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### Brief Insights

#### Apex Court Ticks Off Telangana Govt For Defiance

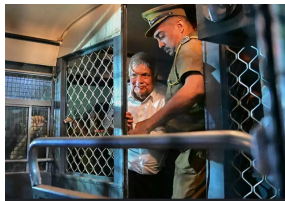
A battle between emotions and law came to a halt after the Supreme Court ticked off the state government for failing to obey its earlier order to hand over children rescued in the Medipally child trafficking case to adoptive parents. The apex court on Monday stated that the handover was in the best interest of the children, while clarifying that the decision would not serve as a precedent for future adoption cases. The order came during the hearing of a contempt petition filed by the parents, pointing out the review petition filed by the **CONT:P5**

#### SC: Must Court Watch if Governor Delays Bill Assent?

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed concern at the interpretation of Article 200 of the Constitution by some states, to say that Governors have an independent power to withhold a Bill without returning it to the State Assembly. Some BJP-ruled states defended the autonomy of Governors and President in assenting to Bills passed by their assemblies and said, "assent to a law cannot be given by court."

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai was hearing the Presidential reference on assent to Bills passed by Assemblies and the timeline for their approval. The bench also comprising Justice **CONT:P5**

#### Sri Lankan Court Grants Bail to Ex-president



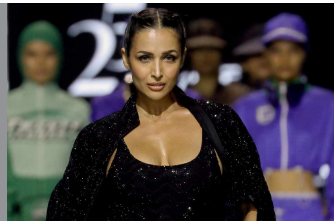
A Sri Lankan court on Tuesday granted bail to former president Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was arrested last week over alleged misuse of state funds while in office. Colombo Fort Magistrate Nilupuli Lankapura ordered that the 76-year-old leader be released on bail with three sureties of Lankan Rs 5 million each. Wickremesinghe, who served as president from 2022 to 2024, has been accused of misusing Lankan Rs 16.6 million of state funds to travel to England to attend a convocation ceremony of his wife, Prof Maithree, in September 2023. **CONT:P4**



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## CM Revanth Join Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with senior state Congress leaders, joined Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi in the ongoing Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar, signaling the state party's alignment with national efforts to protect voter rights and strengthen democracy.

The Telangana delegation included Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy,



Vakati Srihari, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, and Hyderabad DCC President Rohin Reddy. They also met Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at Paras, Bihar, expressing support for the nationwide campaign.

Revanth Reddy, Priyanka

Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi participated in a roadshow in an open-top vehicle, interacting with crowds and emphasizing voter empowerment. Their presence highlighted the Congress party's push for electoral reforms and showcased

solidarity with other INDIA bloc leaders ahead of upcoming state assembly elections.

The Voter Adhikar Yatra, covering over 1,300 kilometers across more than 20 districts, began on August 17 at Sasaram and is set to conclude with a massive rally in Patna on September 1. The campaign focuses on alleged voter suppression and raising awareness of electoral rights. On Tuesday, the Yatra resumed at Supaul, where opposition unity was visible, including RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, as leaders addressed large gatherings from **CONT:P2**

## Cabinet to Discuss Kaleshwaram Report, BC Quotas, Local Polls

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## 50% Tariff Kicks In; Modi Refused Four Trump Calls

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between India and Pakistan. Since May 10, when Trump announced on social media that India and Pakistan had agreed to a full and immediate ceasefire after a long night of talks mediated by Washington, he has repeated his claim over 40 times that he helped settle the tensions between India and Pakistan.

This came on a day when the US issued a draft notice detailing plans to implement the additional 25 per cent tariff on Indian exports that will come



into effect from August 27. President Trump had earlier announced imposition of tariffs totalling 50 per cent on India, including 25 per cent as a "penalty" for Indian imports of Russian oil. A 25 per cent tariff by the US had already come into effect earlier this month. India and the US, meanwhile, on Tuesday held a virtual India-US 2+2 (foreign affairs and defence) inter-session dialogue and "discussed trade and investment; energy security, including strengthening civil-nuclear cooperation; critical minerals exploration; counter-narcotics and counter-terrorism cooperation". New Delhi said late Tuesday evening that the two nations "also looked forward to increasing defence cooperation, including signing a new ten-year Framework for the India-US Major Defence Partnership". They also **CONT:P4**

## Swadeshi Should Be Your Life Mantra, PM

PM Modi Urges Indians, Be Vocal for Local, Make Swadeshi Your Mantra

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday flagged off Maruti Suzuki's first Made-in-India global Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), the e-Vitara, at the Hansalpur manufacturing facility in Gujarat, urging Indians to be "vocal for local" and make Swadeshi their life's mantra. The Prime Minister's nearly 30-minute speech came a day before the U.S. tariffs were set to take effect, but he did not mention the tariffs, the United States, or President Trump. Instead, he focused on India's growing self-reliance in



manufacturing, clean energy, and green mobility, highlighting the longstanding and trusted relationship with Japan and Japanese companies. The e-Vitara, made in India and set to be exported to over 100 countries including the U.K., Europe, and Japan, is a major milestone for

India's "Make in India, Make for the World" initiative. Alongside the launch of the EV, Modi inaugurated local production of hybrid battery electrodes at the TDS Lithium-Ion Battery plant in Gujarat. These batteries will power government e-Ambulances and other hybrid **CONT:P4**

## 69-ft Khairatabad Ganesha Unveiled



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The iconic 69-ft Khairatabad Ganesha idol, named Vishwashanti Mahashakti Ganapati, was unveiled ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations on Wednesday. Emerging from its scaffolding, the towering idol is ready to draw thousands of devotees to the Khairatabad Ganesh pandal, a major highlight of

Hyderabad's festive season. This year's idol is a striking creation, featuring three faces symbolizing divine power and wisdom. A majestic five-hooded serpent crowns the deity, adding to its grandeur. At the base, intricate idols of Lord Vishnu's Varaha avatar and Lord Jagannath, accompanied by Subhadra and Balaram, enhance the spiritual and artistic appeal of the installation.

## India's Total Exports Will Grow in FY26 Despite 50 PC Tariff on US Exports

**Chennai** WUT | August. 27

From Wednesday when the 50 per cent tariffs for US exports take effect, India will be in the highest tariff bracket and the only country facing a penalty for buying Russian oil. Despite a \$37 billion - \$39 billion estimated dent in merchandise exports, India's total exports will remain resilient and even continue to grow in FY26,



thanks to the rising services exports. As per the estimates of Federation of Indian Exporters Organisation, around 55 per cent of the US exports will be

severely impacted by the tariffs and this could be around \$47.5 billion of the US exports valued at \$86.5 billion in FY25. This would drag down US exports to \$39 billion. When considered against the \$437 billion merchandise exports of FY25, the impact could be 10.8 per cent and against the total exports - merchandise and services combined - the impact would be 5.79 per cent. **CONT:P4**

## 11 Dead in Jammu as Landslide Hits Vaishno Devi Pilgrims

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Eleven people were killed, including seven pilgrims struck by a landslide on the Vaishno Devi route as raging rivers overflowed their banks, flattening everything in their way, and boulders, trees and rocks hurtled down slopes across Jammu region on Tuesday. Pilgrimage to the Vaishno Devi shrine being



suspended. Infrastructure was severely damaged with bridges collapsing and mobile towers and electricity poles breaking like virtual twigs in many areas of Jammu and in Kashmir. **CONT:P4**

## Rajnath Commissions Multi-Mission Stealth Frigates

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The Indian Navy commissioned its two advanced stealth frigates --INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri -- at the Eastern Naval Command here on Tuesday. The event was graced by defence minister Rajnath Singh. Notably, for the first time, two frontline surface combat-

ants were commissioned simultaneously from different Indian shipyards. INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri become the 100th and 101st warships, designed in-house by the Warship Design Bureau of the Indian Navy and built in India.

The defence minister described the commissioning as "a giant stride towards the realization of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of Aatmanirbhar Bharat." He said

India would no longer depend on foreign shipbuilding firms for its Navy's

requirements. INS Tamal, he stated, was the last foreign order for the Indian Navy. Rajnath Singh reinforced India's defensive posture, stating, "India does not believe in aggressive expansionism. We never attack any country or provoke anyone. But this doesn't mean we bow before those who mean to harm us. When our security is **CONT:P4**

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Bills. The Cabinet is also likely to consider revising market values of land, houses, and apartments—the last update was in 2021 during the BRS regime. Meanwhile, Governor Jishnu Dev Varma issued separate notifications summoning the Assembly and Legislative Council to meet at 10:30 am on Saturday. The monsoon session is expected to be brief, lasting only three days, as police resources will be tied up with Ganesh festival security and the immersion on September 6. The session may conclude by September 3, with a possible short recess before resum-

ing for festival-related arrangements. The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) will finalize the session duration on August 30. The ruling Congress government plans to table the Ghose commission report and seek suggestions from all parties on action against officials indicted for irregularities in the multi-crore Kaleshwaram project during the BRS regime. Additionally, the government intends to move a resolution for Presidential assent to implement 42 per cent BC reservations in local bodies, education, and employment.

Telangana Leaders Join Rahul Gandhi’s Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with several senior leaders of the state Congress, actively participated in the ongoing Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar, a high-profile campaign spearheaded by Congress Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi. Their participation underscores Telangana Congress’s commitment to protecting voter rights and supporting democratic processes across the country. The move also signals the state party’s alignment with the national Congress strategy in preparation for upcoming assembly elections, showcasing solidarity within the party as well as with allies in the INDIA bloc. The Telangana del-



egation was led by Revanth Reddy and included a wide array of top leaders: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Vakati Srihari, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, and Hyderabad DCC President Rohin Reddy.

The group also met with Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at Paras in Bihar, expressing strong support for the nationwide voter rights campaign. Telangana leaders emphasized the importance of building public awareness on electoral rights and demonstrated their commitment to a unified national agenda on protecting democratic

values. During the campaign, Revanth Reddy, Priyanka Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi were seen together in an open-top vehicle, participating in a roadshow that drew large crowds in multiple districts. The leaders greeted the public, engaged directly with local residents, and highlighted the central theme of the Yatra: empowering citizens to exercise their voting rights without fear or manipulation. Telangana leaders’ presence at the Yatra was widely interpreted as a gesture of solidarity, not only with the Congress leadership but also with the broader opposition alliance across India. The Voter Adhikar Yatra, which began on August 17 at Sasaram, is a meticulously planned campaign spanning over 1,300 kilometers across more than 20 districts in

Bihar. It aims to raise awareness about voter suppression, ensure citizens understand their electoral rights, and call attention to alleged irregularities in voter roll management. The campaign will culminate in a massive rally in Patna on September 1, drawing together leaders from multiple opposition parties. On Tuesday, the Yatra resumed at Supaul after a brief pause, demonstrating a remarkable show of unity among opposition leaders. Notably, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav joined the proceedings, further emphasizing the collective effort of the INDIA bloc to safeguard fair electoral processes. Leaders addressed large gatherings from SUVs and open vehicles, interacting with citizens directly and amplifying the message of voter empowerment.

