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## Brief Insights

**Bhagwat Pitches for Maximum Three Children, Minimum Three Languages**



RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday clarified that his “retire at 75” remarks were not aimed at anyone but were in reference to the witticism of late Sangh leader Moropant Pingley. Saying there can be “matbhed” (difference of opinion) but no “manbhed” (difference at heart) with the BJP, Bhagwat also negated suggestions and speculation that the RSS decides for the BJP and that the delay in naming the next BJP chief was because the RSS was not agree- **CONT:P4**

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**'Nuke India' Scribbled on US School Shooter's Gun**

A shooter who opened fire at a Minneapolis Catholic school, killing two children, had “Nuke India” written on one of the guns, according to video footage of the alleged arsenal used by him. The shooter, identified as Robin Westman, 23, from Minnesota, opened fire in the Annunciation Catholic School on Wednesday, killing two children aged 8 and 10 and injuring 17 people. Westman then allegedly killed himself. Video footage circulating online allegedly showed Westman displaying his ammunition, rifles, and guns. “Nuke India” was written in white on one of the guns. Journalist Laura Loomer said in a post on X that the Minnesota shooter had “Mashallah” and “Nuke India” written on his gun.



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**HYDERABAD**  
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## US Tightens Stay Rules For Foreign Visa

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has proposed to tighten rules governing stay duration of international students, exchange visitors, and foreign media representatives in the country. If the rules are finalised, the long-standing system of Duration of Status (D/S) for F, J, and I visas will be replaced with a fixed admission period, the grace period for students will be reduced and additional restrictions will be implemented. At present,



people who receive F (academic students), J (exchange visitor) and I (foreign media representative) visas are admitted for as long as they remain in the programme or assignment they are approved of. The Duration of Status allowed students to stay in the US for the entire length of their education without having to re-apply to immigration authorities. Students under **CONT:P4**

## Rising Ganga Floods Varanasi Ghats; Aarti Moved To Rooftops

**VARANASI**  
Wakeup telangana

With water level in the Ganga river rising steadily, normal activities on the ghats of Varanasi have been disrupted, including the 'aarti' ritual and cremations, officials said on Thursday. After a slight drop in the past few days, the water level on Thursday morning crossed the warning mark of 70.262 metres to reach 70.91 metres, nearing the danger level at 71.262 metres, they said. According to the managers of 'Ganga Seva Nidhi', the organisation that conducts



the famed 'aarti' in Varanasi, floodwaters have submerged the lower parts of the Dashashwamedh Ghat, forcing the organisers to hold the daily ritual on the roofs of the adjoining buildings. Similarly, due to water-logging, cremations at the Harishchandra and Manikarnika ghats are also being carried out on rooftops. The floodwaters have submerged the Sheetla Mata temple at Dashashwamedh Ghat. In

view of the rising water level and the possibility of flooding, the district administration has instructed the concerned departments to remain on high alert. District Magistrate Satyendra Kumar said the municipal officials have been directed to ensure cleanliness in the relief camps and regular spraying of anti-larvae and foam in the waterlogged areas. The Varuna river, a tributary of the Ganga, is also in spate, with water entering several localities, including Shakkar Talab, Purana Pul, Nakkhi Ghat, Pulkohana and Deendayalpur.

## KTR, Bandi sanjay meet in flood-hit sircilla



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay and BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) crossed paths in flood-ravaged Sircilla on Thursday, creating a buzz as videos and photos of their brief meeting went viral. Sircilla has been severely battered by the heaviest rains in decades, leaving roads, crops, and infrastructure badly damaged. KTR, the local MLA, was among the first to inspect the affected areas, meeting residents and monitor-

ing relief measures. Later, Bandi Sanjay arrived to assess the situation on behalf of the Union government. Though political rivals, the two leaders exchanged courtesies during their visit, a rare moment that caught wide public attention. The scene was charged as BRS and BJP workers raised slogans in support of their leaders, reflecting the underlying political rivalry. Even as officials focused on relief operations, the leaders' unexpected encounter became the standout moment of the day in Sircilla.

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## LoC Gunfight: Two Infiltrating Terrorists Killed

**SRINAGAR**  
Wakeup telangana

The Indian Army on Thursday announced that two unidentified militants were killed during an ongoing anti-infiltration operation along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Gurez sector of north Kashmir's Bandipora district. The joint action was carried out by the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police following intelli-



gence inputs about a possible infiltration attempt. According to the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps, alert troops detected suspicious movement in the Naushehra Nard area and challenged it. The militants opened indiscriminate fire, **CONT:P4**

## BJP Hits Out at Rahul, Tejashwi for 'Shameful' Rally Remarks

**New delhi**  
Wakeup telangana

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday launched a scathing attack on Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav after a viral video from the ongoing Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar allegedly showed offensive language being used against Prime Minis-

ter Narendra Modi's late mother. Calling the incident “politics at its lowest,” the BJP accused the INDIA bloc leaders of crossing all limits of “insult, hatred, and vulgarity.” In a post on X, the BJP alleged that “from the platform of Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav's journey, extremely indecent language was used



against the revered late mother of Prime Minister Modi Ji. Such depravity has never been seen before in politics.” The party further charged that the

leaders not only allowed such remarks but also humiliated the people of Bihar by previously sharing the stage with Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who, it claimed, had earlier insulted Biharis. “Tejashwi and Rahul have made such filthy language be used on their

platform that it is not even possible to repeat it. This is a mistake for which even if they beg for forgiveness a thousand times, the people of Bihar will not forgive them,” the BJP stated, terming the episode “extremely shameful.” The BJP's criticism came as the 16-day Voter Adhikar Yatra—led by Gandhi and Yadav— **CONT:P4**

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just their construction but even their planning and design. There are fears that storing water at the barrages would further erode their stability, the barrages have been taken out of service until a possible rescue and rehabilitation plan can be drawn. With regard to the breach at the Polavaram dam, T. Srinivas, irrigation department’s engineer-in-chief (operation & maintenance) told Deccan Chronicle on Thursday: “The repairs to the breached bund section of about a five-metre span will be completed in the next two or three days. There is no danger to the main structure itself. The amount of water that came was unprecedented but the Pocharam dam is safe.” Quality related problems of the KLIS barrages was pointed out by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy who, as part of his aerial survey of flood-hit areas, briefly stopped over at the Yellampalli reservoir on Thursday. Answering a question from a

reporter, Revanth Reddy said the Kaleshwaram project barrages had similar quality problems and issues and if water is stored at them, the problems may get exacerbated. “They have the same quality problems. If water is stored at the barrages as demanded by Harish Rao or K.T. Rama Rao, and because of the problems, if something untoward happens, who will be answerable? Entire villages downstream will be washed away, there will be huge loss of lives,” Revanth Reddy said. Earlier in the day, after the floods at the Pocharam dam had receded and water stopped flowing over the dam, and the actual extent of the damage could be inspected. Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said “happy to share with all, our 103-year old Pocharam reservoir has bravely withstood a massive flood inflow of 1,82,000 cusecs, far beyond, its maximum flood discharge of 70,000 cusecs.

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pally Rohith, the CM instructed the Chief Secretary to prepare proposals for compensation on a war-footing basis, covering crop loss, property damage, and lives lost. He emphasized that documentation of damages through photos and videos must be preserved for district records. Revanth Reddy also suggested permanent flood management measures such as constructing high-level bridges. He urged officials to regularly record rainfall statistics and create awareness among people about safety precautions.

On the issue of urea shortages, he noted that farmers were purchasing stocks in advance and advised officials to promote the use of nano urea to prevent scarcity. Later, the CM visited a photo exhibition of flood-hit areas and appreciated the district administration’s relief efforts. At the Police Parade Grounds, he received a Guard of Honour. District Collector Rahul Raj and SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao welcomed him, while former MLA Mynampally Hanumanth Rao, additional collector Nagesh, and other officials were also present.

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hostel. Around 53 families from low-lying areas and 375 villagers near Sardhana were shifted to rehabilitation camps. Tragedy struck when two persons were swept away while crossing Rajpet bridge in Medak, and another person died in a wall collapse. A car with two occupants was washed away in Neelakatta vagu, Domakonda. Infrastructure has been badly hit: the Hyderabad–Nagpur National Highway (NH44) caved in at three places, forcing diversions. Railway tracks were damaged at Rameshwarpally in Kamareddy and Shamnapur on the Akkanpet–Ramayampet line, halting train services. Officials reported damage to 85 roads, 23 culverts, 15 bridges, and 47 submerged stretches, with barricades placed for public safety.

Shujauddin Ifteqari Awarded Ph.D. by Osmania University

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Eminent Urdu journalist and community leader Dr. Khwaja Muhammad Shujauddin Ifteqari Haqqani Pasha has been awarded a Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Urdu-Oriental Studies by Osmania University, Hyderabad. Dr. Ifteqari, who serves as Senior Corre-

spondent and In-charge Bureau Chief of the daily Etemaad and as President of the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union (TUWJU), earned his degree for his research on “The Contribution of the Family of Fasa-hat Jung Jalil to the Promotion of Poetry and Literature in Hyderabad.” His dissertation was supervised by



Dr. Sheikh Saleem, Associate Professor and former Head of the Urdu Department, Anwarul Uloom College.

