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Australia to ban YouTube for children under 16 : PM



The Australian government has added the YouTube video-sharing service to the list of digital platforms subject to the law prohibiting users under 16 from accessing social networks, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Wednesday. "Social media companies have a social responsibility. That's why today we're pleased to announce that our Government is tabling rules that specify which types of online services will be captured in our world-leading laws. Importantly, following advice from the eSafety **CONT:P4**

How one of the strongest earthquakes in modern history unfolded



In one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded, an 8.8 magnitude quake struck off the coast of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula at 11:25am local time on Wednesday, sparking widespread tsunami alerts across the Pacific region. Despite its strength, there have been no reported casualties as of Wednesday evening, and many advisories have since been downgraded or lifted. Tsunami waves generated by the earthquake reached areas as far as Japan, Hawaii, and the U.S. West Coast. Authorities in countries across the Pacific Rim, including Chile, Peru, Mexico, Indonesia, and New Zealand, issued evacuation orders affecting over two million people. In Hawaii, tsunami waves up to 5.7 feet were observed, prompting closures of shops and emergency **CONT:P4**



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a powerful address to the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, declared that no global power influenced India to halt Operation Sindoor, rejecting Opposition claims that New Delhi succumbed to U.S. pressure. Modi affirmed that India stood firm in the face of Pakistan's nuclear threats and gave a fitting response with a decisive military operation, which he described as a "vijayotsav" (victory celebration). Responding to the two-day debate on Operation Sindoor, Modi revealed that on the night of May 9, the U.S. Vice-President attempted to reach him for



an hour amid intelligence of a possible Pakistani retaliation. However, Modi, engaged in a meeting with Indian Army officials, said he returned the call only later, warning the U.S. that if Pakistan attacked, "it would cost them heavily" and India would respond with "a bigger attack." "Goli ka jawab gole se denge (bullets will be answered with artillery)," he said.

Modi detailed the operation's strategic success, stating that Pakistan's military and terrorist infrastructure was severely damaged. "Terrorist bases in Bahawalpur and Muridke were razed to the ground. Many of Pakistan's airbases are in ICU," he said, adding that India struck **CONT:P2**

Revanth To Lead BC Quota Dharma In Delhi

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with his Cabinet ministers, Congress MLAs, MLCs and MPs, will stage a dharna at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on August 6, demanding that the BJP-led government at the Centre approve two key Bills passed by the Telangana Legislative Assembly that seek to provide 42 per cent reservation to Backward Classes (BCs) in education, employment and local bodies.

The decision was taken at a meeting convened by Revanth Reddy at his residence on Wednesday. AICC **CONT:P2**

Trump slaps 25% tariffs on 'friend' India starting August 1 plus 'penalty' for 'buying Russian oil'

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United States President Donald Trump announced a 25 per cent tariff on Indian goods starting August 1, citing India's high trade barriers, and an additional "penalty" for India's continued energy and defense ties with Russia. Donald Trump criticised India's military and oil imports from Russia, saying it has enabled Moscow to continue the war on Ukraine.

In a strongly worded statement, Donald Trump justified the 25 per cent tariff on India, saying while India is a "friend", it has imposed some of the "highest tariffs" on the United States and maintained "obnoxious" non-monetary trade barriers.



Along with the 25 per cent tariff, India will also face an additional "penalty" for buying Russian oil. He, however, did not specify the percentage of the additional penalty the US would be imposing on India.

The 25 per cent tariff on India will kick in on Friday, Donald Trump posted on his Truth Social platform.

Announcing the 25 per cent tariffs on India, Donald Trump said, "Remember, while India is our friend, we have, over the years, done relatively little business with them because their Tariffs are

far too high, among the highest in the World, and they have the most strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary Trade Barriers of any Country."

"Also, they have always bought a vast majority of their military equipment from Russia, and are Russia's largest buyer of ENERGY, along with China, at a time when everyone wants Russia to STOP THE KILLING IN UKRAINE — ALL THINGS NOT GOOD!" "INDIA WILL THEREFORE BE PAYING A TARIFF OF 25%, PLUS A PENALTY FOR THE ABOVE, STARTING ON AUGUST FIRST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. MAGA!" Donald Trump said.

PM hails return of sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today welcomed the return of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha to India after 127 years, describing it as a moment of pride and joy for the nation's cultural heritage. Sharing his thoughts on the social media platform X, Modi said, "A joyous day for our cultural heritage! It would make every Indian proud that the sacred Piprahwa relics of



Bhagwan Buddha have come home after 127 long years. These sacred relics highlight India's close association with Bhagwan Buddha and his noble teachings. It also illustrates our commitment to preserving and protecting different aspects of our glorious culture." **CONT:P4**

GSLV-F16 Rocket Carrying NISAR Satellite Lifts Off

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Marking ISRO's maiden collaboration with NASA, a GSLV rocket on Wednesday blasted off from this spaceport to place the NISAR earth observation satellite, jointly developed by the two space agencies, in an intended orbit. The 51.7 metre tall three stage GSLV F-16 rocket soared into the skies at the end of a 27.30 hour countdown, carrying the 2,393 kg satellite. The launch vehicle majestically lifted-off from the second launch



pad at this spaceport, situated about 135 km east of Chennai.

The GSLV rocket is slated to place the satellite in the Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit after a near 19-minute

journey, and at an altitude of 745 km. NISAR has been developed for microwave imaging purpose globally and it carries L-Band radar provided by NASA and S-band designed by ISRO with a capability to acquire fully polarimetric and interferometric data. The mission objective is to study land and ice deformation, land ecosystems and oceanic regions in the areas of common interest to the scientific communities of the United States of America and India. **CONT:P4**

PM To Release 20th Installment Of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi On Aug. 2

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the 20th installment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme on August 2 in Varanasi. Under this installment, ₹20,500 crore will be transferred to 9.7 crore farmers. Since the scheme's launch in 2019, a total of ₹3.69 lakh crore has been disbursed through 19 installments. On Wednesday, Union agriculture and farmers' welfare minister Shivraj



Singh Chouhan reviewed preparations to ensure the maximum number of farmers benefit from the event. He directed officials to engage farmers at the national, state, district, and village levels and to organise the rollout as a nationwide campaign. Addressing Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), the minister highlighted that Prime Minister Modi oversees the transfer of

₹6,000 to each farmer in three equal installments every four months, with KVKs playing a vital implementation role. He urged early preparations and called for celebrating the programme as both a festival and a mission, emphasising its significance as a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and public awareness initiative. Chouhan also encouraged farmers to participate actively in the August 2 event to learn about and benefit from this and other agricultural

Indira Sought US Intervention in 1971 to Stop War With Pak

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Former Union minister and BJP MP Anurag Thakur claimed in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had sought US intervention to stop the 1971 war with Pakistan. Another BJP MP, Nishikant Dubey, accused the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, of using "distorted and inaccurate facts" when referencing Indira Gandhi's conduct of that war, and urged Speaker Om Birla to rep-



rimand him for his "habitual delinquency." During Zero Hour, Thakur asserted that although Indian soldiers won the 1971 war on the battlefield, the outcome was lost at the negotiating table, and yet someone else was declared the "Iron Lady." "If you dig a little deeper in history, the layers start unravelling," he said, **CONT:P4**

Jaishankar Slams Congress Over Indus Water Treaty

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Wednesday criticised the Congress, saying they are "uncomfortable with history," while speaking about India's decision to put the Indus Water Treaty

in abeyance following the Pahalgam terror attack. Jaishankar highlighted Congress's "mistakes" in the Rajya Sabha regarding the handling of the treaty while emphasising how essential the agreement was. "The Indus Water Treaty in many ways is a very



unique agreement. I cannot think of any agreement in the world where a

country has allowed its major rivers to flow to the next country without having rights on that river," he said. He added, "To recall the history of this event... Yesterday, I heard some people are uncomfortable with history. They prefer that historical things be forgotten.

Maybe it does not suit them, they only like to recall some things." The EAM targeted Jawaharlal Nehru over his statement in Parliament back in 1960 regarding the treaty. "On November 30, 1960, he (Jawaharlal Nehru) says, 'I would like to know if this House is to

judge the quantum of supply of water or money to be given.' People objected to that. The PM also said, 'Let me do this treaty for the interest of Pakistani Punjab' — not a word about farmers of Kashmir or Punjab. Not a word about Rajasthan or Gujarat," Jaishankar said.

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Listen to Gurukul Students, Not Do Padayatras: Harish

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Former Minister T. Harish Rao has strongly criticized the Congress government and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for turning a blind eye to the protests by Gurukul students, who are marching to resolve issues plaguing their institutions. He urged the ruling party to prioritize the legitimate concerns of students over electoral gains through political padayatras. Rao lashed out at the Congress leadership, saying, "Instead of abusing questioners and the opposition, Revanth Reddy should answer the Gurukul students who are demanding basic needs like food and clean drinking water." He termed the silence of the Congress government in the face of the students' anger as "inhumane and irrespon-



sible." Calling the current state of affairs a "shameful legacy of Indiramma rule," Rao recalled how students were once forced into DCM vans by the police simply for demanding justice. "This government has a wicked history of pushing students from classrooms to streets," he said. He further questioned whether the government would only act after the National Human Rights Commission intervenes in cases of food poisoning and other systemic failures in Gurukul schools. "Open your eyes

now. The Gurukul system is deteriorating under your rule. Put a stop to this decline," Rao warned. Rao challenged the government to take immediate steps by meeting the students at the Alampur intersection, where they are seeking to submit a representation to the District Collector. He mocked the ruling party's ongoing political padayatras, saying, "Congress, which is launching padayatra dramas for electoral benefits, should first address the padayatras of these Gurukul students fighting for their future."