BJP Slams CM Revanth for Negligence, Frequent Trips, and Broken Promises

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Telangana BJP chief spokesperson and media in-charge N V Subhash on Tuesday alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has neglected governance, accusing him of being inaccessible to the public while spending much of his tenure traveling outside the

state. Subhash claimed that in just 20 months, the CM has made nearly 50 trips to Delhi, Bihar, Kolkata, and abroad—surpassing a past Congress CM’s five-year record. He sarcastically dubbed Revanth Reddy the “Best Hopping Chief Minister of the Country,” adding that key portfolios such as Home, Education, and



Municipal Administration have suffered, leading to admin-

istrative paralysis. Citing crime data, Subhash said cases

rose by 22.4% between 2023 and 2024, with crimes against women up 5% and nearly 3,000 rapes reported. He accused the Congress of misusing state funds, including for helicopter facilities for Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. The BJP leader also ridiculed Revanth Reddy’s claim of transforming Osmania Uni-

versity into a global institution, pointing to 2,600 vacant faculty posts and delayed salaries. He further alleged failure in job creation, unemployment allowance, and diversion of funds for Congress campaigns. “The people are aware of these deceptions and will hold Congress accountable,” Subhash warned.

Srirangam Foundation is always ahead of charity services: Dr Srirangam

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As per the request of Meena Kumari and Srujan, the head mistress of the KPHB primary school Road No. 2 and Balajinagar Division Vivekanagar in the Kukatpally constituency, Srirangam Foundation Chairman Dr Sathyam Srirangam, while they requested to pay the salaries of the teachers, he immediately responded and promised to pay the salaries every month for the entire academic year of 2025 - 2026 under the aegies of Srirangam Foundation. As per the promise, the salaries of the month of July were given to the teachers in the form of cheque in



their office by Srirangam Foundation Chairman Dr Satyam Srirangam. Members and teachers of Srirangam Foundation participated in this program. For this foundation Dr srirangam spouse smt Indumati also functioning co chairman of the foundation, all people are applauding the srirangam couple charities

as well as social services not only this several charity programmes done by Srirangam foundation across the Kukatpally constituency. In the lot of events foundation management distributed note books as well as stationary materials distributed to poor students.

Telangana Team to Compete in 12th Senior Nationals Fistball Championship

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The Telangana state boys’ and girls’ teams will participate in the 12th Senior Nationals Fistball Championship, scheduled from August 28 to 30 in Chennai and Dindigul. Ahead of the tournament, the Telangana Fistball Association organized a kit presentation ceremony. Team members received T-shirts and shorts as part of their official kits. The presentation was led by Association Chairman Jampana Prathap and Acting President Smt. Sneha Ayyagari, along with General Secretary Prabhu Goud. The event also saw the



presence of Weighlifting Coach Jay Raj, mentors Jagdish, Satyanarayana, Stanley, Bharat, Mune Raj, and Sudheer, as well as Cantonment Board members, who extended their best wishes to the players. Officials expressed confidence that the Telangana contingent will showcase strong performances and bring recognition to the state in the upcoming national-level event.

The Association appealed to the public and media to support the athletes, highlighting that such participation boosts the sporting spirit and motivates youngsters to pursue competitive games. K. Venkat, Secretary of Telangana Fistball Association, thanked the organizers and dignitaries for their encouragement and urged the team to aim for top honors at the championship.

BRS Leaders Slam CM Revanth Reddy’s OU Visit, Question Sincerity on Education

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Former MLA Balka Suman and BRSV President Gellu Srinivas Yadav launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his recent visit to Osmania University (OU), accusing him of failing students and universities during his 20 months in office. Suman alleged that OU had been turned into a

“police camp” for the past week just for the CM’s program, questioning why Revanth Reddy, who now promises ₹1,000 crore for OU, had ignored it for years. He said if the government had genuine intent, it should have announced the package immediately. He reminded that during the Telangana movement, sacrifices like those of Yadaya and Srikanth Chary were made when Revanth’s then-leader Chan-



drababu Naidu opposed the cause. “A man who insulted students is not eligible to step on OU soil,” he charged, likening Revanth’s behavior to that of a “new landlord.” Suman accused the Congress government of neglecting higher education,

pointing to universities struggling without NAAC recognition, delays in Telangana NEET counseling while Andhra Pradesh had already begun classes, and a near-total failure of departments except the police. “People will teach Congress a lesson, and the

student world is preparing for another struggle,” he warned, while contrasting KCR’s “humane rule” with Revanth’s governance. Echoing him, BRSV chief Gellu Srinivas Yadav said the CM “went to OU empty-handed but spoke big words.” He demanded that Revanth return on December 9 without police or Congress cadre and answer why two lakh promised jobs remain unfilled. Ac-

cusing the CM of failing as Education Minister, he said the government itself is ignoring its job calendar. Highlighting recurring Gurukul tragedies and a recent mid-day meal incident in Kamareddy where 30 students fell ill, Yadav said Revanth’s words no longer carry credibility. “Students are rejecting his claims; he has done nothing but use OU as a political stage,” he declared.

Upgraded Transformer Ends Power Woes for Prashant Nagar Sub-station Residents

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Residents of Prashant Nagar and adjoining colonies can finally expect uninterrupted and stable electricity supply, following the installation of a new 16 MVA transformer at the 33/11 KV Prashant Nagar Sub-station. The ₹2 crore upgrade, sanctioned under the direction of TGSPDCL CMD Mushraf Farooqui, was completed on Monday. The enhancement is expected to permanently resolve long-standing issues of power fluctuations and low voltage that have troubled areas including Prashant Nagar IDA, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, and Sri Sri Nagar. Officials said the modernized system will ensure reliable electricity for thousands of households and businesses. Highlighting the significance of the project, TGSPDCL DE Bowenpally Gopala Rao noted that the upgraded capacity would stabilize supply and address one of the most persistent



grievances of residents. The move is being hailed as a major step toward strengthening power infrastructure in the region. The switching-on ceremony saw the presence of senior officials, including SE Secunderabad Gopaiah, SE Seada Circle Dilip Kumar, DE Bowenpally Gopala Rao, ADE-OPS Rangareddy Satish Babu, DE lines, DE MRT, and IDPL AE Akbar, alongside engineering staff. Their participation underscored the importance TGSPDCL attaches to addressing consumer concerns. With this upgrade, residents expressed hope that their long battle with erratic power supply would finally be over, paving the way for a more reliable and efficient electricity network in the Bowenpally division.

Telangana farmers block roads demanding adequate urea supply

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Farmers staged rasta-roko protests at multiple mandal headquarters in Mahabubabad and Kothagudem districts on Tuesday, demanding adequate supply of urea. In Inugurthy mandal, large numbers of farmers queued up at the local PACS since early morning after learning that urea bags had arrived. However, each farmer was given only one bag, while many did not receive even a single bag, prompting them to block the road in protest. Mandal Agriculture Officer Bhukya Mahender Naik, with the help of police, tried to pacify the protesters and explained that nano-urea could be used as an alternative. Similar scenes were witnessed at Gudur mandal

headquarters, where farmers braved heavy rain to collect urea. A woman farmer with a broken arm alleged that despite several visits to the PACS, she was denied urea, resulting in damage to her crops. At Narsimhulapet PACS, farmers waited for hours for urea and accused the Congress government of failing to ensure timely supply, claiming they had been waiting for more than a month. At one stage, they blocked officials at the PACS gate until police intervened and issued tokens for distribution. In Kothagudem’s Yellandu PACS warehouse, supply was halted due to a malfunctioning fingerprint machine, angering farmers who lashed out at officials for stopping distribution.



# Telangana Artistes Make New Zealand PM Dance

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Telangana’s rich cultural heritage took center stage during India’s 79th Independence Day cultural evening in Auckland, where New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Leader of the Opposition Chris Hipkins joined the celebrations and even danced with performers.

The Telangana cultural troupe, comprising six artists, captivated audiences with vibrant performances of Perini Natyam, Oggudolu, and Dappu Nrityam. Adding to the experience,



Telangana cuisine, including rasam and the famed Hyderabad biryani, won the hearts of New Zealanders.

Hari Krishna Mamidi, Director of the Telangana Department of Language and Culture,

hailed the event as a milestone in cultural diplomacy. “Our artists carried Telangana’s living traditions to the global stage, strengthening not just cultural diplomacy but also people-to-people bonds.

the delegation. Chef Satyanarayana Pandari, who led the culinary team, noted initial challenges in bringing ingredients to New Zealand. However, after approval, Telangana’s food became a major highlight of the festival. “Hyderabad biryani gained great popularity, and food competitions were very well received,” he added.

The troupe returned to Hyderabad on Tuesday, interacting with the media and sharing their experiences of showcasing Telangana’s art, culture, and cuisine on a global stage.

## Deccan Meet 2025 UK Part 2 Unites Communities in London

Senior Congress Leader Ali Musqati Receives Warm Welcome

Slough/London  
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The Asian Association UK successfully hosted Deccan Meet 2025 UK Part 2 in London, bringing together community leaders, professionals, and families in a vibrant celebration of culture, unity, and shared values. The highlight of the evening was the presence of senior Congress leader Mr. Ali Musqati, who, along with other distinguished guests including Mr. Mohammed Omar Khan, Mr. Abid Siddiqui, Mr. Gauhar Juddi, Mr. Mujeeb, Mr. Rizwan, and Mr. Naseem Mohammed, emphasized the importance of unity, preservation of cultural heritage, and strengthening community ties across the UK. Mr. Musqati received a warm welcome from the diaspora, with special receptions organ-

ized in his honor at different venues.

Held at Al Hyderabad Nawabs in Slough, the event centered on the theme “Connecting Humanity.” It served as a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and cultural exchange, featuring inspiring speeches and meaningful conversations.

Guests were treated to a hospitable atmosphere with a lavish lunch and dinner buffet. A special highlight of the evening was the live cooking of “Naan Khaliya,” a famous dish from Aurangabad, freshly prepared on-site,

which captivated attendees with its aroma and authentic taste.

The evening was skillfully hosted by Mr. Naseem Mohammed, while organizers Atif, Kashif, Yousuf, Talha, Mustafa, Rameez, Nadeem, and Asad worked tirelessly to ensure the event’s success.

Deccan Meet 2025 UK Part 2 reflected the spirit and pride of the diaspora community, reminding participants of the enduring importance of unity and cultural identity in a globalized world.

