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Trump Tariffs to Hit NRIs' Family Budgets in US



United States President Donald Trump's decision to impose a 25 per cent tariff on Indian imports is set to impact thousands of Indians living in America, as the prices of several essential products are expected to go up sharply from the first week of August. Items like rice, pulses, clothing, decoration items, and ethnic groceries, all of which are commonly exported from India, will now become more expensive for the Indian population in the country.

M. Ramesh, a software engineer from Warangal living in New Jersey, said: "Rice is a must in our household. We used to buy a 10 kg bag for around \$30, which is already very costly. But the tariffs might increase the price to \$40 or above. It will burden almost every middle-class Indian family here." Supriya, a student in Dallas, said: "I work a part-time job for my expenses here, and this does not even fully sustain me. **CONT:P4**

SIR Protest Disrupts Both Houses

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Parliament witnessed repeated disruptions and multiple adjournments on Thursday as Opposition parties vocally protested against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar

and demanded a discussion on the issue.

In the Lok Sabha, the proceedings began at 11 a.m. but were adjourned within seven minutes after a brief congratulatory message on the successful launch of the Indo-US NISAR satellite. As Opposition members raised



slogans, Speaker Om Birla appealed for order and questioned their intent to debate: "Were you elected to shout slogans?"

When the House reconvened at 2 p.m., protests resumed with members entering the Well, prompting another adjournment until 4 p.m. Upon return, Union Minister Piyush Goyal addressed the House on the US-imposed 25% tariff on Indian goods. **CONT:P4**



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A day after US President Donald Trump announced a 25 per cent tariff, plus penalties, on Indian exports to the US from August 1, Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said India is studying the development and will take all necessary steps to safeguard and promote the national interest. "The commerce ministry is engaged with all stakeholders, including exporters and industry, to gather their assessment of the situation," Goyal said. Responding to Trump's



remark that India is a "dead economy," Goyal said India has moved from being labelled "fragile" to being on track to become the world's third-largest economy. "India is currently the world's fastest-growing major economy and, in a few years, has risen from the 11th-

largest to the 5th-largest, on the strength of reforms and the efforts of farmers, MSMEs, and industrialists," he said, speaking in the Lok Sabha and later in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

The minister added that the government is examining the implications of the tariffs and consulting all stakeholders, including farmers, exporters, MSMEs, and industry bodies. "The government attaches the utmost importance to protecting and promoting the welfare of our farmers, workers, entrepreneurs, exporters, MSMEs, and

all sections of industry. We will take all necessary steps to secure and advance our national interest," he noted.

Trump's surprise announcement on Wednesday imposed a 25 per cent tariff on all goods coming from India starting August 1, along with an unspecified penalty related to purchases of Russian crude oil and military equipment. Goyal's remarks come as the government has hardened its stance on offering duty concessions to the US in the agriculture and dairy sectors, key American demands in trade talks with India.

Donald Trump slams India as 'dead economies'

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Donald Trump has described India as a "dead economy" and said the US does "very little business" with the country, ratcheting up his fiery rhetoric against the world's fifth-largest economy as the two sides hit an impasse over his threat of 25 per cent tariffs on Indian goods.

The US president, writing on his Truth Social platform early on Thursday, attacked India alongside its long-standing defence and trade partner Russia, after warning a day earlier that he would penalise New Delhi for buying Russian weapons and energy.

"I don't care what India does with Russia," Trump wrote. "They can take their dead economies down together, for all I



care.

"We have done very little business with India, their Tariffs are too high, among the highest in the World," he added.

India and the US traded goods worth more than \$129bn in 2024, and the US is India's largest trading partner. The two countries have also built a strategic relationship on defence, technology, and other areas, based in large part on a shared desire to contain China.

But New Delhi is also the second-largest buyer of Russian oil by value, after

China, and Moscow remains its main source of arms, though Indian governments including that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have sought to diversify its weapons procurement in recent years, including from France, the US and Israel.

India's blue-chip Nifty 50 stock index slipped 0.3 per cent on Thursday after the tariff level was announced. The rupee was little changed after initially falling 0.3 per cent against the dollar to a five-month low. **CONT:P4**

Modi to Launch ₹2,200 Cr Projects in Varanasi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth around ₹2,200 crore in his parliamentary constituency, Varanasi, on Saturday.

According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the projects span various sectors including infrastructure, education, healthcare, tourism, urban development, and cultural heritage. These initiatives aim to achieve holistic



urban transformation, cultural rejuvenation, improved connectivity, and enhanced quality of life in Varanasi.

The Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for several key infrastructure projects, including the widening and strengthening of the Varanasi-Bhadohi road and Chhitauni-Shool Tankeshwar road, and a railway overbridge at Hardattpur, aimed at easing congestion on the Mohan Sarai-Adalpur road. He will also lay the foundation stone for comprehensive road widening and strengthening across multiple rural and urban corridors.

As part of the city's energy infrastructure upgrade, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for various works under the Smart Distribution Project.

SC pulls up Telangana Speaker for sitting on anti-defection petitions

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The Supreme Court, in a judgment on Thursday (July 31, 2025), said it was about time Parliament reviewed its expectation that Assembly Speakers and Chairmen would live up to the dignity of their high office and crush the "evil of political defection" by deciding disqualification proceedings against legislators in time



and without favour.

The court sounded the warning bells while directing the Telangana Assembly Speaker to decide

the disqualification petitions pending for several months against 10 Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLAs who shifted allegiance to the ruling Congress in the State in 2024.

The verdict by a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai said the Telangana Speaker must decide the anti-defection proceedings as early as possible, and not exceed three months at any cost.

The court noted that it

has only too frequently come across occasions when disqualification proceedings die a "natural death" after being kept in limbo by Speakers for months together until the tenure of the Assembly drew to an end.

The court further ordered that the Telangana Speaker should draw adverse inference against any MLA who tries to delay the disqualification proceedings.

BJP Slams Congress over 'Hindu Terror' Narrative After Malegaon Verdict

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Political one-upmanship has intensified in the wake of the special NIA court's verdict acquitting all seven accused in the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case. The BJP has accused previous Congress-led governments of falsely implicating the accused for political gain, while opposition parties have demanded that the current government appeal the verdict. Following the acquittals, Maharashtra chief minister



ter Devendra Fadnavis posted on X, "Terrorism was never saffron, is not and will never be."

Mr Fadnavis further alleged that the Congress, while heading the UPA coalition, coined terms like "Hindu terrorism" and "saffron terror" to counter the global narrative of "Islamic terrorism"

after the 9/11 attacks.

"Congress must apologise for spreading the fake narrative of saffron terrorism. With the court acquitting all the accused individuals in the Malegaon case, the Congress's conspiracy to defame Hindus also stands exposed today," he said.

Echoing this sentiment, senior BJP leader and former minister Sudhir Mungantiwar alleged that the previous ruling parties attempted to frame innocent individuals in the case for vote-bank politics. **CONT:P4**

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MLC Kavitha Slams Congress Over Kodangal Project, Demands Justice for Landless Families

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Telangana Jagruthi President and BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha visited Kanukurthi village to meet the landless families affected by the Kodangal-Narayanpet Lift Irrigation Project. During her interaction, she extended full support to their demands and strongly criticized the Congress-led government for sidelining the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project. Accusing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of betraying the region he claims to represent, MLC Kavitha alleged that 95% of the Palamuru-Rangareddy project was completed under the previous BRS government led by KCR. However, the project was subsequently neglected after the Con-



gress came to power, and the Kodangal project was introduced in its place, which she claimed benefits fewer people and causes greater loss to the community. "The Kodangal project has reduced the ayacut from 1.8 lakh acres to 1 lakh acres. It was supposed to take water from Jurala, but now it's linked to Bhoothpur, which severely hampers water flow to Maktal," Kavitha stated. She added that the change in water source could leave large areas without irrigation, leading to long-term agricultural distress. She criticized the government's financial mis-

management, pointing out that although not even "a spoonful of soil" had been dug, the project cost had skyrocketed from the sanctioned ₹2,900 crore to ₹4,500 crore. Kavitha questioned the ₹1,500 crore escalation, alleging corruption and favoritism. "An advance of ₹600 crore was already paid to two contractors, yet not even preliminary work has begun," she revealed. Calling the current government's approach "anti-farmer and anti-people," Kavitha demanded immediate resumption and completion of the Palamuru-Rangareddy project.

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panel had visited the three barrages physically and examined a total of 115 witnesses, including engineers, officials, bureaucrats, and elected representatives, including former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and former ministers T. Harish Rao and Eatala Rajender. Following sinking of some piers of the Medigadda Barrage and dam-

age to the structure in the seventh block in October 2023, the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) took up a study-cum-inquiry into the damage based on an informal complaint by BJP leaders. The Congress, which came to power in December in 2023, initially ordered a Vigilance inquiry into the issue and later instituted the Com-

mission of Inquiry after Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy made an announcement in the Assembly. In its preliminary report released a few days before the polling day of Assembly elections had found fault with all aspects pertaining to the barrages – from planning to maintenance. The report faulted use of secant piles for the foundation of Medigadda Barrage instead of sheet piles as planned initially and also lack of proper geological tests before taking up the construction. Later, the NDSA submitted its interim report before the polling date of Lok Sabha elections reiterating its findings in the preliminary report and recommending some specific geological tests before taking up any remedial measures. In its final report, released in

April this year the Central agency recommended reconstruction of the damaged block and other measures for the safety of the structure. The Vigilance report too found similar problems and also the negligence of engineers concerned in following due procedures in all aspects of the barrages' construction beginning from planning and recommended action against them. The commission examined the engineers who were involved in various stages of the barrages' construction and cross-examined them based on information collected from witnesses. Except for KCR's examination, which was on camera on the request of the witness, others were examined as open proceedings.