The Ph.D. viva was evaluated by a distinguished panel comprising Professor Aslam Farooqui, Principal, Government Degree College, Zaheerabad; Dr. Rizwana Begum, Head of Urdu Department, Indira Priyadarshini Government Degree College, Nampally; and Professor C. Kasim, Principal, Arts & Science College, OU

and In-charge Head of the Urdu Department. Several dignitaries, including Dr. Mohammed Nazim Ali, Dr. Mohammed Mush-taq, Dr. Aslam Aamir, Dr. Sabiha Sultana, and Mrs. Syeda Aziz-un-Nisa, were present to witness the occasion. With nearly three decades in Urdu journalism, Dr. Ifteqari is also an author and plays an

active role in religious, literary, and social forums. He is the Saj-jada-nashin and Mutawalli of the shrines of Hazrat Khwaja Shujaul-Haq Chishti (RA) and Hazrat Ganj Anwar (RA) at Misrigunj. Academicians, journalists, spiritual leaders, and family members have extended warm congratulations on his academic milestone.

Rajnath, Nadda Pledge Central Aid To TG: BJP

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Home Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP president and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda reached out to state BJP chief N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday to assess the flood situation and assure Central support. Both leaders pledged to send additional personnel and essential relief materials as required, stressing seamless coordination with state agencies to strengthen rescue and relief operations. Ramchander Rao convened a teleconference with senior leaders and booth-level functionaries, directing them



to mobilise on the ground, remain accessible to the public, and work with disaster management teams. He instructed party cadres to organise grassroots relief — distributing food, drinking water, and transport facilities, especially in submerged and remote areas. He also urged the BJP youth wing (BJYM) and corporators to intensify in-

volvement without delay. Rao further appealed to doctors, volunteers, and NGOs to step in for medical camps and sanitation drives to prevent disease outbreaks. He stressed that party leaders must monitor relief centres, ensure fair distribution of resources, and address grievances swiftly to restore normalcy at the earliest.

Revanth Reddy a Trend Setter in National Politics: Nuthi Srikanth Goud

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana BC State Finance Corporation Chairman Nuthi Srikanth Goud has hailed Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy as a “trend setter in national politics,” crediting his leadership with reshaping the Congress party’s strategies and giving it fresh energy at the national level. In a statement issued on Tuesday, Goud said Revanth Reddy played a key role in the party’s decision to field former Supreme Court judge Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy as its Vice-Presidential candidate. “For the first time since the formation of Telangana, its leadership is directly influencing the national political dis-

course. This is a new chapter for both the state and the Congress party,” he remarked. Goud pointed to Revanth Reddy’s push for a caste census in Telangana as a defining political move that has sparked a wider national debate. “Despite the BJP-led government at the Centre avoiding this issue, Revanth Reddy has set a precedent by conducting the survey in Telangana. His vision has made the caste census a national agenda, with leaders like Rahul Gandhi now championing it across the country,” he explained. Comparing Revanth Reddy with former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Goud said both

leaders embody people-centric governance and social justice. “YSR left an indelible mark with schemes like Arogyasri and Rythu Bharosa. Likewise, Revanth Reddy is connecting with people through free bus travel for women and caste census,” he said. According to Goud, Revanth Reddy’s strategies are already reflecting in the Congress party’s improved electoral performance. “YSR once made Congress invincible in united Andhra Pradesh. In the same spirit, Revanth Reddy is now strengthening Congress in Telangana and providing direction to the party at the national level,” he added.

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Telangana Floods: Power Staff Risk Safety for Supply

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Electricity staff waded to neck-deep water in several areas to restore power supply which were disrupted by relentless rain and floods. Under the northern discom limits, 15 substations were submerged and power staff restored supply in 14 as last reports came in. Of the 108 power poles affected, including 19 almost uprooted and others leaning dangerously, 87 were repaired. NPDC CMD K. Varun Reddy, along with senior officials, visited the affected zones in Nizamabad, Karimnagar, and Jagtial to oversee restoration efforts. Power workers braved floodwaters, swimming across a lake with ropes in Gundaram to repair lines and restore electricity. In Medak, under the southern discom, extensive flood damage was reported in areas like Haveli Ghanpur, Papannapet, Ramay-



ampet, and Nizampet. The floods damaged 971 electric poles and 262 transformers, disrupting over 175 feeders. Additionally, breached tanks and overflowing reservoirs caused widespread road and rail disruptions. Flood waters entered several substations. Districts such as Nalgonda, Gadwal, Yadadri, Sangareddy, and Narayanpet also reported damages. Overall, across the discom’s jurisdiction, 39 33 kV feeders, 296 11 kV feeders, 280 distribution transformers, and 1,357 electric poles were damaged. Chief Engineer, rural zone, Bala Swamy, said the damage could worsen. Southern discom CMD Musharraf Alo Faruqui lauded the heroic commitment of power department staff to restore electricity.

A.P. Nath urged to all Hindus do the Ganesh idolatry on the Navaratri's with devotion

**HYDERABAD**  
WUT | Prashanth reddy

BJP’s senior leader and Bhagya Nagar General secretary Aedla Pandarinath stated in his Media statement on Wednesday August 27, in regard to Vinayaka chaturthi festival. From initial days to till today in his words Initial Celebration:The festival was initially celebrated during the

Maratha empire under Shivaji Maharaj to promote unity against Mughal rule.Revival by Tilak:Bal Gangadhar Tilak, a prominent nationalist leader, reintroduced the festival as a public event in 1893. He recognized its potential to unite people from different backgrounds and castes, particularly during a time of British rule when public gatherings were



restricted. Public Celebration:Tilak’s efforts transformed Ganesh Chaturthi from a private, family-based

celebration into a large, community-based festival, fostering a sense of national unity and cultural identity according to some historical accounts on the festival. He urged the people in the Navaratri days dedication and devotion should prayer to lord Vinayaka idolatry. Hindu event as the goal. Hindu vigilance as the ultimate meaning. May the Ganesh

Navratri celebrations started by Lokmanya Tilak ji fill us with Hindu consciousness, and may that Lord of obstacles remove obstacles from the work we undertake and grant us success Happy Shri Ganesh Navratri to all Hindus friends Ganesh Maharaj Ki Jai! First day Pooja completed in the Nalla Pochamma Temple , at Mukkera Basti in the Uppuguda

division Pandari Nath Aedla President Devender working president Srisailam , madhu vice president Dhan Raj Additional General Secretary Harish TreasurerSridhar joint Secretary Tulsi Das, Sandeep, Venkatesh,Ramesh, Nara Santosh,tulsi Das, Satish, Srikanth,Devi sri prasad were participated in this programme.



# GHMC Prepares 74 Artificial Ponds for Smooth Ganesh Idol Immersion

GHMC Readies 74 Artificial Ponds Across Hyderabad to Ease Ganesh Idol Immersions This Year

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has set up 74 artificial ponds across the city to facilitate Ganesh idol immersions this year, in addition to the 20 major lakes—including Hussainsagar, Saroornagar, IDL, Safilguda and Sunnam—traditionally used for the purpose.

According to officials, each immersion site has been assigned designated in-charges, sanitation staff, cranes, and personnel deployed in three shifts, ensuring smooth and safe management of the festival. The arrangements are aimed at decentralising immersions, easing the burden on major lakes, and ensuring better crowd control. Of the 74 artificial ponds, the GHMC has created: 27 portable prefabricated tanks



measuring 20 m × 10 m with a depth of 1.5 m, designed for idols up to 5 feet. 20 temporary excavation ponds, dug to a depth of 5–6 feet for medium-sized idols. 27 baby ponds, mostly near existing lakes, suitable for smaller idols. Locations of Artificial Ponds Prefabricated Tanks (27): Key sites include Exhibition Grounds, AS Rao Nagar; Sec-

retariat Nagar; MRO Office, Hayathnagar; Sushma Theatre Grounds, Vanasthalipuram; Government College Ground, Riyasatnagar; Laxmeshwar Playground, Jangammet; Ram Leela Ground, Chintal Basti; SBA Garden Road; Ameerpet Playground; and two tanks at Nampally Exhibition Grounds. Excavated Ponds (20): Major sites include Devender Nagar Road; HUDA Bharathi Nagar

Park, Hastinapuram; NTR Nagar Market; Friends Colony Shuttle Court; SBH Colony, Saidabad; Bathukamma Bavi, Kandikal Gate; Vaishali Nagar; Narsabaikunta, Mailardevpally; and Sanjeevini Hills, Uppal. Baby Ponds (27): These are located across lakes such as Cherlapally, Kapra, Nalla Cheruvu, Nagole, Mansoorabad, Pathikunta, Neknampur, Necklace Road, Durgam Cheruvu, Malkam, Nallagandla, Gopi, Gangaram, Kaidamma Kunta, Mulkatva, IDL, Boyin Cheruvu, Pragati Nagar, Lingam Cheruvu, Kotha Cheruvu, Safilguda, Banda Cheruvu, Sanjeevaiah Park and Gurunatham Cheruvu. Officials said the arrangements reflect GHMC’s efforts to promote eco-friendly practices, minimise pollution, and manage the massive crowds expected during the immersion days.

