madhuveer Reddy 3/58, Ruthish Reddy 3/84).

B-Division Two-Day League:

Classic 208 in 59 overs (D. Janmesh Singh 51, Aditya Sahu 34, G. Ronith Narayana 30) vs Ensconce 72/0 in 26.5 overs.

Mega City 297 in 78.3 overs (Mohd. Rehan 41, Syed Abubakker Siddique 54, Jawad Khan 105 n.o., Manish Reddy 4/44, K. Ramakrishna 4/32) vs Brothers XI 22/1 in 6.5 overs.

Nalgonda District 363 in 77.4 overs (K. Jashwanth 105, Gnana Prakash Reddy 51, M.A. Shoeb Wasiq 88) vs Medak District 41/1 in 7 overs.

Mahmood 329/7 in 90 overs (N. Nitesh Naik 101, Bala Trivikram 129, Md. Tameem Saifi 3/49) vs New Blues.

SM Krishna, Avni Govind win Under-15 badminton titles



SM Krishna and Avni Govind won the boys and girls under-15 singles titles respectively in the Telangana Open Sub-Junior Badminton Tournament at Gopi Chand Academy here.

Final placings:

Boys

Under-15

Singles: 1. S M Krishna, 2. Chadwick Kommanapalli

Doubles: 1. Chinmay Wankhede & Krishav Puppala, 2. S M Krishna & Rampratheeth Bhimavarapu

Under-13

Singles: 1. D Rajveer, 2. Debla Tagu

Doubles: 1. Advait Sattu & D Rajveer, 2. Debia Tagu & Kyon Tamin

Girls

Under-15

Singles: 1. Avni Govind, 2. Manya Agarwal

Doubles: 1. Manya Agarwal & Shruti Yetchina, 2. Hamsini Manne & Tirza Lal

Under-13

Singles: 1. Shanvi Nimma, 2. Aabha Jadhav

Doubles: 1. Aabha Jadhav & B Diya Anand, 2. Deeksha Sahasra Banda & Shanvi Nimma

Sandeep Choudhary’s Live Decoding of AI171 Crash Shocks Global Audiences

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In an extraordinary revelation that has stunned global viewers, Sandeep Choudhary, President of the India Chapter of Save Earth Mission, live-decoded the recent Air India Flight AI 171 crash in under three minutes at the Global Vision Unveiling event in GIFT City. His presentation, blending numerology, cosmic theory, and pattern recognition, is making global headlines and sparking debate across scientific and spiritual circles.

Choudhary called the crash “not chaos, but code,” explaining that numbers, frequency, and



vibration reveal a universal message. He linked the crash date (12/06/2025), flight number (AI171), and time of the incident (1:38 pm) to a repeating 3-6-9 sequence, which he inter-

preted as cosmic communication. “The universe speaks in numbers... AI171’s tragedy was not just an aviation failure but a moment of cosmic alignment,” he told the

audience. Key patterns identified by Choudhary include: Crash date: 1+2=3, 0+6=6, 2+0+2+5=9 → Sequence: 3–6–9 Flight number AI171: 1+7+1 = 9 (interpreted as

karmic completion) Crash time 1:38 pm: 1+3+8 = 12 → 1+2 = 3 Miraculous elements: 1 Bhagavad Gita survived, 1 passenger survived, 1 person missed the flight → 1+1+1 = 3 (divine trinity) Flight origin and destination: Ahmedabad (9 letters) to London (6 letters) + 3 divine signs → 3–6–9 Describing these alignments as a “signal from the Universe,” Choudhary urged people to “introspect, reflect, decode, and evolve.” His analysis has since gone viral, with #AI171DecodedBySandeep trending across social platforms like X, Instagram, YouTube

Shorts, and Threads. Media outlets worldwide are covering his remarks, highlighting their spiritual, philosophical, and emotional impact. Choudhary is no stranger to the limelight. As President of Save Earth Mission, he leads one of the largest global reforestation efforts, aiming to plant 30 billion trees by 2040. He already holds a Guinness World Record for planting over 5,00,000 trees in a single hour. Now emerging as a “voice for deeper truth,” Choudhary is being hailed for bridging science, spirituality, and cosmic intelligence in the wake of tragedy.