BRS Welcomes Supreme Court Verdict on Defectors, Demands Immediate Action from Speaker

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In a strong reaction to the Supreme Court's recent verdict on the disqualification petitions of defected MLAs, BRS Whip K.P. Vivekananda and BRS General Secretary Soma Bharat Kumar welcomed the judgment and called it a historic milestone against political defections. They demanded the immediate disqualification of the ten MLAs who left

the BRS party, with the petition still pending before the Telangana Assembly Speaker for over 14 months. Vivekananda termed the apex court's verdict as a "slap in the face" to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who had earlier claimed in the Assembly that bye-elections would be held. "The Supreme Court has now clearly stated that disqualification petitions must be decided within three months. How will by-elections be held now?" he questioned. He emphasized that the ruling was a clear rejection of Revanth Reddy's



"monarch-like statements" and added that if Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, truly respect their manifesto and Panch Nyay

principles, they must ensure the disqualification of defecting MLAs. "Rahul says one thing in Delhi, Revanth another in Hyderabad. Congress has become the address of double standards," he charged. The Supreme Court had also pulled up the Speaker for delaying action, pointing out the issuance of notices seven months after the petition was filed. The court noted that if MLAs don't cooperate, the

Speaker can still proceed with disqualification. Calling this verdict the "first victory" in a series of political wins for BRS, the leaders urged the Speaker not to wait for another three months and act immediately. "The people of the country should welcome this verdict. Rajiv Gandhi brought the anti-defection law, but Congress failed to uphold it and lost power in 8 states," Vivekananda concluded.

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BJP Slams Congress for Urea Shortage, Defends Modi Government's Pro-Farmer Measures

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BJP State General Secretary Shri Gujjula Premender Reddy, at a press conference held at the BJP Telangana State Office, accused the Congress-led state government of creating an artificial urea shortage and misleading the public. He stated that 6.12 lakh metric tonnes of urea had already been dispatched by the Centre against Telangana's Kharif 2025 requirement of 6.14 lakh metric tonnes, with 4.36 lakh metric tonnes already sold and 1.76 lakh metric tonnes in stock. Another 19,600 metric tonnes are in transit. "Despite geopolitical disruptions—like the Israel-Iran conflict, Red Sea crisis, and reduced exports from China—the Centre is ensuring uninterrupted supply of fertilizers," he said. Reddy pointed to a sharp increase in urea sales, with 4.36 lakh metric



tonnes sold between April 1 and July 22, 2025, compared to 3.54 lakh metric tonnes last year. In Rabi 2024-25, sales had risen by 1.84 lakh metric tonnes. He stressed that all major fertilizers are available as per requirement. He blamed the Telangana Congress government's incompetence for black marketing and diversion of urea for non-agricultural use. He challenged Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao to a public debate on urea supply. Reddy lauded the Modi government's revival of fertilizer plants, such as the Rs. 6,300 crore Ramagundam factory, and the Rs. 3.80 lakh crore disbursed under PM-Kisan. He criticized the Congress for failing to deliver on MSP and bonus promises.

BRS Leader RS Praveen Kumar Slams Congress for "Anti-Dalit" Governance in TG

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BRS state leader Dr. RS Praveen Kumar launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Telangana government, accusing it of blatant discrimination and betrayal of Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Bahujans. He alleged that contracts meant for Bahujan communities are being deliberately blocked, exposing what he termed an "anti-Dalit mindset" within the Congress administration. Dr. Kumar criticized the Revanth Reddy government for failing to implement the Cheveella Declaration—a promise publicized in the presence of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge—



which included a commitment to provide ₹12 lakh per SC family under the Dalit Bandhu scheme. "Eighteen months into power, not a single rupee has reached these families," he stated. Highlighting the previous BRS government's contributions, he noted that the Dalit Bandhu initiative was a landmark move that empowered SC families to enter business with dignity. He also pointed out that the BRS had extended a 40%

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) exemption to SC, ST, and BC contractors to promote inclusivity in industrial and construction sectors. In contrast, Dr. Kumar accused the Congress regime of reversing this progress by denying even basic EMD exemptions. "Not one contract has been awarded to SC or ST contractors in the last 18 months. Even Gurukul tenders excluded mandatory EMD exemptions," he said. Calling the situation a continuation of systemic oppression, he declared that the Dalit and Bahujan communities are witnessing the betrayal, and that the Congress has been unmasked as anti-Dalit and anti-social justice.

BJP MP Dr. K. Laxman Hails Operation Sindoor in Rajya Sabha

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In a powerful speech in the Rajya Sabha, BJP MP Dr. K. Laxman hailed Operation Sindoor as a symbol of India's defense capabilities, technological strength, and unwavering patriotism. He said the mission, which neutralized around 100 terrorists and destroyed nine camps in Pakistan, reflected the Modi government's zero tolerance towards terrorism. He emphasized that the people of India followed the operation with keen interest, comparing it to the mass following of the Ramayana serial. The Modi government's decisive response, he said, demonstrated India's strength to the world. He



added that even drone attacks were thwarted with advanced missile systems, underlining India's defense preparedness. Laxman contrasted this with the Congress era, accusing it of appeasement politics, doubting surgical strikes, and politicizing military sacrifices, particularly after the Uri, Pulwama, and Balakot strikes. "Congress today echoes the language used on Pakistani TV debates," he remarked.

Citing the 1992 Ekta Yatra and his visit to Srinagar on April 22—the day 26 tourists were killed in a terror attack—Laxman highlighted how Kashmir has transformed post Article 370 abrogation, with improved infrastructure, education, and reduced stone-pelting incidents. Calling for unity in support of the armed forces, Laxman warned Congress not to undermine soldier morale for political rivalry. He reaffirmed the Modi government's stand: "If Pakistan fires bullets, India will respond with bombs." He concluded, "This is a new India under strong leadership, committed to national security, development, and patriotism."

BC Gurukul Students Shine at National Regatta; Eye 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympics

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Students from the BC Welfare Gurukul Educational Institutions have made Telangana proud by winning medals at the national-level T-Scan Youth Open Regatta competitions, organized by the Yacht Club of Secunderabad. J. Sirisha, a class 8 student from Chandrayana Gutta Girls School, clinched the silver medal in the Optimist



Main Fleet category, while class 5 student V. Hanumanthu from Munugode Boys School secured the bronze medal. M. Akshara, a

class 7 student from Kalwakurthy Girls School, finished in fourth place. Applauding their remarkable performance,

BC Welfare Minister Ponnampalabakar, Society Secretary Badugu Saidulu, and Joint Secretary Tirupati extended their congratulations. The Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Welfare Gurukul Educational Institutions Society emphasized that the achievement reflects their commitment to nurturing students' talents beyond academics. Secretary Saidulu noted that the students were trained at Hussain Sagar under the super-

vision of the Yacht Club. The third phase of their specialized sailing training was held from July 1 to July 20. He proudly shared that three students winning national-level medals is a significant outcome of the initiative. The society aims to identify and cultivate talent by offering continuous training and national/international exposure. Saidulu further revealed that the medal winners will be groomed for the 2026

Asian Games and 2028 Olympics, with intensive training planned to ensure they reach international standards. He urged students to balance academics with sports and leverage the government's support for holistic development. The BC Gurukul system remains dedicated to providing equal opportunities and encouraging students from marginalized communities to compete on national and global platforms.

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R. Devender Dasiya, Deputy Range Officer (DRO) at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, was felicitated on his retirement after completing over 32 years of distinguished service in the Forest Department. The farewell ceremony was held in the presence of J. Vasantha, IFS, Curator of Nehru Zoological Park, who, along with M. Barnoba, Deputy Curator, Dr. M.A. Hakeem, Deputy Director (Veterinary), and other staff, honored the outgoing officer with a

shawl, flower garland, and memento. J. Vasantha praised Devender Dasiya as a committed and sincere officer who served with integrity throughout his career. He began his journey as a Forest Beat Officer in 1993, later rising through the ranks to become a Forest Section Officer and ultimately Deputy Range Officer. He played a key role in managing the animal spectrum at the zoo. Several speakers lauded Dasiya's punctuality, discipline, and dedication, highlighting his valuable contribution to zoo operations.

Allegations of Irregularities in NIMS Hospital Parking Tender Spark Public Outcry

Continued operation without valid contract raises transparency, favoritism concerns

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Allegations of procedural lapses and favoritism have surfaced over the management of the parking tender at Nizam’s Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), one of Hyderabad’s premier public healthcare institutions. Despite the official expiration of the previous parking contract on December 31, 2024, the same private vendor continues to operate the facility — reportedly without a valid, renewed agreement. A new tender notification has been issued recently, but the eligibility criteria outlined in the document are drawing criticism for being overly specific and seemingly tailored to suit the incumbent vendor,



prompting allegations of favoritism and lack of fair competition. **Informal Extensions Raise Red Flags** According to reliable sources, NIMS management has allegedly extended the contract informally, bypassing standard tendering protocols. This has raised concerns about transparency, accountability, and adherence to procurement norms within the institution, which operates under public funding.

Policy vs. Practice: Paid Parking in Government Hospitals Adding fuel to the controversy is the policy contradiction. Most government hospitals in Telangana reportedly do not allow paid parking, in keeping with public service values. The existence of a paid parking facility within NIMS stands in contrast to this broader approach. “This is a clear example of commercializing public hospital spaces,” said a local healthcare activist.