Third Power Discom for Free Power: CM Revanth

Telangana to Launch Third Power Discom for Welfare Schemes, Aims ₹13,992 Cr Sector Overhaul

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In a significant overhaul of Telangana's power sector, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday directed the establishment of a third power distribution company (discom) dedicated solely to managing all government-funded electricity schemes across the state. The new entity will operate alongside the existing Southern and Northern discoms, handling flagship initiatives such as 24x7 free electricity to farmers, 200 units of free power to low-income households, and free electricity for government schools and colleges. Revanth made the announcement during a review meeting at his



residence with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and top officials from the energy department. He stressed that the new discom must have statewide jurisdiction exclusively for welfare-related electricity supply, a move that he said would reduce pressure on existing discoms and improve their national performance ratings.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka revealed that the government currently provides 24x7 free power to more than 29,000 agricultural pump sets, costing the exchequer ₹11,500 crore annually. Additionally, 50.71 lakh low-income families receive 200 units of free electricity each month, incurring an annual subsidy of ₹2,293 crore. Free electricity is also ex-

tended to 29,018 government educational institutions at an annual cost of ₹198 crore. In total, the government is spending ₹13,992 crore each year to subsidize electricity for agriculture, poor households, and educational facilities. Highlighting the financial strain on discoms, Revanth Reddy urged officials to restructure high-interest loans, some taken at rates as high as 10%, to bring down the interest burden. "Restructure these loans to secure lower rates," he instructed. The CM also outlined a renewable energy push, directing officials to install solar power systems across all government offices, including schools and colleges. He instructed district collectors

to identify suitable buildings and to act swiftly. He further ordered the immediate solarization of the state secretariat, including solar rooftop sheds for vehicle parking, solar fencing, and panels to meet the building's energy demands. Revanth emphasized fast-tracking the Indira Solar Giri Jala Vikasam scheme, which aims to provide 2.10 lakh Scheduled Tribe farmers with solar-powered agricultural pump sets over the next three years. The goal is to bring six lakh acres of tribal land under sustainable irrigation. The announcements mark a major step toward financial reform, operational efficiency, and clean energy expansion in Telangana's power sector.

BJP Chief Slams Cong Govt for Neglecting Bhadrachalam, Misusing Temple Lands

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BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao strongly criticized the Congress-led state government for its negligence toward Hindu temples, particularly the historic Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamy temple in Bhadrachalam. Speaking to the media after offering prayers at the temple, he alleged that both current and previous state govern-

ments have failed to treat Bhadradri Ram with due reverence, even during major festivals like Ram Navami. Rao emphasized that the Central Government, under the leadership of then Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy, had allocated ₹98 crore for the development of Bhadrachalam as part of the Ramayana Circuit. Of this, ₹42-48 crore has already been released, and the remaining amount is ex-



pected after submission of the Detailed Project Report (DPR). He reiterated that the BJP and the Centre are committed to pre-

serving and promoting the temple's cultural heritage, and he plans to raise the issue with the current Union Culture Minister.

Lamenting the state's disregard for central efforts, Rao said the Telangana government has neither acknowledged nor supported the developmental initiatives. He condemned the increasing attacks on Hindu temples, citing recent incidents at Hyderabad's Mutyalamma and Peddamma temples. He blamed the Congress government's vote bank politics for its inaction in such cases. Highlighting a controver-

sial issue, Rao accused the state government of allocating TTD (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams) lands to madrasas and permitting construction of markets on temple property. Calling this a grave injustice, he demanded the immediate return of these lands to the temples. Rao concluded by asserting that the BJP will continue to fight for the rights of temples and Hindu organizations across Telangana.

Revanth To Lead BC Quota Dharna In Delhi

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with his Cabinet ministers, Congress MLAs, MLCs and MPs, will stage a dharna at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on August 6, demanding that the BJP-led government at the Centre approve two key Bills passed by the Telangana Legislative Assembly that seek to provide 42 per cent reservation to Backward Classes (BCs) in education, employment and local bodies. The decision was taken at a meeting convened by Revanth Reddy at his residence on Wednesday. AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud attended the meeting. The Chief Minister also held detailed discussions on the party's ongoing and upcoming programmes, including the state-wide padayatra and the Delhi campaign. The Telangana Assembly had passed the

two BC reservation Bills in March this year, but the Centre is yet to clear them. Party sources said the CM finalised an action plan for the state government delegation's Delhi tour from August 5 to 7 to put pressure on the Centre for speedy clearance of the quota Bills. The plan includes seeking an appointment with President Droupadi Murmu on August 7 to submit a memorandum requesting her intervention. The padayatra will be led by Meenakshi Natarajan, in which TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, ministers of respective districts, MLAs, MPs and MLCs of respective constituencies will participate. The padayatra will cover one Assembly constituency in each of the ten erstwhile districts of Telangana. In the first phase, from July 31 to August 4, six districts will be covered. The second phase will begin after the Delhi tour from August 8.

Telangana Eyes Rs 1,500 Crore From Centre's Special Assistance

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Telangana's municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department is eyeing an incentive of Rs 1,500 crore under the Central government's Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SSASCI) 2025-26. The Central government offers special assistance in two parts to states to encourage reforms in urban planning. Under the first part, the Centre earmarked Rs 13,000 crore for reforms related to governance, finance, and urban land and planning. Under the second part, Rs 5,000 crore is earmarked for Ease of



Doing Business (EoDB). As this amount is allocated for all states, the state government must meet the multiple criteria set by the Central government to secure the maximum share. To obtain financial incentives from the Central government, the state government has expedited the work. As part of this task, the state government's National Institute of Urban Management (NIUM), in collaboration with the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration

(CDMA), hosted a stakeholder consultation workshop on urban planning reforms under SSASCI 2025-26 on Wednesday. Senior officials from the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA), along with key members from Telangana's municipal ecosystem, participated in the workshop. The event was presided over by T.K. Sreedevi, secretary, municipal administration and urban development department, and director-general, NIUM. The workshop focused on enabling states to effectively meet SSASCI reform milestones and access corresponding capital investment incentives.

Congress Betraying BCs, BJP Rising in South Telangana: Ramchander Rao

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BJP Telangana State President, during his tour of southern districts including Mahabubabad, Khammam, and Nalgonda, came down heavily on the Congress government for allegedly betraying OBCs by diluting BC reservations. Speaking at a massive gathering in Manukota, he claimed that 50 GHMC divisions under BC reservation had lost actual BC representation due to the Congress government allotting 35 of those to AIMIM candidates. "This is a political conspiracy to benefit one party at the cost of OBCs," he said. He accused the Congress of attempting to hike Muslim reservations from



4% to 10%, which he termed unconstitutional and religiously motivated. "There is no provision to allot religious political reservations within the 42% BC quota," he stated, demanding a law or ordinance for any such move. He criticized Revanth Reddy for continuing KCR's broken promise of 50% BC reservations and slammed the Congress-BRS nexus on national security matters, alleging they belittled Operation Sindoor and the sacrifices

of Indian soldiers. Recalling BJP's historic support for the Mandal Commission, he asserted BJP's unwavering stand with OBCs and warned against communal appeasement. He also condemned the Congress for failing to deliver on poll promises—unemployment allowance, job calendar, Rythu Bandhu restoration, and timely pensions. "Revanth Reddy deserves a Bhaskar Award for deceiving people," he mocked. Highlighting increasing public trust, he predicted BJP's rise in Manukota and across southern Telangana. "Communist cadres are now looking to BJP. We will make Khammam our bastion," he declared.

Kavitha Unveils Poster for 72-Hour Hunger Strike at Indira Park

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BRS MLC and Telangana Jagruthi President Kalvakuntla Kavitha unveiled the poster for a 72-hour hunger strike at her residence in Banjara Hills on Wednesday. The protest, aimed at demanding the implementation of the BC reservation bills, will take place at Indira Park in Hyderabad from 10 AM on August



4 to 10 AM on August 7. Speaking at the poster launch, Kavitha announced that the hunger

strike would be conducted under the banner of the United Progressive Front (UPF). She voiced strong criticism

against both the central and state governments, alleging a lack of sincerity in giving legal status to BC reserva-

tions. "If the President hasn't approved the bills passed by the State Assembly and Council, then why hasn't the state government taken the legal route?" she questioned. The BRS MLC reaffirmed her commitment to securing 42% reservation for Backward Classes and vowed not to rest until that goal is achieved. She stressed that the struggle would continue beyond the

hunger strike if necessary. To facilitate the protest, Telangana Jagruthi leaders submitted an application seeking official permission for the event. The request was handed over to the Central Zone DCP. DCP Vijayakshapati has reportedly agreed to grant the necessary permission for the hunger strike to proceed at Indira Park.



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As part of efforts to highlight the Congress government's rice distribution scheme and promote nutritious food access, senior party leaders participated in a symbolic rice meal event in Jubilee Hills on Monday. The gathering was held at the residence of senior Dalit Congress leader Yadayya in Kama-

lanagar, Rehmat Nagar division—an area falling under the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency, which is heading for a by-election. Prominent Congress leaders including Gurram Murali Goud, MD Ghaus, Yadagiri, Chandramouli, and Kondapalli Ramesh joined the event. The Yadayya couple served rice-based meals to the leaders as a gesture of community solidarity.