Ganguly disappointed with India’s batting collapse at Lord’s, hails Jadeja’s grit

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Former India captain Sourav Ganguly voiced his disappointment over India’s narrow loss to England in the third Test at Lord’s, where the visitors fell short by just 22 runs in a tense finish. The defeat gave England a 2-1 lead in the five-match series, with India unable to chase down a modest target of 193 on the final day.

Speaking at the Indian Racing League & F4 India Championship on Tuesday, Ganguly said he expected more from India’s batting unit given their form earlier in the series. “A little bit disappointed with the way India batted in this series; they should have gotten this 190,” Ganguly said. “When



you saw Jadeja fight and score the runs, battling quality in this team, they will be more disappointed than I am because it was an opportunity to get 2-1 up in the series against England.” India were bowled out for 170 in 74.5 overs, despite a fighting effort from Ravindra Jadeja, who top-scored with 61

in the second innings. Jadeja had earlier contributed 72 runs in the first innings, continuing his fine run of form in the series. Ganguly was all praise for the all-rounder’s commitment and consistency. “Jadeja has been exceptional; he is going to continue to play for India as long as he bats and performs

like this,” Ganguly said. “He has been around for a long time. He has played some 80 Test matches and more than 200 one-day games. You can see him batting, bowling, and fielding. He is a special player and his batting has really improved over the years with the experience. He is a special player and very important part of this team.” India will now head to Manchester for the fourth Test at Old Trafford starting July 23, hoping to bounce back and level the series. With two Tests remaining, the visitors still have a chance to script a comeback—but as Ganguly’s comments suggest, their top order must deliver when it matters most.

HCA defers a call on convening special General Body Meeting

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The depleted Apex Council of the Hyderabad Cricket Association, which met for the second time in the space of one week after criminal proceedings were initiated by the Telangana CID against the top brass—including the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and a couple of affiliated club officials—took a decision on Tuesday to introduce a grievance redressal system for players through a three-tier mechanism. Significantly, the Apex Council, however, deferred debating the convening of a special General Body Meeting to discuss the latest developments. “We will take a call about that in the next meeting to be held in a couple of days,” a senior official informed Telangana Today on Tuesday. The mechanism will include a physical box, toll-free line and an online portal to empower players with safe, accessible feedback channels. The Apex Council—attended by Sardar Daljeet

Singh (in-charge President), T. Basava Raju (Joint Secretary), Sunil Kumar Agarwal (Councillor) and D. Rajashekar (C & AG Nominee)—also decided to begin the recruitment process for a full-time Director and expert coaching staff, aimed at rebuilding HCA’s pipeline of cricketing talent. The HCA will soon launch a monthly newsletter to foster regular communication with stakeholders and the cricketing fraternity, promoting transparency in all activities. It was also decided that the BCCI would be formally notified regarding the temporary leadership and updated official correspondence procedures. Another decision was to introduce biometric attendance across all venues to bring digital accuracy, reduce proxy attendance and enhance workplace discipline.

KL Rahul’s form is a massive takeaway for India: Sanjay Manjrekar

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Former India batter Sanjay Manjrekar believes that opener KL Rahul’s form in the ongoing Test series against England is the biggest takeaway for the visitors. Rahul has so far amassed 375 runs across six innings on the tour including two centuries and a half-century. “The biggest satisfaction I’ve had – as an analyst and a former cricketer – has come from watching KL Rahul. He has always had the game. Yes, there were grey areas in his technique, but he worked on those and resolved them. What was missing was consistency. On one of our shows, we even



jokingly gave him the title of ‘Mr. Consistent KL Rahul’ – but it’s taken him a long time to truly earn that tag. “He has now played over 50 Test matches for India, and what I’m seeing now is close to perfection – there are no visible weaknesses. For the first time in an overseas series, he has scored more than 200