## Dr Satyam Srirangam visited & conveyed condolences to Veldanda family

**HYDERABAD**  
WUT | Prashanth reddy

CM Personal secretary Jaipal Reddy father Veldanda Ramachandra Reddy, father of Jaipal Reddy, passed away in the recent past. Today, Telangana State Finance Commission member Sankepalli Sudheer Reddy, TPCC spokesperson Dr. Satyam Srirangam, and TPCC secretary Gajji Bhaskar visited Jaipal Reddy and his family members at their residence in Tirumalapur vil-



lage in the Nagarkurnool district. Consoled and convey condolences Later, they garlanded the portrait of Ramachandra Reddy and paid their tributes and prayed for the peace of his soul. Speaking on the oc-

casion, Satyam Srirangam said that he prays that God should give courage and mental strength to recover irreparable loss to his family in this hour of grief. He added

## Lal Bagh Vigneshwara Idol Draws Devotees in Bowenpally

**HYDERABAD**  
WUT | DP Srinivas

The Mumbai Lal Bagh Vigneshwara idol, installed at Vidya Ganapati Temple near Bowenpally Police Station under the auspices of New Boinapally Rana Pratap Yuva Sena for Vinayachavithi Navratri, is drawing large numbers of devotees with its grandeur and spiritual presence. On the inaugural day puja, several dignitaries took part in the rituals. Former vice-president of the temple board Jampana Pratap, Begumpet ACP Gopala Krishna Murthy, and Boinapally CI Tirupati Raju offered prayers



to Lord Vigneshwara. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from community members, including Narender Reddy, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Ramugaud, Anil, Dayanand Yadav, Ravinder Goud, B. Govardhan Reddy, J. Ravinder, R. Anil Kumar, R.

Arun Kumar, K. Krishna, P. Nagaraju, G. Venu, R. Praveen Kumar, R. Aravind, R. Sudhakar Reddy, Lalitha Prasad, and Charan Prasad. Organizers noted that the celebrations will continue throughout Navratri with special pujas and cultural programs to engage devotees.

## Little Blessing Children Ministries’ Hosts Workshop on Biblical Texts for Spiritual Renewal

**HYDERABAD**  
WUT | DP Srinivas

A large-scale clay Ganesh idol distribution program was organized at RBR Complex, Miyapur, under the auspices of the Yalamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust. The event aimed to promote eco-friendly celebrations of Vinayaka Chaturthi and raise awareness about environmental protection, drawing enthusiastic participation from residents. Trust Founder and Chair-



malla Bhaskar Goud, and several other leaders personally distributed clay idols to local residents. They urged people to adopt sustainable practices in their festivities. A large number of devotees, youth, women, and community leaders including Sharath, Vinod Choudhary, Prasad, Nagaraju, Veerabadram, Subbarao, Babu, Shambhushiva Rao, Radhakrishna, Nani, Poorn, M.R.K. Choudhary, Hanumanth, Sanju, Mahesh, Ashok, Praveen,

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## Clay Ganesh Idol Distribution by Yalamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust in Miyapur

**HYDERABAD**  
WUT | DP Srinivas

A large-scale clay Ganesh idol distribution program was organized at RBR Complex, Miyapur, under the auspices of the Yalamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust. The event aimed to promote eco-friendly celebrations of Vinayaka Chaturthi and raise awareness about environmental protection, drawing enthusiastic participation from residents. Trust Founder and Chairman Yalamanchi Uday Kiran emphasized that preserving traditions while protecting the environment is a collective responsibility. “Let us worship eco-friendly Ganesh idols and safeguard our environment. This initiative was taken with that commitment, and it is heartening to see such an overwhelming response from the public,” he said. During the program, Yalamanchi Uday Kiran, Ra-



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## Karunya & Lions Club Bring Hope to the Needy

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Karunya Welfare Society, led by Founder & Chairperson Lion Dr. Veena Saraswathi, and the Lions Club of Secunderabad Arts are spearheading welfare and health initiatives to uplift marginalized communities. A landmark project, the Lions Club of Secunderabad Arts Diabetic Foundation, founded and chaired by Lion Rami Reddy, is addressing the growing threat of diabetes among the underprivileged. The foundation conducts regular medical camps in slum areas, offering free diagnosis and ensuring a continuous supply of insulin for children in need. Since its inception in



2006, Karunya Welfare Society has been dedicated to supporting leprosy-affected patients, HIV-positive children, the physically challenged, orphans, and the elderly. The organization has consistently provided groceries, clothes, utensils, educational material, nutritious food, medicines, and marriage tent items, offering both relief and dignity to struggling families.

## Zonal Commissioner Hemant Borkhade IAS Conducts Surprise Inspections Ahead of Ganesh Immersion

**HYDERABAD**  
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In a bid to ensure smooth and safe conduct of the upcoming Ganesh festival immersions, Zonal Commissioner Hemant Borkhade IAS carried out surprise inspections in several localities under Serilingampally Zone. He directed officials to complete all necessary arrangements in advance and maintain strict coordination among departments

so that devotees can celebrate the festival in a pleasant and hassle-free atmosphere. During his field visit, the Commissioner personally reviewed sanitation conditions, road infrastructure, and lake surroundings, emphasizing that uninterrupted cleanliness management is vital during the immersion days. He asked sanitation officers to keep constant monitoring at the ground level and ensure that no

complaints arise from residents or devotees. Borkhade inspected major immersion points including Durgam Cheruvu, Malkam Cheruvu, Gopi Cheruvu, and Nallagandla Cheruvu. At Saki Cheruvu, he instructed officials to prepare the baby pond exclusively for idol immersion. Addressing health concerns, he pointed out that dengue cases had been reported in localities around Gangaram Cheruvu and ordered



the entomology wing to take immediate preventive measures. He also insisted on timely submission of

health and sanitation reports to both the headquarters and zonal office. The Commissioner di-

rected urgent desilting works at Gangaram Cheruvu, stressing that the removal of silt and waste must be taken up on a war footing. He instructed that all debris, including horse dung and other waste material, be cleared promptly and the entire work completed within a week. For public safety, Borkhade asked police authorities to deploy sufficient forces at dark spots and sensitive areas to prevent untoward inci-

dents. He also highlighted the importance of maintaining procession routes in good condition. Engineering officials were instructed to repair potholes immediately, undertake BT road layering (DDM works) on immersion routes, and ensure that roads remain smooth for idol processions. Further, the Commissioner emphasized that basic amenities such as lighting, drinking water, and barricades should be

arranged at all immersion points to provide convenience to devotees. He reiterated that close coordination between sanitation, lakes, engineering, entomology, and police departments is crucial for the successful management of Ganesh festivities and idol immersions. Officials from sanitation, engineering, lakes, and other concerned wings accompanied Commissioner Borkhade during the inspections.



BJP Hits Out at Rahul, Tejashwi for ‘Shameful’ Rally Remarks

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday launched a scathing attack on Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav after a viral video from the ongoing Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar allegedly showed offensive language being used against Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s late mother. Calling the incident “politics at its lowest,” the BJP accused the INDIA bloc leaders of crossing all limits of “insult, hatred, and vulgarity.”

In a post on X, the BJP alleged that “from the platform of Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav’s journey, extremely indecent language was used against the revered late mother of Prime Minister Modi Ji. Such depravity has never been seen before in politics.” The party

further charged that the leaders not only allowed such remarks but also humiliated the people of Bihar by previously sharing the stage with Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who, it claimed, had earlier insulted Biharis.

“Tejashwi and Rahul have made such filthy language be used on their platform that it is not even possible to repeat it. This is a mistake for which even if they beg for forgiveness a thousand times, the people of Bihar will not forgive them,” the BJP stated, terming the episode “extremely shameful.”

The BJP’s criticism came as the 16-day Voter Adhikar Yatra—led by Gandhi and Yadav—entered its final leg. The campaign, covering 1,300 km across 20 districts, is aimed at highlighting alleged irreg-

LoC Gunfight: Two Infiltrating Terrorists Killed

SRINAGAR  
Wakeup telangana

The Indian Army on Thursday announced that two unidentified militants were killed during an ongoing anti-infiltration operation along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Gurez sector of north Kashmir’s Bandipora district. The joint action was carried out by the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police following intelligence inputs about a possible infiltration attempt.

According to the Srinagar-based Chinार Corps, alert troops detected suspicious movement in the Naushehra Nard area and challenged it. The militants opened indiscriminate fire, prompting retaliatory action by security forces. In the ensuing exchange, both infiltrators were neutralized. Security forces said the operation remains in progress to ensure no further threat persists.

In a related development, two security personnel lost their lives in separate incidents in Jammu and Kashmir. Havildar Ikbāl Āli of the Army made the supreme sacrifice in Kupwara district while performing his duties. The Chinार Corps paid homage to his bravery, saluting his dedication to the nation and extending condolences to his family.

Meanwhile, the Border Security Force (BSF) reported the martyrdom of Constable Rajib Nunia on August 27 during operational deployment along the International Boundary in Akhnōor sector, Jammu. The BSF honoured his service, noting his unwavering commitment and expressing solidarity with his family.

Both sacrifices were deeply mourned by the armed forces, highlighting the continuing challenges in safeguarding India’s frontiers.

United Nations says children make up 50 percent of gang members in Haiti

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

The United Nations has sounded the alarm over Haiti’s escalating gang crisis, reporting that children now comprise nearly half of the members of armed groups in the Caribbean nation. On Thursday, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell said child recruitment into gangs has surged at a “staggering” pace. “Children are being forced into combat roles, used as couriers, lookouts, or exploited for domestic labor,” she warned. According to UN data, child participation in gangs jumped by 700 percent in the first three months of 2025 compared with the same period last year. The surge has also



fueled widespread rights abuses. In 2024, the UN documented over 2,000 grave violations against minors, marking a 500 percent increase from the previous year. Officials fear the numbers will continue to climb as gangs expand their dominance across the country.

Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince, is now estimated to be 90 percent under gang control, leaving major roads blocked, government services crippled, and food and fuel prices soaring. Nationwide, the violence has displaced nearly 1.3 million people, half of them children and

young people. Between October 2024 and June 2025 alone, close to 5,000 Haitians were killed in gang-related violence. The crisis intensified following the 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, which created a power vacuum and enabled criminal groups to

consolidate control. Gangs, often citing political corruption as justification, have grown into heavily armed organizations whose influence now rivals that of the state. International efforts to stem the violence have largely faltered. A Kenya-led UN mission, authorized in October 2023, has struggled due to inadequate funding and logistical challenges. At the UN Security Council this week, the United States and Panama announced plans for a new draft resolution to establish another international security force, though questions remain about its scope and coordination. Meanwhile, Haiti’s government has turned to private security firms, including Erik

Prince’s Vectus Global, sparking concerns over foreign involvement and the country’s troubled history with outside interventions. Despite urgent appeals, the UN reported in August that its crisis response plan for Haiti was less than 10 percent funded. Humanitarian agencies warn that without immediate support, conditions for children and displaced families will deteriorate further. Compounding the crisis, Haitians fleeing the violence have faced shrinking options abroad. The United States recently announced plans to revoke protections for Haitians living in the country, raising the prospect of deportations even as instability worsens at home.

Bhagwat Pitches for Maximum Three Children, Minimum Three Languages

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday dismissed speculation that his recent “retire at 75” remark was aimed at BJP leaders, clarifying it was only a reference to late Sangh leader Moropant Pinglay’s witticism. Stressing there can be “matbhed” (differences of opinion) but no “manbhed” (differences at heart) with the BJP, he rejected claims that the RSS was delaying the announcement of the next BJP president. “If it were for us, would it have taken this long? Take your time... we don’t have to say anything,” Bhagwat quipped, drawing applause. Speaking on the final day



of a three-day lecture series marking 100 years of the RSS, Bhagwat asserted that Hindu Rāshtra was a reality that needed no formal declaration. He also reiterated support for caste-based reservations “till beneficiaries no longer feel the need” and batted for a three-child policy citing declining birth rates. On foreign policy, Bhagwat said the RSS would not dictate how the Modi government deals with global leaders, including US President Trump, but

would support decisions taken independently. He backed the 130th Constitution Amendment Bill to disqualify ministers facing serious criminal charges after 30 days, despite opposition protests. Addressing concerns over demographics, Bhagwat blamed forced religious conversions and illegal immigration for imbalance, urging citizens to stop employing undocumented migrants. He also said renaming of cities and roads should reflect local sentiment, but retained names of national heroes, irrespective of religion, must stay. On the language debate, he said all Indian languages are national, while one common link language must evolve organically.

Polish Army Pilot killed as F-16 jet crashes during airshow preparation

POLAND  
Wakeup telangana

A Polish Army pilot was killed on Thursday after his F-16 fighter jet crashed during preparations for the Radom Air Show, prompting organisers to cancel the high-profile international aviation event. The General Command of the Armed Forces confirmed the aircraft, belonging to the 31st Tactical Air Base near Poznań, went down at Radom airport in central Poland around 19:30 local time (17:30 GMT). No civilians were injured. Defence Minister Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz, who arrived at the crash site, paid tribute to the fallen officer: “A Pol-



ish Army pilot died in the crash of an F-16 aircraft – an officer who always served his country with dedication and great courage. I pay tribute to his memory.” Eyewitness videos circulating on social media showed the jet nose-diving and exploding into flames during a practice session. Firefighters rushed to the scene, but the pilot – a member of NATO’s elite “Tiger Demo” team – was not seen ejecting before impact. The tragedy led to the cancellation of Air-

SHOW Radom 2025, which was scheduled for this weekend. The incident drew condolences from NATO allies. Italy’s Defence General Staff expressed “profound sorrow,” while Latvia’s defence minister, visiting Polish troops earlier the same day, said he was “deeply saddened” and offered sympathies to the pilot’s family and comrades. Poland purchased its first U.S.-made F-16s in 2003, integrating them as a core part of NATO’s defence framework. The country has been upgrading its fleet and ramping up military spending since Russia’s 2023 invasion of Ukraine.

Modi Set for Talks with Putin, Xi at China Meet

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

Despite strained relations following the Pāhalgam 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 Pāhalgam 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 Himāchal Pradesh since Saturday night. In Punjab, the Pāthankot 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, Himāchal Pradesh, and Punjab on August 25-26, with Himāchal Pradesh likely to experience heavy rain for the next seven days. Residents were advised to stay indoors.

DHS Proposes Major Overhaul of U.S. Student, Exchange, and Media Visa Rules

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has proposed sweeping changes to the visa system governing international students, exchange visitors, and foreign media representatives, a move that could end the decades-old practice of admitting such visa holders under “Duration of Status” (D/S). If implemented, the new rules would replace D/S with fixed admission periods, reduce grace times for students, tighten transfer and programme change options, and subject visa extensions to more rigorous review. DHS has justified the proposal on grounds of national security and the prevention of fraud in the student visa system, but education groups and immigration experts warn that it could create uncertainty and additional hurdles for foreign nationals in the United States. At present, individuals holding F visas (for academic

students), J visas (for exchange visitors), and I visas (for foreign media representatives) are admitted for as long as their approved programme or assignment continues. This flexible system has allowed students to complete their education, pursue additional courses, or transfer between institutions without repeatedly reapplying to immigration authorities. Journalists and exchange visitors have similarly been able to remain in the U.S. for the full length of their assignments. Under the new proposal, however, this flexibility would be curtailed. Students and exchange visitors would instead be admitted for up to two years, extendable to a maximum of four years if they meet specific DHS criteria, while foreign media representatives would be restricted to an initial period of 240 days, with the option to apply for further extensions in increments of the same duration. Unlike the current system, where maintaining valid en-

rolment is sufficient to remain in status, the proposed rules would require all F, J, and I visa holders to apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for an Extension of Stay (EOS) before their initial admission period expires. DHS has clarified that visa holders who file timely extension applications would automatically receive a 240-day extension of work authorization, but the need to repeatedly apply adds a bureaucratic burden that critics argue could disrupt education and professional assignments. Another significant change concerns the grace period following course completion for international students. Currently, F-1 visa holders have 60 days to prepare for departure, pursue further studies, or apply for new immigration benefits. DHS proposes cutting this grace period in half to just 30 days, reducing the window of time available for students to plan their next steps. Exchange visitors under the J-1 pro-

gramme, who participate in cultural, educational, and professional exchanges, would also face tighter restrictions, with an initial admission of two years extendable to four only under certain conditions. Importantly, extensions for J-1 visa holders would now be subject not only to programme sponsor approval but also to adjudication by DHS, adding another layer of oversight to a process that was previously overseen primarily by the Department of State. For students, the changes go further by introducing strict rules on transfers and programme changes. Currently, F-1 students can transfer between institutions or switch programmes with approval from their Designated School Official (DSO). Under the new rules, students would be required to complete at least one academic year at their institution before being eligible to transfer. Moreover, transfers would only be permitted upward in education level, meaning a student

moving from a bachelor’s degree to a master’s, or from a master’s to a PhD. Students would not be permitted to pursue another degree at the same or lower level without reapplying for a new visa. Graduate-level students would also be barred from changing programmes midway, closing off opportunities for academic pivots. For language training students, DHS has proposed a strict 24-month limit on study, inclusive of vacations and breaks, in sharp contrast to the more flexible system under D/S. Foreign journalists on I visas, who are currently admitted for the duration of their employment, would also be impacted significantly. DHS proposes restricting their admission to 240 days, after which they would need to file for an extension in equal increments. While extensions would be available, this shift would end the long-standing practice of admitting foreign correspondents for the full length of their professional.





Two things define you: Your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything.

Imam Ali

EDITORIAL

NDA'S V-P PICK APPEARS ACCEPTABLE

HYDERABAD  
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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 Yadhura oore Yavaram 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 Thakkar in the chair and whose resignation has ne-



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The Editor

8 Bullets Seized From Passenger At RGIA

Airport security officials at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Shamshabad, seized eight live bullets from the checked-in baggage of a passenger on Thursday and handed him over to the RGIA police. The passenger, Sukhdeep Singh, 32, of Bhawani-garh in Punjab, was travelling to Amritsar from Hyderabad via Delhi. Security personnel detected the ammunition during baggage screening. The rounds included four 0.2 mm, two 0.7 mm, one 7.52 mm and one 7.62 mm. Police said Singh failed to produce a valid licence for arms or ammunition. He claimed the bullets were inadvertently left in his possession from a 2023 incident in Punjab, which is now under verification. Preliminary inquiries revealed Singh had travelled to Nanded on August 22 to visit a gurdwara and later decided to return to Punjab by air due to heavy rains in his native place. He came to Hyderabad to board a connecting flight when the ammunition was detected. Singh, along with the seized ammunition, was handed over to the RGIA police, who booked him under Section 25(1B)(a) of the Arms Act, 1959. An FIR has been registered and further investigation is underway.