"Talk to Your Delhi Bosses, Not Telangana Farmers"

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Slams BJP Chief Over Fertilizer Lies

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Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar strongly criticized BJP State President N. Ramachandra Rao for making uninformed statements regarding the fertilizer crisis in the state. He accused the BJP leader of lacking basic understanding of how fertilizers are distributed and of misleading the public with false propaganda. Ponnam stated that the supply of fertilizers, although manufactured in various states, is entirely controlled and allocated by the Central Government based on the requirements of each state. He questioned how



someone without such fundamental knowledge could be made the state president of a national party. Refuting the BJP president's claim that 12.02 lakh metric tons of urea had already been supplied to Telangana, Ponnam clarified that only 4.35 lakh metric

tons have arrived between April and July 2025, against a planned requirement of 6.60 lakh metric tons—resulting in a shortfall of 2.25 lakh metric tons. He presented month-wise data to expose the gaps: in April, only 1.21 LMT was supplied against a plan of

1.70 LMT (29% deficit); in May, 0.88 LMT was supplied against 1.60 LMT (45% deficit); in June, 0.98 LMT was supplied against 1.70 LMT (42% deficit); and in July, only 1.28 LMT was received against a target of 1.60 LMT (20% deficit). Minister Ponnam highlighted that the average daily sale of urea in Telangana ranges between 10,000 and 13,000 metric tons, and farmers are facing difficulties due to inadequate and delayed supply. He explained that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had met the Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers on July 8 to directly appeal for increased and timely

supply. Additionally, Agriculture Minister Tummal Nageswara Rao had also made multiple appeals to the Centre on behalf of the state. He condemned the BJP's attempts to politicize the issue instead of working to resolve it. Ponnam demanded that BJP leaders, rather than blaming the state government, should pressurize their own party's central leadership to fulfill Telangana's fertilizer requirements. He assured that under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy and Minister Tummal, the state government is doing everything possible to ensure farmers do not suffer due to fertilizer shortages.

Vinod Kumar Slams BJP, Congress Over BC Reservations

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The issue of increasing reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) has ignited a political storm in Telangana. Former MP B. Vinod Kumar criticized both the BJP and Congress for allegedly deceiving BC communities. With the state government having sent a bill to the Centre and an ordinance pending with the Governor, the cabinet has now decided to stage a protest in Delhi demanding the bill's approval. Vinod Kumar emphasized that ordinances on issues al-



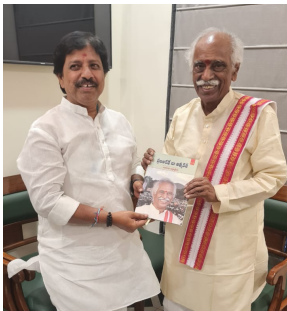
ready addressed by bills are unlikely to be approved. He cited the Supreme Court's Indira Sawhney judgment, which caps reservations at 50%, and stressed that only inclusion in the Constitution's Ninth Schedule can legitimize the proposed hike. He argued that if Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Leader of Opposition Rahul

Gandhi were sincere, Parliament could pass the reservation hike within an hour. He questioned BJP's intent, highlighting the party's failure to increase BC reservations despite promising a BC Chief Minister. He urged Rahul to introduce a private member bill and press Modi on the issue, rather than resorting to dharnas. Citing KCR's previous resolution on BC reservations and his appointment of BCs to top judicial posts, Vinod Kumar called for unified parliamentary action over political drama.

Haryana governor gifted his autobiography book to Madhari

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BJP's Senior leader and SC morchha State unit Vice President Shri Madhari Chandra Shekhar expressed his heartfelt gratitude to beloved leader, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, who served as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana, a leader who works tirelessly for the development of the poor and



marginalized people, the beloved son of Mother India, for blessing him with his

autobiography book at his residence. Madhari felt overwhelming happiness said in his Media statement on Wednesday July 30, in the few years ago honorable governor shri Bandaru Dattatreya Came to his home for lunch after taking his governor charges in the Himachal Pradesh he recalled those days. He said that the dignity of the leadership down to earth.

AAP's Priyanka Kakkar to Visit Telangana from August 1–3 to Boost Party Base

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Chief Spokesperson and Telangana in-charge Advocate Priyanka Kakkar will embark on a three-day visit to Telangana from August 1 to 3. This marks her first tour of the state in her new role, aimed at strengthening the party's presence ahead of local body elections. During her visit, Priyanka will meet media representatives on August 1 and 2 to discuss national and state political developments. On August 3, she will interact with party leaders and activists



in Hyderabad to review organizational progress and outline electoral strategies. A key focus of the visit is to highlight AAP's achievements in Delhi and Punjab, particularly in education and healthcare. Priyanka is expected to emphasize the party's success with mohalla clinics and government schools, asserting that similar

models can be implemented in Telangana. The party aims to rally public support by spotlighting alleged failures of the central and state governments in providing constitutionally mandated free healthcare and education. A concrete action plan will be chalked out during the visit to intensify outreach and address pressing public issues.

Jagadish Reddy Slams Revanth, Demands Activation of Kannepalli Pump House

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Suryapet MLA and former minister Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during a large-scale BRS meeting in Motkur and Addagudur mandals of Tungaturthi constituency, demanding immediate activation of the Kannepalli pump house under the Kaleshwaram project. He alleged that Revanth Reddy has always acted like a puppet of Samaikyandhra interests and questioned his loyalty to Telangana. "If helicopters can carry water to Andhra, why can't they be



used to activate the Kannepalli pump house for Telangana farmers?" he asked. Jagadish accused the Congress government of betraying Telangana by halting Kaleshwaram operations and spreading false narratives about its collapse. He said the Kannepalli pump house has the potential to irrigate 50 lakh acres and blamed Revanth for deliberately withholding water from Su-

ryapet, Tungaturthi, and Kodad farmers. He claimed Revanth Reddy is following the script of Chandrababu Naidu and called him a Telangana traitor, installed by PM Modi. He also slammed the Modi-led Centre for failing Telangana in the past 11 years. "Let SIT investigate Congress ministers over phone tapping if they are serious," he challenged, accusing the Congress of using diversions and vulgar language to deflect from broken promises. Jagadish warned that BRS will fight back, asserting only KCR can protect Telangana's rights and vowed readiness for any sacrifice.

Come to Telangana Bhavan, We'll Fight for You

BRS leader Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar Backs Dismissed Constables

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BRS leader Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar on Monday voiced strong support for the dismissed Telangana Special Police constables, condemning the government's handling of the "One Police Policy" issue and urging humanitarian intervention from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the DGP. Dr. Praveen Kumar highlighted the recent protest by special police constables and their families, demanding the implementation of the promised



One Police Vidhanam in Telangana. He alleged that ten constables were dismissed without proper inquiry after their wives protested the govern-

ment's decision to reduce monthly leave from 8 days to just 4. Despite being stationed away from their families, these constables now face job loss

and uncertainty. The BRS leader expressed concern over the absence of due process, stating that the ten constables were called to the CM's Jubilee Hills residence but were not given a hearing. He emphasized that no damage to public property or misconduct occurred during the protests. "Ten innocent families are now on the streets, without income or justice," he said. Dr. Praveen Kumar reminded the public that during KCR's tenure, over 50,000 police jobs were created and infrastructure

like the Command Control Room was developed. He stressed that the BRS party is not playing politics with the lives of constables but merely standing by them in a time of need. He appealed for the reinstatement of the ten dismissed constables, especially as no criminal charges have been filed. "Even pregnant women came out in protest. This is not a political issue but a humanitarian one," he said, urging all troubled employees in Telangana to approach the Telangana Bhavan for support.

INTUC Leaders Urge GHMC to Allot House Plots, Address Employee Welfare Issues

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INTUC President and former MP Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, along with union leaders, submitted a petition to GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan on Wednesday, urging the allotment of 150 square yards of land to each permanent employee of the GHMC. The delegation stressed that many long-serving staff members lack proper housing and deserve house plots. In addition to housing, the petition highlighted several key demands related to employee welfare. Sanjeeva Reddy sought an increase in the health insurance coverage for GHMC employees to ₹15 lakh, matching that of



other government departments. He also called for the immediate promotion of class IV employees and Assistant Municipal Commissioners awaiting elevation to Deputy Commissioner rank. The INTUC leaders urged the Commissioner to conduct long-pending union recognition elections to ensure workers' voices are heard. They also raised concerns over the issuance of show cause notices to bill collectors and tax inspec-

tors, terming it as harassment, and demanded their immediate withdrawal. INTUC Municipal Sahakar Mazdoor Union Working President Adil Sharif, General Secretaries R.D. Chandrasekhar and AVS Gandhi, Women Committee Chairperson L. Mercy, Vice President M. Moses, and Additional General Secretary K. Shivakumar joined Dr. Reddy in submitting the petition.

Local Cadre Bats for Native Candidate in Jubilee Hills Bypoll

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In the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election, Congress party's local cadre is strongly backing a native leader for the ticket, arguing it would enhance the party's winning prospects. While several non-local leaders are reportedly in the race, former corporator Murali Goud, a BC Goud community leader, has emerged as a strong contender. With past experience as a BRS MLA candidate in 2014 and active involvement in local development, Murali Goud and his son Sanjay Goud are said to maintain strong ties with both middle-class and mass voters. Local cadre argue that unlike out-



siders, Goud lives and runs a business in the constituency and remains accessible. Amid statewide discussions on BC representation, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's recent remarks hinting at Goud's candidacy and his proximity to CM Revanth Reddy have triggered intense political buzz. Murali Goud reportedly expressed readiness to serve if given the chance.