“There is no transparency, and the poor patients who come to NIMS for affordable treatment are being burdened with parking fees unnecessarily.” **Activists Demand Immediate Action** Patient rights groups and civil society organizations have voiced their concern, demanding that the Health Department immediately suspend parking fee collection and launch an investigation into the tendering process. Critics are urging the authorities to scrap the current tender and initiate a new process that is open, fair, and rooted in public interest. **Calls for Government Oversight** The issue has triggered broader calls for enhanced government oversight in public health infrastructure, especially regarding

outsourced, revenue-generating services on hospital premises. Critics warn that institutional autonomy is being misused and must not come at the cost of public welfare. **Citizens Urge State Intervention** With growing public attention, citizens and activists are now calling on the Telangana State Government and Health Department to step in. They demand that hospital premises remain non-commercial spaces, aligned with their core mission of affordable and accessible healthcare. As the debate intensifies, the spotlight remains firmly on NIMS administration and the state health authorities to clarify their position, uphold procedural integrity, and restore public trust.

BRS Slams Congress for Minority Neglect, Demands Immediate Action from Revanth Govt

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) minority leaders, led by former Deputy Chief Minister Mohammad Mahmood Ali, strongly criticized the Congress-led Telangana government for failing to fulfill its election promises to minority communities. At a press conference held at Telangana Bhavan, they accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of ignoring minorities in governance and welfare schemes. Mahmood Ali highlighted that while former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) appointed a Muslim as Deputy Chief Minister and introduced schemes benefiting minorities, the Revanth Reddy government has not even appointed a single minister from the minority community. “Not a single rupee has been allocated to minority welfare in the budget,” he alleged. The leaders also pointed out the unfulfilled promises

made in the Congress manifesto, such as introducing a minority sub-plan and increasing salaries for Imams and Mauzams. “KCR started a unique system of providing regular salaries to Imams and Mauzams—something not seen anywhere else in the country. Today, even those payments are irregular, and additional bureaucratic hurdles are being imposed,” Mahmood Ali said. They criticized the requirement for Imams and Mauzams to produce income certificates, calling it unjust and impractical. “How can someone with no steady income produce an income certificate? The government must immediately lift this absurd rule,” they demanded. BRS leaders accused the Congress government of un-

dermining Ganga-Jamuna tehzeeb (composite culture) and ignoring the condition of minority-run educational institutions like Gurukuls. They urged the government to release pending pre-matric and post-matric scholarships for minority students and revive the overseas scholarship scheme introduced during KCR’s tenure. The press conference also saw calls for an additional MLC seat to be given to the minority community and for a minister from the community to be appointed to oversee the Minority Welfare Department. “Shabbir Ali may be serving as CM’s advisor, but justice remains elusive for minorities under this administration,” Mahmood Ali remarked.

This people's govt will implement every scheme as promised, the Congress adhere its word:TPCC Dr Srirangam

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AICC Telangana in-charge Smt. Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC President Shri Mahesh Goud Bomma launched the "Janahita" Padayatra programme across the state from Rangapur village from the Parigi constituency. Speaking at the program, Satyam Srirangam said that there is an opportunity to take government schemes to the people, prepare for the party's victory in the local body elections, and get to know the problems at the



field level directly along with the enthusiasm of the Congress cadre and solve them. A large number of legislators, former legislators, corporation chairmen, district party presidents, affiliated organization chairman, B Block President Thumu Venu, AMC Vice Chair-

man Prakash Mudiraj, Balajinagar Division President Krishna Rajput, Sappidi Bhaskar, Raghu-pathi Reddy, Kumar Yadav, Kukatpally constituency Congress cadre, public representatives and Congress party workers participated in this program in the large scale.

BJP Welcomes Malegaon Verdict, Questions Congress' Moral Right for Padayatra

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BJP Telangana State President Shri N. Ramchandra Rao has welcomed the NIA court’s verdict acquitting seven accused in the 2008 Malegaon blasts case, calling it a setback to the Congress party’s alleged conspiracy to disrupt national security and religious harmony. Speaking at the BJP State Office, Ramchandra Rao said, “The court’s verdict exposes how the Congress



party tried to malign individuals and communities for political gains. People must take note of this failed conspiracy.” He also welcomed the Supreme Court’s recent verdict directing the Telangana Speaker to decide

within three months on the disqualification petitions against MLAs who defected from BRS to Congress. “This is a significant step toward upholding democratic values,” he said, urging the Speaker to act swiftly

and in accordance with the Constitution. Criticizing the Congress government in Telangana, Rao accused it of abusing the Anti-Defection Law, originally amended by former PM Rajiv Gandhi, by luring opposition MLAs—similar to what BRS allegedly did in the past. He questioned the credibility of the Congress’ ongoing “Janahita Padayatra,” demanding clarity on whether it truly serves public interest or is

merely a political drama. He slammed the Congress for failing to fulfill promises made in its election manifesto and declarations—targeted at students, youth, BCs, SCs, STs, farmers, and women. Rao demanded that the Congress government release a white paper detailing the implementation status of its six guarantees and election promises. “Without this, the Congress has no moral right to go before the people,” he concluded.

Ridhi Mehra Unveils ‘Becoming Her’ Bridal Line in Hyderabad

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Acclaimed fashion designer Ridhi Mehra unveiled her latest bridal couture collection, “BECOMING HER,” in a glittering showcase held in Hyderabad on Wednesday evening. Marking her debut launch in the city, the event drew an elite crowd of fashionistas, influencers, and socialites. The launch was tastefully hosted by Aashi Jain and Vandana Arora, who infused energy and charm into the evening. The collection, described as a celebration of the individuality, grace, and evolving identity of the modern Indian bride, was met with praise for its fusion of tradition and contemporary finesse. Among the prominent guests present were Trishala Kamath, Tanusha Bajaj, Charul Gupta, Bina Mehta, Trushna Tiberwal, and Divya Bopanna, all of whom added star



power to the glamorous night. Guests were seen admiring the intricate craftsmanship and rich detailing that have become synonymous with Mehra’s aesthetic. The event wasn’t just a fashion showcase—it was a celebration of womanhood and transformation. Speaking about the collection, Ridhi Mehra said, “Becoming Her is about embracing the journey of becoming who you truly are—confident, strong, and beautiful.” With “Becoming Her,” Ridhi Mehra has once again reaffirmed her place in India’s couture landscape, giving Hyderabad a night to remember and brides a reason to shine.

Create. Connect. Celebrate – Design for Telangana–NE Fest!

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In anticipation of the Telangana–North East India Connect: A Techno-Cultural Festival, the Governor’s Secretariat at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad, has launched a nationwide creative contest calling for entries in logo design, tagline writing, and poster preparation. Aimed at strengthening cultural and technological ties between Telangana and the eight North Eastern states—Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura—the festival will be held in two phases from

November 25–27 and December 2–4, 2025, in Hyderabad. Open to all individuals across India—including students, artists, designers, and the general public—the competition seeks original and theme-aligned submissions. Logos must be high-resolution and editable (PNG and AI/CDR/PSD), taglines must be in English and under 10 words, and posters should be in A4 or A3 digital format with a minimum of 300 dpi resolution (PDF or PNG). All entries should reflect the core message of cultural unity, technological exchange, and regional harmony. Interested participants

must email their entries to telangananortheastconnect@gmail.com by August 15, 2025, using the subject line Entry for Logo/Tagline/Poster [Your Name]. Submissions should include the participant’s full name, age and occupation, contact number, email, ID/address proof, and a 50–100 word concept note. Winners will be awarded cash prizes: ₹20,000 for best poster design, ₹15,000 for best logo design, and ₹5,000 for best tagline. Raj Bhavan invites creative minds from all corners of the country to join in this celebration of shared heritage and innovation.

BJP's State chief N Ramchander Rao attended as chief guest



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In the Chandrayangutta constituency Maru bonam Celebrations held in the grandeur manner for this event BJP's state unit chief Mr . Ramchander Rao invited under the aegis of BJP's Chandrayangutta convenor Aedla Pandarinath on Thursday July 31 In this programme all division presidents and contested MLA participated. In detail all division presidents ...Prabhaker,Sai Prasad,Madhu Sudhan,ranjith, ,

Laxman Yadava , S Ravi...Niranjan Yadav president BNZilla , koudi mahender contested MLA chandrayangutta, bokka bhagya Laxmi Madhusudhan,issadan Madhuker reddy corporator,naveen yadav, Mahender reddy,Srikanth reddy,srinath,kamati Mahesh,madari chandra sheker , ponna srinivas,P.Ravi kumar,Devender,Naresh,praveen yadav,venkatesh,talak raj ,pradeep,Swapna,jyothi Jayasree,Laxmi..

Kavitha Vows to Fight for Vishwakarmas, Slams Congress & BJP

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In a strong statement of support to the Vishwakarma community, Telangana Jagruthi leader and MLC K. Kavitha declared that the organization will stand firmly with Vishwakarmas until Government Order (GO) 411 is amended. Addressing a meeting of Vishwakarma Sangam leaders, she criticized both the Congress and BJP governments for their repeated neglect of the community’s rights and welfare.MLC Kavitha questioned the diversion of Vish-

wakarma welfare funds, pointing out that large companies like Malabar Gold and other MSMEs are benefiting from government loans worth hundreds of crores, while middle-class Vishwakarmas are being excluded. "It is not right that funds meant for Vishwakarmas are being handed over to others," she said, affirming that Telangana Jagruthi will fight to protect and reclaim these entitlements.She took a sharp dig at the Congress party, recalling its electoral promise to build a dedicated mall for Vishwakarmas.

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In a strongly-worded political offensive, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana unit announced a Maha Dharna under the aegis of the OBC Morcha, to be held on August 2 at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, demanding justice for backward classes (BCs). Senior state and national leaders of the BJP are expected to par-



ticipate. At a meeting of key BJP OBC Morcha leaders from Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, and surrounding districts, BJP State President N.