HC Takes up Issue of Rock Blasting, Asks Approves It

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has sought clarity from the state government on which authority is empowered to grant permission for blasting operations within Hyderabad city limits, particularly in the Jubilee Hills area. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin on Thursday posed the query while hearing a suo motu public interest litigation (PIL). The PIL was registered based on a year-old news report highlighting large-scale blasting near Nyay Vihar, the



residential complex of High Court judges, as well as a communication from a sitting judge addressed to the Chief Justice. The bench directed Additional Advocate-General Mohd Imran Khan to inform the court within two weeks about the competent authority responsible for regulating the use of

explosives in city areas. The judges noted that there appeared to be a "gray area" regarding jurisdiction. While the Hyderabad City Police Act, 1348 Fasli, indicates that the city police commissioner is authorised to issue permissions for blasting and explosives use, in practice such approvals appeared to be

originating from "elsewhere." This discrepancy prompted the court to seek official clarification. Observing the potential risks involved, the bench underlined that unregulated or unauthorised blasting in densely populated urban localities such as Jubilee Hills could endanger public safety and damage nearby properties. The court emphasised the need for a clear regulatory framework to ensure accountability and to prevent misuse of explosives within the city. The matter has been posted for further hearing after the state government files its response.

HC asks TG to regularise Anganwadis

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court, using its extraordinary jurisdiction, directed the state government to regularise anganwadi workers and supervisors grade-II staff of the Integrated Child Development Services, who have been working on contract basis from 1985. Justice Nagesh Bheem-paka passed the order while disposing of a matter of 2013, filed against a fresh recruitment notification that year for appointment of anganwadi workers and supervisors grade-II. Contract workers Meerabai and others had approached the High Court complaining that they were appointed 1985 and later on. Due to the ban imposed at the time on appointments, the petitioners were appointed on contract through an agency. Bobbili Srinivas, counsel

for the petitioners, argued that fresh notification for appointments was issued in 2013 against the petitioners' posts. Despite having the required educational qualifications and serving for more than one decade, the government did not consider them for appointment. Exercising its extraordinary jurisdiction, the court allowed the petitioners' request for regularisation. The court viewed that the government having utilised the services of the petitioners for decades could not subject them to a fresh selection process to compete against the same vacancy in which they are working. In view of the settled law laid down by the Supreme Court in the Uma Devi case, the petitioners would be entitled for counting their service, prior to regularisation, for pension and retirement benefits, the court said.

Hyderabad High Court Stays Human Rights Panel Order on Release of Student Certificates

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

A two-judge panel comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Moynuddin issued the interim order while hearing a writ petition filed by Sultan-ul-Uloom Educational Society and Sultan-ul-Uloom College of Pharmacy. The management had challenged the commission's August 21 directive, which not only instructed the college to release the certificates of certain students

but also asked the Hyderabad district collector to take action in line with the recommendation. Senior counsel Tarun Reddy, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that the human rights commission had acted without jurisdiction under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. He argued that disputes relating to the return of academic certificates by educational institutions did not constitute violations of "human rights" within the meaning of the Act and hence could

not be adjudicated by the commission. He further contended that the order was not only beyond the scope of the commission's statutory powers but also suffered from procedural impropriety, as it was passed on the very date the complaint was lodged. The petitioners pointed out that the commission had issued summons directing the chairman and principal of the college to appear before it on August 28. However, without waiting for their appearance or providing

them any opportunity to respond, the commission simultaneously passed directions recommending that the certificates be released and that the district collector take necessary steps. This, the petitioners argued, was contrary to the fundamental principles of natural justice, which mandate notice and a fair hearing before any adverse order can be passed. After hearing the submissions, the High Court bench observed that while the commission

had indeed issued notices to the management, it had already made recommendations before objections could be filed or replies submitted, thereby making the process premature. The court refrained from making any determination on the larger question of jurisdiction—namely, whether withholding student certificates could amount to a human rights violation under the law—but noted that the procedural lapses in the commission's action re-

quired interim intervention. Granting temporary relief to the petitioners, the bench directed that the order of the human rights commission, along with the consequential direction to the district collector, be kept in abeyance. The court further granted the petitioners one week's time to file objections before the commission. It directed that further proceedings be conducted only after such objections are considered and a reasoned order is passed.

The matter arose after students complained that the college management had withheld their academic certificates, a practice that often hampers career prospects by preventing students from applying for higher studies or employment. The Telangana Human Rights Commission, treating the grievance as a human rights violation, acted swiftly by ordering the release of the certificates and recommending administrative action through the district collector. The institution's

management, however, viewed this as unlawful interference and moved the High Court seeking relief. With the High Court's stay order, the commission's directive will remain suspended until the objections are filed and duly examined. The bench made it clear that its present order addressed only the issue of premature action and that the broader question of jurisdiction remained open for consideration at a later stage.



## “Srivalli” singer Sid Sriram’s new release ‘SOL’ looks exciting, backed by Warner Music India

**HYDERABAD**  
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Acclaimed global music icon Sid Sriram has unveiled his biggest pop single yet, SOL, a Tamil-language track that fuses sound and visuals into a powerful, immersive experience. The song is written, composed, produced and performed by Sid Sriram, with additional production by Atlanta-based super producer Mike Will-Made It. Known for his romantic anthems, Sid returns with a celebration of love, brought alive through a visually stunning music video.

Directed by Parasher Baruah, the creative mind behind Sid’s devotional track Sivanar, the video features Usha Jey and her viral dance crew, inter-



nationally recognised for blending Bharatanatyam with hip-hop, adding energy, tradition, and a contemporary flair to the narrative. Speaking about SOL, Sid Sriram said: “I started writing SOL about a year ago in my bedroom in Fremont, CA, where I grew up. It came from a place of stillness

and reflection, reconnecting with myself and rediscovering joy. When Mike Will-Made It and I linked up in Atlanta, he added a bounce to the piece that pushed it over the edge. The visual universe was dreamt up by me, my sister Pallavi Sriram, my dad and Parasher Baruah. It was wonderful having Usha Jey and her dance

crew bring dynamism and movement to life through Usha’s ‘hybrid bharatham’ approach to choreography. This song and video are centered around joy, vibrance, evolution and love.”

Released through his joint venture with Warner Music India, the music video unfolds in a surreal, futuristic setting, centred around a barren tree and ancient walls symbolising silence and memory. Usha Jey’s choreography, inspired by Kolam patterns, breathes life into the visuals, while her crew’s hybrid dance style bridges tradition and modernity. SOL is a journey into timeless, transformative emotion, told through music, movement, and visual artistry. Widely loved for viral songs like Srivalli (Pushpa), Inkem

Inkem Inkem Kaavaale (Geetha Govindam), Nee Singam Dhan, Minnalvala, and acclaimed singles Sivanar and En Kadhaa/Kanne, Sid continues to redefine contemporary Indian music.

As the first South Indian artist to perform at Coachella, he has built a massive global fanbase and amassed hundreds of millions of streams. Through his creative joint venture with Warner Music India, Sid continues to push artistic boundaries.

Adding to the excitement, he will embark on his first-ever multi-city India tour, bringing this transformative experience to fans across the country, starting in Bengaluru on November 22, followed by Chennai on November 29, and Hyderabad on December 13.

## Trailer of Mirai promises a gripping fantasy thriller in store

**Chennai**  
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The makers of director Karthik Gattamaneni’s eagerly awaited pan-Indian film Mirai, featuring actor Teja Sajja in the lead, on Thursday released a trailer that promises an exciting and gripping film. Taking to its X timeline, People Media Factory, the production house backing the film, wrote: “Experience the power of BRAHMAND. This is HISTORY, this is FUTURE, this is MIRAI. #MiraiTrailer out now. #MIRAI GRAND RELEASE WORLDWIDE ON 12th SEPTEMBER.”

The trailer of the fantasy action thriller begins with a voice-over warning that the nine books are now at risk. Fascinating and intriguing visuals showing dark powers in action follow. We then see a young woman telling Teja Sajja, “Before you get it, you must first reach the Mirai.” Initially, Teja Sajja refuses to acknowledge that he is the Superyodha destined to take on the dark forces. He believes nothing in this world belongs to anyone as everything keeps changing hands. Over time, he comes to terms with the fact that he is indeed the Superyodha.

The woman is again seen approaching Teja Sajja, say-



ing: “You have helped several people without even knowing it. Now, help those who trust in you.”

We then realise that an evil person (Manchu Manoj), who wields control over dark powers, is looking to claim the nine books. “If the an-

tagonist gets all nine books, what will run in the Ganges is blood,” a sage warns the Superyodha.

The Superyodha is told that he must first attain a weapon forged during the time of Lord Sri Rama. “If you need to succeed in this mission,

you will need the help of someone who will exceed your strength,” he is advised, as the trailer promises a fascinating film with a gripping story.

After creating a massive impact with the pan-India blockbuster HanuMan, actor Teja Sajja is back with his next big venture, Mirai. This high-octane project, mounted on an epic scale, is being produced by People Media Factory with filmmaker Karthik Gattamaneni at the helm. Bankrolled by TG Vishwa Prasad and Krithi Prasad, Mirai is being projected as a revolution in the superhero genre.