## M.R.K. Chowdhury Extends Vinayaka Chavithi Greetings to Serilingampally

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Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader M.R.K. Chowdhury extended warm Vinayaka Chavithi greetings to the people of Serilingampally constituency, conveying wishes for peace, prosperity, and success.

Chowdhury expressed hope that the blessings of Lord Vigneswara Swamy



would remove obstacles and bring collective progress to all sections of so-

ciety. He conveyed his greetings to residents, journalist fraternity, officials, non-officials, and public representatives alike.

Highlighting the spirit of the festival, he urged people to celebrate this Vinayaka Chavithi with devotion, unity, and care, ensuring a harmonious atmosphere across the constituency.

## Operation Cheyutha: 314 Maoists surrender to Kothagudem police in last eight

Kothagudem  
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As many as 314 Maoists of different ranks surrendered to police in the past eight months in Kothagudem under ‘Operation Cheyutha’ initiative of the district police, informed Superintendent of Police, B Rohith Raju.

mAs part of the initiative eight Maoists, including a woman cadre, surrendered to the district police, officials of CRPF 81 and 141 Battalions here on Tuesday to live a peaceful life with their families. ACM (South sub-Zonal Bureau, supplying team) Vetti



Somda, his wife and party member Muchaki Lakme, militia members Oyam Laxman, Podium Kosa, Mudam Kosa, Madavi Nandu, Karam Somudu and Madavi Ura were the naxals who surrendered.

mEach of the eight surrendered

Maoist members was given Rs 25,000 in cash as immediate assistance. Additional financial support would be provided based on their ranks after processing their personal and bank details.

Four DVCs, 21 ACMs, 40 party members, 116 militia members, 35 RPC members, 47 DAKMs/KAMs, 30 CNM members and 21 GRD members have surrendered so far this year in the district. All have received appropriate rehabilitation support, the SP said.

The Telangana government and police department are working for the development and welfare

of tribal communities. Significant progress has been made in tribal areas in terms of roads, schools, hospitals, drinking water and electricity while the police department is striving to provide quality education and health care to every remote village.

As many as 81 cadres from Telangana State are working in the CPI (Maoist) Party across various States at present while five of them are from Kothagudem district, Rohith Raju revealed while appealing to them to surrender to lead a peaceful life with their families.

## Karwan MLA Conducts Surprise Morning Inspection



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Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin carried out an early morning surprise inspection today across several areas of Tolichowki and Golconda divisions under the Karwan constituency.

The visit covered Resham Bagh, Neem Bowli Mas-

jid, 18 Sidi, Kotora Houz, Golconda Balansar, Moti Mahal, Reti Galli, and nearby localities. The MLA reviewed the condition of VDCC and CC roads, sewerage works, garbage collection points, Basti Dawakhana, and the sports ground.

During the inspection, Mohiuddin instructed officials to expedite all ongo-

ing development works and ensure their completion at the earliest. He emphasized that delays in civic works cause inconvenience to residents and urged departments to work in coordination for better results. The MLA also interacted with locals, listening to their grievances regarding drainage overflow, sanitation, and road repairs, assuring them of quick redressal.

He was accompanied by GHMC and HMWSSB officials, AIMIM corporators, primary unit leaders, and active party workers, who noted down issues raised during the visit for immediate follow-up action.

## Across the country CM Revanth got registered highest criminal history record: A.P.Nath

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TPCC president Mahesh Goud, the way he derogatory remarks yesterday is very shameful. A Pandarinath condemned the It is a way of insulting all the people mandate who fearlessly and firmly exercised their right to vote in a democratic system and chosen a person they needed to win through the right to vote. Regarding vote theft, is it not true that Revanth Reddy, who was recently said to be the Chief Minister of Telangana State, was caught in the vote-for-note case? Is it not true BJP’s Bhagya Nagar General secretary Aedla Pandarinath stated in a statement on Tuesday August 26 and also alleged, that he showed the bundles of notes with the



perverse intention of stealing votes? It is very sad that those who are incapable today are insulting BJP MPs who are always in the forefront and dedicated to democracy, for the country, for the service of Mother India, and for the people. He said that further, he recalled that if we consider the votes that Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel got after their recovery, the people

would know who stolen the votes. And also he recalled that Revanth Reddy is at the forefront of the Chief Ministers with the highest criminal history records with more than 90 cases in the country. As per the ADR reports he slammed the congress party. He have had said that. If there had been such vote theft, why would we have allowed Asaduddin Owaisi of the communal party MIM to win the Hyderabad parliamentary seat? We would have been flying the saffron flag in Hyderabad. Moreover, the Bharatiya Janata Party would have won all the parliamentary seats in the state. And also added that congress and India alliances are opposing the bill of Termination bill.

## BRS Workers’ Unity Powers Successful Serilingampally Meeting: Komirisetty Saibaba

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The BRS Party’s extensive workers’ meeting at Naren Garden, Miyapur, turned into a show of strength and unity, with party cadres ensuring its grand success.

Former Gachibowli corporator and senior BRS leader Komirisetty Saibaba expressed happiness over the overwhelming participation and praised the efforts of Serilingampally constituency workers. He extended heartfelt gratitude to party leaders, activists, social media teams, media representatives, and every



worker who contributed to the success.

Highlighting the solidarity of the cadre, Saibaba said it was the collective commitment of BRS workers that demonstrated the party’s strength in Serilingampally. He urged all members to maintain the same unity in the coming days and to actively participate in future party programs.

## BRS Leaders Slam CM Revanth Reddy Over Remarks Against KCR

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Several senior BRS leaders, including Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Sirikonda Madhusudan Chari, former minister Jogu Ramanna, former corporation chairman G. Devi Prasad, and former BC Commission member Upendra, strongly condemned

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s remarks made at Osmania University, demanding an immediate public apology to former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and the people of Telangana.

The leaders termed Revanth Reddy’s language “market-style” and “irresponsible,” alleging that calling Telangana activists “human beasts”

was an insult to the sacrifices of the movement. They stressed that KCR, who led the Telangana statehood struggle through non-violent methods, should be respected as a historic leader, not vilified.

“KCR is another Gandhi who achieved Telangana without bloodshed,” they said.

Criticizing the Congress government, they



accused it of having a legacy of “bestiality,” citing the Emergency under Indira Gandhi, the demolition of poor people’s homes near

Delhi’s Turkman Gate, and the killing of hundreds of students and protesters during the 1969 and Telangana movements. They al-

leged that it was Congress governments that suppressed students and farmers, while KCR solved major issues and built a “golden Telan-

gana.”

The leaders also ridiculed Revanth Reddy’s claim of turning Osmania University into “Stanford and Oxford,” calling it laughable and misleading. They alleged that the CM has failed to fulfill promises, ignored farmers’ plight over urea shortages, and only inaugurated projects built under KCR’s tenure.

Warning the Congress party, the BRS leaders said people would not tolerate abusive language against KCR. They demanded that Revanth Reddy stop using “crazy and irresponsible words” that demean the office of the Chief Minister. “His mental stability itself is in doubt,” they alleged, adding that people would soon teach him a fitting lesson.



11 Dead in Jammu as Landslide Hits Vaishno Devi Pilgrims

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Eleven people were killed, including seven pilgrims struck by a landslide on the Vaishno Devi route as raging rivers overflowed their banks, flattening everything in their way, and boulders, trees and rocks hurtled down slopes across Jammu region on Tuesday. Pilgrimage to the Vaishno Devi shrine being suspended. Infrastructure was severely damaged with bridges collapsing and mobile towers and electricity poles breaking like virtual twigs in many areas of Jammu and in Kashmir. Telecom services collapsed in large parts of the union territory, leading to millions being cut off from communication and escalating problems, officials said, according to PTI. Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar and Kishtwar-Doda national

highways was suspended and dozens of hill roads were blocked or damaged by landslides or flash-floods, they said. Many trains to and from Jammu were cancelled. The winding route to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hill was a picture of devastation. While at least seven people were killed when the mountain-side literally gave way around 3 pm, 21 people were injured. The toll could go up. Several people were feared trapped, officials said as rescuers scrambled to pull out those buried under the debris near the Inderprastha Bhojnalaya at Adhkware. The landslide struck at a point about halfway along the winding 12-km trek from Katra town to the hilltop shrine. Kiran, from Mohali in Punjab, was among those caught in the hail of stones, trees and boulders.

Rajnath Commissions Multi-Mission Stealth Frigates

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The Indian Navy commissioned its two advanced stealth frigates --INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri -- at the Eastern Naval Command here on Tuesday. The event was graced by defence minister Rajnath Singh. Notably, for the first time, two frontline surface combatants were commissioned simultaneously from different Indian shipyards. INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri become the 100th and 101st warships, designed in-house by the Warship Design Bureau of the Indian Navy and built in India. The defence minister described the commissioning as "a giant stride towards the realization of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of Aatmanirbhar Bharat." He said India would no longer depend on foreign shipbuilding firms for its Navy's

requirements. INS Tamal, he stated, was the last foreign order for the Indian Navy. Rajnath Singh reinforced India's defensive posture, stating, "India does not believe in aggressive expansionism. We never attack any country or provoke anyone. But this doesn't mean we bow before those who mean to harm us. When our security is threatened, we know how to give a befitting reply." Claiming that Operation Sindoor was not over, he said, "It is merely a pause. India's measured response achieved its goals." The minister highlighted the Navy's role as a "first responder" and "preferred security partner" in the Indian Ocean Region, particularly in combating piracy, smuggling, illegal trafficking and maritime terrorism while providing disaster relief. Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, described the double-commissioning

Be vocal for local and Swadeshi should be your life’s mantra, PM urges Indians

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday flagged off Maruti Suzuki's first Made-in-India global Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), the e-Vitara, at the Hansalpur manufacturing facility in Gujarat, urging Indians to be "vocal for local" and make Swadeshi their life's mantra. The Prime Minister's nearly 30-minute speech came a day before the U.S. tariffs were set to take effect, but he did not mention the tariffs, the United States, or President Trump. Instead, he focused on India's growing self-reliance in manufacturing, clean energy, and green mobility, highlighting the long-standing and trusted relationship with Japan and Japanese companies. The e-Vitara, made in India and set to be exported to over 100 countries including the U.K., Europe, and Japan, is a major milestone for