Ramchandra Rao took aim at the Congress government, accusing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of deceiving BCs with empty promises made during his tenure

as PCC president and in the Kamareddy Declaration. The BJP criticized the recent cabinet meeting where, after a three-hour discussion, the CM reportedly declared that the 42% BC reservation in local body elections and jobs is not under the state’s purview. Calling it a betrayal, BJP leaders questioned why the Chief Minister rushed to Delhi instead of acting on his prom-

ises. The BJP further alleged a conspiracy to include Muslims under BC quota for political gain, terming it an attempt to implement religious-based reservations, first in Telangana, and eventually across India. Targeting former MLC Kavitha, BJP leaders mocked her proposed 72-hour hunger strike, questioning her moral authority to speak for BCs after years in

power without delivering on BC welfare. Asserting that the Congress and BRS have failed the BC community, BJP said it is committed to exposing the political manipulation of BC reservations. The party reiterated its promise to make a BC leader the Chief Minister if voted to power. All BC organizations and intellectuals were urged to join the protest in large numbers.

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 Pi-prahwa 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 as-sociation with Bhagwan Buddha and his noble teachings. It also illus-trates our commitment to preserving and protecting different aspects of our glorious culture. ”He recalled that the Pi-prahwa relics were dis-covered 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 re-turned home. I appreciate all those who have been involved in this effort,” the Prime Minister added.

Trump Tariffs to Hit NRIs’ Family Budgets in US

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United States President Donald Trump’s decision to impose a 25 per cent tariff on Indian imports is set to impact thousands of Indians living in America, as the prices of several es-sential products are ex-pected to go up sharply from the first week of Au-gust. Items like rice, pulses, clothing, dec-oration items, and ethnic groceries, all of which are commonly exported from India, will now become more expensive for the In-dian population in the country. M. Ramesh, a software engineer from Warangal living in New Jersey, said: “Rice is a must in our household. We used to buy a 10 kg bag for around \$30, which is al-ready very costly. But the tariffs might increase the price to \$40 or above. It will burden almost every middle-class Indian family here.” Supriya, a student in Dallas, said: “I work a part-time job for my expenses here, and this does not even fully sustain me. Even small

things like pickles and tur-meric powder going up in price will shoot up my monthly budget.” Although the impact of tariff imposition is yet to be discerned, retailers, wholesalers and unions are already expressing concern. The Confederation of Indian Textile In-dustry (CITI) said that the tariff rate for India pres-ents a stiff challenge for India’s textile sector. K. Raghavendra, a partner in an Indian supermarket in New Jersey, said that they are expecting revisions in prices from their sup-pliers. “Our shipments from India are already being taxed at higher rates, and we are prepar-ing ourselves for being charged with higher prices for commodities. Our wholesaler has already in-formed us that prices will rise even more. Starting next week, most of our In-dian stock will have new pricing.” Businessmen and re-tailers are expecting the Indian government to in-tervene and have trade calls with the US govern-ment.

Parliament Saw Several Adjournments Amidst Protest by the Opposition over SIR

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Parliament witnessed repeated disruptions and multiple adjourn-ments on Thursday as Opposition parties vo-cally protested against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of elec-toral rolls in Bihar and demanded a discussion on the issue. In the Lok Sabha, the proceedings began at 11 a.m. but were ad-journed within seven minutes after a brief congratulatory message on the successful launch of the Indo-US NISAR satellite. As Opposition members raised slogans, Speaker Om Birla appealed for order and questioned their intent to debate: “Were you elected to shout slogans?” When the House re-convened at 2 p.m., protests resumed with members entering the Well, prompting



another adjournment until 4 p.m. Upon re-turn, Union Minister Pi-yush Goyal addressed the House on the US-imposed 25% tariff on Indian goods. However, immediately after, pro-testing MPs surged into the Well again, result-ing in Birla adjourning the House for the day. The Rajya Sabha also faced continuous dis-ruptions, with Opposi-tion members demanding Prime Min-ister Narendra Modi re-spond to the debate on Operation Sindoor and

objecting to a statement by Union Home Minis-ter Amit Shah. Deputy Chairman Har-ivansh urged both sides to reach consensus and allow listed business. Yet, Opposition MPs continued sloganeering. Even appeals for deco-rum by Chairpersons Ghanshyam Tiwari and Sasmit Patra went un-heeded. Leader of the Opposi-tion Mallikarjun Kharge criticized the Home Minister’s “main akela hi nipat lunga” re-mark, calling it an in-

sult to the entire Oppo-sition. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju defended the government, stating the PM had already re-sponded in the Lok Sabha for over an hour and a half. He said the Opposition had no au-thority to dictate who should speak in which House. Later, Piyush Goyal made a suo motu statement on the US tariffs in the Rajya Sabha, after which the House too was ad-journed for the day.

Didi: Each Durga Puja Committee to Get Rs 1.10 Lakhs This Year, BJP Calls It a Waste

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Riding the sentiment of Bangaliana amid attacks on Bengali speaking mi-grant workers outside West Bengal ahead of the Assembly Election in 2026, chief minister Ma-mata Banerjee on Thurs-day hiked the dole of her government to each orga-niser of Durga Puja this year from Rs 85,000 to a whopping Rs 1,10,000. This would however cost the cash-strapped state government around Rs 400 crores to sponsor the grand festival. BJP has come down heavily on her for the decision and called it “a waste of taxpayers’ hard earned money”. Ms Banerjee said at the puja organisers’ prepara-tory meeting in Netaji In-door Stadium, “Last time I gave Rs 85000. Should I make it Rs 90,000 this time? Let me see who wants what? 90 (thou-sand)...95 (thousand)...1 (lakh)? Okay, 1.10 lakhs. Happy now?! The puja should be full of joy. Joy Maa Durga, Joy Bangla.”

Her announcement trig-gered a huge round of ap-plause instantly in the audience. The CM also informed that the puja committees would get a rebate of 80 per cent on the electricity bills. She further waived all the government fees includ-ing fire brigade. Attacking Ms Banerjee, state BJP president Sa-meek Bhattacharya said, “Devi Durga, irrespective of whether the CM pro-vides funds or not, will come down to Bengal from Kailash at proper time. But this time, Maa Durga will however create a platform for im-mersion before her depar-ture. Durga Puja will happen regardless of her funds.” He added, “At a time, the CM is telling the Supreme Court in affi-davits of having no money to pay DA arrears to its employees, she is making such announce-ments. This is a waste of taxpayers’ hard-earned money. It is not the gov-ernment’s job to sponsor pujas.”

BJP Slams Congress over 'Hindu Terror' Narrative After Malegaon Verdict

Mumbai
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Political one-upmanship has intensified in the wake of the special NIA court’s verdict acquitting all seven accused in the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case. The BJP has accused previous Con-gress-led governments of falsely implicating the ac-cused for political gain, while opposition parties have demanded that the current government ap-pel the verdict. Follow-ing the acquittals, Maharashtra chief minis-ter Devendra Fadnavis posted on X, “Terrorism was never saffron, is not and will never be.” Mr Fadnavis further al-leged that the Congress, while heading the UPA

coalition, coined terms like “Hindu terrorism” and “saffron terror” to counter the global narra-tive of “Islamic terror-ism” after the 9/11 attacks. “Cogress must apologise for spreading the fake narrative of saf-fron terrorism. With the court acquitting all the accused individuals in the Malegaon case, the Con-gress’s conspiracy to de-fame Hindus also stands exposed today,” he said. Echoing this sentiment, senior BJP leader and former minister Sudhir Mungantiwar alleged that the previous ruling parties attempted to frame innocent individ-uals in the case for vote-bank politics. “The verdict has validated the concerns we raised at the

time. The home depart-ment should now focus on identifying the actual perpetrators. We also need to reflect on the de-lays in such critical cases,” he said. Deputy chief minister Eknath Shinde also con-demned the Congress, stating that its use of the case for vote-bank pol-itics had now been ex-posed. “Though delayed, justice has finally been served. Truth can never be defeated. The Shiv Sena stood firmly with the accused from the start because we believed in their innocence. Those who tried to label Hindus as terrorists must now face the truth. The slogan ‘Garv se kaho, hum Hindu hain’ will now re-sonate across the nation

louder than ever,” Mr Shinde said. In response, the Con-gress strongly countered the BJP’s narrative. Ma-harashtra Congress pres-ident Harshwardhan Sapkal said that Nathu-ram Godse was the first terrorist in independent India. “While the accused have been acquitted, the key question remains—who carried out the bombing? The govern-ment must maintain a consistent stance on ter-rorism. If it appealed the 7/11 Mumbai train blasts verdict in the Supreme Court, it must also chal-lenge the Malegaon ver-dict in the High Court. Let’s not forget that the first terrorist in independ-ent India was Nathuram Godse, who assassinated

Mahatma Gandhi. Of the seven accused in that case, six were convicted. Though V.D. Savarkar was acquitted, the Ka-poor Commission report had later pointed fingers at him,” the Congress leader said. AIMIM leader and former MP Imtiaz Jaleel also de-manded that the Maha-rashtra government appeal the Malegaon ver-dict in the Bombay High Court. Referring to the Bombay High Court’s re-cent acquittal of all 12 ac-cused in the 2006 Mumbai train bombings, the former Lok Sabha member said, “Those ac-cused in the 7/11 case spent 19 years in jail be-fore being cleared. If both sets of accused are inno-cent, who then is respon-

sible for the attacks? The acquittals must be re-viewed without any reli-gious or caste bias.” Meanwhile, the lawyer representing the victims’ families has announced plans to challenge the ac-quittal in the High Court. Advocate Shahid Na-deem said, “It is deeply unfortunate that we had to wait 17 years for this judgment. But let it be clear — the victims are not to blame for the ac-quittal. They have only suffered. They came all the way from Malegaon to show their wounds and seek justice. The court had to give the benefit of the doubt because the in-vestigating agencies failed. This is a failure of the ATS and the govern-ment, not the victims.