TPCC Dr Satyam Srirangam inaugurated Real-estate office in the Qutbullapur

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Telangana Pradesh Congress committee official spokesperson Dr Satyam Srirangam on Wednesday July 30, the real estate office of the Congress Party State Women Vice President of State Yadava community Porata Samiti Women President Gangula Anjali Yadav was inaugurated in the Qutbullapur constituency at Gajularamam by the chief guests, Qutbullapur Constituency In-charge Kolan Hanumanth Reddy, TPCC Official Spokesperson Dr. Satyam



Srirangam, local Congress Party Division Presidents, senior leaders, women leaders, their well-wishers and others were participated in this event in the large scale

Dr. Gummadi Vennela Felicitates Karkana Raju for Social Service Award

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Karkana Raju from Moosapet, Kukatpally constituency, was recently honored with the "Brand of India 2025" award by the Anelip Group under the Social Service category. On this occasion, he paid a courtesy visit to Telangana State Cultural Chairman Dr. Gummadi Vennela at his office. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Gummadi Vennela expressed happiness over Kar-



kana Raju receiving this prestigious award. He said that across the country, several in-

dividuals who have rendered exceptional service in various fields have been recognized,

and it is a matter of pride that a social worker from Telangana has been chosen. He praised Raju's consistent efforts in public welfare and described the award as a well-deserved recognition of his services. Dr. Vennela also wished that Karkana Raju, who currently serves as the President of the PJR Foundation and the Greater Hyderabad unit of the All India Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangham, would continue to lead many more impactful service initiatives. He hoped

that Raju would receive several more awards in the future for his commendable contributions. The event was attended by several key figures including All India Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangham State President Vinay Kumar, Treasurer Bapanapalli Pramod Kumar, Secretary Prabhudas, Appalaraju, Greater Hyderabad Vice President Shatari Vinay Kumar, Khairatabad President Sunil Kumar, and Karka Mahesh.

PM hails return of sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today welcomed the return of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha to India after 127 years, describing it as a moment of pride and joy for the nation’s cultural heritage. Sharing his thoughts on the social media platform X, Modi said, “A joyous day for our cultural heritage! It would make every Indian proud that the sacred Piprahwa relics of Bhagwan Buddha have come home after 127 long years. These sacred relics high-

light India’s close association with Bhagwan Buddha and his noble teachings. It also illustrates our commitment to preserving and protecting different aspects of our glorious culture.” He recalled that the Piprahwa relics were discovered in 1898 but were taken out of India during the colonial period. “When they appeared in an international auction earlier this year, we worked to ensure they returned home. I appreciate all those who have been involved in this effort,” the Prime Minister added.

Thakur: Indira Sought US Intervention in 1971 to Stop War With Pak

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Former Union minister and BJP MP Anurag Thakur claimed in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had sought US intervention to stop the 1971 war with Pakistan. Another BJP MP, Nishikant Dubey, accused the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, of using “distorted and inaccurate facts” when referencing Indira Gandhi’s conduct of that war, and urged Speaker Om Birla to reprimand him for his “habitual delinquency.” During Zero Hour, Thakur asserted that although Indian soldiers won the 1971 war on the battlefield, the outcome was lost at the negotiating table, and yet someone else was declared the “Iron Lady.” “If you dig a little deeper in history, the layers start unravelling,” he said, reading from a December 5, 1971 letter in which Indira Gandhi urged President

Nixon to persuade Pakistan to desist from “wanton aggression and military adventurism.” “It appears as though a suppliant was pleading before the US President,” he added. “The nation must decide whether the government of that day was iron or an irony.” Congress members protested as Thakur questioned whether Indira Gandhi had trusted India’s armed forces or instead “pleaded with the US to halt the war.” He accused her family of “bending and begging” Washington to ask Pakistan to end hostilities and contrasted this with Gandhi’s recent challenge to the Modi government to match Indira Gandhi’s wartime courage. Separately, in a letter to the Speaker, Dubey demanded a show-cause notice for Rahul Gandhi’s “questionable utterances,” and sought permission to raise the matter in the House.

Massive 8.8 Magnitude Earthquake off Russia Triggers Pacific-Wide Tsunami Alerts



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In one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded, an 8.8 magnitude quake struck off the coast of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula at 11:25am local time on Wednesday, sparking widespread tsunami alerts across the Pacific region. Despite its strength, there have been no reported casualties as of Wednesday

evening, and many advisories have since been downgraded or lifted. Tsunami waves generated by the earthquake reached areas as far as Japan, Hawaii, and the U.S. West Coast. Authorities in countries across the Pacific Rim, including Chile, Peru, Mexico, Indonesia, and New Zealand, issued evacuation orders affecting over two million people. In Hawaii, tsunami waves up to 5.7 feet

were observed, prompting closures of shops and emergency evacuations. Russia confirmed that tsunami waves over 5 meters struck the town of Severo-Kurilsk, causing significant flooding and damaging port infrastructure. Mobile phone videos from Kamchatka captured violent tremors, and footage verified by BBC showed parts of Yelizovo Airport’s ceiling collapsing. Despite the chaos, the

Russian government reported no deaths and praised emergency responses. The quake occurred along the Pacific Ring of Fire—a geologically volatile region known for frequent seismic activity. This event is tied as the sixth most powerful earthquake in recorded history. Russian authorities and scientists have warned of potential aftershocks and noted the eruption of the Klyuchevskoy Volcano shortly after the tremor. Globally, tsunami alerts triggered temporary shutdowns of Pacific ports in Peru, evacuations in the Galápagos Islands, and advisories as far afield as French Polynesia, where authorities warned of waves up to 4 meters in height. By Wednesday night, most nations, including Japan, the U.S., and island states like Tonga, Fiji, and the Cook Islands, downgraded or lifted tsunami warnings. Authorities continue to monitor the situation for aftershocks and residual wave activity.

GSLV-F16 Rocket Carrying NISAR Satellite Lifts Off



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Marking ISRO's maiden collaboration with NASA, a GSLV rocket on Wednesday blasted off from this spaceport to place the NISAR earth observation satellite, jointly developed by the two space agencies, in an intended orbit. The 51.7 metre tall three stage GSLV F-16 rocket soared into the skies at the end of a 27.30 hour countdown, carrying the 2,393 kg satellite. The launch vehicle majestically lifted-off from the second launch pad at this spaceport, situated about 135 km east of Chennai. The GSLV rocket is

slated to place the satellite in the Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit after a near 19-minute journey, and at an altitude of 745 km. NISAR has been developed for microwave imaging purpose globally and it carries L-Band radar provided by NASA and S-band designed by ISRO with a capability to acquire fully polarimetric and interferometric data. The mission objective is to study land and ice deformation, land ecosystems and oceanic regions in the areas of common interest to the scientific communities of the United States of America and India.

At least 22 killed at Angola fuel price hike protests, authorities say

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At least 22 people were killed and 197 others were injured in violence that erupted during protests against a fuel price hike this week, Angola’s government has said. The unrest broke out on Monday when minibuss taxi associations launched a three-day strike against a government decision to increase the price of diesel by one-third, part of efforts to curb costly subsidies and shore up public finances. Looting, vandalism and clashes with police started in the capital, Luanda, and then spread to six other provinces. Sporadic gunfire was heard across Luanda and several other cities on



Monday and Tuesday as people looted shops and clashed with police. President Joao Lourenco’s cabinet met on Wednesday and received an update on the security situation and police re-

sponse. A presidency statement said there had been 22 deaths, 197 people injured and 1,214 arrests. Sixty-six shops and 25 vehicles had been vandalised, and some supermarkets and

warehouses looted, the statement said. The statement added that the army was deployed to restore order as the riots “triggered a climate of widespread insecurity”. Interior Minister Manuel

Homem told reporters that a police officer was among the 22 people killed. Many shops remained closed, but public transport slowly resumed after a two-day standstill. When the latest wave of protests began two weeks ago, Human Rights Watch accused the police of excessive force against what was a largely peaceful demonstration. Police unnecessarily fired tear gas and rubber bullets and assaulted protesters in those demonstrations, the US-based rights group said. Angola has been gradually removing fuel subsidies since 2023, when a petrol price hike also triggered deadly protests, encouraged by the International Monetary Fund among others.

Authorities have often been accused of clamping down harshly on protests to silence dissent in Angola, an oil-rich nation on Africa’s Atlantic coast where the People’s Movement for the Liberation of Angola party has been in power for 50 years – since independence from Portugal in 1975. In a joint statement Wednesday, the opposition UNITA and Bloco Democratico parties said Angola was in a “severe economic and social crisis” that was a result of government policies “disconnected from the country’s reality”. Subsidies amounted to as much as 4 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) last year, according to the country’s finance minister.

Terrorism handled with iron fist under Modi Govt: Shah in RS

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah today launched a scathing attack on the Congress party during a fiery address in the Rajya Sabha, asserting that the terrorists behind several high-profile attacks during the UPA era had been eliminated under the Modi government’s recent counter-terror operations—Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev. In a sharp political offensive during participation in debate on Operation Sindoor, Shah accused the Congress, particularly former Home Minister P. Chidambaram, of shielding Pakistan-backed narratives for the sake of “vote-bank politics”. He alleged that the UPA government was reluctant to take strong action against terrorists and instead relied on diplomatic paperwork. “Under Operation Sindoor, many key terrorists like Hafiz Muhammad,

Mudassar, Mohamad Hamza, Mohammed Hazar, Abdul Malik and others have either been killed or incapacitated,” Shah told the Upper House, adding that several of them were so severely injured “they won’t be able to commit another terror attack in the future.” Hitting out at Chidambaram for questioning the nationality of the slain militants, Shah retorted: “Why does Chidambaram need proof? Who is he trying to save—Pakistan or Lashkar?” He went on to accuse the Congress of “placing national security second to appeasement politics.” Referring to the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Home Minister disclosed that the three Lashkar-e-Taiba commanders involved—identified as Suleimani, Afghan, and Jibrani—were neutralised in Operation Mahadev conducted on Monday. He cited forensic evidence and eyewitness testimonies linking the trio to the attack, and at-

tributed the plot to Lashkar’s proxy outfit, The Resistance Front (TRF). “Unlike the past, we did not wait. I reached Srinagar the same day,” Shah recalled. “Congress kept sending dossiers, but under Prime Minister Modi’s leadership, we gave a direct response. Only fear ensures peace with terrorists.” In an apparent swipe at Chidambaram, Shah questioned the Congress’ credibility on national security. “He says Operation Sindoor wasn’t decisive. Was 1965 or 1971 decisive then? Why did terrorism rise so drastically under Congress?” he asked, pointing to what he termed a history of inaction and weak responses under previous governments. The Opposition, led by the Congress and other INDIA bloc constituents, staged a walkout during Shah’s reply, demanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s presence in the House to answer questions related to Operation Sindoor.