runs. That, for me, is a massive takeaway for India,” Manjrekar said on JioHotstar. After India’s narrow 22-run loss at Lord’s on Monday, Manjrekar reflected on the ninth-wicket partnership between Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah. “Ravindra Jadeja was batting well and defend-

ing resolutely, but it never looked like he was taking the kind of risks needed to help India win. He was playing a waiting game and hoping against hope. The real star in that partnership, though, was Jasprit Bumrah. He stayed out there for one hour and 40 minutes against high-quality fast bowling, facing bouncers, and it was remarkable to see how his net sessions with the bat finally paid off. The mental toughness we see in his bowling came through in his batting too, and that was truly special,” he said. “It’s heartening to see how much Jadeja trusts his defence these days. He plays long innings now, patient and with time on his side. The 70

runs he scored in the first innings were not a quick-fire 70 – he batted for four hours. And on this pitch, scoring 50 felt like batting for 50 hours. But if you look at that moment when Jadeja brought up his half-century, the visuals from the Lord’s balcony did not look too positive. The energy from the dressing room said it all, it felt like the team knew that winning would be very difficult. Jadeja was trying, no doubt, but given the pitch, the conditions, and India’s scoring rate, the chase looked beyond reach,” Manjrekar added on Jadeja’s gritty knock. Reflecting on Bumrah’s adaptability and impact across both innings, Manjrekar praised the

pacer’s greatness that has become his legacy. “In the first innings, Bumrah showed just how great a bowler he is. This was the kind of pitch where he could not really display his full range, so he bowled patiently and waited for opportunities. And when the moment came – in the latter half of the innings – he was ready. He picked up five wickets in the first innings on a surface that did not offer much assistance. Then, when Washington Sundar took four key wickets and India needed to wrap up England quickly, Bumrah stepped in again and delivered. That yorker to dismiss Brydon Carse is still fresh in the mind. Showing his greatness in

High Court rejects BRS leader Aamer Shakil's plea to quash FIR

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition filed by former BRS MLA Aamer Shakil seeking to quash an FIR registered against him by the Panjagutta police.

The court heard the plea and rejected the request of the former Bodhan legislator. The FIR pertains to an incident last year in which Aamer Shakil's son, Sahil, allegedly rammed a speeding car into a traffic barricade near Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad.

Following the incident, Aamer Shakil was accused of attempting to shield his son from legal action. Based on this, Panjagutta police registered a case against him and also issued a lookout notice.

Chiranjeevi moves High Court over delay in GHMC permit for home renovation

Telugu film actor Chiranjeevi approached the Telangana High Court expressing disapproval over the inaction of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials regarding permission for renovation work at his residence in Jubilee Hills.

Chiranjeevi informed the court that he had constructed the house in 2000 after securing all necessary approvals during the tenure of then Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in united Andhra Pradesh. Recently, he applied to the GHMC for permission to renovate the property and submitted all relevant documents, seeking approval for structural modifications.

Despite a month having passed, GHMC officials allegedly failed to respond to his application or communicate with him. Frustrated by the silence, Chiranjeevi filed a petition in the High Court requesting intervention and permission to proceed with the renovation as per legal provisions. During the hearing, the High Court expressed strong displeasure over the GHMC's conduct and questioned how much more time officials required to issue a permit. The bench also criticised the corporation for encouraging unauthorised constructions while delaying approvals for legal requests.

SIT Grills Prabhakar For 7 hrs

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In a major development in the phone-tapping case, former Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) officer T. Prabhakar Rao appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Tuesday and was questioned for over seven hours. The SIT, headed by investigating officer P. Venkatagiri, questioned Rao based on statements from other witnesses, focusing on who authorised the surveillance and how it was executed during the 2023 Assembly elections, when the BJP was in power.