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

New delhi
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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 dur-ing the UPA era had been eliminated under the Modi government’s recent counter-terror opera-tions—Operation Sindoor and Operation Mahadev.In a sharp politi-cal offensive during par-ticipation in debate on Operation Sindoor, Shah accused the Con-gress, particularly former Home Minister P. Chi-dambaram, of shielding Pakistan-backed narra-tives for the sake of "vote-bank politics".He alleged that the UPA government was reluctant to take strong action against ter-rorists and instead relied on diplomatic paperwork. “Under Operation Sin-door, 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 fu-ture.”Hitting out at Chi-dambaram 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 Min-ister 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 Lash-ka-r's proxy outfit, The Re-sistance 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 ap-parent swipe at Chidam-baram, 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 Con-gress?” he asked, pointing to what he termed a his-tory of inaction and weak responses under previous governments.The Opposi-tion, 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.

Donald Trump slams India and Russia as ‘dead economies’ after tariff stand-off

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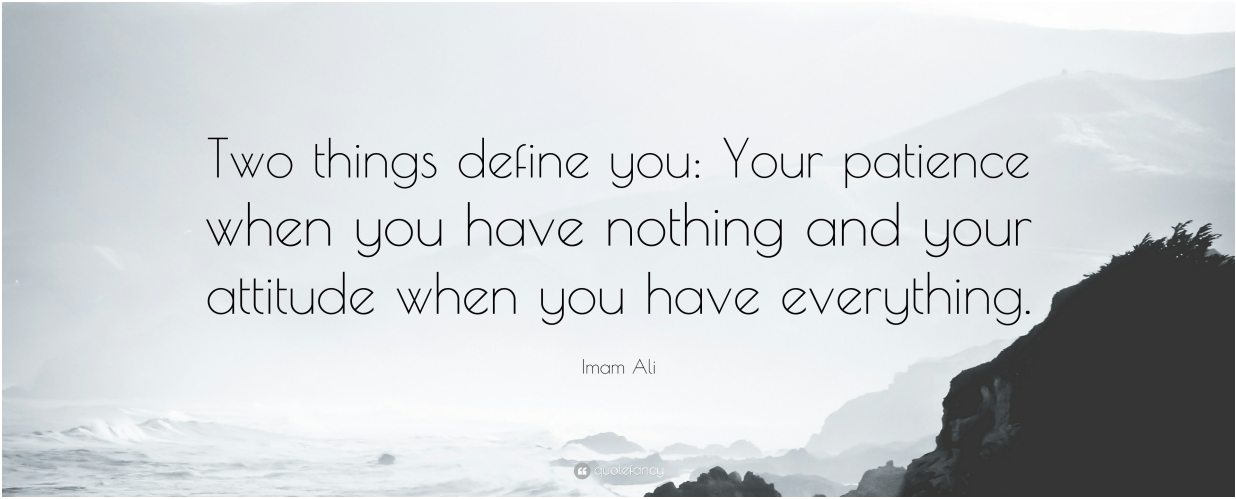
Donald Trump has de-scribed India as a “dead economy” and said the US does “very little busi-ness” with the country, ratcheting up his fiery rhetoric against the world’s fifth-largest econ-omy as the two sides hit an impasse over his threat of 25 per cent tariffs on Indian goods. The US president, writing on his Truth Social plat-form early on Thursday, attacked India alongside its long-standing defence and trade partner Russia, after warning a day earlier that he would penalise New Delhi for buying Russian weapons and energy. “I don’t care what India does with Russia,” Trump wrote. “They can take their dead economies down together, for all I care.

“We have done very little business with India, their Tariffs are too high, among the highest in the World,” he added. India and the US traded goods worth more than \$129bn in 2024, and the US is India’s largest trad-ing partner. The two coun-tries have also built a strategic relationship on defence, technology, and other areas, based in large part on a shared desire to contain China. But New Delhi is also the second-largest buyer of Russian oil by value, after China, and Moscow re-mains its main source of arms, though Indian gov-ernments including that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have sought to di-versify its weapons pro-curement in recent years, including from France, the US and Israel. India’s blue-chip Nifty 50 stock index slipped 0.3 per cent on Thursday after

the tariff level was an-nounced. The rupee was little changed after ini-tially falling 0.3 per cent against the dollar to a five-month low. The 25 per cent tariff — which is just one percent-age point lower than the rate Trump initially un-veiled on his “liberation day” in April — is set to take effect on 1 August. But Indian officials have not confirmed receipt of a letter from Washington formally notifying them of the move, and Trump later on Wednesday sug-gested the sides were still in negotiations, telling re-porters: “We’ll see what happens.” The stand-off leaves India as a relative outlier after the EU, Japan, South Korea and others have bowed to Washington’s tariff pressure and agreed trade deals. Modi’s gov-ernment on Wednesday said it would “take all

steps necessary to secure our national interest”. Analysts at Mumbai-headquartered Axis Bank estimated the 25 per cent tariff would have a \$10bn incremental impact on In-dian exports, even though the country’s economy is largely domestically driven. Kunal Kundu, India economist at Société Gén-érale, said the tariffs could “dampen domestic sen-timent”. “India’s expectation of maintaining a relative tar-iff advantage over com-petitors in labour intensive exports has been undermined,” he said. “However, the disadvan-tage is not excessively se-vere.” The US president’s com-ments on India and its re-lationship with Russia will further inflame bilat-eral tensions at a time when many Indians are angry over Trump’s re-

marks about Pakistan, fol-lowing a brief military conflict between the south Asian adversaries in May. Trump on Wednesday also announced a deal with Pakistan that would involve “developing their massive Oil Reserves”, adding: “Who knows, maybe they’ll be selling Oil to India some day!” in remarks that appeared de-signed to annoy Indians. According to people briefed on the talks in New Delhi and Washing-ton, India’s tough stance on protecting its foodgrain and dairy markets was a big sticking point. India did not want to open the markets, on which hun-dreds of millions of people rely for their liveli-hoods, to US competition. India’s largest single ex-port to the US is mobile phones, thanks in large part to Apple’s recent push to relocate produc-tion of US-bound .



FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL, BHARAT'S HANDCRAFTED ASCENT

Today, a Banarasi weaver or a Kutch embroiderer is not just preserving a legacy, she is defining contemporary luxury and powering exports. At the centre of this transformation is Samarth, the government's flagship skilling 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.

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to direct the state government to appoint an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the mutation process and the role of revenue officials. Strong opposition came from senior counsels B. Chandrasen Reddy, Sri Raghuram, and T. Surya Satish, who appeared on behalf of the land purchasers, including the IAS and IPS officers named in the case. They argued that the petitioners were making deliberate and baseless accusations and were attempting to malign their reputations.

Big B calls Indian Armed Forces his pride after Navy warship visit

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Megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who spent an entire day on an Indian Navy warship, has showcased his “admiration and pride” for the Indian Armed Forces, honouring their sacrifice and silent service for the nation. Amitabh first took to X, where he shared that he spent an entire day on an Indian Navy warship. He wrote: “T 5457 – An experience of a lifetime – an entire day spent on an Indian Navy Destroyer... pride, and honour for our fighting forces (sic).” The icon then took to his blog, where he shared pictures from the day spent



and wrote: “You hear about the strength of our Forces .. you hear the stories of valour about our soldiers that sacrifice their lives for us all .. you discover and learn the armoured vessels that fight, so you and I can get a peaceful sleep.” Big B honoured the selfless sacrifice of the sol-

diers. “You marvel at the dedication and will of our fighting men and women .. and you come back to the comfort of your home, when they that fight for your peace and calm and the very existence, put in their uniformed incredible effort to bring us our safety.”

He added: “Then you realise and give brave thoughts to the men and women of our fighting forces, and fall short for words in describing their unstinted contribution for the Nation ..” Big B feels guided to a deeper, often unseen truth about our armed forces. “I come back today with the utmost learning for the Day .. and feel almost as though .. that from yesterday a guided hand brings me to the aspect of our forces which is never well known .. a prediction ... I have learnt .. I have known .. I am in pride .. and knowledge of much that should remain filled with secrecy.”

Bipasha shares adorable glimpse of Karan as a devoted ‘girl dad’

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Bollywood actress Bipasha Basu in a playful video showcased how life has taken a tender turn for her “Mr. Macho,” Karan Singh Grover, ever since he became a father to their baby girl Devi. Bipasha shared a video on Instagram, where her husband Karan and daughter Devi are seen twinning in blue. The father-daughter duo are seen standing in front of a mirror and dancing. Behind the camera is Bipasha, who is heard telling Karan: “Papa, hold your dress and dance. Father of a girl child. This is your life now Mr.



Macho.” “Girl Dad #girl-dad,” she wrote as the caption. Bipasha and Karan first met on the sets of their film “Alone” and the two soon fell in love. The couple tied the knot on April 30, 2016. In August 2022, they welcomed their first child, a daughter named Devi Basu Singh Grover. On the work front, the

46-year-old actress made her Bollywood debut with the thriller “Ajanabee” in 2001. She gained wider attention with the erotic thriller “Jism” in 2003 and went on to star in films like “No Entry,” “Dhoom 2,” “Phir Hera Pheri,” “All the Best: Fun Begins,” “Race,” and “Bachna Ae Haseeno.” In the 2010s, she made a mark in the horror genre with films such as “Raaz 3D,” “Aatma,” “Creature 3D,” and “Alone.” After taking a break from acting, Bipasha returned to the screen in 2020 with the web series “Dangerous,” a crime thriller co-starring Karan Singh Grover, Sonali Raut, Natascha Suri, Suyyash Rai,

and Nitin Arora. In June, Bipasha revealed who her daughter Devi’s ‘favorite human’ is. She took to Instagram to wish her father, Hira Basu, on his birthday and revealed that he is her little girl’s favorite person. For the caption, the ‘Phir Hera Pheri’ actress wrote, “Happy Birthday to the best Father in the world Stay healthy, happy , witty, funny joyous forever We all are so lucky to have you as our Papa... Devi’s favourite Human- Her Dadu.” The actress also added The Kiboomers’ popular track ‘I Love You Daddy,’ as a background score for the video.