India's "Make in India, Make for the World" initiative. Alongside the launch of the EV, Modi inaugurated local production of hybrid battery electrodes at the TDS Lithium-Ion Battery plant in Gujarat. These batteries will power government e-Ambulances and other hybrid vehicles, supporting India's goal to reduce carbon emissions and promote clean mobility. "Anything made in India, irrespective of the foreign investor or the currency used in the factory, should be considered Swadeshi," Modi said, citing the Suzuki facility as an example of how Indian engineering and labor are driving global exports. He emphasized that local manufacturing and production capabilities are essential for India's long-term economic independence and technological advancement. The Prime Minister highlighted the critical role of batteries in the EV eco-

system, noting that until a few years ago, India entirely relied on imports for battery production. To strengthen the domestic EV industry, India has begun producing battery cells and electrodes locally. Modi announced that three Japanese companies will jointly manufacture battery cells in India for the first time under a new TDSG initiative, further bolstering India's self-reliance and supporting the growth of hybrid and electric vehicles. Modi praised Japan as a trusted partner in India's journey toward becoming a global hub for clean energy and clean mobility. He said the partnership is not only economic but also deeply rooted in cultural ties and mutual trust, calling India and Japan "made for each other." He reiterated that Japanese investments in India align with the nation's long-term goal of becoming a globally competitive man-

ufacturing hub by 2047. The Prime Minister stressed that the Make in India initiative has created a favorable environment for both domestic and global manufacturers and that India will continue to focus on futuristic industries. He pointed to the development of industrial corridors, plug-and-play infrastructure, and logistics parks across the country to make Indian manufacturing more efficient and globally competitive. On the semiconductor sector, Modi noted that six new plants are being established across India, reinforcing the government's commitment to advance domestic semiconductor manufacturing. He also addressed challenges faced by the auto industry due to shortages of rare earth magnets, announcing the launch of the National Critical Mineral Mission, which will carry out over 1,200 exploratory cam-

paigns to identify critical minerals within India. These measures aim to reduce dependence on imports and strengthen national capabilities in strategically important sectors. Modi highlighted that India's policy decisions over the past decade have helped the country navigate global supply chain disruptions effectively. He reiterated the government's vision of making the manufacturing sector globally competitive and ensuring that India emerges as a reliable hub for high-quality industrial production. The Prime Minister also announced his visit to Japan next week, underscoring that the relationship between the two countries extends beyond diplomacy, rooted in shared economic goals, culture, and trust. The e-Vitara launch and the local production of hybrid battery electrodes mark significant progress in India's transition to

clean mobility and green energy. The vehicles produced at the Hansalpur facility, made in India and for the world, are expected to boost exports while supporting domestic efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Through initiatives like these, India aims to position itself as a global leader in clean mobility, electric vehicle manufacturing, and technological innovation while encouraging citizens to embrace locally made products as part of the broader Swadeshi movement.Prime Minister Modi underscored that India's efforts in battery production, EV manufacturing, and strategic industry development are aligned with the nation's vision for 2047. By fostering domestic capabilities, promoting foreign investment, and investing in infrastructure, India is steadily building a resilient and competitive industrial ecosystem.

Sri Lankan Court Grants Bail to Ex-president Wickremesinghe in Graft Case

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A Sri Lankan court on Tuesday granted bail to former president Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was arrested last week over alleged misuse of state funds while in office.Colombo Fort Magistrate Nilupuli Lankapura ordered that the 76-year-old leader be released on bail with three sureties of Lankan Rs 5 million each. Wickremesinghe, who served as president from 2022 to 2024, has been accused of misusing Lankan Rs 16.6 million of state funds to travel to England to attend a convocation ceremony of his wife, Prof Maithree, in September 2023. He has denied the charge, insisting the invitation

was extended to him in his official capacity as President. On Tuesday, Wickremesinghe joined the court proceedings virtually from the Intensive Care Unit of the Colombo National Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment. His lawyers cited deteriorating health conditions, seeking his release on bail, while state attorneys opposed the plea and argued that he should remain in remand custody until the trial concludes. Thilak Marapana, Anuja Premaratne, Upul Jayasuriya and Ali Sabry appeared on behalf of Wickremesinghe, while Additional Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris represented the Attorney General. Submitting Wickremesinghe's medi-

cal reports, Premaratne told the court that three of the four main arteries of the former president's heart were blocked, his heart tissues had suffered necrosis, and he was also battling a lung infection along with long-standing diabetes. A cardiac specialist briefed the court in detail on his health condition. "By mere appearance, one cannot notice that such serious medical conditions exist," Premaratne said. After hearing the arguments, the magistrate granted him bail. The case will be taken up again at the end of October, the court said. Wickremesinghe will continue to receive treatment at the National Hospital over the next few days, his office said in a statement.

50% Tariff Kicks In; Modi Refused Four Trump Calls

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In a sensational revelation on the eve of the imposition of 50 per cent tariff on Indian exports to the United States effective Wednesday, a German publication 'FAZ' on Tuesday reported that US President Donald Trump had attempted to speak to Prime Minister Narendra Modi four times in recent weeks but that a furious Modi had refused to take the calls. Significantly, India has till Tuesday evening not officially denied the German media report. This came on a day when the US issued a draft notice detailing plans to implement the additional 25

per cent tariff on Indian exports that will come into effect from August 27. President Trump had earlier announced imposition of tariffs totalling 50 per cent on India, including 25 per cent as a "penalty" for Indian imports of Russian oil. A 25 per cent tariff by the US had already come into effect earlier this month. India and the US, meanwhile, on Tuesday held a virtual India-US 2+2 (foreign affairs and defence) inter-sessional dialogue and "discussed trade and investment; energy security, including strengthening civil-nuclear cooperation; critical minerals exploration; counter-narcotics and counter-terrorism cooper-

ation". New Delhi said late Tuesday evening that the two nations "also looked forward to increasing defence cooperation, including signing a new ten-year Framework for the India-US Major Defence Partnership". They also "reaffirmed their commitment to promoting a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Indo-Pacific region through the Quad", New Delhi added. India had earlier termed the US tariffs as "unjustified and unreasonable" and said that, like any major economy, it will take all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests and economic security. Earlier this month, India had said.

India Alerts Pak On Potential Flood In Tawi River

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Despite strained relations following the Pahalgam terror attack, India has alerted Pakistan about a potential flood situation in the Tawi river, which flows through the Jammu region. Sources said the information was shared with Pakistan "on humanitarian grounds" to help save lives and livestock. The alert was sent on Sunday morning through India's High Commission in Islamabad to the Pakistan Foreign Office, bypassing the established Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) mechanism, which has remained suspended since the Pahalgam attack. Earlier, it was the duty of IWT Commissioners to exchange such information and warnings. India issued the alert at 10 am on Sunday regarding the developing flood emergency on the Indian

side. This was the first official contact between the two countries since Operation Sindoor. Following the alert, Pakistani authorities also issued flood warnings in their regions. Heavy rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir has triggered flood-like conditions in the Union Territory, with the Tawi river rising to dangerous levels. Several villages near the India-Pakistan border in Punjab were also affected as water levels in the Ujh and Ravi rivers and rivulets swelled following heavy rains in Jammu, Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh since Saturday night. In Punjab, the Patankot district administration declared a holiday in all educational institutions on Monday due to incessant rains, while similar orders were issued for schools in Jammu division. Northern India, including Jammu, Kashmir, and

Punjab, has been experiencing continuous heavy rainfall. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a red alert on Monday for these regions, advising people to shift to safer places. "Sudden water level rise and above-normal flood situations are expected in the Jhelum, Chenab, and their tributaries across Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, Kishtwar, Ramban, Doda, Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua, and Samba districts in the next 24 hours," the Central Water Commission (CWC) flood alert stated on Sunday. Jammu and Kashmir recorded over 190 mm of rainfall.The IMD also warned of "isolated very heavy rainfall" over Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Punjab on August 25-26, with Himachal Pradesh likely to experience heavy rain for the next seven days. Residents were advised to stay indoors.

Trump Signals Possible China Visit as US-China Trade Tensions Ease, Warns of Tariff Threats

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US President Donald Trump said on Monday that he anticipates visiting China either later this year or shortly thereafter, highlighting improving economic ties between the two nations while keeping open the possibility of imposing higher tariffs. Speaking to reporters in Washington during a meeting with South Korean President Lee Jae Myung, Trump emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong US-China relationship. "At some point, probably during this year or shortly thereafter, we'll go to China," Trump stated. "We're going to have a great relationship with China." The US leader also noted that both countries hold



significant leverage in trade matters, but he indicated restraint in using US leverage, saying, "They have some cards. We have incredible cards, but I don't want to play those cards. If I played those cards, that would destroy China." Tensions between the US and China, the world's two largest economies, have been

high this year, driven largely by escalating tariffs. In April, both nations had imposed steep tariffs on each other's exports, with the tit-for-tat duties at one point reaching triple digits. This disrupted global supply chains as importers delayed shipments in anticipation of government resolutions. Since then, Washing-

ton and Beijing have taken steps to de-escalate the trade conflict. Under the current agreement, US tariffs have temporarily been reduced to 30 percent, while China has lowered tariffs on US goods to 10 percent. However, Trump warned that tariffs could rise again if China fails to fulfill its commitments under the deal. "They have to give us magnets," he said, referring to rare earth magnets crucial for automotive, electronics, and defense industries. "If they don't give us magnets, then we have to charge them (a) 200 percent tariff or something. But we're not going to have a problem, I don't think, with that."

The US-China trade truce has faced challenges, including Washington's accusations that Beijing violated parts of the agreement and slowed export license approvals for rare earth materials. China is the world's leading producer of these rare earths, which are essential components for manufacturing magnets used in high-tech industries. Despite past difficulties, both countries have agreed to continue cooperation in this area. Earlier this month, the US and China extended the pause on threatened tariff hikes for another 90 days, keeping the current lower tariffs in place until November 10. While uncertainties remain, the recent exchanges signal cautious optimism for a more stable trade relationship, with potential high-level visits and negotiations on the horizon.