## Ananya Panday radiates festive glow in her saree look on Ganesh Chaturthi

*Ananya Panday wowed fans with her traditional saree look for Ganesh Chaturthi. Dressed in green and gold, she shared festive pictures online while continuing her journey in Bollywood with acclaimed performances.*

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Bollywood actress Ananya Panday has added glamour to the ongoing Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations with her stunning traditional look, leaving fans captivated. Sharing a few pictures on her social media, Ananya looked ethereal in a dark leaf-green saree paired with a delicately embroidered golden blouse. She completed the festive ensemble with fresh flowers in her hair and elegant accessories, captioning the post: “It’s starting to look a lot like my favourite time of the year.” Fans quickly flooded the comments section with love and admiration for her graceful appearance.

Ananya’s festive outing comes amid a successful trajectory in her Bollywood career. She made her debut in 2019 with Student of the Year 2 and has since featured in films like Pati Patni Aur Woh, Khaali Peeli, and Liger. While some projects received mixed reactions, she gradually established her presence in the industry. Her performance in the 2023 release Gehraiyaan earned her critical acclaim and positive re-



views, showcasing her acting versatility.

Despite the professional highs, Ananya’s journey has not been without challenges. Early in her career, she faced trolling and criticism, including playful remarks following her appearance on The Kapil Sharma Show, where she jokingly revealed she could touch her tongue to her nose. However, she has handled public scrutiny with poise, letting her work define her image rather than social media commentary.

On the personal front, Ananya shares a close bond with her family, especially her parents, actor Chunky Pandey and

Bhavana Pandey. She often credits them for instilling values of hard work, humility, and sincerity, which continue to guide her in both her professional and personal life.

With her elegant Ganesh Chaturthi look, Ananya Panday has once again demonstrated her ability to blend tradition with style, reaffirming her position as one of Bollywood’s emerging stars. Her festive appearance, coupled with a steadily growing film career, reflects a balance of glamour, talent, and groundedness that resonates with fans across generations.

# BUSSINESS

## IHH Unveils Bold New Look, FutureHealth.Now Conference

**HYDERABAD**  
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IHH Healthcare, a leading global integrated healthcare provider, launched its new brand identity alongside its inaugural FutureHealth.Now leadership conference, marking a major milestone in its transformation journey to make healthcare future-ready.

The rebrand, unveiled on Thursday, unites IHH’s multinational network of more than 70,000 staff and its trusted portfolio of brands — Acibadem, Gleenagles, Fortis, Island, Mount Elizabeth, Pantai, Parkway and Prince Court — under the shared aspiration to “Care. For Good.” The new identity reinforces IHH’s focus on

value-based, patient-centred care through meaningful innovation, strategic partnerships, and powerful synergies.

The simultaneous FutureHealth.Now Conference brought together over 300 leaders from healthcare, government and business in Kuala Lumpur to discuss strategies for shaping the future of care. The conference featured four panel discussions on value-based care, integrated care, future-ready care, and sustainable care.

Malaysia’s Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Haji Dzulkefly Ahmad, in his keynote, highlighted the role of private healthcare providers: “Healthcare is not just a public good. It is an economic multiplier,

a national investment, and above all, a social contract with the people. Private providers like IHH do more than deliver care. They create jobs, drive investment, spur innovation, and strengthen Malaysia’s position as a regional health hub.” He also stressed that private hospitals help ease public sector congestion by offering specialist services and reducing waiting times.

IHH’s new strategy positions the Group as a catalyst for next-level care, aiming to transform patient outcomes and drive positive change across borders and brands through innovation, partnerships, and operational excellence.

## Xiaomi faces Apple, Samsung legal pushback for mocking iPhone, Galaxy in ads

**NEW DELHI**  
[Wakeup telangana](#)

Tech giants Apple and Samsung have sent legal notices to Xiaomi after the Chinese smartphone maker ran advertisements directly comparing its latest flagship with their premium devices.

According to people familiar with the matter, both companies have issued cease-and-desist no-

tices, objecting to what they see as ‘disparaging content’ in Xiaomi’s campaign. A cease-and-desist notice is a formal legal document that asks a company to immediately stop a certain activity considered unlawful or damaging.

“Comparing specifications is fine,” said person aware of the development. “But you should not directly name a specific

competitor. Instead of that, you simply say ‘rivals’.” However, Xiaomi has not commented on the matter yet.

The controversy began in April this year when Xiaomi rolled out full-page newspaper ads that mocked Apple’s iPhone 16 Pro Max on April Fools’ Day, claiming its camera was no match for Xiaomi’s newly launched 15 Ultra.

## Samsung Launches “Galaxy empowered” in Mumbai to Upskill Teachers with AI and Technology

**MUMBAI**  
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Samsung India has expanded its flagship teacher development programme, Galaxy empowered, to Mumbai, aiming to equip educators with AI and technology skills to transform classrooms and prepare students for a future-ready learning environment. Building on the programme’s success in New Delhi, where over 2,700 teachers from 250 schools were certified, the

Mumbai launch seeks to strengthen Maharashtra’s education ecosystem by upskilling teachers, principals, and school administrators.

The event saw participation from more than 350 educators representing CBSE, ICSE, IB, IGCSE, and state boards, and was attended by dignitaries including Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Maharashtra; Vishal V. Sharma, Ambassador to

UNESCO, Paris; and Himanshu Gupta, Secretary, CBSE, along with senior leaders from Samsung India and education experts. Galaxy empowered is built around three core pillars: AI and technology upskilling through hands-on online modules, immersive bootcamps, and digital classroom tools; experiential learning and certification via in-person workshops, mentorship, and support for lesson design and teaching innovation; and peer networking

and community building to foster collaboration and long-term professional growth.

The free programme provides educators with exclusive Samsung benefits, including special pricing on devices, extended warranties, and insurance, while aligning with India’s National Education Policy (NEP) and UNESCO’s SDG4 Education 2030 goals, promoting equitable, quality education. Speaking at the launch, Aditya Babbar,

Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India, described Galaxy empowered as “not just training, but a movement to create classrooms ready for tomorrow,” while Lodha and Gupta emphasized the importance of teacher empowerment and the strategic role of AI and digital tools in modern education. Educators across Mumbai can register for upcoming in-person sessions and digital training through Samsung Galaxy empowered

## CBI arrests Airtel sales manager in Assam for illegal SIM card racket linked to cyber scams

**HYDERABAD**  
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The CBI has arrested a territory sales manager (TSM) of Airtel from Silchar, Assam for alleged unauthorized sale of SIM cards used to commit various cyber crimes including digital arrest scams, officials said Thursday.

The CBI raided five locations in Cachar, Assam on Wednesday and arrested three persons including TSM Debashish Doley and middlemen Mahim Uddin Barbhuiya and Ashim Purkayastha, they said.No immediate response was available from

Airtel on queries regarding the arrest of Doley. In a major crackdown on digital arrest scams in May this year, the CBI had booked 39 point-of-sales (PoS) operators who sold 1,100 “ghost SIM cards” to cyber criminals operating from Southeast Asian countries targeting Indian citizens.

During investigation, the CBI found that Doley colluded with the middlemen Barbhuiya and Purkayastha to issue unauthorized SIM cards without the knowledge of the persons in whose name SIM cards were officially issued.

According to the modus operandi adopted to sell a “ghost SIM card”, when a customer seeks a SIM, the point-of-sale person gets an e-KYC done and issues a SIM. Scammers lie to the customers that their e-KYC had failed and they should try again.

The SIM generated for the first time was handed over to the customer while the second one — the “Ghost SIM” — was sold to cybercriminals without the genuine customers knowing that a SIM generated in their name was being used by scammers, the officials said.

These “ghost SIM cards” were then used not only to deceive the victims, but also to create mule bank accounts to receive the money, which were later closed to avoid detection or reveal the money trail, they said.

“These sales were done by violating the laid down guidelines and procedures. These SIM cards were sold illegally in bulk to various middlemen at high cost and later these cards were used in commission of various cyber crimes,” a CBI spokesperson said in a statement.

Aimed at curbing the sale and misuse of unautho-

rized SIM cards being sold through distributors/PoS agents, the CBI crackdown resulted in seizure of incriminating evidences like mobile phones, electronic devices and copies of KYC documents, etc, she said.

“This action underscores the government of India’s resolute commitment in combating cyber crimes and in bringing its perpetrators to face the law and also special focus in dismantling the infrastructure which facilitates such crimes,” the spokesperson said.



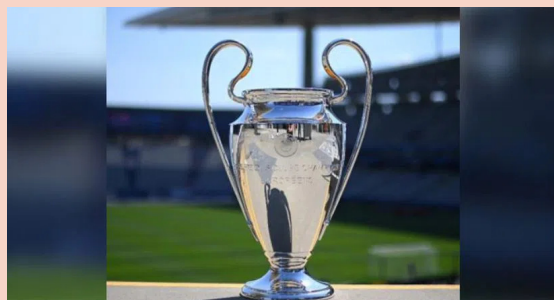
CITY CLICKS

SA 20 auction set for September 9 in Johannesburg

With a mega purse of US\$7.37 million available to fill 84 slots, the SA20 Season 4 Player Auction, scheduled in Johannesburg on September 9, is set to be the most anticipated event yet.

All six franchises have completed their pre-signings, retained players, and wildcard acquisitions. They will now focus on building their 19-player squads with the remainder of their allocated US\$2.31 million each — the second-highest salary cap in franchise cricket after the IPL. Pretoria Capitals have the largest purse of US\$1.86 million and are looking to rebuild their squad after restructuring their coaching staff. Legendary former India captain Sourav Ganguly has taken charge as head coach, supported by former Proteas captain and SA20 commentator Shaun Pollock, who joins as assistant coach.