Movie Review: ‘Kingdom’ a tale of two brothers, duty and destiny

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Set in the early 90s, Kingdom follows constable Soori (Vijay Deverakonda) whose search for his missing brother takes him far away from home. The trail leads to Sri Lanka, where Shiva (Satya Dev) has become a key player in a smuggling ring. To bring his brother back and uncover the crime network, Soori goes undercover, enters the gang and earns his brother’s trust. What be-

gins as a mission slowly turns into an emotional battle, will the bond of blood bring them together, or will their paths remain divided? The film takes its time to set the mood in the first half, focusing on Soori’s silent chase and the slow burn of suspicion. Once the second half kicks in, the action and drama pick up pace with confrontations and larger set-pieces. There are sequences that briefly remind you of films like Khaleja, Magadheera and

Baahubali in their staging, but these influences feel organic to the story rather than borrowed distractions. While the storyline is simple, the mood and tension keep you curious till the end. The climax ends with a hint that the story is not over yet. In the final moments, Soori is shown being treated like a king by a tribal group. Will they learn about his undercover mission? Will they still accept him as their leader? Will Murugan’s brother take re-



venge? These questions are left open for the next part. Vijay Deverakonda is the heart of Kingdom. He doesn’t overdo a single emotion, keeping Soori

grounded and believable throughout. You can sense the conflict in his eyes more than in his words. Satya Dev slips into Shiva with ease, bringing a mix of toughness and a hint of

pain that makes you want to know more about him. Their scenes together, especially when the masks come off, are among the highlights. Venkitesh V P as Murugan brings strength in a quieter way and adds depth whenever he appears. Bhagyashri Borse doesn’t get much scope this time, but she fits the story’s tone. Rest of the characters, including Ayyappa Sharma, Mahesh Achanta, Rajkumar Kasireddy, Ravi, Rohini, feel natural in their

spaces, which helps the world of the film stay authentic. Director Gowtam Tinnanuri, known for his strong character-driven stories, handles this film in a more stylish way. He keeps the focus on emotions in the first half and goes bigger with action in the second half. On the technical side, Kingdom scores well. The camera-work by Girish Gangadharan and Jomon T John paints Sri Lanka with a gritty beauty, especially in the action sequences. Anirudh’s background score

blends well with the mood; it never takes over, but it keeps the tension alive. The action choreography by Real Satish, Yannick Ben and Chethan D’Souza, is neat and stylish without going overboard. Editing by Naveen Nooli is sharp in both parts. Kingdom may not be a brand-new story, but it stands out for being clean, focused and engaging. With neat action, honest emotion and no unnecessary songs or dragged drama, it keeps you hooked.

BUSSINESS

Karnataka launches Rs 1,000-cr Quantum Mission

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Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday announced the Karnataka Quantum Mission (KQM), backed by a Rs 1,000 crore fund, to build a USD 20 billion quantum economy in the state. This will be part of Karnataka’s Quantum Vision 2035. CM was addressing the inaugural event of the first edition of the ‘Quantum India Bengaluru’ summit, organised by the

Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTePS), Department of Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka, in collaboration with IISc Quantum Technology Initiative (IQTI). “As the world celebrates 2025 as the International Year of Quantum, I am proud to announce Karnataka’s Quantum Vision 2035. By 2035, we aim to create 10,000 high-skilled jobs and establish Karnataka as the Quantum Cap-

ital of Asia,” he added. According to him, KQM will promote R&D, skilling, infrastructure, and startups. “A Quantum Technology Task Force will guide policy, while dedicated quantum parks, manufacturing zones, and Q-City will foster innovation,” he added. He also said Karnataka’s integrated quantum hub, or Q-City, will position India as a global leader, just as Bengaluru did for IT. Chief Minister explained that Karnataka.

Samsung, Startup India Team Up to Empower Young Innovators

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Samsung, India’s top consumer electronics brand, has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Startup India to boost youth innovation and entrepreneurship, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. The partnership integrates Samsung’s flagship programme Solve for Tomorrow with Startup India’s wide network of incubators, accelerators, and policy support systems. The initiative aims to empower students and early-stage startups from remote



and underserved regions by offering access to infrastructure, mentorship, funding, and market linkages. This strategic collaboration aligns with national missions like Digital India, Skill India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat by focusing on grassroots-level talent and tech-driven problem-solving. This year, Solve for Tomorrow saw young inno-

vators emerge from far-flung districts like Samastipur (Bihar), Guntur (Andhra Pradesh), Baramulla (Jammu & Kashmir), and Cachar (Assam), among the Top 100 short-list. Participants were challenged to build impactful solutions across four critical themes: AI for an inclusive Bharat, health and well-being, sports and education for

social change, and environmental sustainability through technology. Speaking on the occasion, SP Chun, Corporate Vice President of Samsung Southwest Asia, emphasized the goal of creating an inclusive innovation culture. “Our partnership with Startup India strengthens the vision of making India a global innovation hub by nurturing change makers from every corner of the country,” he said. Joint Secretary of DPIIT, Shri Sanjiv, noted that this collaboration would catalyze India’s growth by enabling youth-led

innovation. “By encouraging entrepreneurship in smaller cities, we are furthering the vision of self-reliant India,” he added. Launched globally in 2010 and active in 68 countries, Solve for Tomorrow has engaged over 3 million youth. In India, the 2025 edition includes grants of ₹1 crore for the Top 4 teams, ₹20 lakh for the Top 20 teams, and ₹8 lakh for the Top 40 teams. The incubation programme will also offer hands-on learning, prototype development, and opportunities to pitch to industry experts.

VLCC Launches Skilling Program with 100% Job Guarantee

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VLCC India, a leading name in the beauty and wellness sector, has joined hands with the Government of India’s skilling and vocational training mission, reinforcing its commitment to youth empowerment and employment generation. The company has launched a pioneering initiative offering 100% guaranteed job placement for all eligible students enrolled in its vocational training programs, along with scholarships of up to 100% for meritorious and un-



derserved candidates. This move aligns with the Government’s Skill India Mission and aims to bridge the skills-employability gap in the country. As part of the initiative, VLCC will offer industry-certified courses aligned with the National Skill Development Corporation

(NSDC) and Beauty and Wellness Sector Skill Council (B&WSSC). The program also includes university-certified degree programs, on-the-job training, internships with top industry partners, and entrepreneurship support for those looking to start their own ventures, especially in salon own-

ership and self-employment avenues. To facilitate wider access, VLCC has inaugurated 14 new institutes under its VLCC School of Beauty brand, taking its total number of training centers to over 106 across India. This expansion is especially focused on Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns, where access to structured skilling and employment opportunities remains limited. These institutes will offer 3-month “Job Ready Courses” designed to quickly upskill youth for careers in beauty, wellness, nu-

trition, and allied services. Vikas Gupta, Managing Director and CEO of VLCC, emphasized the transformative nature of the initiative. “This is more than a skilling initiative; it’s a movement. We are not just teaching job-ready skills; we are enabling confidence and financial independence for thousands of young Indians. With our heritage in beauty and wellness and strong industry linkages, we are proud to guarantee placement—not just promise it,” he said.

Adani Enterprises Q1 profit drops 49 per cent as coal trading business slumps

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Adani Enterprises Ltd, the flagship company of billionaire Gautam Adani’s group, on Thursday reported a 49 per cent decline in the June quarter profit as weak coal demand offset growth in the airport and mining units. The company posted a net profit of Rs 734 crore in April-June — the first quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year — compared with Rs 1,458 crore earning in the same period a year back, according to a company statement. A



drop in coal-fired power demand, mainly due to a milder summer and earlier-than-expected monsoon, weighed on the mainstay coal trading division of the company, which contributes 36 per cent of the revenue. It traded 17 per cent less volumes at 12.8 million tonnes during the quarter. Revenue from operations fell 14 per cent to Rs 22,437 crore, hurt by a 27 per cent decline in its

coal trading unit. “Results for the quarter impacted primarily on account of the decrease in trade volume and volatility of index prices in IRM (integrated resources management) and commercial mining,” the statement said. With increased passenger movement, the firm’s airport business saw pre-tax profit (EBITDA) jumping 61 per cent to Rs 1,094 crore. Besides coal trading, new energy business, too, saw an 11 per cent drop in revenue mainly because of lower volumes of solar module and wind turbine sales.

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India squad for Asia Cup women’s qualifiers

The Indian Under-20 women’s team head coach, Joakim Alexandersson announced on Thursday the 23-member squad for the AFC U20 Women’s Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers, scheduled to be held in Myanmar from August 6-10.

The Young Tigresses are placed in Group D, and will face Indonesia on August 6, Turkmenistan on August 8 and hosts Myanmar on August 10 at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. The group winners and the three best second-placed teams across all eight groups will qualify for the AFC U20 Women’s Asian Cup that will be held in Thailand in April next India had been training for the Qualifiers at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru, and as part of their preparations, they travelled to Tashkent to play two friendlies against Uzbekistan U20 earlier this month. Alexandersson’s side earned a resounding 4-1 win in the second game after drawing 1-1 in the first, providing good confidence ahead.