EDITORIAL

NDA'S V-P PICK APPEARS ACCEPTABLE

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The ruling BJP may have pulled an acceptable name out of a hat in picking Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan from Tamil Nadu as the vice-presidential candidate of the NDA. The veteran politician who was twice elected as MP from western TN ticks many boxes in these particularly politically polarised times. Coming as he does from an RSS Pracharak background, he may be the olive branch offered by the PM at a time when the ideological parent organisation has been speaking about the retirement age of 75. As the PM is fond of quoting from Tamil classics, his choice quotation Yadhun oore Yyavaram khelir ("Every place is our native, Every one is our companion") is seemingly apt for 'CPR', a moderate and accessible face from a state that is

getting ready for the polls to be held next summer. The TN ruling party DMK, diametrically opposed to the BJP, also welcomed his nomination, which it had to lest it be seen as opposing a fellow Tamil. However, it came up with a political riposte to the strategically shrewd NDA nomination by calling for a Tamil politician to be picked as the I.N.D.I.A. bloc choice to oppose Radhakrishnan, who was named after the scholarly Vice-President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan from the state who also went on to serve as President. The NDA, enjoying a sufficient majority while commanding around 423 votes in an electoral college of 782 MPs (including nominated Rajya Sabha members), should get him elected against anyone the Opposition may name as it is compelled to field a Vice-Presidential candidate,

ostensibly for ideological reasons but also to test the political temperature. There is no basis for any conjecture that CPR as the NDA candidate would have any influence on the Tamil Nadu political scene in which the DMK is firmly ensconced now. But the ruling dispensation would like to send the message that Tamil Nadu is not necessarily being singled out for step motherly treatment even as the BJP hopes to enhance its support in the state. The plus point in such a candidature is Radhakrishnan's experience as the Centre's representative in Raj Bhavans in Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Hyderabad and Puducherry might help him to be a capable chairman of the Rajya Sabha, which had seen a tumultuous and argumentative period with the garrulous Jagdeep Dhankhar in the chair and whose resignation has necessitated the mid-term



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PG Diploma Docs Move High Court For Promotions

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court, comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Moinuddin, will continue to hear a writ plea filed by a group of doctors challenging the exclusion of PG diploma holders from promotions to the post of special grade civil surgeon. The panel was dealing with a writ plea filed by Sree Ramakanth Rao and three others. The petitioners contended that creating a distinction between PG diploma and PG degree holders in the cadre of civil surgeon specialist, amounted to arbitrary and unconstitutional discrimination. It was argued that despite the recommendations of the Anomalies Committee in 2014 and directions of the High Court in an earlier order passed in 2017, the authorities failed to act and instead went ahead with promotions in disregard of the claims of petitioners. It was alleged that their rights have been kept in "cold storage" while the government proceeded to fill vacancies. The petitioners sought a directions to amend the Special Rules with retrospective effect and to consider them for promotion from the date vacancies arose. The panel posted the matter for further hearing.

Apex Court Ticks Off T'gana Govt For Defiance

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A battle between emotions and law came to a halt after the Supreme Court ticked off the state government for failing to obey its earlier order to hand over children rescued in the Medipally child trafficking case to adoptive parents. The apex court on Monday stated that the handover was in the best interest of the children, while clarifying that the decision would not serve as a precedent for future adoption cases. The order came during the hearing of a contempt petition filed by the parents, pointing out the re-

view petition filed by the state challenging the Supreme Court's August 12 ruling. The state's women and child welfare department had failed to release the children into their care as ordered on August 14. Expressing displeasure, the bench led by Justice B.V. Nagarathna said such conduct was unacceptable and directed the immediate transfer of custody to the adoptive parents. The apex court instructed the child welfare committee (CWC) to hand over the children, and custody was transferred on Monday. It was a long-awaited reunion. Four children housed in Sishu Vihar were handed over to couples from Medchal-Mal-

kajgiri, Hyderabad, Prakasham, and Nalgonda districts. A source said, "One of the children was just three months old when placed in the state home and is now over a year old. The other three were above 10 months at the time of separation. The episode was nothing less than a second life." The handover was deeply emotional. As soon as they saw their parents, the older children immediately recognised them, ran into their arms, and embraced them with wide smiles. Only the youngest, who had spent most of her life away from her parents, took some time to adjust. Officials pointed out that

timely efforts to rescue trafficked children, strengthening police networks to crack down on illegal rackets, and stricter instructions to Anganwadis and concerned departments are crucial to ensure a society free from child trafficking. They stressed that in such cases, the trauma is borne only by the child. The four children in this case spent nearly 14 months away from their adoptive parents. Departments challenging the courts and delaying custody, officials noted, only prolong this trauma. Instead, lapses in CARA regulations must be addressed, and the adoption process should be streamlined.

SC: Must Court Watch if Governor Delays Bill Assent?

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed concern at the interpretation of Article 200 of the Constitution by some states, to say that Governors have an independent power to withhold a Bill without returning it to the State Assembly. Some BJP-ruled states defended the autonomy of Governors and President in assenting to Bills passed by their assemblies and said, "assent to a law cannot be given by court." A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai was hearing the Presidential reference on assent to Bills passed by Assemblies and the timeline for their approval. The bench also comprising Justice Surya Kant, Justice Vikram Nath, Justice P.S. Narasimha and

Justice A.S. Chandurkar will resume hearing on Thursday when Tamil Nadu and Kerala are scheduled to make submissions and defend the April 8 verdict which for the first time prescribed a timeline for the President to decide on the Bills cleared by the State Assemblies. Justice Narasimha said: "The Union says the power of withholding stands on its own and the Governor can withhold the Bill. Therefore, when you independently exercise the power of withholding, it is a little problematic... There is a problem because with this power, even a money bill can be withheld..." Justice Narasimha referred to the proviso to Article 200 that says that, except in the case of a money bill, a Governor can return the Bill to the Assembly for reconsideration.

Telangana HC Orders Regularisation of Sada Bainama Land, Benefiting Nearly 10 Lakh Farmers

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The Telangana High Court on Tuesday issued a landmark order allowing the regularisation of sada bainama land, a move expected to benefit approximately 9.74 lakh farmers who had been struggling to secure ownership rights for nearly five years. The ruling provides relief to farmers affected by restrictions under the Dharani Act, which was introduced by the previous BRS government and did not con-

tain provisions for regularising such lands. Under the Dharani regime, lakhs of farmers holding sada bainama documents—a term used for land transactions conducted orally, on white paper, or bond paper without formal registration—faced prolonged uncertainty. These unregistered lands had long been a common feature in Telangana's agrarian system, and without formal recognition, farmers lacked permanent ownership rights. The process of regulari-

sation has now become possible following the replacement of the Dharani Act with the Congress government's Bhu Bharati Act. This legislative change enables farmers to secure ownership rights over nearly 10 lakh acres of land. The High Court clarified in its ruling that applications submitted up to November 10, 2020, are eligible for consideration under the new Record of Rights Act, also known as the Bhu Bharati Act. Telangana Deputy Collectors' Association pres-

ident V. Lachiredy and general secretary K. Ramakrishna welcomed the verdict, calling it a historic judgment. In a joint statement, they said the ruling ensures permanent rights for farmers holding sada bainama documents and will significantly reduce land disputes by enabling the issuance of 13-B proceedings, which serve as formal recognition of ownership. The issue of sada bainama land traces back to long-standing practices where land transactions

were conducted informally, often verbally or via white papers. The BRS government had previously attempted to address this by accepting applications for regularisation of land purchased through white paper agreements before June 2, 2014, excluding urban areas. In the first phase of this initiative, about 12.64 lakh applications were received through MeeSeva centres, with nearly 6 lakh farmers subsequently issued 13-B proceedings and pattadar passbooks

under the Telangana Rights in Land and Pattadar Passbooks Act, 1971. To further address farmer concerns, the BRS government issued GO 112 on October 18, 2021, opening another window for sada bainama regularisation. Applications were initially invited up to October 30, 2021, resulting in 2,26,693 submissions, and later extended to November 10, 2021, during which 6,74,201 applications were filed. Complications arose following the introduction

of the new Record of Rights Act, 2020, known as the Dharani Act, which replaced the earlier ROR Act. The Dharani Act did not provide for sada bainama regularisation, leading to a legal challenge in the High Court. The petitioner questioned the government's acceptance of applications after October 29, 2020, when the old ROR Act was effectively abolished. Earlier interim orders had restricted acceptance of applications to those filed before

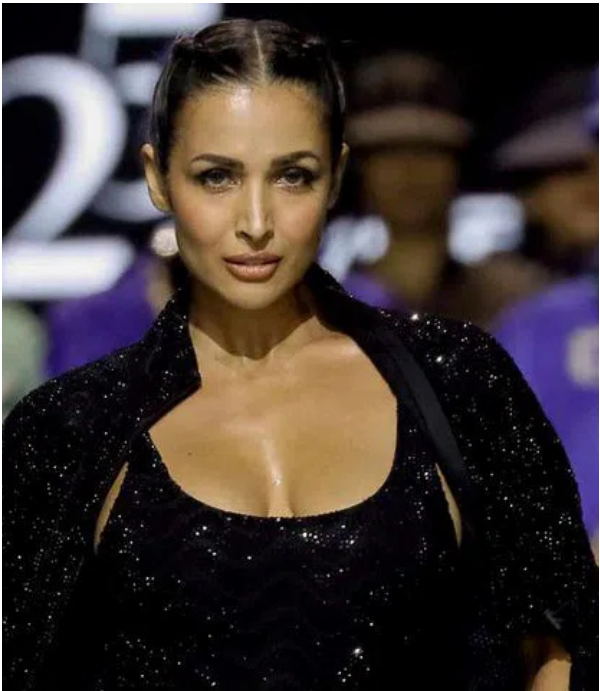
October 29, 2020, causing the process to stall. With Tuesday's High Court ruling, the path has now been cleared for nearly 10 lakh farmers to secure formal ownership of their lands, offering long-awaited stability and recognition. Observers have described the verdict as a breakthrough in Telangana's land rights framework, signaling a major step toward protecting farmers' rights and reducing long-standing disputes over sada bainama land.



# Own it means showing up as yourself, without apologies, says Malaika Arora

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Bollywood diva Malaika Arora says that to her, “Own It” means showing up as yourself—without filters or apologies. Speaking to IANS, the 51-year-old star explained that her journey has been about fearlessly embracing who she is, whether in fashion, fitness, or daily life. “Confidence isn’t about perfection, it’s about authenticity,” she said, reflecting on how self-assurance has shaped her career and personal choices. Malaika, known for her glamorous persona, also shared her love for lipsticks, calling them “instant mood-lifters.” The



actress, who is the brand ambassador for HYUE, said the right lipstick shade can make one feel

bold, playful, romantic, or confident. “It’s such a small product, but it holds immense power in how it

makes you carry yourself,” she added, emphasizing the transformative impact of makeup. Highlighting her association with HYUE, Malaika praised the brand’s approach to effortless glamour. “Makeup should never feel heavy; it should feel like a second skin. HYUE’s VeltetteKiss delivers that perfect balance of comfort and sophistication,” she said. For Malaika, representing a product that blends style with ease aligns naturally with her own ethos of confidence and individuality. Malaika’s journey in entertainment began as a VJ for MTV India, after which she entered modeling, appearing in commercials and music videos like Bally Sagoo’s “Gur Naalo Ishq Mitha” opposite Jas Arora. She gained widespread recognition in Bollywood with chartbusters such as “Chaiyya Chaiyya” from Dil Se... (1998), followed by hits including Maahi Ve (2002), Kaal Dhamaal (2005), and Munni Badnaam Hui (2010). As an actress, she has appeared in films like Kaante (2002) and EMI (2008), earning acclaim for her versatility and signature style. Through it all, Malaika continues to inspire with her fearless authenticity, proving that confidence is rooted in being unapologetically yourself.

# Swifties celebrate as Taylor and Travis share fairytale engagement news in Insta post

Taylor Swift and NFL star Travis Kelce have announced their engagement, sharing the news in a joint Instagram post after two years of a widely followed relationship. The couple, often seen supporting each other at concerts and football games, confirmed their fairytale romance with a playful caption: “Your English teacher and your gym teacher are getting married.”