PM Modi: No One Stopped Us in Operation Sindoor

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a powerful address to the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, declared that no global power influenced India to halt Operation Sindoor, rejecting Opposition claims that New Delhi succumbed to U.S. pressure. Modi affirmed that India stood firm in the face of Pakistan’s nuclear threats and gave a fitting response with a decisive military operation, which he described as a “vijayotsav” (victory celebration). Responding to the two-day debate on Operation Sindoor, Modi revealed that on the night of May 9, the U.S. Vice-President attempted to reach him for an hour amid intelligence of a possible Pakistani retaliation. However, Modi, engaged in a meeting with Indian Army officials, said he

returned the call only later, warning the U.S. that if Pakistan attacked, “it would cost them heavily” and India would respond with “a bigger attack.” “Goli ka jawab gole se denge (bullets will be answered with artillery),” he said. Modi detailed the operation’s strategic success, stating that Pakistan’s military and terrorist infrastructure was severely damaged. “Terrorist bases in Bahawalpur and Muridke were razed to the ground. Many of Pakistan’s airbases are in ICU,” he said, adding that India struck with precision and efficiency, neutralizing threats within 22 minutes of the April 22 terror attack. He added that India’s cutting-edge technology—including Made-in-India drones and missiles—played a crucial role, showcasing India’s self-reliance and military

pro prowess to the world. “On May 9, Pakistan launched 1,000 missiles and drones — none hit targets. Our air defense destroyed them mid-air.” The Prime Minister noted that only three out of 193 UN member nations supported Pakistan, indicating overwhelming global alignment with India. Modi also cited intercepted communications and Pakistani social media posts that exposed the shock and panic in Islamabad after India’s strikes. Pakistan’s Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) eventually reached out to his Indian counterpart pleading, “Bas karo, bahut maara...” (Stop the attack, you’ve hit too hard),” Modi said. “Operation Sindoor is still ongoing,” the Prime Minister stated, making it clear that any future Pakistani misadventure would be met with even

more force. “Sindoor se leke Sindhu tak (from Sindoor to Sindhu), India has acted decisively.” Modi targeted the Congress party, accusing it of doubting the armed forces and echoing Pakistani propaganda. “After surgical strikes, Congress demanded proof. Now they are asking why PoK wasn’t taken. First, they must answer who allowed Pakistan to capture it,” he said. He blamed the Congress era — particularly under Jawaharlal Nehru — for national security blunders, citing the loss of Aksai Chin and the signing of the Indus Waters Treaty, which the current government has now put in abeyance. The Prime Minister held Congress’ “politics of appeasement” responsible for the growth of terrorism during its tenure. He emphasized that

his government, in 11 years, has reined in cross-border terrorism significantly, thanks to strong leadership and defense reforms. Modi also took a swipe at Congress MPs Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari, suggesting they were gagged by their party for projecting India’s stand globally. “Perhaps some leaders were barred from speaking because their truth made the Congress nervous,” he remarked. Modi’s 102-minute speech, met with repeated applause from the treasury benches, projected a bold and confident India — one that has redefined norms in warfare, diplomacy, and defense self-reliance. The Prime Minister closed with a message of unyielding resolve: “If Pakistan dares again, it will be met with a response they will remember for decades.”



EDITORIAL

FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL, BHARAT'S HANDCRAFTED ASCENT

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

Before 2014, support through the MUDRA scheme reached just 1.25 lakh weavers. Today, over 3 lakh have benefitted. A clear shift from tokenism to meaningful empowerment. The loom is no longer just a symbol of tradition. It is a tool of aspiration, enabling small businesses and opening pathways to global markets. Handicrafts have witnessed a similar resurgence. Exports have risen from ₹29,000 crore in 2014 to over ₹49,000 crore, as artisans step confidently onto the world stage. With 313 GI tags, two editions of Bharat Tex, and a growing global footprint, traditional crafts have been repositioned as drivers of economic value and cultural prestige. Today, a Banarasi weaver or a Kutch embroiderer is not just preserving a legacy, she is defining contemporary luxury and powering

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

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9 Held With Drugs, Two Absconding

The excise department's Special Task Force (STF) nabbed nine persons on Saturday night for allegedly heading to a rave party at a service apartment in Kondapur. Acting on a tip-off, an STF team intercepted two high-end cars near Central Park in Kondapur. The accused were en route to a service apartment, located in JV Hills and booked through Airbnb. The operation led to the seizure of 2.08 kg of dry ganja, 50 grams of OG Kush (a hybrid variety of ganja), 11.57 grams of psychedelic mushrooms, 1.91 grams of charas, and four LSD blotters. Additionally, officials seized two high-end cars, two two-wheelers, 11 mobile phones, and other evidence from the scene. According to excise officials, the accused have been identified as Kenger Rahul (procured drugs via the dark web), Unnati Emmanuel alias Anil alias Praveen Kumar alias Manne (peddler), Appikatla Ashok Naidu (organiser), Sammela Sai Krishna, Nagella Leela Manikanta, Hilton Joseph Rolf, Adapa Yashwant Sridutta, Thota Kumaraswamy and Nandam Sumanth Teja. A case has been registered against 11 individuals, the nine arrested and two absconding: Srinivas Choudhary alias Vasu and Akhil.

4 Held with 262 SIM Cards in Cyber Fraud Bust in Ramagundam

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In a joint operation with the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGSCB) and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), the police uncovered a large-scale cyber financial fraud and arrested four individuals in Jannaram, under the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate, on Wednesday. During the raid, officers seized 262 SIM cards (Jio, Airtel, Vodafone), along with routers, a laptop, SIM panels, and several mobile phones. Briefing the media, Deputy Commissioner of Police A. Bhaskar



said that, acting on credible information about suspicious SIM usage, police raided a rented house near Raghavendra Theatre in Jannaram mandal headquarters, leading to the arrests. The accused were identified as: Y. Kamlesh, 24, a polytechnic student from Andhra Pradesh; Bhavu Bapaiah, 43, a labourer from

Lakshmipur village in Mancherial district who previously worked at a restaurant in Cambodia; his brother, Bhavu Madhukar, 32; and Gotla Rajesh, 40, Bapaiah's brother-in-law from Jammikunta mandal in Karimnagar district. The main suspect, Palavalasala Sai Krishna (alias Jack), is believed to be operating from abroad

and allegedly orchestrated the operation. He reportedly recruited the four by promising high salaries and a share of the illicit earnings. Ramagundam Police Commissioner Amber Kishor Jha and DCP Bhaskar commended the police teams and telecommunications officials for their swift action in dismantling the racket. The arrested persons have been booked under relevant sections of the BNS, IT Act, and the Indian Telegraph Act. Further investigation is under way, with a focus on national and international call links tied to the operation.

Man Attacks Wife Over Illicit Affair

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A woman suffered severe injuries in an attack allegedly conspired by her husband in Raigiri when he spotted the former with her lover who also happened to be his friend. She suffered leg fractures when the accused attacked her with a weapon. According to Bhongir rural SI Anil Kumar, "The accused, Ravi, a resident of Mahbubabad, attacked his wife Lavanya, 35, with a knife on Monday after spotting her with Shankar with whom she have been in a relationship for the past two years." Ravi and Lavanya were married for 15 years and have four children; two sons and two daughters. Shankar, a friend of Ravi, was visiting their home frequently during which he grew close

to Lavanya and eventually developed an affair two years ago. When Ravi confronted her about the growing closeness he was witnessing, Lavanya admitted her interest in Shankar but also grew angry about the confrontation and left the house to live with him along with the kids. The couple was staying together in Raigiri for the last 10 months, the police said. The SI added that Ravi, who had come to Raigiri for work and was accompanied with his brother and two others unexpectedly spotted Lavanya and Shankar. In a fit of rage, he attacked Lavanya. She sustained a serious leg injury and was rushed to a nearby hospital, where she is undergoing treatment. Meanwhile, Shankar fled the scene leaving Lavanya unattended. Further probe is on.

Forest Officials Seek Power To Protect forests, Control Multhanis' Illegal Activities And Tiger Poaching

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Once known as Adavula Jilla ("district of forests"), Adilabad is now struggling to protect its forests and biodiversity. Serious efforts are needed amid rising wood smuggling, even as podu cultivators say, "Kothadi kottam... kottu kunnadi vadalam." Some members of the Multhani (also spelled Multani) community have allegedly been involved in teakwood smuggling in Nirmal and Adilabad districts. The Multhanis are often described as a no-

madic tribal Muslim community with origins in present day Pakistan, believed to have migrated to Telangana during the Nizam period and settled over time in the Ichoda area. Forest officials and staff say they are now fearful after recent attacks allegedly by Multhani groups on forest and police teams attempting to raise plantations on encroached forest land at Keshavapatnam in Ichoda mandal. Adilabad divisional forest officer Prashanth Bajirao Patil said weapons are needed for self-protection against



wood smugglers and to curb poaching of tigers and other wildlife in the erstwhile Adilabad district. He alleged that a local timber smuggler, who intends to contest upcoming local body elections, provoked villagers

against forest staff. He added that establishing a special police station at Sirichelma would help control teakwood smuggling and protect the forests. According to the DFO, Multhani-dominated areas

show a heightened crime rate and a diminished fear of law. He said Adivasis originally lived in several villages where Multhani families later settled, "hijacking" those villages. He estimated that about 1,600 hectares of forest land have been encroached and that dense forests remain mainly in the Pembed (Pemb) and Khanapur areas, which also face threats. He said Multhani settlement in the Ichoda region grew notably in the 1970s, and that some now view the area as their "Ghad" and resist legal processes.