Pro Kabaddi League Returns To Vizag: Set To Kick Off On August 29

The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) is set to return for its 12th season – starting on August 29, 2025 – promising fans an electrifying kabaddi experience across four cities. The 2025 campaign will see the 12 teams battle for ultimate glory across Vizag, Jaipur, Chennai and Delhi. The tournament opens with a blockbuster weekend in Vizag at Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium, on Friday, with Telugu Titans facing Tamil Thalaivas and Bengaluru Bulls locking horns with Puneri Paltan in the second clash of the day.

On Saturday, August 30, the home side Telugu Titans will once again take the mat, this time against UP Yoddhas for the first match of the evening, before U Mumba take on the Gujarat Giants. Meanwhile, Super Sunday will witness Tamil Thalaivas and U Mumba battle it out, as the reigning champions Haryana Steelers start their title defence against the Bengal Warriorz, closing out an exciting opening three days of kabaddi action.



To Overcome Overseas Challenges is Always a Special Thing: Dhruv

Wicketkeeper batter Dhruv Jurel understands that performing in overseas conditions will push the stocks of a player up and is excited to turn out for India in the fifth Test against England in place of injured vice-captain Rishabh Pant. The 24-year-old Jurel has kept wickets for India in the last two Tests at the Lord's and Manchester while Pant dealt with multiple injuries, and now he will have to do that job full-time in the final game of the series as the visitors try to level the series 2-2.

To overcome challenges when you go overseas is always a special thing. If you perform overseas, people will rate you high so I am very excited, just want to go out and express myself," said Jurel in a video shared by the BCCI. "I am very excited to play because this match is very crucial for all of us. I am very excited to do that one thing which helps the team win," he added. Jurel, who made his Test debut against the same opponent last year at Rajkot, has so far played four Tests and has also done well with the bat making 202 runs at 40.40 with a fifty.

"A team man is one who does that one thing - whether you are playing or not - which helps the team win," said Jurel, who made his first dent at the Test arena with a resolute five-wicket win in company of Shubman Gill at Ranchi against England.

Celebrate Friendship Day at Wonderla with BOGO Tickets, DJs & Foam Parties

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Wonderla Holidays Ltd., India’s leading amusement park chain, is all set to celebrate Friendship Day with a high-energy two-day festival on August 2nd and 3rd. The celebration will take place across its parks in Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, and Bhubaneswar, offering a perfect mix of thrilling rides, vibrant entertainment, and exclusive online deals. As part of the celebration, Wonderla is in-



roducing a limited-time Buy 1 Get 1 Free offer on both entry tickets and ticket + food combos, available only through online booking until 9

AM on August 3rd via www.wonderla.com and select OTA partners. To ensure visitors get the most out of the festivities, Wonderla

parks in Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Kochi will remain open for 11 hours. The Friendship Day bash will feature an exciting lineup of activities throughout the day, including DJ sets at the wave pools, foam parties in all four parks, and high-energy dance parties with live DJs between 6 PM and 8 PM. Guests can also look forward to interactive games and contests, customized with a local flavor in each city.

Dheeran Choudhary,

Chief Operating Officer, Wonderla Holidays Ltd., said, “Wonderla has always been more than just a park—it’s where moments become memories. This Friendship Day, we invite people to go beyond texts and selfies, and reconnect through shared experiences. With 25 years of trusted excellence in safety, hygiene, and operations, Wonderla offers a space where bonds deepen, laughter echoes louder, and friendships are celebrated in their most real form. In a world

craving connection, we’re proud to be the destination where it still happens.” Whether it’s a long-planned reunion or a spontaneous weekend outing, Wonderla’s Friendship Day weekend promises the perfect setting to celebrate bonds of friendship. With festive energy, extended hours, and attractive offers, Wonderla is positioning itself as the go-to destination for unforgettable Friendship Day celebrations in 2025.

CM to inaugurate Telangana’s first-ever Sports Conclave on August 2

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The first edition of the Telangana Sports Conclave will be held at the HICC Convention Hall in the city on August 2, with Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy addressing the gathering to formally inaugurate the event.

“The main objective of the conclave is to assess the current high-performance sports ecosystem and create a structured development roadmap for Telangana. It will also focus on building an athlete-centric sports ecosystem — governance, funding, and policy alignment,

strengthening grassroots to elite pathways — infrastructure, coaching, and scouting frameworks,” informed Sports Authority of Telangana State VC & MD, A. Sonibala Devi. The speakers include Beijing Olympics gold medalist and shooter Abhinav Bindra, former international volleyballer and Arjuna Awardee Ravikanth Reddy, Tata Trusts Head of Sports Neelam Babardesai, and Adille Sumariwalla, vice-president of the World Athletics Federation.

“The role of private academies and corporate investment in high-performance sport, best practices from other states, and global athlete

development models will also be discussed during the day-long seminar, with well-known commentator Charu Sharma being the moderator,” she added.

Some of the distinguished panel speakers include London Olympics bronze medalist and ace shooter Gagan Narang, World Championship athletics bronze medalist Anju Bobby George, chief national badminton coach P. Gopi Chand, COO of Dream Sports Foundation Sumit Pandey, and COO of Inspire Institute of Belary Tathagata Mukherjee. The moderators for the Conclave will be well-known sports journalists G. Vishwanath of Mumbai

and Saba Nayakan of Kolkata.

“The second session will focus on expanding community sports and advancing physical literacy in Telangana, with a focus on developing strategies to increase grassroots sports participation, improve the sporting culture, and advance physical literacy,” the top SATG official said.

The Conclave will also discuss ensuring broad-based access to sports infrastructure at the district and community level, integrating sports and physical literacy into schools and colleges, and creating a blueprint for better participation,” Sonibala Devi said.

Batters shine in HCA B-division cricket matches



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Swaran Reddy recorded the highest score of the day (216 not out) for Elegant Cricket Club against Beema in the HCA B-Division two-day league cricket championship match here on Thursday. K. Praneeth Kumar (157) for Saleemnagar, Anshul Modi (122) and Ujjwal Yadav (113) for

Charminar, Syed Ghazi Abbas (108) and Huzaifa Imran Khan (149) for Ensconse, Parthiv Varma (112) and Guru Vidhwan (102 not out) for Kosaraju Cricket Club were the other centurions today in different matches. Warangal 205 in 63 overs (J. Pardhipan 49, M. Ramcharan 60, M. A. Malik 3/25) vs Khalsa 65/1 in 17 overs (Karan Pattnayak 49).

Bodoland FC secures first victory in Durand Cup with 2-1 win over Karbi Anglong

Bodoland FC registered their first win in the 134th IndianOil Durand Cup with a 2-1 victory over Karbi Anglong Morning Star FC. Goals from Gayary and Robinson secured the win

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Local favourites Bodoland FC (BDFC) registered their maiden win in the 134th edition of the IndianOil Durand Cup with a spirited 2-1 comeback victory over debutants Karbi Anglong Morning Star FC (KAMSFC) in a tense Group D fixture held at the SAI Stadium in Kokrajhar on Thursday.

After conceding an early goal to KAMSFC’s Nigerian forward Joseph Mayowa Olaleye, Bodoland showed resilience to claw back into the match, equalising through Gwngwsar Gayary before sealing the match-winner in the second half through Colombian striker Robinson Blandon Rendon. The win handed BDFC their first three points in the tournament and injected



fresh energy into their campaign.

The decisive moment came in the 60th minute, following a series of missed chances and high-octane midfield battles. A corner taken by Pedro was met by Abdul Samed, whose header was blocked but not fully cleared. BDFC captain Hazowary swung in a precise curling cross from the

left flank. Robinson, lurking inside the six-yard box, calmly slotted the ball between the goalkeeper’s legs to hand Bodoland a crucial 2-1 lead.

The match began with high intensity as both sides looked to gain early control. The opening goal came in the 25th minute when Karbi Anglong capitalised on a momentary lapse in the BDFC back-

line. A long clearance from Karbi Anglong defender Wellyster turned into a perfect assist as Olaleye showed pace and composure to beat the last defender and place a powerful low strike past Birkhang Diamary at the near post. The goal marked a dream start for KAMSFC, who were looking for their first win in their maiden Durand Cup ap-

pearance.

Unfazed by the early setback, BDFC gradually began to assert themselves. Their efforts paid off in the 37th minute when winger Gwngwsar Gayary brought the hosts level. A sweeping diagonal ball from midfield found Gayary in space on the left wing. His initial header into the box was poorly cleared by KAMSFC captain Harbamon Timung. Seizing the opportunity, Gayary regained possession and fired a well-placed shot past Karbi goalkeeper Wellyster Mendes to make it 1-1.

Bodoland FC’s head coach Vikash Panthi opted for a structured 4-2-3-1 formation, placing confidence in Colombian striker Robinson Blandon Rendon to lead the attack. The local crowd was treated to an energetic performance from

BDFC’s midfield trio, who provided balance and transition throughout the game.

Meanwhile, KAMSFC’s coach C.A. Laldinsang Pudaite made four key changes from their previous match, including starting Nigerian forward Olaleye up front. His decision nearly paid off as KAMSFC started the game with quick transitions and looked dangerous on the counter-attack. However, the lack of finishing precision and defensive lapses eventually cost them the game.

The game’s momentum shifted briefly in the 22nd minute when Karbi Anglong earned a free kick just outside the box after Olaleye was fouled. Joseph Bempah’s curling attempt from the set-piece forced a fine save from BDFC keeper Birkhang Diamary, who had to dive low to his right.