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It’s a love story and, baby, she said yes: Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce are engaged, they announced Tuesday. In a five-photo joint post on Instagram, the superstar singer and football player revealed their engagement, the fairytale culmination of a courtship that for two years has thrilled and fascinated millions around the world, but especially Swifties, the pop star’s enormous and ardent fan base. “Your English teacher and your gym teacher are getting married,” the caption read, accompanied by an emoji of a dynamite stick.

Kelce was a famous football player when they met — a star tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs and a Super Bowl champion — but Swift’s unique level of fame catapulted him into a different orbit entirely. Their relationship was documented in countless shots of Swift celebrating at Chiefs games and fan videos of Kelce dancing along at Swift’s Eras concert tour as it travelled the globe. There were those who



speculated, with no evidence, that the relationship was not genuine but a cynical ploy for more fame, while some even theorised it was a plot to influence the US elections. In the end, those voices were quieted by a happy couple who simply looked in love — now with an engagement ring rivalling the size of Kelce’s three Super Bowl rings. It’s unclear when and where the two got engaged. A representative for Swift did not immediately respond to The Associated Press’ request for comment. The news broke in the middle of the Kansas City Chiefs’ media availability, though after head coach Andy Reid had departed. That left Chiefs defensive end Mike Danna to field questions about his teammate’s engagement. “Man, it’s incredible. I

was caught off guard but you know, great for them,” Danna said, a few minutes after the news raced across social media. “But you know, great for them. That’s a blessing. Any time you find that type of joy, blessing, love — that’s a beautiful thing.” Like many of the Chiefs, Danna has hung out with Swift and Kelce at a New Year’s party and after most of their home games. “I’ll think of a good little engagement gift,” Danna said. “Maybe some Pop-Tarts back to her. It won’t be homemade.” The NFL, which has gained millions of fans since the relationship became public, posted the news on X with their congratulations — then quickly deleted it and reposted it when they realised they tagged the wrong Swift account.

## Tanikella Bharani unveils ‘Hara Hara Shankara’ song from Mutton Soup

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Noted actor Tanikella Bharani on Tuesday released the devotional track Hara Hara Shankara from the upcoming crime drama Mutton Soup at a special event held in the city. The film is directed by Ramachandra Vattikooti under the banners of Alukka Studios, Sri Varahi Arts and Bhavishya Vihar Chithralu (BVC). Produced by Mallikhar-

juna Elika (Gopal), Arun Chandra Vattikooti and Ramakrishna Sanapala, the movie features Raman and Varsha Vishwanath in the lead roles. With the tagline Witness the Real Crime, the film aims to highlight social issues through a realistic narrative. Speaking on the occasion, Tanikella Bharani said he hoped the movie would achieve great success with the blessings of Lord Parameshwara. “The industry is seeing a



wave of new talent. Mutton Soup reflects the struggles of its makers and has the potential to leave an impact on viewers,” he said. Director Ramachandra Vattikooti thanked the producers and well-

wishers for their support and announced that the team is planning to release the film in September. “This journey has been possible with constant guidance and encouragement. We are excited to share more up-

dates soon,” he added. Producers Mallikharjuna Elika, Arun Chandra Vattikooti and Ramakrishna Sanapala expressed confidence that the film would resonate with audiences. Lead actor Raman said every scene in the movie feels like real life and urged viewers to support the team’s efforts. Actress Suneetha Manohar and actor Govind also shared their excitement about being part of the project.

# BUSSINESS

## India’s Total Exports Will Grow in FY26 Despite 50 PC Tariff on US Exports

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Starting Wednesday, India will enter the highest U.S. tariff bracket, facing a 50 percent levy on its exports and becoming the only country penalized for importing Russian oil amid ongoing global sanctions. This move is expected to impact roughly \$37 billion–\$39 billion of India’s merchandise exports to the U.S., according to trade estimates. Despite this, India’s overall exports are projected to remain resilient and continue growing in FY26, largely driven by the rising value of services exports in IT, fintech, business services, and healthcare. The Federation of Indian Exporters Organisation estimates that around 55 percent of U.S.-bound exports—valued at \$86.5 billion in FY2025—will be severely affected by tariffs. With the new 50 percent duty, labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, apparel, gems and jewellery, marine products, furniture, and carpets could see exports plunge by as much as 70 percent, shrinking to \$18.6 billion. Smaller shares of exports will remain duty-free (30 percent, \$27.6 billion) or face a 25 percent tariff (4 percent, \$3.4 billion). In the context of India’s total merchandise exports of \$437 billion in FY2025, the impact could reduce shipments by 10.8 percent, and when services exports are included, the total effect is estimated at 5.79 percent. The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) projects

India’s exports to the U.S. to decline from \$86.5 billion in FY2025 to about \$49.6 billion in FY2026. Conversely, exports to countries other than the U.S. are expected to grow 5 percent, rising from \$350.9 billion to \$368.5 billion. Services exports, the economy’s primary growth driver, may increase 10 percent from \$383.5 billion to \$421.9 billion, leading total exports of goods and services combined to rise 2.3 percent, from \$820.9 billion in FY2025 to \$839.9 billion in FY2026. India’s tariff situation stems from U.S. global trade policies initiated under the Trump administration. When retaliatory tariffs were announced in April, India faced a 26 percent tariff, lower than other Asian exporters such as China (34 percent), Vietnam (46 percent), Bangladesh (37 percent), and Cambodia (49 percent). While India initiated early bilateral trade negotiations, talks stalled as the U.S. demanded full access to Indian agricultural, dairy, and genetically modified products. Other countries renegotiated their tariffs downward, but India’s remained at 25 percent until the U.S. announced an additional 25 percent tariff on Russian oil imports on August 6, elevating India to the top 50 percent bracket alongside Brazil. India is among the top buyers of Russian oil, importing \$119.3 billion worth in 2023, second only to China at \$158.7 billion. Other importers include Turkey (\$62.1B), the European Union (\$23.2B), Brazil

(\$19.6B), Singapore (\$13B), Hungary (\$6.1B), South Korea (\$3.3B), Saudi Arabia (\$11B), and Slovakia (\$10.2B). The U.S. has avoided penalizing China, likely due to fears of retaliation, including restrictions on rare earth exports. Labour-intensive sectors are expected to bear the brunt of tariffs. Engineering goods exports, where MSMEs employ roughly 4 million people, could see a 50 percent drop in segments not shielded by global tariffs. Textiles, India’s second-largest employer after agriculture, could lose \$5 billion in exports to the U.S., with total tariffs potentially rising to 59–64 percent. Gems and jewellery, employing 4.3 million people, now face a 52.1 percent tariff, while marine exports such as shrimp are also heavily affected, competing against countries with lower tariffs like Canada, Ecuador, Vietnam, Chile, and Indonesia. Indirect economic effects may further exacerbate the situation, as U.S. price hikes could reduce consumer spending, risk pushing the U.S. economy toward recession, and negatively affect IT and other service exports globally. To protect exporters, urgent government measures are required. Simplifying GST under a two-rate system, streamlining import duties on raw materials, improving logistics, and expediting interest subsidies could enhance competitiveness. Market diversification is critical, with India accelerating trade negotiations and implementing agreements.

## Welspun Launches ‘Kyunki Farq Padta Hai’ Campaign with Vidya Balan to Promote Quality Home Linen

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Welspun Living Limited (WLL) unveiled its latest campaign, ‘Kyunki Farq Padta Hai’, featuring actor Vidya Balan in a playful horror-comedy avatar. The campaign highlights the importance of choosing quality home linen, combining humour, nostalgia, and a supernatural twist to make the message memorable. The campaign includes two short films showcasing Welspun’s QuikDry Towels and Wonder-Full Bedsheets. Each film fea-



tures a fun, ghostly intervention that nudges characters—and viewers—toward smarter choices. Using punchy dialogues, cinematic visuals, and Vidya’s charm, the films reinforce the tagline: “Because it makes

a difference”. Speaking on the campaign, Dipali Goenka, MD & CEO of Welspun Living, said, “Every homemaker knows that what we bring into our homes is not just about utility. It is about trust, care, and something that lasts for years. With this campaign, we celebrate the choices women make every day to keep their homes warm, welcoming, and enduring.” Vidya Balan added, “I’ve heard ‘kya farq padta hai’ so often, and every time I’ve wanted to say yes, farq padta hai! Between ordinary and better, random and reliable. I had a great time bringing that emotion alive with a bit of drama, comedy, and a lot of truth.” Yash Kulshreshtha, Co-Founder & CCO at ^a t o

m network, said the campaign turns common consumer habits—like choosing unbranded linen—into theatrical storytelling with cultural flavour, designed to shift preferences. The campaign is now live across TV, digital, print, outdoor, and social media, reaching millions of households in urban and semi-urban India. Through Kyunki Farq Padta Hai, Welspun not only emphasizes product quality but also entertains, engages, and inspires consumers to make better choices at home.

## Epiroc Breaks Ground on New Nashik Production and R&D Facility

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Epiroc AB, a global leader in productivity and sustainability solutions for the mining and infrastructure industries, has officially broken ground on a new production and R&D facility in Nashik, Maharashtra. The facility, covering approximately 175,000 m², is part of Epiroc’s strategy to strengthen its presence in India while supporting customers globally with high-quality products and innovative solutions that enhance safety and pro-



ductivity. The new Nashik site will focus on the development, prototyping, and production of underground and surface equipment for both mining and construction sectors. It will feature dedicated buildings for production, proto-

typing, an R&D laboratory, office spaces, and an outdoor equipment testing track. Operations are expected to begin in the third quarter of 2026, with phased expansions in the coming years to meet growing demand. The expansion is also

expected to generate local employment opportunities, with approximately 200 new direct positions, adding to the current workforce of around 280 in Nashik. “The new facility in Nashik is a key step in expanding our footprint in the fast-growing Indian market and supports our global customer base,” said Helena Hedblom, President and CEO of Epiroc. Arunkumar Govindarajan, President of Epiroc India, highlighted that the investment aligns with the company’s commitment

to the “Make in India” initiative and reflects the significant growth potential in the country. Epiroc already operates multiple production and innovation centers in India, including recent expansions in Hyderabad, which host advanced rock drilling tool manufacturing and innovation and technology centers. The new Nashik facility reinforces Epiroc’s dedication to innovation, safety, and sustainable practices while strengthening its position as a trusted partner for customers in India and around the world.



CITY CLICKS

Sift Kaur Samra wins first Asian crown with 50m Rifle 3p gold



Olympian Sift Kaur Samra won her first Asian crown, clinching the women’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) gold at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on Tuesday.