Durban's Super Giants, with US\$1.66 million, will continue with their settled coaching staff of Lance Klusener and Allan Donald. The squad already features big names like Jos Buttler, Sunil Narine, Heinrich Klaasen, and Afghanistan's young spin sensation Noor Ahmad. Joburg Super Kings, with US\$1.2 million in their purse, will aim for smart buys. Skipper Faf du Plessis was pre-signed, along with James



UEFA shifts Champions League final kick-off to 18:00 CET from 2026

UEFA announced on Thursday that starting with the 2026 final in Budapest, the Champions League final will kick off three hours earlier at 18:00 CET instead of the traditional 21:00 CET.

The governing body said the decision aims to enhance the matchday experience for fans, teams, and host cities by optimising logistics and creating a more welcoming atmosphere, particularly for families and children.

“For travelling supporters, it will mean improved access to public transport after the match and a safer, more convenient journey back from the stadium. For host cities, it will boost the economic impact of the event by allowing fans to extend their celebrations,” UEFA said in a statement.

UEFA added that the new kick-off time aligns with a more accessible broadcasting window, enabling the final to reach a broader television and digital audience worldwide, with a particular focus on younger viewers.

UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin said: “With this change, we are placing the fans’ experience at the heart of our planning. The Champions League final is the highlight of the football season, and the new kick-off time will make it more accessible, inclusive, and impactful for everyone involved.

“While a 21:00 CET kick-off is well suited for midweek matches, an earlier kick-off on a Saturday for the final means an earlier finish – regardless of extra time or penalties – and offers fans.



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.

Yuva Telangana Kabaddi Championship for Men 2025 to Begin at LB Indoor Stadium

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The Yuva Telangana Kabaddi Championship for Men 2025 will be held from 30th August to 3rd September at the L.B. Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad. The inaugural function is scheduled for 3:00 PM on 30th August 2025, featuring eight teams divided into two groups: Group A – Kakatiya Knights, Basara Vidyuts, Yadadri Yoddhas, Bhagyanagar Titans and Group B – Bhadradi



Braves, Jogulamba Lions, Ananthagiri Hawks, Satavahana Sainikas.

The championship will be inaugurated by A.P. Jitender Reddy, Special

Representative of the Government of Telangana in New Delhi and Advisor to the Government on Sports Affairs, who is also President of the Telangana Olympic

Association. Shiva Sena Reddy, Chairman of the Sports Authority of Telangana, will be the Guest of Honour, and Soni Bala Devi (IFS), Vice-Chairman

& Managing Director of the Sports Authority of Telangana, will also be present.

A press conference was held on 28th August 2025 at Olympic Bhan, L.B. Stadium, where Kasani Veeresh Mudiraj, President of the Telangana Kabaddi Association and Vice President of the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India, addressed the media along with P. Malla Reddy, General Secretary of the Telangana Olympic Association,

Mahinder Reddy, Secretary of the Telangana Kabaddi Association, Ravi Kumar, Treasurer, T. Narsing Rao, Vice President, P. Satyanarayana, Chairman of the Referee Board, B. Shrivani Kumar, Chairman of the Technical Committee, Raja Laxmi, Chairperson of the Women Commission, and Sudhakar, DSDO. The championship is expected to feature thrilling matches as teams from across Telangana compete for the title.

Chandrabose Joins BIG Green Ganesha at Ashoka One Mall

Chandrabose Joins 92.7 BIG FM's BIG Green Ganesha Celebrations at Ashoka One Mall, Kukatpally

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Tollywood's Oscar-winning lyricist Chandrabose graced the 18th edition of BIG Green Ganesha, hosted by 92.7 BIG FM at Ashoka One Mall, Kukatpally. The flagship initiative, now in its 18th year, seeks to combine the joy of Ganesha Chaturthi with a strong focus on sustainable and eco-friendly celebrations.

The week-long festival encourages devotees to embrace environmentally conscious practices, featuring a range of engaging activities including fun games, competitions, and interactive sessions aimed at spreading awareness about environmental



conservation. Visitors of all ages participated enthusiastically, learning how simple, green practices can make a meaningful impact during festival celebrations.

The event was further enlivened by the presence of popular celebrities and 92.7 BIG FM DJs, who joined the crowd in prayers and helped reinforce the im-

portance of celebrating responsibly. Chandrabose also offered prayers and addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of enjoying festivals while keeping environmental responsibility in mind. His appearance added a special charm to the event, making it an unforgettable experience for attendees.

Through initiatives like

BIG Green Ganesha, 92.7 BIG FM continues to inspire Hyderabadis to adopt eco-friendly traditions, promoting awareness about sustainability during festive times. The campaign has grown into one of the city's most anticipated festival celebrations, proving that joy and environmental responsibility can go hand in hand.

Asia Cup Hockey: India target title on Dhyan Chand's birth anniversary



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On the birth anniversary of India's and world hockey's greatest player, Major Dhyan Chand, the Indian men's hockey team will begin its quest for direct qualification to next year's World Cup by winning the Asia Cup 2025, which begins here on Friday. August 29, celebrated as National Sports Day, marks Dhyan Chand's legacy as the “Wizard of Hockey,” who mesmerised the world with his stick work and led India to three Olympic gold medals (1928, 1932, 1936). However, Swiatek's calculated striking collected a rapid 3-1 lead.

The Swiatek forehand was arching over the net, lasing line to line, moving the Colombian side to side. That

stroke was the key to helping the Pole evade trouble at 0-30 to then hold for 4-1. It was relentless pressure for Arango, and in just 26 minutes, she was a set down.

India will look to draw inspiration from the legend as they chase a fourth Asia Cup crown, the title they last won in 2017. The task has been eased somewhat with arch-rival Pakistan withdrawing from the event, citing security concerns. The Asia Cup has long been a prestigious fixture in continental hockey. Defending champions South Korea are the most successful side with five titles, while India follows with three. In the previous edition, India had to settle for third after a semi-final draw against Korea, who advanced on goal difference.

satwik-chirag, sindhu, dhruv-tanisha enter world championships quarterfinals

Satwik-Chirag, Sindhu, and Dhruv-Tanisha advanced to the quarterfinals of the BWF World Championships with stunning wins. Sindhu upset World No. 2 Wang Zhi Yi, while Dhruv-Tanisha are on the cusp of history

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Indian shuttlers made a strong statement at the ongoing BWF World Championships on Thursday, with multiple players advancing to the quarterfinals. Men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, women's singles star PV Sindhu, and mixed doubles duo Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto produced commanding performances, keeping India's medal hopes alive.

In the Round-of-16 men's doubles encounter, Satwik-Chirag faced sixth-seeded Chinese pair Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang. The Indian duo lost the opening game narrowly 19-21 but bounced back



emphatically in the second game with a 21-15 win. The decider proved tense, with scores tied at several stages, but Satwik and Chirag held their nerves to seal a 21-17 victory in 1 hour and 6 minutes.

The win sets up a quarterfinal clash against

second-seeded Malaysian pair Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik. Riding on their momentum, Satwik-Chirag will aim to push deeper into the tournament and challenge for a medal.

Earlier, PV Sindhu delivered a composed performance to defeat world No. 2 Wang Zhi

Yi of China in straight games, 21-19, 21-15, in a 48-minute contest. Sindhu opened the first game strongly, leading 11-6 at the mid-game interval. Despite Wang closing the gap to 19-17, Sindhu scored four consecutive points to take the first game 21-19.

The second game mirrored the first, with Sindhu again leading 11-6 at the break and eventually finishing the match 21-15. Sindhu will face World No. 9 Putri Kusuma Wardani of Indonesia in the quarterfinals. The two have met four times previously, with Sindhu holding a 2-2 record.

Mixed doubles pair Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto also made headlines by upsetting fifth-seeded Hong Kong pair Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet. After losing the opening game 19-21, the Indian duo dominated the second game 21-12, scoring eight consecutive points at one stage.

The deciding game was closely contested, but Dhruv and Tanisha

held their composure to edge out their opponents 21-15. A win in the quarterfinals against Malaysia's Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei would make them the first Indian mixed doubles pair to earn a medal at the World Championships.

Thursday's results highlighted India's rising stature in world badminton. Satwik-Chirag will look to overcome Malaysia's second seeds, Sindhu aims to maintain her momentum in women's singles, and Dhruv-Tanisha are on the verge of history in mixed doubles. With multiple players in contention for medals, India's prospects at the World Championships remain promising.





GHMC Plans Rs 2,828-Cr Road Lease Under CRMP II

The GHMC has proposed leasing out 1,142.54 km of main roads to private agencies under the Comprehensive Road Maintenance Programme (CRMP) Phase II for five years, at a cost of Rs 2,828 crore in instalments. The proposal will be placed before the GHMC standing committee meeting on Saturday, along with other projects. The lease, covering 2025–2030, will be offered zone-wise in packages, following the terms adopted in earlier phases. Another proposal before the committee seeks approval for a request for proposal (RFP) to construct a multi-level parking facility at Charminar Old Bus Stand on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis, with a 15-year concession period and a possible five-year extension on performance.