Telangana consular waiting area launched at US Consulate Hyderabad

The United States Consulate General Hyderabad and State government here on Thursday launched the consular waiting area, which will enhance the US government’s capacity to screen and process visas efficiently. Minister for IT & Industries D Sridhar Babu and US Consul General Jennifer Larson inaugurated the facility, which has been constructed by the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation. Located at the US Consulate General Hyderabad, the Telangana consular waiting area provides a covered space with chairs, restrooms and refreshment stalls, offering comfort and convenience to thousands of visa applicants and their families who visit the Consulate daily. Speaking on the occasion, Larson expressed gratitude to the State government for support. “As I conclude my time as US Consul General, I am so delighted to have this opportunity to reflect on this facility and how it stands as a great testament to the enduring strength.



Hyderabad: Nilayam Nikunj at Rashtrapati Nilayam now open for visitors

Nilayam Nikunj, the serene garden in the grounds of Rashtrapati Nilayam located in Bolarum, Secunderabad, is open for visitors starting August 1. The inauguration comes as President Droupadi Murmu completed three years in office on July 25. At the heart of the landscape is a rose garden adorned with topiaries, vibrant shrubs, and sculpted hedges. The facility also features a kids zone, an open-air Yoga zone, long paths for walking, and a musical instruments display. Seven time slots are available from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm after which entry will not be permitted. Although on weekends, visit timings are extended till 7:00 pm with the last entry being at 6:00 pm. Entry into the gardens is free for both Indian and foreign visitors, however, foreigners are required to carry a photo ID or Passport with them. Additionally, entry tickets of Rashtrapati Nilayam main campus are valid for Nilayam Nikunj visit as well. For any queries, visitors can contact the Visitors Facilitation Cell though the number: 040-29560518.



MLC Amer Ali Khan distributes stone cutting machines to 100 beneficiary-

As part of his mission to transform the lives of one lakh families, MLC Amer Ali Khan on Wednesday distributed stone cutting machines to 100 underprivileged individuals from across Telangana. The distribution event, marking the second phase of the initiative, was organised for Telangana Turka Kasha Sangsema Sangathan at the Siasat Auditorium in Hyderabad. The programme was marked by an atmosphere of enthusiasm and unity, with several speakers delivering powerful speeches. The speakers praised Amer Ali Khan for his consistent dedication to community development and reaffirmed their support for his ongoing efforts.

Telangana HC strengthens bench with four new appointments

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Four new judges were formally sworn in as Additional Judges of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday, further strengthening the capacity of the Bench. The oath of office was

administered by Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh during a brief ceremony held in the Court of the Chief Justice. The newly appointed judges are advocates Gouse Meera Mohiuddin, Chalapati Rao Suddala, Gadi Praveen Kumar, and Vakiti Ramakrishna Reddy.

KTR Welcomes SC Verdict, Dares Rahul to Disqualify Rebel MLAs

KTR Welcomes SC Verdict on Defection, Dares Rahul Gandhi to Act on ‘Paanch Nyay’

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BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) welcomed the Supreme Court’s verdict on the disqualification of defected MLAs and urged Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to walk the talk on his ‘Paanch Nyay’ promise by ensuring immediate action against the rebel legislators. In a sharp statement, KTR questioned Rahul Gandhi’s silence on the issue and demanded the Speaker act without delay to disqualify the ten MLAs who defected to Congress. “No further



inquiry is needed. These MLAs are openly participating in government programs. The Supreme Court has shown the way—now it’s time for action,” KTR said. He called the judgment a victory for democracy and thanked the Supreme Court for standing up against what he described as “malicious

and unconstitutional” practices. KTR accused the Congress of misusing the Speaker’s office and running an unethical government in Telangana. He added, “This verdict is a slap in the face of Congress’ defec-tion politics.” Challenging Rahul Gandhi directly, KTR said, “You speak of con-

stitutional values. Here is your chance to prove it. Will you implement your own idea of automatic disqualification?” He also praised the BRS legal team for their role in the judgment and saluted party workers for remaining loyal through political turmoil. Calling the decision a milestone in Indian democracy, KTR said the BRS was ready for the by-elections in all ten constituencies. “Let’s get to work. We have three months for the bypolls. Satyameva Jayate!” he tweeted, rallying his party for the electoral battle ahead.

GHMC intensifies mosquito prevention operations in Hyderabad

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has intensified anti-larvae operations in the city to protect people from the scourge of mosquitoes. In July alone, anti-larvae operations were undertaken by the GHMC in more than 15,500 colonies



and awareness programs were organised on precautions against mosquito

bites. So far, 34,45,357 households have been inspected

two or three times, and it was confirmed that 1.5 pc of the houses are affected by larvae, said the GHMC in a press release. programs were also held in 1700 schools and 320 colleges about the use of Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) for the same. GHMC Commissioner RV Karnam is monitoring the activities being carried out every day to prevent the spread of seasonal dis-

TCAAleges Rs 12-Cr HCA Scam, Demand Probe

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Secretaries from multiple districts of the Telangana Cricket Association (TCA) appeared before the crime investigation department (CID) police in Hyderabad to provide statements in connection with an alleged financial scandal involving the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA). The inquiry is on the alleged mis-appropriation of nearly Rs 12 crore funds released by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for cricket development over the past decade. The district secretaries submitted papers to CID officials, claiming that these funds were shown as debited under the names of HCA district

units but were allegedly misused. The secretaries demanded criminal proceedings and a thorough investigation into the role of several former HCA office-bearers and district secretaries over the last ten years. Those named in the complaint include Chekuri Venkat (Khammam), Chaganti Srinivas (Warangal), Kodati Pradeep (Adilabad), M. Rajasekhara (Mahbubnagar), A. Rajender Reddy (Medak), Venkat Reddy (Nizamabad) and Syed Ameenuddin (Nalgonda). The TCA office-bearers have called on the authorities to register criminal cases and initiate strict action against those responsible, stressing the need for full accountability and transparency in the management of public cricket funds.

Raja Singh welcomes acquittal in Malegaon blast case



Goshamahala MLA T. Raja Singh welcomed the acquittal of former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, Colonel Purohit, and others in the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case. In a video statement, Raja Singh stated, “After 17 years of suffering, the seven individuals falsely accused of orchestrating the Malegaon blast have finally been acquitted.” He alleged, “The Congress government played vote-bank politics by filing these cases to demonize Hindu sadhus and saints. They even labeled these incidents as ‘Bhagwa Aatankwad’ (saffron terror).” The MLA further claimed that the accused faced third-degree torture and coercion to confess.

Jubilee Hills bypoll: Congress aspirants start fighting over ticket

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Even as the Election Commission is yet to make any announcement regarding the Jubilee Hills constituency bye-elections, ticket aspirants within the Congress are already at loggerheads over who will get the ticket.

There is also a tiff between local and non-local leaders from the constituency. While probabilities like former Indian cricket captain Mohammed Azharuddin, Naveen Yadav and others are already emphasising their candidature, citing local identity, those from other constituencies are keen to contest the bye-elections. Azharuddin’s supporters have already set up huge banners and flexies near his residence and other areas in Banjara Hills. Earlier this week, BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar had stressed that local leaders would be accorded top priority in finalising candidates for the elections. However, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s close aides, Rohin Reddy and Faheem Qureshi, are also



evinced interest in contesting the elections, though they are considered non-locals in the constituency. Feroz Khan, who had represented the Congress from Nampally constituency in the 2023 elections, is also seriously pitching his candidature. Meanwhile, a few hopeful candidates in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are also vying to contest the bypoll. Names of Lankala Deepak Reddy, Madhavi Latha and a few others are doing the rounds among the probables in the party office. Both the national parties are very eager to contest the by-election, setting aside the general practice of not fielding candidates in case of the sudden death of a sitting MLA. It has been a tradition that family members of the deceased MLA are fielded from the respective party.

Couple end life after quarrel in Bachupally

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A couple died by suicide on Wednesday, July 30, in Hyderabad’s Bachupally after quarrelling over a domestic issue. The deceased were identified as Valpuri Durgangini 22, and Valpuri Srinivasulu, who were married in 2019. The couple lived in the watchman quarters of a building in Mithila Nagar, Bachupally. Bachupally sub-inspector Sandhya Reddy


said, “Durgangini and Srinivasulu were going through marital issues for the past 10 days. Durgangini hung herself in the room in the afternoon.” The sub-inspector further said that upon finding his wife dead, Srinivasulu fled to his sister’s home in Nizampet. “Srinivasulu then called Durgangini’s uncle, informing him that the woman was not responding to calls. Durgangini’s family went to Mithila Nagar and found her

dead,” Reddy added. The sub-inspector further said that Srinivasulu and his sister left for Mithila Nagar from Nizampet. However, the man stopped midway claiming that there was no petrol in his vehicle. After sending his sister to Mithila Nagar, Srinivasulu returned to his sister’s residence and took the extreme step. A case of suicide has been registered under section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

Netizens reacts to Rs 2 lakh nursery fee at Hyderabad private school

The fee structure for the nursery class of a prominent private school in Hyderabad left the internet divided, drawing sharp attention to the soaring cost of private education. The discourse was ignited by an X post by Dharma Party leader and TEDx speaker Anuradha Tiwari, who shared the fee structure of Nasr School in Hyderabad, starting at a staggering Rs 2,51,000, just to learn ABCD. “Now, learning ABCD will cost you Rs 21,000 per month. What are these schools even teaching to justify such a ridiculously high fee?” read her X post. Fee for LKG (lower kindergarten) and UKG (upper kindergarten) stands at Rs 2,72,400/- while Class 3 to Class 5 is around Rs 3 lakhs. The post was soon picked up by several leading news publications, sparking online debates over whether it was sane to burn a hole in one’s pockets just for quality education.

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