Meanwhile, the SIT issued a notice under Sec-



tion 160 of the CrPC to Congress MLC Chintapandu Naveen Kumar, popularly known as Teenmaar Mallanna, directing him to appear before the investigators on July 17. The notice, issued by Jubilee Hills ACP, stated that Naveen's phone number was found listed on the Lawful Intercep-

tion (LI) records maintained by the SIB during the elections. Officials said the investigation, registered initially at Punjagutta police station in December 2023, is being conducted under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Information Technology Act, and the Preven-

tion of Damage to Public Properties Act. The probe has already seen multiple officers and private individuals being summoned and examined. Sources indicated that the SIT is zeroing in on the chain of command involved in the alleged illegal tapping, the methods used to gain access to private communications, and the rationale behind targeting certain individuals. More summons are expected in the coming days as the investigation widens. The alleged surveillance has sparked political tremors, with opposition parties demanding accountability for illegal monitoring and breach of privacy.

SCR GM Inspects Nampally Station

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South Central Railway (SCR) General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, accompanied by a team of senior officials, undertook a comprehensive inspection of development and modernization works currently underway at the Hyderabad Railway Station. The station is undergoing significant transformation under the Central Government's ambitious Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, which aims to revamp railway stations across India into world-class transport hubs with enhanced passenger amenities and modern infrastructure.

During his visit, GM Sri-



vastava closely examined various aspects of the station's ongoing development. He reviewed the current status of passenger facilities and amenities to ensure that the enhancements are being carried out in accordance with quality standards and timelines. As part of the inspection, he visited key areas of the station including the booking counters, waiting rooms, the station master's office, and the circulating area. He took

stock of the infrastructure upgrades being made to improve passenger convenience and ease of movement, while also evaluating the cleanliness and operational efficiency of the premises. Emphasizing the importance of providing a safe, comfortable, and efficient travel experience to rail users, Srivastava instructed officials to ensure timely completion of the work while maintaining high standards.

Telangana sends ordinance on 42% BC reservations in local body polls to Governor

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The Telangana government has sent an ordinance to Governor Jishnu Dev Varma seeking approval for providing 42 per cent reservations to Backward Classes (BCs) in local body elections. The Panchayat Raj Department revised Section 285(A) of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018,

and drafted the ordinance accordingly. Following the Governor's assent, the state government will issue an official notification to implement the reservations. Earlier, the Telangana Assembly and Legislative Council passed a bill approving 42 per cent BC reservations based on data from a caste-based survey. A special Government Order (GO) is also ex-

pected to be released in line with the bill and the survey findings. Officials stated that the process is being completed ahead of the deadline set by the High Court for finalising BC reservations. Local body elections in the state will be held only after the reservation process is concluded. The state cabinet has already taken a decision in this regard.

BJP chief issues legal notice to Deputy CM Bhatti over Rohith Vemula remarks

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BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao has issued a legal notice to Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka over remarks holding him responsible for the suicide of Dalit student Rohith Vemula. The notice follows Bhatti Vikramarka's statement made during a media interaction in Delhi, where he alleged that Ramchander Rao was to blame



for Vemula's suicide at the University of Hyderabad. He criticised the BJP for appointing such a person as the party's state president, calling it a matter of shame. Bhatti further alleged that the BJP had promoted a

leader who encouraged the circumstances leading to Rohith Vemula's death, and said the party has no respect for Dalits and Adivasis. Taking serious note of these accusations, Ramchander Rao, a practising High Court advocate, served a legal notice demanding an unconditional apology and immediate withdrawal of the statement. The notice warned of legal action if the Deputy CM fails to comply.

KTR Blames Revanth Reddy for Student Deaths, Food Poisoning in Telangana Hostels

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BRS Working President K. Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) on Monday expressed deep anguish and anger over the growing number of food poisoning incidents and student deaths in Telangana's residential educational institutions, particularly Gurukula hostels. He held the Congress-led state government and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy solely responsible for what he described as a crisis caused by "criminal negligence."