Sift’s class, experience and expertise, especially in the Standing position, came through in the women’s 3P final as she shot 459.2 to leave young Chinese hope Yang Yujie 0.4 short, after ending the first Kneeling position in seventh place. India’s juniors also picked up six golds, two silver and one bronze, including four team golds, on what was effectively day nine of competitions with the women’s 3P, men’s 25m rapid-fire pistol and the trap men and women shooters doing the honours.



Team Championship 1st Place Badruka College of Commerce & Arts

16-year-old Ngunmoha seals dramatic win for Liverpool in Premier League clash

Liverpool’s 16-year-old Rio Ngunmoha etched his name into the club’s history books as their youngest-ever scorer, striking in stoppage time to seal a dramatic 3-2 victory over Newcastle United on Monday at St. James’ Park.

Ryan Gravenberch put the champions 1-0 up in the 35th minute, ahead of the Magpies going down to 10 men on the stroke of half-time when Anthony Gordon was given a red card. Though Hugo Ekitike made it 2-0 moments after the restart, the hosts clawed themselves back level through Bruno Guimaraes and William Osula.

But up stepped Premier League debutant Ngunmoha off the bench to restore Liverpool’s lead and clinch the three points.

At the age of 16 years and 361 days, the attacker became the Reds’ youngest scorer of all time by settling a topsy-turvy affair at St. James’ Park.

The match was played in a feverish atmosphere, heightened by Liverpool’s recent pursuit of Newcastle striker Alexander Isak. What followed was a rollercoaster contest that saw the Premier League champions surrender a two-goal lead before Ngunmoha delivered the decisive blow.

Newcastle started strongly, putting Liverpool under pressure, but the visitors struck first 10 minutes before half-time when Ryan Gravenberch’s low shot deflected off Fabian Schär and beat Nick Pope. Tensions escalated in first-half stoppage time when Anthony Gordon was sent off for a reckless challenge on Virgil van Dijk, a decision confirmed by VAR.



Always Dreamed of Playing in Premier League for Liverpool, Says Hugo Ekitike

With the Premier League 2025-26 season underway, Liverpool’s Hugo Ekitike spoke to JioHotstar, expressing his excitement about joining the club. He explained why the Reds were his top choice, praised the club’s culture and fans, and shared his eagerness to play at Anfield. Speaking on JioHotstar, Hugo Ekitike shared his emotions after signing for Liverpool: “I feel very proud. It is a big club, and I am excited. I feel like a kid, as I have always dreamed of playing in the Premier League and for Liverpool. It is a great feeling for me. I cannot wait to start playing, win trophies, and achieve success here.”

On why Liverpool was always the right choice for him: “The way the club operates and what I have heard about the people here, all of it stood out to me. The atmosphere, fans, the stadium, and their ability to develop players make Liverpool special. They are already Premier League champions, the best team in England, and among the best in the world. It was always Liverpool for me. From the moment I spoke to the coach, I was certain about my decision.” He also shared his thoughts on playing at Anfield: “Anfield is incredible, and I can’t wait to play there. I haven’t started to think about what it will be like to score a goal at the Kop end yet, I think that will come.

PV Sindhu advances to round of 32 with confident World Championship win

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Former champion PV Sindhu began her campaign at the BWF World Championships 2025 with a confident Round-of-64 victory over Bulgaria’s Kaloyana Nalbantova, 23-21, 21-6 in just 39 minutes here on Tuesday.

Two-time Olympic medalist Sindhu, who is one of the few players in the history of the sport to have won a full set of medals in the World Championships with one gold, two silver, and two

bronze medals, is India’s biggest hope for a title in Paris.

Playing at the Adidas Arena, which hosted the 2024 Summer Olympics, the 30-year-old Sindhu started well and quelled her opponent with confident play.

The opening game was a tight battle, with scores tied at 21-all before Sindhu, who won a silver in the 2016 Olympics in Rio and followed that up with a bronze in Tokyo, closed it out with a two-point edge. The 2019 women’s singles cham-



pion cruised through the second game, producing a commanding performance to seal the match with a 15-point margin. Sindhu will next face Malaysia’s Karupathevan Letshanaa in the Round of 32.

In the Paris Olympics, Sindhu lost in the Round

of 16 to He Bingjiao of China, the same player she had beaten in the Tokyo Olympics bronze medal match.

Meanwhile, India’s campaign in the men’s singles got off on a poor note with Lakshya Sen making an early exit. Sen’s poor run continued on Monday as he lost in straight sets against World No. 1 Shi Yu Qi of China.

Sen’s battle lasted a total of 54 minutes as he succumbed to a 17-21, 19-21 defeat, bringing an end to another disappointing campaign at the tourna-

ment, after having previously won the bronze medal in 2021. H.S. Prannoy will be playing his first match later on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Indian men’s doubles stars Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are scheduled to face the formidable pair of P.H. Yang and K. Liu in a first-round match-up on Wednesday.

This match promises to be a thrilling contest as both pairs are known for their aggressive play and strong court presence.

MGM Hospital Warangal Launches Patient Support Services in Telangana’s Tier 2 Cities

MGM Warangal Pioneers Patient Support Model for Rural and Tribal Communities in Telangana

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Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital (MGMH), Warangal, one of Telangana’s largest state-run multi-specialty hospitals, has launched a first-of-its-kind Patient Support Services program in collaboration with the Helping Hand Foundation (HHF) and Basheer and Sarwar Babukhan Human Development Trust (BSB HDT).

The 1,500-bed MGM Hospital manages over 3,000 outpatients daily and 700–750 medical emergencies, offering services across pediatrics, oncology, geriatrics, psychiatry, de-addiction, and super-specialty departments, including cardiology. Patients from Hanam-



konda, Jangaon, Mahabubabad, Mulugu, Jaishankar Bhupalapally, and Narsampet—areas with around 20% tribal population—visit MGMH, making patient navigation and support critical.

The new services deploy seven trained Community Health Workers (CHWs): three female CHWs assist patients in OPD registration, ABHA ID creation, pharmacy guidance, and

operates Help Desks. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Satya Sharada IAS, Collector Warangal, in the presence of Dr. K. Kishore Kumar, Hospital Superintendent, and senior medical officers.

Mujtaba Hasan Askari of HHF said, “Patient Support Services at MGM will reduce confusion, save time, ease stress, and build trust in public healthcare.” HHF also thanked Health Minister Shri C. Damodar Rajanarshima for supporting the rural patient support initiative.

This initiative marks a significant step in improving access, mobility, and continuity of care for patients in Telangana’s Tier 2 cities, especially tribal and rural communities.

Iga Swiatek cruises past Arango in US Open Opener, eyes seventh Grand Slam



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Former World No. 1 Iga Swiatek maintained her 100% record in the first round matches in the US Open, winning her seventh successive opening round clash as she launched her campaign for her Grand Slam title No. 7 on Tuesday.

In an early match at a sun-kissed Arthur Ash Stadium, the 2022 winner maintained her recent form as she breezed past world No. 84 Emiliana Arango, 6-1, 6-2, on Tuesday.

Swiatek, who had snapped a 13-month title drought in July by capturing her first Wimbledon title and backed that up by lifting the Cincinnati trophy for the first time two weeks ago, is hoping to

become the first WTA star to win the Wimbledon and US Open titles in the same calendar year since Serena Williams in 2012.

Having fallen to No. 8 in the WTA Rankings in June, Swiatek already returned to No. 2 this week. The 2022 champion at Flushing Meadows, a second title here this fortnight could potentially mean she reclaims the World No. 1 ranking from Aryna Sabalenka.

On Tuesday, Swiatek made short work of Arango, making her main draw debut here. It was a difficult task for the Pole as Arango was trying everything to disrupt the No. 2 seed’s rhythm, frequently throwing in the slice and offering up different depths of shot.

Star Players Shine at Hyderabad Pickleball League Auction, Setting Stage for Historic Season 1

Marquee Players Take Centre Stage: Sameer Varma, Vishnu Vardhan, and Kidambi Nandagopal headline the inaugural Hyderabad Pickleball League.

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The Hyderabad Pickleball League (HPL) took a monumental step forward as top Indian sporting icons, including Sameer Varma—ranked 8th in Asia—tennis ace Vishnu Vardhan, and Kidambi Nandagopal, were drafted at the inaugural player auction, heralding the launch of India’s first franchise-based Pickleball league. Conceptualised by Centre Court Sports and Entertainment, the league is set to begin on October 10th, 2025, promising a unique blend of competitive sports and IPL-style entertainment for the city and the country at large.

The player auction, held on August 20th at Zero40 Brewing in Hyderabad, saw a high-spirited contest among eight franchises: All Stars, Credicon Mavericks, Dasos Dynamos, Keerthi Warriors,



Nandi Chargers, Starry Smashers, Teramor Titans, and The Raptors. Each team competed to assemble squads across four player categories—A, B, C, and D—while adhering to league rules that mandated 10 players per team, at least one player over 35, and a minimum of two female players. The rules were designed to balance

experience with emerging talent, promoting inclusivity and diversity in the league.

The auction opened with marquee signings in Category A, each player being directly drafted by their franchise for ₹2 lakh, setting the stage for an intense bidding evening. Sameer Varma joined All Stars, Sreekar Mothukuri

was picked by Credicon Mavericks, Vivek Reddy Priyadarshini for Dasos Dynamos, Zena Chatwal for Keerthi Warriors, Sahithi Ponnala for Nandi Chargers, Harsh Ranasaria for Starry Smashers, Nikhil Thummalapalli for Teramor Titans, and Rishabh Rama for The Raptors.

Beyond the marquee

players, the franchises engaged in strategic and spirited bidding for emerging talent. All Stars signed former tennis player Veda Raju Prapurna for ₹78K and Akshath for ₹70K. Credicon Mavericks secured Sanna Sathwika for ₹85K, Punna Vishal for ₹70K, while also adding stars Vishnu Vardhan and Nandagopal. Dasos Dynamos invested ₹82K for Sowmya Pulumati and ₹60K for Vikram Lagadapati, signaling their intent to field a strong and balanced squad.

Keerthi Warriors made headlines by acquiring Bhaskar Paramatmuni for ₹1 lakh and Soli Colah for ₹50K, while also marking 14-year-old prodigy Gia Gandhi as a future star. Nandi Chargers won the bidding for Girish Karri at ₹1 lakh, and Starry Smashers added Fayrouz Sousan Zaidi and Ramya Sridhar for ₹1 lakh each.

Teramor Titans picked Vijaytej Raju Gangapatnam at ₹1 lakh, Naga Moksha Yerram at ₹75K, and Indian tennis talent Theertha Shashank. Meanwhile, The Raptors strategically acquired Neharika Paramatmuni for ₹1 lakh and Sayam Bothra for ₹90K.