Centre Extends Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao's Tenure Till March 2026

The Centre has approved the extension of Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao's tenure by seven months, until March 2026. Rao, who assumed charge on April 30, was originally scheduled to retire on August 30. In a departure from the usual practice, the Centre sanctioned a seven-month extension at one stretch; typically, extensions are for three or six months. According to officials, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had appealed to the Centre for the Rao's continuation on July 30, citing his administrative experience and ability to steer the state through crucial policy and governance matters. Notably, in the 10-year history of Telangana, no Chief Secretary has been given an extension in service, barring Rajiv Sharma, the first CS of the newly-formed state in 2014. Sharma was granted a six-month extension, but in two separate phases of three months each. In contrast, Rao's case is unprecedented, with the Centre approving seven months in a single stretch. The decision has fuelled speculation over the Chief Minister's growing clout with the Union government. Observers suggest that Rao's extension reflects Revanth Reddy's persuasive influence at the Centre.



TG's First Man-Made Beach Coming Up At Kothwalguda

Telangana is set to develop its first man-made beach at Kothwalguda, with a detailed project report under preparation. Spread across 35 acres, the beach will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 225 crore by the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation (TSTDC). TSTDC chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy said the project will feature floating villas, luxury hotels and adventure sports, including sailing, bungee jumping, skating and water sports. Other attractions will include a wave pool, fountains, theatres, restaurants, shacks, cycling tracks and play zones for children. Officials expressed confidence that the project will become a global attraction and scale up Hyderabad's tourism profile. "This will not be just water, sand and shacks. It is envisioned as a project that will place Hyderabad on the global tourism map," said a senior TSTDC official. The location was chosen due to land availability and easy access via the Outer Ring Road. At present, the nearest beach to Hyderabad is Suryalanka in Andhra Pradesh, 320 km away. Telangana's first man-made beach will be just 20 km from Gachibowli.

Sports Hub Resolves To Hold Commonwealth And Olympics In TG

CM Revanth says his vision is to establish Hyd as preferred sports destination

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The Sports Hub of Telangana on Thursday resolved to host all major sports competitions, including Khelo India, Commonwealth Games, and the Olympics, in the state. The board also approved forming sub-committees to maintain stadiums, enhance sporting facilities, train players and coaches, and implement the Telangana Sports Policy 2025.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, attending the first Board of Governors meeting, emphasized his vision of establishing Hyderabad as a preferred sports



destination. He called for fostering a strong sporting culture similar to the IT ecosystem, encouraging families to motivate children to pursue sports careers. Highlighting the state's commitment, he noted that the sports budget had increased 16-fold and incentives, including government jobs, were being extended to national and international performers. Revanth Reddy also

underlined the shortage of trained coaches and stressed the need to match international standards, urging the board to draft a three-year action plan. The board, comprising corporates, sportspersons, and administrators, is tasked with ensuring efficient resource allocation, expertise, and management for sports development.

During the meeting, several members shared inputs. Vita Dani emphasized introducing sports and physical literacy at the school level. Badminton coach Pullela Gopichand proposed phase-wise competitions starting from vil-

lage levels. Upasana Konidela suggested including physiotherapy courses in the Sports University curriculum and noted high taxes on sports equipment. Dr. Sanjiv Goenka recommended involving top global executives, while Chinta Sashidhar highlighted the need for better sports equipment for top performers. Biyyala Papa Rao called for coaches of the standard of IIT professors.

The Chief Minister also outlined plans for competitions at village, mandal, and Assembly constituency levels, progressing to Parliamentary constituencies and the state level.

BRS wants time to make KLIS presentation in Assembly

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The BRS has said that it must be given an opportunity to make a comprehensive presentation on the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme to present "facts" to the people of the state, as part of its effort to counter what the government may say in the Assembly on the Justice P.C. Ghose commission of inquiry. A delegation of BRS Legislature Party said if it is not allowed to make a presentation, then the Speaker would be seen as not ensuring justice and fair opportunity to all sides to present their case on the subject. Former legislative affairs minister Vemula Prashant Reddy told reporters on Thurs-



day that he and other BRS MLAs sought an appointment with the Speaker to submit a representation with their request. "The Speaker was not available the whole day. We then approached the Legislature secretary who said he cannot accept our representation. We will try again on Friday to meet the Speaker to submit our request," Prashant Reddy said. "The government is spreading lies about the

BRS on the Kaleshwaram project using the Justice Ghose commission report as an excuse. The BRS is fighting in the courts on how rules and procedures were violated by the commission. It is in this context that people, and all legislators must know the full facts about the Kaleshwaram project. We sincerely hope that the Speaker will accept our request," Prashant Reddy said.

Elderly man duped of Rs 33.4 lakh in digital arrest scam

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In a disturbing digital scam, a 73-year-old resident of Bowenpally was defrauded of Rs 33.4 lakh in a fraud allegedly involving impersonation of law enforcement and government officials. Officials said that between July 25 and August 8, the victim received a call from a man posing as an Inspector of the Karnataka Crime Branch, claiming that his Aadhaar was linked to crimes involving obscene content and human trafficking. The fraudsters then sent fake legal documents and coerced the victim and his

wife into silence. Later, another caller impersonating the noted police officer Daya Nayak demanded Rs 15 lakh for fund verification, followed by repeated extortions under different pretexts. Over multiple transactions, the victim transferred a total of Rs 33.4 lakh, believing the connen. The scammers also issued fake documents in the names of the Supreme Court and Income Tax Department to gain trust. Based on the complaint, the Hyderabad Cyber-crime Police have registered a case and are investigating the matter.

Hyderabad DCP Orders Removal of Ganesha Idol Styled After CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad Southwest DCP G. Chandra Mohan has ordered the removal of a Lord Ganesha idol resembling Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The directive came during his visit to the Habibnagar Bhoiguda pandal, where Fisheries Federation chairman Mettu Sai Kumar had installed the controversial idol. Citing public outrage and concerns among devotees, the DCP instructed Sai Kumar to replace the idol with a traditional representation. The organisers promptly complied, removing the original idol and installing a new one to avoid further controversy. The incident highlights sensitivities around political representations in religious celebrations in the city.

IMD Hyderabad issues orange alert for heavy rainfall in Telangana

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The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)-Hyderabad on Thursday evening indicated that several districts in Telangana are likely to face heavy to very heavy rainfall until the early hours of Friday due to a low-pressure area (LPA).

While independent weather forecasters and trackers indicated that the influence of the LPA over Telangana has ended and moved towards Marathwada, the IMD-Hyderabad in its forecast said there could be severe downpours in parts of Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial and Kamareddy until Friday morning.

The IMD-Hyderabad also issued a heavy rainfall warning for Hyderabad and neighbouring districts including Medchal-Malkajgiri and Rangareddy, in addition to Yadadri Bhongir, Mahabubnagar and Bhadrachalam.

A heavy to very heavy rainfall orange alert has been issued for Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherla, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayshankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Mahabubabad, Hanamakonda, Warangal, Janagan, Siddipet, Vikarabad, Sangareddy and Medak districts.

The IMD also issued a light to moderate rain and thundershowers warning for all parts of Telangana till early Friday.

Telangana Seeks Rs 1,000 Cr Flood Relief from Centre

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Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Thursday said Telangana had requested Rs 10,000 crore in flood relief from the Centre following incurred severe losses due to torrential rain and floods in August-September last year, but had so far received only Rs 300 crore. Srinivas Reddy said a Central team had toured the flood-affected districts of Khammam, Warangal, and Nalgonda for three days in September last. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had submitted a detailed report to the visiting delegation, estimating the total damage at Rs 10,320 crore. He had also requested an immediate release of Rs 2,000 crore for urgent rehabilitation and relief.

On Thursday, Srinivas Reddy held a review meeting to assess the current rain and flood situation in Medak, Kamareddy, and Adilabad districts. He noted that these districts had recorded unprecedented rainfall in recent days, but swift government action had helped minimise casualties and property loss. He said monitoring and relief efforts began on Wednesday afternoon. Rescue operations were in full swing, with drones being used to deliver food to stranded people. Srinivas Reddy stated that the state government had released Rs 1 crore each to all districts a week ago and said that additional funds would be sanctioned for the severely affected areas. National highways, R&B, and Panchayat Raj roads blocked by floods had

been cleared, and temporary restoration of damaged roads was being taken up on a war footing. Several mandal and district headquarters had suffered infrastructure damage, and immediate restoration had been ordered. He said the revenue and police departments were working round the clock. The minister also held a video conference with collectors of Medak, Kamareddy, Sircilla, and Nirmal to coordinate district-level measures. NDRF and SDRF teams had been deployed across the state, and helicopters were on standby for emergency rescues. The Minister assured assistance for farmers and those whose houses had been damaged. He pointed out that some areas in Medak and Sangareddy had received 700 mm of rainfall in just one hour.

Wine Dealers Seek Ease of Trade Rules

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The Telangana Wine Dealers Association has urged the government to make changes in the upcoming excise policy to ease business for liquor shop owners. In a letter to the prohibition and excise min-

ister, the association suggested that all charges, except Retail Excise Tax and TCS, be included in the issue price of liquor. This, they said, would simplify billing, help shop owners file income tax returns properly and avoid audit complications. They also requested that A-

4 retail licences be allowed full transfer, as with bar licences, instead of requiring new entrants to join as partners, proposing a one-time transfer fee. On shop locations, the association asked for exemption within GHMC limits from the hospital distance rule, arguing it was practical for schools

and temples but not hospitals. They sought an increase in permit room size from 100 sq. m to 200 sq. m to ease crowding and align the excise year with the financial year (April-March). The association suggested extending the current licences till March 2026 for smoother tax compliance.

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