KTR alleged that over the past year alone, more than 1,000 students were affected by food poisoning and over 100 lost their lives due to the poor quality of food and lack of safety standards in these hostels. "This is no longer a coincidence or accident. This is systemic failure and inhuman governance," he



said. Slamming the state government for its silence, KTR pointed out that neither the Chief Minister nor the Education Minister had conducted a single official review of the alarming situation. "When such tragedies occur in institutions meant to protect and nurture children, the absence of any serious review shows the government's indifference and cruelty," he said. He posed a direct question to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy: "If your own children were living in such dangerous, unhygienic, and horrifying

conditions, would you still remain silent? Would you tolerate poison being served as food to them?" KTR reminded Revanth Reddy of a past statement he had made as opposition leader, in which he questioned who should be held accountable and "hanged" for student deaths. "Now that he is in power, he must answer that same question," KTR demanded. The BRS leader accused the Congress government of diverting attention whenever the issue is raised, engaging in superficial actions instead

of addressing the root causes. "Every time we raise this issue, ministers respond with eyewash. Instead of fixing the mess, they try to politicize the matter," he said. KTR emphasized that the BRS had consistently highlighted these concerns in the Assembly and in public forums. "But the government continues to downplay the seriousness, as if these children's lives don't matter," he added. Concluding his statement, KTR urged the government to immediately take corrective measures to improve food safety and hostel conditions in all Gurukula institutions. "If the government fails to wake up from its indifference, the BRS will intensify its agitation and fight on behalf of the people and students of Telangana," he warned.

ACB Complaints Ignored, Says Forum for Good Governance

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The Forum for Good Governance (FGG) has written to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressing deep concern over the state's failure to effectively act against corrupt officials. Despite the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) registering cases, the Forum alleged that delays in prosecution and lack of accountability have created an atmosphere where officials feel emboldened to indulge in repeated corruption without fear of consequences. The Forum highlighted the case of Jagadeesh Babu, Assistant Engineer (PR) in Peddapally district, who was caught red-handed by the ACB on July 12 while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹90,000. Shockingly, this



was not his first offense. In 2017, Jagadeesh was caught by the ACB for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹1.5 lakh in Karimnagar district. Despite the earlier case still pending, the officer was reinstated and posted again, eventually leading to another instance of corruption. The Forum also referred to the case of D. Srinivas Reddy, a Deputy Commercial Tax Officer who was booked by the ACB in 2018. However, over

the past seven years, no chargesheet has been filed against him in court. When his promotion to the post of Commercial Tax Officer was due, Srinivas Reddy approached the High Court, which ordered the government to consider his promotion without referring to the ACB case, due to the lack of progress in the investigation. The Forum said that these cases reflect a broader systemic failure in the

fight against corruption. The prolonged delays in investigations and absence of departmental action or legal closure have emboldened corrupt officials, who feel they can act with impunity. In its letter, the Forum urged the government to take urgent corrective measures. It recommended that all ACB inquiries be completed within three months, prosecution sanctions be granted without delay, and all corruption cases be concluded within a year. The Forum also strongly advised against posting or promoting any official who has been booked by the ACB until their cases are fully resolved. The Forum warned that without strong and timely action, corruption would continue to thrive in government departments.

BRS urges SEC to remove symbols resembling 'Car' ahead of local body polls

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has requested the State Election Commissioner Rani Kumudini to eliminate election symbols that closely resemble its official party symbol, the 'Car', ahead of the upcoming local body elections in Telangana. A BRS delegation led by former MP B. Vinod Kumar met the State Election Commissioner and submitted a representation highlighting their concern. They pointed out that symbols such as the 'Roti-making machine', 'Camera', and 'Fish' bear a visual similarity to the 'Car' symbol, causing confusion among voters. The delegation claimed that in previous elections, many BRS votes were mistakenly cast for these symbols assigned to independent candidates, leading to a significant drop in the party's vote share. They urged the Election Commission to remove these symbols from the list to ensure clarity for voters and fairness in the electoral.

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