The auction highlighted a careful mix of star power, strategic bidding, and investment in emerging talent, ensuring a competitive and exciting inaugural season. With the teams now finalised, the HPL 2025 season is set to deliver high-octane matches, entertainment, and a new platform for Pickleball in India, putting Hyderabad firmly on the map as a hub for this fast-growing sport. Fans can expect thrilling action, marquee matchups, and stories of rising stars making their mark in a league that promises to redefine sports entertainment in the city.





Jajula Srinivas Goud, National President of the BC Welfare Association, addressed a press conference at Press Club, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, highlighting the issue of BC reservations and the stand taken by various political parties.



50 Mahindra University students under probe in Hyderabad drug bust

In a major drug bust in Hyderabad, 50 students of Mahindra University are being investigated by the Telangana narcotic wing for alleged ganja consumption. The Telangana police ‘EAGLE’ arrested a four-member gang for supplying drugs to university students in Hyderabad. Around 1.15 kilograms of ganja and 47 grams of OG weed were seized from them. The accused persons are 21-year-old Neville Tongbram from Manipur, 24-year-old Ambati Ganesh, 26-year-old Boosa Shiva Kumar, and 21-year-old Mohd Ashar Jawed Khan, a student of Mahindra University. “They adopted sophisticated methods to conceal their drug operations. A high-grade OG weed was procured in bulk from two suppliers, Arvind Sharma and Aneel Soibam. These consignments were sent via DTDC courier services with drugs carefully hidden in everyday items. The payments were made through UPI,” said director of EAGLE, Sandeep Shandilya.Boosa Shiva maintained a steady supply chain from Bidar in Karnataka and personally transported consignments to Hyderabad. “These consignments were handed to Ambati Ganesh, who made small packets and sold them to students via Neville and Ashar,” Shandilya said. Around 28 grams of OG weed was purchased for Rs. 30,000 and sold to students at Rs 2,500 per packet. “These packets were distributed in hostels and at private gatherings. Ashar maintained a list of student consumers,” said.



HYDRAA Prajavani receives 48 complaints on encroachments

The Hyderabad Disaster Management and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Monday received 48 complaints of encroachments, ranging from parks, roads, lakes, and drains, raising alarm over increasing land disputes in the city and its outskirts. The most serious grievance came from Shaikpet’s Sakubai Nagar, where residents alleged that of the 16,158 square yards marked for public use in a 25-acre layout, large portions of roads and parks have been converted into private plots. Residents urged HYDRAA to restore the layout as per original plans. In Gachibowli, members of the Fertilizers Corporation of India Employees Cooperative Housing Society accused convention centre owner Sridhar Rao of carrying out constructions despite a High Court status quo order. They alleged roads and open spaces were being altered, while genuine plot owners with permissions were denied construction rights. Encroachments were also reported in Gopannapalli village (Serilingampalli mandal), where the Bricks Skywoods Welfare Association said a man named Hamid demolished fencing at Survey No. 178, Chinipeddla Cheruvu, cut trees, and occupied government land even after GHMC attempted restoration. In Banjara Hills’ MLA Colony, a land dispute emerged over 100 square yards of government land situated between two private plots. One complainant alleged the rival party illegally occupied 70 yards and even built a room, despite his Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) fee payment and pending MRO application.

Hostel Woes Mount at OU

Osmania University Law Hostel Students Reel Under Floods, Shocks, and Poor Facilities

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Severe infrastructural issues continue to plague students at the E1 hostel of Osmania University (OU), meant for law college students. From flooded rooms and unsafe electrical wiring to lack of clean drinking water and sanitation, inmates face multiple hardships that remain unresolved despite repeated appeals. Every rainfall leaves several hostel rooms waterlogged, with students forced to wade through ankle-deep water. The deteriorating Nizam-era structure, originally a horse stable and later converted into a hostel with asbestos roofing, has now be-



come hazardous. Card-board sheets placed to cover ageing asbestos have collapsed in several rooms, letting rainwater pour directly into living spaces. According to university sources, more than 20 out of 103 rooms are severely affected. Room No. 8, occupied by third-year student K. Rohith, is among the worst-hit. “Half the room submerges whenever it rains. At night, we are sometimes forced to vacate. We have given several representations to the college, university and even Prajavani, but nothing has changed,” he said. The danger is not limited to flooding. With rainwater seeping into damp switchboards, students risk electric shocks while using lights or fans. “We avoid switching them on during rains,” Ro-

hith added. Drinking water facilities are equally poor, with the hostel’s purifier lying defunct. Students are forced to fetch water from the mess, carrying bottles and cans daily. Sanitation adds another layer of distress — one washroom serves nearly 120 students, and frequent closures due to sewer works make matters worse. Long queues for bathing have become routine, while some students admitted being forced to relieve themselves in the open. Acknowledging the situation, a College of Law official said the university is considering shifting E1 hostel inmates to a newly launched facility soon.

Builders Violate RERA Rules in Hyderabad City

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Despite clear provisions under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA), several builders in Hyderabad continue to collect more than 10 per cent of the cost of a flat or plot from buyers without executing a registered agreement for sale. Under Section 13(1) of the RERA Act, a promoter shall not accept a sum more than 10 per cent of the cost of the apartment, plot or building as an advance payment from a person without first entering into a written agreement for sale. Several recent cases, like Krithika Infra Developers (Boduppal) had collected amounts exceeding 10 per cent of plot cost without executing or registering

sale agreements. A developer of a project in Sheshadri’s Silver Oak at Beeramguda accepted advances exceeding 10 per cent before a written sale agreement from a buyer, Katchala Nanaji. In another case, Pagadala Constructions told a buyer that a sale agreement would be executed only after payment of 30 per cent of the flat cost or the bank loan margin money. Sahiti infratec also collected more than 10 per cent from its buyers. “This is a direct violation. Unfortunately, this provision is being widely violated in Hyderabad, leaving buyers vulnerable. A stark example is the project Sahiti Sista Abode, where the developer collected well beyond the permissible 10 per cent, in several cases even over 50 per cent.

Internet outage in Hyderabad: TGSPDCL violating HC orders, says COAI

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The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) on Tuesday said that the TGSPDCL or electricity board officials are violating orders of the Telangana high court by continuing “rampant” fiber cuts which has resulted in mass internet outage in Hyderabad over the last fortnight. TGSPDCL officials began chopping up wires from across the city after cases of electrocution deaths took place in the city. “COAI strongly condemns the continued and unlawful fiber cuts being carried out by the TGSPDCL personnel, across several areas in Hyderabad. These acts persist in defiance of the Hon’ble High Court of Telangana’s ruling dated 22nd August 2025, which had clearly restrained



such destructive measures. This severing of telecom fiber has led to widespread disruption of essential internet services. Over the last few days, this has worsened the situation and is affecting critical connectivity in both urban and rural areas,” said the COAI on the internet outage in Hyderabad. The organisation stated that in spite of the high court’s extension of its interim orders on the matter on August 25, which asked the TGSPDCL not to cut/remove or take any coercive actions on optical fiber cables, the order continues to be “flagrantly violated”. The COAI said that the instances of internet fibre being cut have now been reported from Banjara Hills, Kukatpally, Madhapur, Kondapur, Habsiguda, Champapet, Manikonda, Secunderabad and Kompally to . “COAI would like to remind all concerned that access to telecommunications is not just a service — it is a fundamental right and a lifeline in today’s digital age,” it added in its statement.

Telangana Assembly session to commence on Aug 30

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The Telangana Assembly’s Monsoon session is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. on August 30, with discussions expected to be dominated by the Ghose Commission report on the Kaleshwaram project. The development comes after the Telangana High Court refused to issue interim orders quashing the report, despite petitions filed by former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and ex-Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao. The session will open with condolences to Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath, who passed away recently. According to reports, the proceedings are likely to be stormy as the govern-



ment prepares for a detailed debate on the controversial report. The High Court, while hearing pleas from the BRS leaders, noted the state government’s assurance that no punitive action would be taken until after a full Assembly debate. Adding political weight, the session may also consider a resolution recommending Governor Jishnu Dev Varma to appoint Prof. M. Kodandaram and Amer Ali Khan as MLCs under the Governor’s quota. However,

the Supreme Court on August 13 stayed their appointments after BRS leaders Dasoju Sravan Kumar and Kurra Satyanarayana challenged the state’s January 2024 nominations. The Assembly is expected to run until September 6, wrapping up before Ganesh immersion. However, sources indicate it may reconvene after the festival if the government opts for an extended session. A Cabinet meeting scheduled for August 29 will finalize the agenda. With the Ghose Commission report at the centre, the Monsoon session is expected to be a critical political battleground, testing both the ruling Congress government and the opposition BRS.

Cyberabad Police ask Ganesh idol organisers to register online

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The Cyberabad Police have urged devotees, youth groups, and pandal organisers to complete the mandatory registration process before installing Ganesh idols in public places. To ensure smooth arrangements, public safety, and proper monitoring during the festive season, the police have introduced a streamlined online registration system. Officials said the initiative will help maintain law and order, facilitate better coordination with local authorities, and pro-



mote eco-friendly celebrations. The registration process is designed to regulate idol installations, manage traffic diversions, and prevent untoward incidents. Organisers can submit their details through the official Telangana Police portal: <https://policeportal.ts.police.gov.in/index.htm>.

Hyderabad man jailed for suspicious disguise

A local court on Tuesday convicted and sentenced a man to ten days’ imprisonment for covering his face with a handkerchief and moving suspiciously. Syed Sajid (30), a labourer from Yakutpura, was caught by Chandrayangutta police and booked under Section 61(b) of the Hyderabad City Police Act, 1348 F, which penalises covering the face or disguising oneself with intent to commit an offence. He was produced before the morning court at Nampally, sentenced to a 10-day jail term, and shifted to Central Prison, Chanchalguda. Authorities said the strict action was taken to deter potential offenders and ensure public safety, emphasizing vigilance in sensitive areas. Police urged citizens to report any suspicious activity promptly.

Cyberabad police crack 19 cybercrime cases, refund Rs 1.56 cr

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Cybercrime Police of Cyberabad successfully cracked 19 cybercrime cases between August 19 and August 25 and arrested 27 offenders from across the country. Police

uncovered 13 cases of trading fraud and made 19 arrests, while 4 cases of part-time job fraud lead to the arrest of 6 offenders. A business fraud case was also uncovered with the arrest of one offender along with one cyberstalking/sexortion fraud case

leading to the arrest of an offender. In addition to this, the Cybercrime police also refunded Rs 1,56,04,510 to victims by processing 80 cases in the court. Public has been advised to practice caution against investment and trading

schemes promising high returns in less time and to verify financial transactions before transferring money. If someone falls victim to cybercrime, they are encouraged to report to the helpline at 1930 or visit their official website.

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