Statistics indicate rampant tree felling in Ichoda, Indravelli, Khanapur, Jananaram, and Kadam mandals, parts of which fall under the Kawal Tiger Reserve, over the past 15 years. The podu land issue is now a major challenge in Multhani-dominated areas. Recently, officials inspected forest land allegedly encroached in Compartment No. 174 at Babjipet in the Sirichelma Forest Range, Ichoda mandal. It was found that each Multhani family holds an average of 17 acres of podu land. Forest officials say they are of-

fering alternative livelihoods if families surrender the land. Local leaders of major political parties are reportedly supporting Multhani groups, eyeing an estimated 5,000 votes in the Boath Assembly constituency. The Multhani population is said to be around 6,500 in Adilabad district. Some political leaders are accused of using Multhani workers in illegal teak smuggling by advancing money for supplies. Officials said many Multhani families applied for pattas under ROFR when the state

government invited applications from tribals and non tribals before the last Assembly elections during the BRS regime. In the past, Multhani groups allegedly hijacked heavy vehicles at knifepoint on NH-44, loaded them with teak timber, and dumped the wood at predetermined locations. According to sources, six forest staff have died so far in attacks with sharp weapons by wood smugglers in the old Adilabad district. Some members of the Vaddera community in the Kadam area are also reportedly involved.

Twinkle Khanna jokes about her dog’s ‘least impressed’ attitude

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Former actress and author Twinkle Khanna took to social media to share a lighthearted post featuring her pet dog.

In a post on Instagram, she reflected on how her furry companion remains the most unimpressed co-star she’s ever had. With a mix of humor and charm, Twinkle gave a glimpse into her everyday life with her four-legged friend. On Tuesday, the Mela actress posted her two images, where she is seen posing holding her pet dog in her arms.

For the caption, the Mrs Funnybones author wrote, “I’ve shared the spotlight



with humans, egos posing as humans, and even a python once. But this one is by far the least impressed-with me, the camera, or life in general. When does your dog make you feel like you’re the pet?.” Notably, Twinkle Khanna

“The lightbulb in all our hearts. Are you a dog person? Tell me the cutest thing your furry friend does in the comments below,” Khanna wrote as the caption.

Meanwhile, Twinkle Khanna recently grabbed attention with the announcement of her upcoming chat show alongside actress Kajol. Titled “Two Much with Kajol and Twinkle,” the show will be co-hosted and directed by the duo. It promises unfiltered, lively conversations and a star-studded lineup, featuring some of the most prominent names from Bollywood and the entertainment industry.

Vijay Deverakonda’s ‘Kingdom’ gets power boost as Pawan Kalyan extends wishes

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With just a day to go for the release of their eagerly awaited action extravaganza ‘Kingdom’, the core team of the film including director Gowtam Tinnanuri and actor Vijay Deverakonda, on Wednesday, called on Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Power Star Pawan Kalyan on the sets of the latter’s upcoming film, ‘Ustaad Bhagat Singh’.

Sources present on the occasion said that the celebrities exchanged pleasantries and that Pawan Kalyan wished the team the very best



for their film which hits screens on July 31.

Sithara Entertainment, which is one of the production houses that has produced ‘Kingdom’, took to X to confirm the news. It wrote, “It all comes full circle and this is a POWER PACKED MOMENT for the #Kingdom family receiving wishes from the man himself. Team had the privilege of meeting @PawanKalyan garu

today on the sets of #UstaadBhagatSingh where he graciously conveyed his best wishes to the entire team. @TheDeverakonda @anirudhofficial @gowtam19 @ActorSatyadev #BhagyashriBorse @Venkitesh_VP @dopjomon”

The film, which has triggered huge expectations in fans and film buffs, will feature Vijay Deverakonda as a cop who turns a spy. It may

be recalled that the Censor Board has already cleared the film for release with a U/A certificate. The release of the film, which was originally scheduled to hit screens on March 28 this year, was first postponed to May 30 this year. It was then pushed to July 4. However, it was again postponed and is now scheduled to hit screens on July 31.

The film has generated a lot of buzz ever since its makers released a gripping teaser. The film, which was initially being referred to as VD12, has the tagline, ‘From the shadows of betrayal, shall rise a king.’

Most days, I’m all about clean skin, says Rashmika Mandanna

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Indian actress Rashmika Mandanna, who has been crowned as the national crush, said that she usually prefers a natural, minimal make-up look but enjoys going all out with glam when she wants to feel powerful. Asked if she is more of a no-make-up girl, or does she enjoy going all out with glam looks, Rashmika told IANS: “Most days, I’m all

about clean skin or no makeup, a bit of tint on the lips and cheeks, and just letting my skin breathe.. Makeup is like fragrance; it’s a form of expression.”She embraces both going natural and looking glam.

“Some days you want to feel like your raw, natural self. Other days, you want to feel powerful and elevated. I think it’s beautiful to embrace both sides,” said the actress, who is the founder of Dear Diary.

Talking about her signature scent besides her own label, Rashmika said: “Honestly, each of the Dear Diary fragrances feels like a different side of me but Irreplaceable is closest to who I am today. It’s a scent that reminds me to be my most authentic self, to show up fully and honestly, even on the tough days.”

The actress said that outside her own line, she has “always loved warm, slightly floral scents.”

“Something with a bit of vanilla, some spice, maybe a whisper of something fresh like lychee or bergamot. I love when a scent makes you feel something deeply, without overpowering your presence.”

On the big screen front, Rashmika, who was last seen in the action crime drama film directed by Sekhar Kammula titled “Kuberaa”, will next be seen in “Thama” starring Ayushmann Khurrana. In “Kuberaa”, the ac-

tress stars Nagarjuna Akkineni, Dhanush, Jim Sarbh and Dalip Tahil.

Talking about “Thama”, the film is said to be a gripping love story set against a bloody backdrop,

“Thama” tells the tale of a determined historian who immerses himself in ancient manuscripts, uncovering dark secrets about local vampire myths as supernatural forces begin to stir.

Made under the direction of ‘Muniya’ fame

Aditya Sarpotdar, the project marks Rashmika and Ayushmann’s primary collaboration with the filmmaker.

Backed by Dinesh Vijan and Amar Kaushik, the story of “Thama” has been provided by Niren Bhatt, Suresh Mathew, and Arun Fulara. Presented by Maddock Films, the drama will also feature Paresh Rawal and Nawazuddin Siddiqui in crucial roles, along with others.



BUSSINESS

Air India Express announces ‘Payday Sale’



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Air India Express has launched its regular ‘Payday Sale,’ offering discounts of up to 15 per cent across its network with early access to logged-in members on the

airline’s website, www.airindiaexpress and mobile app.

The offer is valid on bookings made until August 1, and for travel till March 31, 2026. Bookings on the sale fares can be made on other major booking channels from

July 29.

Air India Express is also waiving convenience fees for Xpress Lite bookings made through select payment methods on its website and app. Xpress Lite is the airline’s exclusive zero-baggage fare with added benefits.

These include the ability to pre-book an additional 3 kg of cabin baggage at no extra cost, along with discounted check-in baggage rates. Guests can check-in 15 kg of baggage for Rs.1,000 on domestic flights and 20 kg for Rs.1,300 on international flights.

Australia to ban YouTube for children under 16 : PM

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The Australian government has added the YouTube video-sharing service to the list of digital platforms subject to the law prohibiting users under 16 from accessing social networks, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Wednesday.

"Social media companies have a social responsibility. That’s why today we’re pleased to announce that our Gov-



ernment is tabling rules that specify which types of online services will be captured in our world-leading laws. Importantly, following advice from the eSafety Commissioner, young people under the age of

16 will not be able to have accounts on YouTube," the prime minister told a briefing.Children under 16 will also be banned from having accounts on Facebook and Instagram (both owned by

Meta, banned in Russia for extremism), as well as on Snapchat, TikTok, and X.At the same time, however, online games, messengers, and health and education apps will not be subject to restrictions, as they do not pose a significant threat to children, Albanese said.When the law goes into effect in December, social media platforms that do not comply will face fines of up to 49.5 million Australian dollars (\$32.2 million), the prime minister

added.The decision was influenced by a survey conducted last month by Australia’s eSafety Commission, which found that 37% of children had reported seeing harmful content on the platform.In November 2024, the Australian parliament approved a bill banning persons under 16 from having social media accounts, but did not include YouTube due to its educational and entertainment value for children.

IndiGo’s Q1 net profit dips 29 per cent to Rs 2,176 crore

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InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of budget airline IndiGo, on Wednesday reported a 29 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) decline in its consolidated net profit to Rs 2,176 crore for the June 2025 quarter (Q1 FY26) from Rs 3,067 crore in the January-March quarter of FY25.

On year-on-year (YoY) basis, the airline posted a 20.26 per cent drop in its profit from Rs 2,729 crore in the same period previous year (Q1



FY25), according to its stock exchange filing.

Revenue from operations declined 7.47 per cent to Rs 20,496 crore in the April-June quarter, from Rs 22,152 crore in the preceding quarter.

However, on a YoY basis, it rose 5 per cent

from Rs 19,570 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal.

The company’s expenses rose 10 per cent in the June quarter to Rs 19,232 crore, up from Rs 17,445 crore in the same period previous year, which affected its

profit growth.

However, compared to the previous quarter, expenses remained almost unchanged, coming in at Rs 19,928 crore, the company stated in its regulatory filing.

Commenting on the results, Pieter Elbers, CEO, said, “The June quarter was shaped by significant external challenges that created headwinds for the entire aviation sector.”

Elbers added that despite these industry-wide disruptions, we reported a net profit of Rs 21,763 million (Rs 2,176.3 crore) with a net profit

margin of around 11 per cent for the quarter ended June 2025.

While the revenue environment saw moderation, demand for air travel held strong as we served more than 31 million passengers during the quarter, reflecting a growth of around 12 per cent on a YoY basis, as per Elbers.

“Looking forward, we remain optimistic about the growth of air travel and with our scale, network and fit for purpose fleet, we remain committed to serve the growing demand,” he mentioned.

Asian Paints Q1 net profit dips 6.2 per cent amid soft domestic demand

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Asian Paints on Tuesday announced a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,117.05 crore for the first quarter (Q1) of FY26, down 6.24 per cent year-on-year (YoY) from Rs 1,186.79 crore in the same period previous year (Q1 FY25).

The company’s consolidated revenue from operations slipped marginally by 0.34 per cent YoY to Rs 8,938.55 crore from Rs 8,969.73 crore, according to its stock exchange filing.

Asian Paints said its do-



mestic decorative business recorded a volume growth of 3.9 per cent in Q1 but faced a 1.2 per cent drop in revenue. The company attributed this to a soft demand environment caused by macro-economic uncertainties, the early onset of the monsoon, and a shift in product mix.

The Home Decor segment also saw a decline,

with household disposable incomes under pressure, although the Beautiful Homes Stores chain continued to perform strongly. Internationally, the business recorded a value growth of 8.4 per cent, driven by strong performance in Asian markets, the UAE, and Egypt.

On a like-for-like basis, the international portfolio grew 11.1 per cent in revenue, or 20.4 per cent when adjusted for constant currency, with all major markets in the Middle East and South Asia doing well.

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Stokes Opens Up After Injury Forces Him Out of Fifth Test vs India

England captain Ben Stokes has been ruled out of the fifth and deciding Test against India with a shoulder injury in a devastating blow for the home side. The England and Wales Cricket Board said vice-captain Ollie Pope would lead the side in the match at The Oval starting Thursday, with England 2-1 up in the five-Test series. All-rounder Stokes has struggled with various fitness issues during the four Tests against India during which he has sent down 140 overs -- the most he has bowled in any series.

The 34-year-old, who is leading wicket-taker on either side with 17 scalps, has injured his right shoulder -- his bowling arm -- and it is understood he will need up to 10 weeks to recover. "I am obviously disappointed to not be able to finish the series," an emotional Stokes told a pre-match press conference on Wednesday. He added: "I have got a decent tear of one of the (shoulder) muscles I can't pronounce.



Bayern Munich Signs Luis Diaz From Liverpool On Four-Year Deal

Bayern Munich have signed Colombian winger Luis Diaz from Liverpool on a four-year contract, the Bundesliga club said on Wednesday. Financial details of the transfer were not revealed but British media reported Bayern paid around 75 million euros (\$86.67 million) for the 28-year-old Colombia international. Diaz's contract with Liverpool ran until June 2027. He moved to the Merseyside club from Portuguese side Porto for around 50 million euros in January 2022. "Three years and a half that I'll treasure forever. I arrived with all the dreams in the world, and I am leaving proud of everything we achieved together," Diaz posted on Instagram. "I have met incredible people, fabulous colleagues, coaches who helped me a lot, and extraordinary fans. Liverpool is, indeed, a special team, and I will keep everyone in my heart..." "It would have been the perfect goodbye if we hadn't lost one of ours in such a tragic way," Diaz added, referring to former Liverpool teammate Diogo Jota, who was killed in a car accident earlier this month.



IFB Concludes Workshop on Forest Nursery Techniques in Hyderabad

A three-day national workshop on "Quality Planting Material Production in Forest Nursery" concluded on Wednesday at the Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB), Dulapally, under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

During the closing ceremony, IFB Director E. Venkat Reddy (IFS) awarded certificates to farmers, students, and NGO representatives who participated in the training. He emphasized the institute's ongoing commitment to capacity-building programs and noted that participants from Telangana and other states regularly benefit from such workshops.

Highlighting the pressing demand for wood in industries like paper, furniture, and plywood, Reddy pointed out that less than five percent of current wood requirements are met through natural forests. He advocated for agro-forestry as a sustainable alternative and urged Telangana farmers to emulate states like Haryana and Punjab, which have successfully integrated agro-forestry to meet national wood demands. He also encouraged farmers to utilize the state's fertile lands to attract wood-based industries.

Participants, including members of farmers' organizations, expressed gratitude for the training, particularly appreciating sessions on nursery management, grafted plant preparation, and pest control conducted by senior scientists.

India Refuses to Play Pakistan in WCL Semifinal Citing Pahalgam Terror Attack, Sponsors Back Out Too

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India Champions have officially declined to play their World Championship of Legends (WCL) semifinal match against arch-rivals Pakistan, scheduled for Thursday at Edgbaston Cricket Ground. The decision comes in the wake of the recent Pahalgam terror attack and the subsequent Indian military response through 'Operation Sindoor', prompting a nationwide sentiment against sporting ties with Pakistan.



The Indian team, comprising cricketers like Shikhar Dhawan, Yuvraj Singh, Irfan Pathan, Harbhajan Singh, and Suresh Raina, had reportedly made it clear earlier that they would not take the field against Pakistan under the current circumstances. This stance mirrors their earlier refusal to participate in the group-stage fixture against Pakistan during the

same tournament. In a strong show of support, major tournament sponsor Ease-MyTrip publicly withdrew its association from the high-profile Indo-Pak clash. Co-founder Nishant Pitti posted on social media, "Terror and cricket cannot go hand in hand. Some things are bigger than sport. Nation first, business later." He added that the company would not support events that aim to normalize ties with countries accused of promoting terrorism. The Indian Legends qualified for the semifinals after thrashing West Indies Champions in just 13.2 overs on Tuesday. Despite their on-field dominance, the team remains firm on its moral and nationalistic stand. With tensions high following the terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir's Pahalgam, this move is seen as a symbolic rejection of sporting diplomacy with Pakistan. As of now, tournament organizers have not confirmed how the semifinal lineup will be reshuffled in light of India's withdrawal.

NBKA Students Shine at National Martial Arts Championship 2025 with 25 Medals



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Students from Nayak Budokan Karate Academy (NBKA), Chattrinaka, delivered an impressive performance at the National Martial Arts Championship 2025 held last Sunday at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad. A total of 25 NBKA students participated in the event,

showcasing their skills in Kata and Kumite categories. Their efforts resulted in a remarkable medal tally — 15 Gold, 7 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals. Notably, Soniya, a black belt student, clinched the Grand Championship title in the girls' division, while Vinayak, also a black belt, secured the Grand Championship in the boys' division. On this occasion, Temple Chairman Dhamodhar Reddy praised the young martial artists and expressed his continued support. "Our best wishes are always with the students. May they achieve many more victories," he said. NBKA President P. Ganesh Nayak emphasized the importance of karate for fitness and self-defense. "Learning martial arts helps improve health and self-confidence. I urge parents to encourage their children to take up karate," he stated. The event was also graced by karate masters Surrola Raju, Tharun Nayak, and Sneha, who participated and supported the young talents.



Sciver-Brunt returns to top ICC rankings

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England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt returns to the top of the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings after scoring 98 runs in the decider of the three-match series against India in Durham. The all-rounder stabilized the innings after the early fall of the wickets of the openers in what ended as a losing effort, as India won the match by 13 runs and took the series 2-1. Sciver-Brunt edged Smriti Mandhana by three points, taking the No. 1 position for the



third time in her career. She was previously number one between July 2023 and April 2024 and also between June and December 2024. India captain Harmanpreet Kaur's dazzling and match-winning century (102 off 84 balls) has her advancing 10 slots to 11th place in the batters' list.

Kaladhar Expands in Hyderabad with Exclusive Ethnic Readymade Store at Kothapet

New Kothapet outlet is Kaladhar's first store dedicated solely to readymade ethnic wear



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Strengthening its legacy in ethnic wear, Kaladhar, Telangana's trusted fashion brand with a six-decade history, has launched its newest store at Kothapet. This marks the brand's second launch in two months following the Manikonda store inauguration on May 31. Setting itself apart, the Kothapet outlet is Kaladhar's first exclusive store dedicated entirely to readymade ethnic wear. Designed for today's fast-paced lifestyle, the new store offers a curated collection of pre-stitched salwar suits, designer blouses in multiple sizes and styles, and a vibrant in-house kids' line. The store aims to deliver a seamless blend of tradition, convenience, and modern style. "With changing lifestyles, there's a growing need for stylish ethnic options that are also effortless to wear," said

Kaladhar Rachabathuni, owner and second-generation entrepreneur leading the brand. "This store is our response to that shift — a space where tradition meets today's pace." Rachabathuni, who holds a B.Tech from NIT Warangal and an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management, brings a global perspective to the family business. After a decade in the U.S. tech industry, he returned to India to drive Kaladhar's retail transformation. Founded in a small village, Kaladhar started by selling handloom cotton and silk sarees from rural looms to urban markets. Over the years, the brand evolved from a wholesale supplier to a respected name in ethnic fashion across Telangana, now operating over 10 stores in Hyderabad and Warangal. Alongside its physical expansion, Kaladhar is also growing digitally through its website and video-call shopping options. These touchpoints reinforce the brand's customer-first ethos and aim to enhance convenience for modern shoppers. With the Kothapet launch, Kaladhar not only expands its footprint but also reaffirms its mission: to bring timeless Indian fashion into everyday lives — without compromising on quality, tradition, or care.





Hyderabad Is Hub Of Healthcare, Life Science Ecosystem: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad has emerged as a complete healthcare and life sciences ecosystem—from drug discovery and clinical trials to world-class hospitals and affordable patient care. It hosts eight of the top ten global pharma companies, five of India’s leading healthcare chains, and over 230 USFDA-approved manufacturing facilities, said industries minister Duddila Sridhar Babu.

Speaking at the launch of Agilent Technologies' new Biopharma Experience Centre in Hyderabad, he said Telangana is contributing nearly one-third of India’s pharmaceutical production and 40 per cent of bulk drug exports. The state is making a strong impact both nationally and globally, he said. For Agilent, the facility marks a significant investment in Hyderabad’s rapidly growing life sciences ecosystem. “India is a strategic growth market for Agilent, and Hyderabad is at the forefront of biopharma innovation,” said CEO Padraig



ACB Nabs Assistant Engineer Taking Rs 10,000 Bribe

An assistant executive engineer in the Vigilance and Quality Control wing of the panchayat raj department was caught red-handed by the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) accepting a bribe in Jagtial on Wednesday. The accused, S. Anil Kumar of the Jagtial sub-division, was arrested at his office by the Karimnagar ACB unit. He had demanded ₹10,000 from contractor Venkatesham of Korutla to prepare quality control inspection reports for three projects.

According to ACB deputy superintendent of police P. Vijay Kumar, Anil Kumar accepted a ₹3,000 advance two days earlier and then demanded the remaining ₹7,000. He was apprehended while taking the second installment at his office.

Authorities recovered the bribe money from Anil Kumar, and a chemical test confirmed contact with the cash. He has been arrested and will be presented before the Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases in Karimnagar. Deputy superintendent Kumar urged citizens to report any instances of bribery by public servants via the toll free number 1064 or through social media. He assured that the complainant’s identity will remain confidential.



MLA Venkatesh Speeds Up Ration Card Distribution Plans

In a key move to expedite the distribution of new ration cards, MLA Sri Kaleru Venkatesh convened a special review meeting with civil supplies officials at the Golnaka camp office on Tuesday. He directed officials to complete the inquiry process swiftly and ensure that the distribution is organized within the next few days.

Stressing the need for transparency and public convenience, the MLA instructed officials to carry out the process in a manner that is people-friendly and efficient. Nodal Officer Smt. Aparna, Civil Supplies Officer Deepthi, and other department officials were present at the meeting.

Officials seize 32g of ganja at Secunderabad railway station

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The Prohibition and Excise Department enforcement team seized 32 kilograms of ganja valued at Rs 20 lakh at Secunderabad railway station on Wednesday, July 30. On information, the team con-



ducted an operation at the railway station and found three bags kept in a corner

Hydra Cracks Down on Musi River Land Grab

HYDRA Clears 9.62 Acres of Illegal Encroachments Along Musi Riverbed

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In a major crackdown on illegal encroachments, HYDRA (Hyderabad Urban Development Authority) on Tuesday cleared approximately 9.62 acres of encroached land along the Musi Riverbed, spanning from Chaderghat Bridge to Osmania Hospital Mortuary in the Old City.

Acting on multiple complaints from local residents, HYDRA teams removed illegal structures and temporary sheds that had been used for parking heavy vehicles like lorries



and buses, and for running unauthorized businesses. Residents had also raised concerns about anti-social activities taking place in the area.

The encroachers were identified as Tikaram Singh, who occupied 3.10

acres, Poonamchand Yadav with 1.30 acres, and Jayakrishna, who had encroached on 5.22 acres. All three had reportedly leveled portions of the riverbed, dumped soil, and constructed sheds, which were later rented

out for commercial use. One section was even used to operate a nursery business, further damaging the fragile river ecosystem.

HYDRA officials confirmed that land was being filled and levelled to create flat surfaces for temporary construction and rental activity. Local residents welcomed the action and expressed relief and appreciation for the swift response. The authority stated that strict monitoring will continue to prevent future encroachments and preserve the Musi River zone.

Metro Pillar Markings Begin in Old City

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Marking a significant milestone in Hyderabad Metro Rail’s long-delayed Old City corridor, pillar markings officially commenced at Chandrayangutta on Wednesday. This development signals the beginning of visible groundwork for the 7.5-kilometre stretch from MGBS to Falaknuma, a project that has been pending for years.

According to metro rail officials, the distance between each concrete pillar is expected to be around 30 feet. Once all markings are completed, the construction of these pillars will begin in earnest. The route—designed to pass through several densely populated

areas—has already seen the demolition of nearly 400 of the 1,100 properties earmarked for acquisition. The rest are currently under various stages of acquisition, clearance, or demolition. To avoid major traffic disruptions in this congested part of the city, the engineering teams are employing a two-phase strategy: demolition of structures using heavy machinery is done during the night, while property clearing is conducted during the daytime. A number of electric poles and overhead power lines along the route also need to be removed or relocated, which is part of the ongoing utility-shifting exercise.

Commercial taxes dept detects new GST fraud via fake bills

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Commercial Taxes Department here unearthed a major Goods and Services tax (GST) evasion scam by a city-based company named. Keshaan Industries LLP, the company, was found indulging in ‘unprecedented tax fraud’ by allegedly generating high-value tax invoices

for the supply of copper materials without any corresponding movement of goods. “This sophisticated form of tax evasion raising invoices without actual supply of good is the first of its kind to be detected in Telangana. It represents a dangerous new trend in GST-related fraud. The company fraudulently availed Input Tax Credit

(ITC) of approximately ₹33.20 crores through such bogus transactions, thereby reducing its output tax liability,” said the Commercial Taxes Department in a press release here on Wednesday, July 30. After receiving information, officials conducted coordinated inspections at the company’s corporate office located on SP Road,

Hyderabad; a godown at Bansilalpet, Secunderabad; and its factory units in Kalakal Automotive Park and Muppireddypally villages in Medak District. The company despatched empty vehicles from Telangana to Maharashtra, even as documentation falsely indicated the transportation of substantial consignments. Keeshan LLP is believed

to have indulged in GST fraud via fraudulent invoices which are suspected to exceed Rs 100 crores. The fraud came to light through analysis of vehicle movement data, including toll gate records obtained from the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). “These records indicated that numerous vehicles passed through key toll point.

Telangana Housing Board sells acre land in KPHB to ICAI for 65.34 cr

The auction held for an acre open commercial land by the Telangana Housing Board has fetched Rs 65.34 crore to the state government.

The auction was conducted for Plot number 1 in Phase 4 of the Kukatpally Housing Board on Wednesday, July 30, for which 11 bidders had applied.

nThe Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), a statutory body governing the chartered accountancy profession in the country, has won the bid among the 4 bidders who participated in the on-line bidding process. According to Telangana Housing Board vice-chairman VP Gautham, till the end of the online bidding the identities of the parties involved in the auction were not disclosed. He also disclosed that the sate government earned revenues amounting to Rs 26 crore by selling the Rajiv Swagruha Corporation’s flats in Bandlaguda on Wednesday, July 30.

Telangana Set for Grand Independence Day Event at Golconda



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Telangana Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao on Wednesday directed officials to ensure elaborate arrangements for the upcoming Independence Day celebrations at the historic Golconda Fort. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to participate in the celebrations following a floral tribute at the Martyrs’ Memorial. The Chief Secretary emphasized the need for seamless coordination among departments and issued instructions to minimize traffic disruptions in view of the expected participation of dignitaries.

A detailed road map for traffic management and logistical planning was discussed. The Roads and Buildings Department has been tasked with illuminating key government

landmarks — including the Telangana Legislative Assembly, High Court, Raj Bhavan, Secretariat, and Telangana Talli statues — with vibrant decorative lighting. Further, the Cultural Department has been asked to curate cultural performances that reflect Telangana’s rich heritage and patriotic spirit. To ensure safety and smooth execution of the event, the Fire Department will deploy adequate personnel and equipment, while the Electricity Department has been instructed to provide uninterrupted power supply throughout the celebrations.

The Chief Secretary’s directives aim to ensure a grand and glitch-free celebration marking the nation’s 78th Independence Day at one of the state’s most iconic venues.

TG BJP's chief consoled Banothu Vijaya Lakshmi

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:Telangana State unit BJP President Ramachandra Rao’ During his visit to Kothagudem political tour, he visited the house of State Mahila Morcha Vice President Banothu Vijayalakshmi on Tuesday July 29. In the Recent past, Vijayalakshmi’s husband, tribal leader Kishan Nayak, passed away. And conveyed heart felt condolences to late kishan Naik family and recalled



his services to the party he assured to late Naik family members do the needful judge behalf of the party and blessed the Naik grand child along with him. Former MP Sitaram Nayak, District President Byreddy Prabhakar Reddy, State leader,

prominent lawyer GVK Manohar Rao and others were participated in the program. On this occasion, State President Ramachandra Rao praised Dr Bindu Pallavi and her hospital services to the poor people.

Woman Held with ₹14 Cr Ganja at Hyderabad Airport

In a major breakthrough, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Hyderabad, intercepted a female passenger at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) and seized a staggering 40.2 kilograms of hydroponic ganja, estimated to be worth ₹14 crore.

According to officials, the woman had arrived from Dubai and concealed the contraband in two of her checked-in suitcases. Upon interrogation, it was revealed that the hydroponic ganja was actually procured in Bangkok. The route through Dubai was deliberately chosen to avoid suspicion, as security agencies have heightened scrutiny on direct flights from Bangkok due to multiple seizures in the past.

This latest operation sheds light on evolving tactics used by international drug syndicates to traffic narcotics into India.

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